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Berlin officials, last Friday, cut the ribbon on the new \$3.1 million Berlin Police station near the corner of Flower Street and Assateague Road. Pictured, from left, are Councilman Zack Tyndall, Councilman Thom Gulyas, Police Chief Arnold Downing, Mayor Gee Williams, Councilman Troy Purnell, Town Administrator Laura Allen and Councilman Elroy Brittingham.

Berlin unveils new police station

Ribbon cutting last Friday, tours on Saturday were well attended; officers move in

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) With the new Berlin Police station celebrating a ribbon cutting and well-attended open house last week, Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing joked Monday night that every member of the force had moved into the new building "except for the chief of police."



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Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing speaks during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Berlin Police station, last Friday.

"After 26 years, I'm not just going to run out of the door. I'm going to be last one to go down with the ship," Downing said at the Town Council meeting.

He said the three-day transition to move from the old quarters, adjacent to Town Hall on William Street, to the \$3.1 million facility near the corner of Flower Street and Assateague Road has been relatively smooth.

"Those little pains haven't been bad at all ... but we're asking everybody to be patient with us," he said. "We're going to make contact with the county and the state and they've actually helped with some technical things, but everything is on pace to have a full move and have everybody out really soon."

Mayor Gee Williams said the building, which is three times larger than the old station, combined 21st century technology with the 19th century charm that highlights downtown Berlin.

"I hope most folks don't ever see the inside of the police station except the lobby, but if you ever have a chance to drop by, it's very impressive," Williams said. "Definitely, it reflects the heritage of [the town] ... I think that means a lot

to people."

Downing thanked everyone for attending the ribbon cutting last Friday, and said about 100 citizens on Saturday attended an open house that included tours of the new facility.

"You never know how the community will react to anything," Williams said. "But ... certainly these last few days have been proof that there's a lot of pride in this community."

Downing said the last person to show up for a tour on Saturday was Sen. Jim Mathias.

"Oh, he's right on time," Williams said with a laugh.

"He made the statement that ... the Berlin Police station is something tangible from that agreement that's been made with the slots," Downing said.

The town used mostly casino revenues to pay for the purchase of the property.

"For him to say, 'Look at this, you can ride right by the highway and actually see something tangible,'" Downing said. "A lot of the other entities have actually done things with the money, but I don't think you can have one of them come through at say, 'look at that.'"

Ocean Pines BOD crunches numbers, but fee still \$951

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) The projected basic annual assessment for fiscal 2019 in Ocean Pines remains at \$951, a \$30 increase, following three days of deliberation by the community association's board of directors.

Board members met Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last week and produced more than \$326,000 in cuts from the budget recommended by General Manager John Bailey.

While the Bailey budget also included a \$30 increase, the directors opted to use the additional savings to pay down a projected \$2 million operational shortfall accumulated during the last two years, rather than decrease assessments.

During a budget hearing for membership on Saturday, Bailey said \$71 of the \$951 assessment would help pay down the deficit.

The total operating budget for fiscal 2019 is now \$11.4 million. The latest draft includes a 2 percent pay increase for employees, although full-time equivalent positions were reduced by 13.75.

Additionally, the majority of proposed capital projects were deferred and the \$19 per-member contribution to bulkhead repairs was suspended for one year.

Board of director changes to the proposed budget included a \$100,000 decrease in medical benefits and a \$30,000 reduction in pay increases, originally set at 3 percent.

Budget meetings started in early January and have included seven public meetings with the budget and finance committee and five with the board of directors.

"There's one more step after today, thank God," Bailey said on Saturday. "It's been a good process and it's healthy."

"The board is going to consider the budget amendments and any votes for that, and adopt the final budget and set the assessment on Sunday, Feb. 25 at their regular ... board meeting," he added.

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Fourth Friday to return on April 27

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) The Pocomoke City Council, last Monday, approved a beer and wine license for Fourth Friday art strolls, good for the remainder of the year.

Fourth Fridays run April through September, from 5-8 p.m.

Marc Scher, president of the downtown Pocomoke Association, said there were an increasing numbers of events in the town.

"Anybody that's been down there [knows] we've grown by leaps and bounds," he said. "[With] Fourth Fridays, it's baby steps, but we're making progress. Just from the beer and wine sales we've had each time, it's been phenomenal."

Karah Lacey, economic development coordinator, said the upcoming Fourth Friday season would be the

fifth in Pocomoke. She said events were modeled after monthly art strolls in Snow Hill, Berlin and Salisbury.

"Each town follows a similar outline of the event, which includes free registration to local artists, stores staying open during event hours [and] there's live entertainment and refreshment sales, which include wine and beer," she said.

Lacey and Scher handle purchasing and vending all of the beer and wine during events. She said they both took classes through the Worcester County Health Department and were certified to do so.

During events, alcohol consumption is permitted only in non-glass containers in the closed off area of Market Street, from Front Street to 2nd Street. Lacey said Pocomoke Police provides assistance and there had not been any incidents related to alco-

hol sales.

"The money we raise from the beverage sales allows us to host several events downtown, aside from Fourth Fridays, including the downtown Pocomoke Fall Festival and Spring Festival, which are family friendly events," Lacey said. "The funds we raise also help us advertise and beautify the downtown area. We also give back to the community by donating to local charities and nonprofits."

The City Council unanimously approved the request.

Fourth Fridays return on April 27. The Downtown Pocomoke Spring Festival is scheduled on April 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Downtown Pocomoke Fall Festival is set for Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Pocomoke City Public Works, last Friday, install an experimental water-purifying unit near 13th Street and Market Street. The unit, developed by Korean company IOREX, was designed to remove and prevent rust, scale and slime in pipelines using a patented ionization process.

Pocomoke water gets experimental

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) Pocomoke City Public Works on Friday installed a pair of experimental water purifying units designed to improve water quality in the Heights neighborhood. If successful, the units, designed by Korean-based company IOREX, could be installed in several other locations and save the town about \$1 million, not to mention help solve the decades-old issue of substandard drinking water. “We are looking at the 100 percent natural water-resetting device that does not require any kind of external power to operate,” Julie Koo, president and CEO of IOREX, said while overseeing installation. “Based on past performances of similar situations, we have seen a significant improvement [in water quality] and hope that that would be the case for here as well.” The device is said to prevent and remove rust, scale, slime and biofilm in pipes, prevent corrosion, kill bac-

teria, and purify and improve the taste of water. “We’ve done some research and we tried to learn a lot about [water issues in Pocomoke], as much as we can read from newspapers and also some information gathered from people [in the town],” Koo said. “This lasts for over 20 years and does not require any maintenance, so that’s an added benefit. It’s not like something you have to continue to maintain ...



Pocomoke City Manager Bobby Cowger and IOREX President and CEO Julie Koo last Friday examine one of two experimental water purifying units installed in the Heights neighborhood.

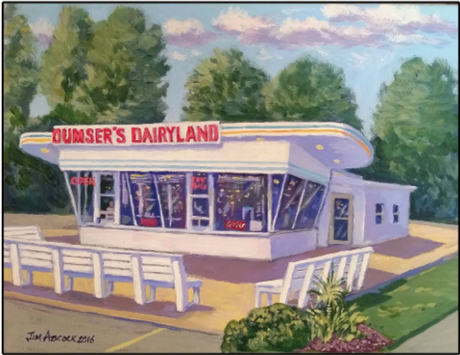
hopefully that will also add some value to the entire operation.” City Manager Bobby Cowger was present on Friday as crews installed the first IOREX device into a section of pipeline near 13th Street and Market Street. “This is huge for us,” Cowger said. “Residents here have been dealing with this water for 40 years. If this works like everyone is telling us it’s going to and we’re hoping it’s going to, between the water lines that I’m putting in and replacing now and this, I should have this water issue resolved by the end of this year.” Cowger said the two units installed on Friday cost \$45,000 each. A second device was installed at the far end of the Heights neighborhood, “where the water comes in from the back end.” The town paid a \$30,000 deposit for both as part of a pilot program. If certain requirements in water quality are not met within six months, that money will be refunded.

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Table set for new dishes during 8th S.H. Oyster Roast

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor
(Feb. 15, 2018) New twists on several classic oyster dishes will highlight the 8th annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 1-5 p.m., downtown. Tickets, which went on sale Jan. 1, sold out in six days. Sponsored by the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce, the event was limited to 450 passes. Those lucky enough to grab tickets will be treated to all-you-can-eat Chincoteague oysters prepared seven ways: raw, single-fried, casino, Rockefeller, bacon barbecue, Malibu and roasted. Also included is unlimited pork barbecue and, for those 21 and over, all-you-can-drink beer. The Stims will provide live music. Event organizer Lee Chisholm, past president of the Snow Hill Chamber, said the annual oyster roast provides some exposure for the town. “We have organized this more as a block party and it’s a great showcase for our downtown and our downtown businesses,” he said. “Also, people will need to know where to go and get your oysters, that food is not in just one location.” He said oysters and other dishes would be available at the old firehouse and in the parking lot opposite the firehouse, and inside Harvest Moon Tavern, American Legion and Bishop’s Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, all of which are on West Green Street. “The food is going to be diverse, like it always was in the past,” Chisholm said. “We don’t just have steamed oysters – that’s what I think makes our event so unique. It’s the variety of oysters that we serve, that I don’t see many any oyster roasts doing.” Chisholm said Harvest Moon, in particular, would bring something new to the table – literally. “They’ve been a little creative this year and they’ve come up with a few surprise recipes that I don’t even know about,” he said. “You’re going

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Gay Street renovation plans moving forward

Engineers brief public and business owners; one-way conversion appears unlikely

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) A larger-than-expected crowd came away mostly satisfied with plans for waterline, road and sidewalk improvements on Gay Street at a meeting on the project last Wednesday night in Berlin.

Josh Taylor, a senior engineer with Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc., said plans were to replace the old, two-inch water lines with new, six-inch piping. The project is largely necessitated by a new, mixed-use development on Gay Street set to have shops on the ground floor and apartments on the upper floors.

Taylor said flow was constricted on the old lines, probably only an inch wide now because of rust, and new lines would improve capacity, water flow, quality and pressure.

While planning for the project, Taylor said engineers realized the road was also not in good shape. He said a new overlay would improve the surface of the road and make it stronger and longer lasting.

With new commercial businesses coming, planners also saw the need for new sidewalks, with ramps and other accessibility improvements, Taylor said.

With several business owners present, including representatives from The Globe, Salon Sixteen and Wainwright's Tire Center, Taylor said contractors would do their best to work around business hours when scheduling road closures and water outages.

"We always try to coordinate with the business owners, especially the ones that you have to close when the water is off," Public Works and Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter said. "We'll be in close communication ... during that time."

"Typically [water outages] are two-to-three hours," she added. "Of course, there's always the exception."

Kreiter said the project could not be postponed until after the busy summer season, because the owner of the new building, Patrick Vorsteg, needs water service for the project to come online. However, it's possible work finishes in time for the start of summer.

"We could probably get construction started in two or three months," Taylor said. "We could expedite our permit approvals [and] the town could set the advertising period [sooner]."

Assuming ideal conditions, he said permitting could finish this month, with construction bids awarded in April and construction starting by the middle of May. The project could finish in June.

One of the items up for discussion, converting Gay Street into a one-way road, did not go far. Taylor said the current design is for a two-way street and engineers would instead look at maximizing space on the roadway, potentially gaining a few feet by pushing it to the edge of existing telephone lines.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said last Thursday that turnout during the meeting was "substantially more than [she] had expected."

"It's always great when folks come to a meeting and can hear the plan and give their feedback firsthand, as opposed to hearing it second and third or through the grapevine," she said. "From our perspective, [the plan] is pretty straightforward, but we understand when it comes to turning off water, that can have a significant impact on business owners and residents."

Allen reiterated contractors would work with residents and business owners and had a good track record of doing so.

"I think, overall, they did seem pleased," she said. "There was some discussion about expanding the pavement and we're going to take a look at that."

She said the town was not proposing converting the street to one way, adding, "I didn't pick up a lot of interest, but I did hear some side conversations afterward."

"It may come back. If there's a group of people that are interested in making the street one way and they really want to have a discussion about it, I think the best thing for them to do is just to come talk to me or talk to the police chief, because we would have to have a traffic analysis done," Allen said.

"The challenge with any kind of change like that is, it's not just localized on that street – it affects traffic and traffic flow on a wider area, so we'd have to be thoughtful about how we go about it," she added.

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Deficit ‘worst financial hole Ocean Pines has ever been in’

Director says \$2M budget shortfall more than 27-year total from 1990 to 2016

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) The projected \$2 million operational deficit accumulated during the last two years is “the worst financial hole Ocean Pines has ever been in,” Ocean Pines Association Director Ted Moroney said in a public meeting Saturday.

“In the 27 years, from 1990 to 2016, if you added up all of the deficits, it was \$1.85 million,” he said. “If you add up the last two years, it’s \$1.9 million – and we went into the last two years with a \$6,000 [positive] in the deficit line.

“We’re digging out of it. We’re working our way through everything. But, the biggest thing for us as a board is disciplining ourselves and saying this is the amount of money we’ve brought in and this is the maximum amount of money we’re going to spend,” Moroney said. “That’s what it basically boils down to.”

Director Slobodan Trendic clarified the 1990 to 2016 totals included some years with a budget surplus.

How did Ocean Pines get to almost \$2 million in deficits?

According to the latest projections provided by General Manager John Bailey, total administration revenues were off by \$345,000, including \$115,000 in information technology consulting, \$110,000 in legal, \$70,000 in bad debt and \$25,000 in accounting.

Revenues were off by \$120,000 in golf, although that number was cut in half by expenses that were \$60,000 less than projected.

The beach club missed budget projections by \$320,000, including \$245,000 less revenue than projected, a \$30,000 overage in payroll and a \$45,000 overage on promotions.

Worse was the yacht club, which was off budget by \$600,000. Revenues were \$680,000 lower than projected and promotions were \$100,000 more than forecast. However, payroll was lower by \$180,000.

Ocean Pines also spent \$70,000 in unbudgeted capital additions, bringing the estimated shortfall to \$1.595 million.

Over a two-year period, including a prior-year operating deficit of \$363,640, the total deficit is estimated to reach \$1.958 million by the end of the fiscal year.

Bailey said the gross revenues across all food and beverage operations were “overly optimistic.”

“At the yacht club, prior years’ actual gross revenue was \$1.9 million, \$1.8 million, and \$1.7 million, respectively,” he said in a statement emailed on Wednesday. “For 2018, we budgeted \$2.26 million (an increase of

\$560,000 more than the actual from the preceding year; and \$360,000 above the actual of 2015).”

Bailey said the net operating budget at the yacht club was \$1.605 million, \$232,000 higher than the preceding year.

“At the beach club, the prior years’ actual gross revenue was \$384,000, \$443,000 and \$440,000, respectively. For 2018, we budgeted \$725,000 (an increase of \$285,000 more than the actual from the preceding year),” Bailey said, adding the net operating budget was \$238,000 – double from the year prior.

Combined, the clubs budgeted revenues \$845,000 higher than the previous year, with a combined net operating budget better than the year prior by \$470,000.

Bailey said auditing fees were higher because of “additional auditing work conducted.”

“We also had to pay some extra for assistance during the various finance director transition periods,” he said. Two finance directors, Mary Bosack and John Viola, resigned in 2017.

Bailey said two significant contractual services also were not budgeted.

“Due to the more than one Finance Director transition period, we needed the assistance of the former controller more than was anticipated,” he said. “Also, an IT consultant contractor was brought on; however, the expense for that effort was not specifically budgeted.”

As for legal fees, Bailey said, “We just simply had a year where there was a plethora of legal assistance needed and those needs greatly exceeded the amount budgeted.”

He said the overage in promotions, \$145,000, was caused by the 20 percent discount offered at Ocean Pines restaurants to members.

“The 20-percent discount was pursued after the budget was adopted,” Bailey said.

Capital additions were harder to pin down.

“Fact is, there were multiple items that were accomplished even though they were not budgeted,” Bailey said. “The net overage is \$70,000. However, there was \$129,000 spent on things that were not included in the budget, yet approved for go-ahead; and then we had some savings on budgeted items as well as there being some items that were not purchased. The explanation of the majority of the overage here though is the \$94,000 for the two platform tennis courts. The project was approved, however, the cost of the courts was not included in the budget.”



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Troast trying to bring back ‘gas tax’ road funding

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor
(Feb. 15, 2018) Pocomoke City Councilwoman Esther Troast is seeking support to help #FixLocalRoads.

Troast attended a recent Mayor’s Association Conference in Annapolis on behalf of ailing Mayor Bruce Morrison, and said she came back with a many new contacts and information.

The most important, she said, was the Maryland Municipal League campaign to return so-called “Gas Tax” funds.

“I was a little hesitant to go, because I’m only keeping Bruce’s seat warm for him, but I was encouraged to go and I’m glad I did,” she said during a City Council meeting last Monday. “It was very educational. I made a lot of contacts. I brought back a lot of valuable information and turned it over to [City Manager] Bobby [Cowger] today to distribute to the different departments.

“I met a lot of really influential people who can help Pocomoke, so I was very glad that I went,” she added.

Troast said there was pending legislation in the Maryland House of Delegates (House Bill 807) and Senate (Senate Bill 516) that would “put money back into the budget, in astronomical amounts, to fix our roadways.”

“Not just highways, but local roads,” she said. “If it’s ever going to get passed, this is the time for it to get passed ... if it doesn’t get through this year for the governor and the legislators to put this in our budget, it’s probably never going to happen.”

She brought postcards with the Maryland Municipal League logo and the hashtag #FixLocalRoads, along with contact information for Del. Charles Otto (R-36A), Del. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38C), Del. Carl Anderton (R-38B) and Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38).

“If you could pick up one of these postcards and address it to either one of these people on that page ... you don’t have to write a message, you don’t even have to sign your name,” she said. “Just so they get endowed with these postcards, so they know that we’re serious about getting this money back into our local governments.”

Troast suggested filling out the cards with localized hashtags like #FixCedarStreet or #FixMarketStreet-Pocomoke.

“Whatever you feel like putting that hashtag on there,” she said. “I really would appreciate you all doing this, because as you know, we could use the money here in Pocomoke to fix our roads. A postage stamp is all you’ve got to invest in it.”

Troast said additional postcards could be picked up in City Hall, or use the hashtag #FixLocalRoads on social media.

A hearing was scheduled for SB 516 on Feb. 14, after press time.

HB 807, sponsored by Anderton and Del. Pam Beidle (D-32), is scheduled for a hearing on Feb. 22 during the House Environment and Transportation Committee meeting.



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Single-fried oysters were the hit of the Snow Hill Oyster Roast, last year. The annual event returns this year on Sunday, Feb. 25.

Harvest Moon prepping for surprise Oyster Roast dishes

■ TABLE continued
to go there and you're going to have no idea what it is, probably, but I imagine that it's going to taste delicious."

He added the single-fried oysters, traditionally the big hit of the event, this year will be available both at the American Legion and at Harvest Moon.

While the event is obviously geared toward food, Chisholm said it also would highlight shops in the surrounding area, from art galleries and salons, to unique clothing, gift and antique stores.

"The chamber is here to benefit our business community. Our mission is to help our businesses in Snow Hill thrive, and what better way to help them thrive then to bring people to them, bring them downtown and let them show the general public what they can do and what they're

made of," he said.
Additionally, he said many guests at the oyster roast make a weekend out of it, filling up local bed and breakfasts.

"This is a benefit to all of Snow Hill," Chisholm said. "This is a chance to get people in town that typically would not come to our town. That's really where the benefit it – it's hard to show something they've never seen. The town's got a lot to offer and we just want to show people that."

Platinum event sponsors are First Shore Federal, Harrison Senior Living, Snow Hill Pharmacy, Taylor Bank and Davis Bowen & Friedel Inc.

The next big event sponsored by the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce is the town fireworks display set for Saturday, June 30 at Sturgis Park.

For more information, visit www.snowhillareachamber.com.

If successful, town could be model for water improvement

■ POCOMOKE continued
"If we're not seeing major results within six months, then we get that deposit back 100 percent," Cowger said. "The only thing we've really got invested is our day putting it in, so maybe \$1,500 [worth of labor]. It's a no-lose situation and a win-win for us all."

"The good thing about this, is if this thing works and we're the first one in the country to get this as far as municipality water lines, this should work for towns and cities all over the country. And we're going to be the model for it," he continued. "It may put Pocomoke on the map, hopefully, for a good reason."

Cowger said about 180 customers would be affected by the pilot. He said some results would be noticeable within 30-60 days. "Ninety days, definitely," he added.

"Within six months I think they're going to see some major, major

change in their water," he said.

The program could also save the town about \$1 million by cutting the number of pipelines that need to be replaced. Pocomoke is already saving money by replacing pipelines using public works crews rather than outside contractors.

"If we went through an MDE grant or loan and had a big contractor come in, it's like \$2.9 million," he said. "These two [IOREX units] aren't going to do it alone, but at \$45,000 if we had to put three or four in, it's still a huge savings over \$2.9 million."

Cowger said he plans to pursue grant funding to replace additional pipelines, and possibly to install more IOREX units.

"I told people when I got hired that this was my number one priority, and I'm showing it and making it happen. I believe I'm going to have the water problem resolved here by the end of this year – I really do," he said.

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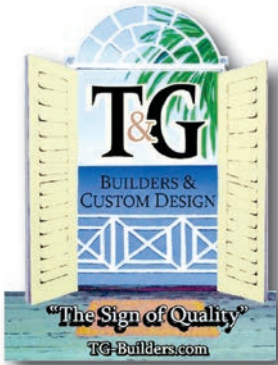
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Joe Reinhart, Matt Ortt in food mix

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) Management of the Ocean Pines Association yacht and beach clubs is reportedly down to just two contenders: the Matt Ortt Companies, which run establishments such as Rare & Rye in Ocean City, and a group led by former Ocean Pines Food and Beverage Director Joe Reinhart.

The association's board of directors met with one of the groups, believed to be the Matt Ortt Companies, in closed session last Saturday. A similar closed session, believed to be with Reinhart, is scheduled for today (Thursday).

General Manager John Bailey said three proposals for food and beverage consultants to run the facilities had been received. One of the three, SoDel Concepts, pulled its proposal, however, because "they did not have the time or the staffing to be able to do it, this time around," Bailey said.

Bailey said three other options exist for the facilities: continue to run them in-house, completely outsource them, or close at least the yacht club. He said outsourcing was undesirable because of the limited amount of time between now and Memorial Day.

In negotiations with the two consultant groups, Bailey said the board would focus on "general terms: what's the management fee [and] what are the terms in relation to a subsidy level." Bailey said an agreement would likely include incen-

tives for beating projections at the yacht club, which is budgeted to lose \$100,000 during fiscal 2019.

"The challenge for the association and the board is how do we protect our interest, and yet we also have to recognize they're in business — they have to have some sort of plan that works on that end too," Bailey said.

"There's no contract for the board to vote on, so that can't happen today. That's what would be envisioned ... [during a] regular board meeting Feb. 25.

"If negotiations fall today, then we may have to go back to that other party," Bailey later added.

Association President Doug Parks said Monday the directors "had gotten what we'd expected or what we'd asked for [during closed-door negotiations Saturday] and that was a little more clarification on exactly what the proposal from one of the vendors encompassed."

He said the initial proposal included a general overview and some marketing materials.

"[It was] real glitzy, commercial kind of stuff, which piqued our interest and



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey addresses food and beverage operations during a public meeting, last Saturday.

certainly warranted further consideration," Parks said. "The closed session was to have them bring to us much more detail on a contract with terms that we could consider, from a financial perspective, from a high level to determine if it's worth going forward with. I think we got what we had asked for and we're still in the process of hashing it out amongst the board and the general manager."

Parks said all seven directors attended, including Slobodan Trendic. Trendic indicated during the open meeting Saturday that he would boycott the meeting, but was asked to reconsider.

"I think it was a combination of my asking him and his feeling that the board really felt strongly that he should," Parks

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Burbage helps make plea for \$35M capital campaign

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) While Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO Michael Franklin recently made the rounds of public meetings in Worcester County, Ocean City and Pocomoke, his

ter.

After giving an overview of Atlantic General operations to the council, Franklin introduced Burbage, who "wanted to share a few words regarding our capital campaign."

Burbage said Atlantic General treated 11,000 patients last year and of its staff, 231 lived in the Berlin 21811 zip code.

He said hospital operating revenues, \$124 million, were only slightly below that of the entire county.

"Overall, we have 900 employees at the hospital with a payroll of over \$48 million, so you can imagine the impact that has on the town," Burbage said, adding there was "over \$60 million in economic and community benefit resources that are retained within our community due to the support and development of AGH

programming.

"It's been a happy marriage between Berlin and the hospital," he continued. "We really need each other. You've been very good to us, helping us with our bonds and everything, and hopefully we

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JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
AGH President Michael Franklin, left, and Jack Burbage address the Berlin Mayor and Council on Monday, asking for a \$100,000 grant toward the hospital's capital campaign.

visit to the Berlin mayor and Town Council Monday night was different.

For this session, he accompanied by Jack Burbage, the force behind AGH's major project, the John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Cen-

Parks promises public proposals before contract

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said. "I appreciated him showing up."

He said another closed session is scheduled on Thursday "to do the exact same thing with the other vendor."

"It's Matt Ortt and it's Joe Reinhart," Parks said. "So, we're basically giving both of them the exact same forum so that we can go through and ask the exact same questions and get a better understanding of exactly what they're bringing to the table in much finer detail."

Before going into closed session, Parks pledged bring the remaining vendors before Ocean Pines membership to discuss proposals, before a contract is signed.

"At the very least, I will have something for membership," Parks said. "Now, whether or not they can do that, it's up to them ... I will certainly ask that, because I did commit to that on Saturday."


He said the plan is to reach a decision by Feb. 25.

"My hope is that we have enough information to make a qualified decision that we've got information out in front of the membership, so they know where we're going with this, and that we can start moving forward with a plan," Parks said. "But, it requires discussion, it requires disclosure, and I want to make sure that we follow due process."

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AGH raising funds to expand ER and outpatient services

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saved a few lives at the hospital, because they didn't have to drive 20 minutes to get ... to another hospital."

Burbage was in Berlin to solicit help for a \$35 million capital campaign, to include modernizing patient care rooms and surgical facilities, and expand emergency and outpatient services. Franklin said earlier the emergency rooms were designed for about 29,000 people, 25 years ago, but now saw almost 40,000 patients each year.

"We're bursting at our seams at our emergency room and we need help," Burbage said. "I'm here begging tonight, asking you to consider putting in your budget ... \$100,000 over five years."

"I know Berlin isn't Ocean City – don't want it to be," he added. "But, it appears they're giving us a half a million dollars – \$100,000 a year."

He said the county also pledged \$100,000 this year and would "try to give us the same amount next year."

"More than anything else, it's the right thing to do," Burbage said. "It's our hospital and our community that's saving lives, and I'll bet there isn't one of you up there that doesn't have a friend that hasn't been touched by cancer ... now we're going to have one of the nicest cancer facilities around."

Burbage said money raised during the capital campaign would help pay for the cancer center, hospital expansions, and a center for women's health.

"We really need your help. I know it's a lot of money. I know you've got a tight budget and I know how tough it is, but we also need to take care of our people in our community," he said. "We've been good partners and I'm just asking you to consider it."

Mayor Gee Williams said he read in local papers about Atlantic General presentations in Ocean City. He thought about it and "wrote down a number" that seemed reasonable for Berlin.

"I just happened to be, maybe by pure luck, but maybe by some considered judgement, I thought \$100,000," Williams said. "That was the number I thought was appropriate, given our resources."

"Being a community that supports health and wellness, we hope it's becoming one of the core values of 21st century Berlin. Obviously, it'll be up to the council and the budget process ... but I hope we can find a way to meet your request," he added.

Burbage deadpanned, "maybe I should raise it," drawing a big laugh from those in attendance.

Councilman Elroy Brittingham, an original board member at the hospital, said he was previously accused of "trying to give the hospital too much money."

"This is one of my favorite funding sources, so I'll be [voting for it]," Brittingham said.

A 25th anniversary celebration for the hospital is planned on May 17. For more information, visit www.atlantic-general.org.

Pocomoke Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) The Pocomoke City Council discussed the following items during a meeting at Town Hall last Monday.

Discovery Center

The City Council agreed to waive 12 months in loan fees, about \$7,000, for the Delmarva Discovery Center.

Discover Center Director Stacey Weisner said she recently had to replace a heat pump in the museum store and that had caused some financial difficulty for the nonprofit.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said the remaining loan balance is \$26,000.

Weisner said the loan forgiveness was just for this year, adding, "we'll pick it back up in January of next year."

While in the City Council chambers, Weisner also asked for assistance with several grant applications, which the council approved.

Comp plan update

A second reading for Resolution 510, adopting growth-tier maps into the comprehensive plan, was approved unanimously.

"In order for the map to be effective, it has to be adopted into the comprehensive plan, so this is what the resolution does tonight," Planning Director Dan Brandewie said. "If you don't adopt it, it could prevent the city approving other residential developments."

Police, school agreement

The council approved an agreement with Pocomoke High School that allows Pocomoke Police to be

present during school events. The high school agreed to pay \$65 per officer, per event for the service.

Officers would come in during off-duty hours and receive overtime pay during events, generally lasting no more than two hours.

Cowger said the fee would not cover the entire expense for an officer on overtime, about \$90, but he and Police Chief William Harden believed it was a necessary service.

"The chief and I both feel like the city has a certain responsibility for protection of our schools," Cowger said. "The chief and myself certainly recommend this."

Troast called the service "an investment in our youth."

"No question," Cowger said. Annexation request

The council considered an annexation request for five acres of land on 1240 Ocean Highway owned by See POCOMOKE BRIEFS Page 14

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Carlton Mason.

Brandewie said the site was occupied by auto body shop Caliber Collision.

He said the first step in the annexation process was to recognize a petition was received. Additional steps would include an annexation agreement and annexation plan, as well as allowing the state and county 30 days to comment.

Brandewie said the proposal would next go to the planning and zoning commission, during its next meeting.

Historic designation

Resident Jim Covington said an application to place the Winter Quarters golf course and log cabin on the National Register of Historic Places was turned over to the town. A team of researchers, led by UMES historian Eric Jodlbauer, prepared the application.

"We have to send an application to Maryland with that packet, and Maryland will submit that national one for us," Covington said. "That should be done, hopefully, next week."

"The gentleman that wrote it and the lady that worked with him firmly believe that it will be approved, and we definitely want to make sure we preserve the log cabin," he added.

It's believed the designation would allow the town to receive grant money for upkeep of the property.

Pow Whoa

A request by the Assateague People of Delmarva tribe to use Cypress Park for a pow wow on May 17-21 was tabled.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said it's unlikely the event would even be held this year, because of apparent infighting in the tribe.

The matter was on at least one prior council agenda, but was tabled because of concerns regarding town resources.

Cowger said last year only about 10 people from the tribe attended. He said the event requires assistance from public works for several days and this year the event would likely take resources away from efforts such as road and water improvements.

Councilman Brian Hirshman moved to table the issue "until at least next month to see if they get their act together." The vote was unanimous.

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Nonprofit releases five-year strategic plan

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sessing what is currently offered ... maybe starting small as a prototype and then expanding from there.”

The strategic plan includes a timeline of starting a pilot program by 2020 and full implementation by 2022.

Kat Gunby, director of prevention for the Worcester County Health Department, said cultural barriers and stigmas must be overcome in Pocomoke, especially when it comes to mental health care.

Pocomoke City Councilman George Tasker was involved in Worcester Youth programs in Pocomoke back when it was called Family Connections.

“The same problems are there, and I think things have gotten worse,” he said.

“Worcester Youth did good things in Pocomoke. The fact of it is the distance and the cost made it very difficult,” Downing said, adding limited staff was another issue. “At the end, the building which we put all the money in, all the cash in, started having problems ... finding a location that we don’t have to pay for would be ideal [as would] partnering with someone who is already in Pocomoke.”

Downing said Snow Hill and other rural areas in Worcester County also need services. He stressed the impor-

tance of a sound strategy.

“Everyone keeps screaming about that need, but to go in Pocomoke, we learned, you have to have a definite plan. You can’t have a Berlin plan going into Pocomoke,” he said.

To implement the various parts of the strategic plan, DelCorro said Worcester Youth is looking for help on its committees.

“We want to collaborate with everybody,” she said. “If you’re look-

ing through this and there’s something that really touches your heart, or you know of someone in the community that this is a fit for, let Steve know or email Robin or I. We would love to have, even more just input.”

“If we want to truly serve people in this community, we have to look around and we have to get out of our silos and out of our tracks – and look across the tracks,” Taylor said. “Constantly think about these connections

as we go about our day-to-day business. I think that’s what is really required of us at this point in time.”

Email Steve Taylor at staylor@gowoyo.org, Robin Walter at rwalter2007@gmail.com, or Greta DelCorro at Greta.a.chapman@gmail.com.

For more information about Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, visit www.gowoyo.org or call 410 641-4598.



Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, second from left, on Tuesday addresses plans to move some Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Programs into Pocomoke by 2022. Downing and other officials were at Worcester Youth in Berlin during a round table discussion for the release of the nonprofit's five-year strategic plan.

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Nordstrom seeks Pocomoke City's commissioner seat

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) For the past three years, regular attendees of county commissioner meetings fell into one of four groups: county staff, local attorneys, two reporters from local weekly newspapers and Josh Nordstrom.



Josh Nordstrom

Nordstrom, 45, makes no bones about his intentions — he wants to be Pocomoke City's representative on the board and he thinks 2018 is his year.

"My adult life, especially in the past 10-12 years, is to learn more about my community and how to help people," he said. "There are some problems I can't attack from where I am now, but I could from a county commissioner's seat."

Nordstrom is the public relations officer at the Nordstrom Automotive Group, which owns Courtesy Chevrolet-Cadillac in Salisbury and Midway Chevy-Buick-Cadillac-Toyota in Pocomoke. He's served on the Worcester County Economic Development Board and the Pocomoke Chamber of Commerce previously and is currently on the boards of the Lower Shore YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Red Cross, Atlantic General Hospital, the Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester County Education Foundation and the Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County.

Nordstrom has two main issues he'd like to see get more attention in the county. First is the poverty rate in Pocomoke City, which he says can be as high as 70 percent according to some metrics. The second is opiate addiction.

"In one of the wealthiest counties in the state we have a town, my town, with people at or below the poverty line," he said. "It's enough to make anyone say, what is going on here?"

"I haven't seen leadership on opioids," Nordstrom added. "There are answers, but you have to ask difficult questions."

Looking at the county as a whole, Nordstrom said, it's wealthy because of Ocean City and all of the businesses located there.

"Lots of people are employed in Ocean City during the season, but people make the money they make in Ocean City in season and live off it for the rest of the year," he said.

The jobs more local to Pocomoke City are typically lower paying, and that needs to change. The way to change it is through economic development, he said.

"Wallops Island is ripe for expansion. We need to invest in infrastructure and our students. Those are two things companies are looking for to move here. We have lots of land, a good quality of life and good schools," he said. "We need more job training centers and public transportation to support them."

Nordstrom believes these goals are achievable within existing county funding — and without a tax increase.

The hardest question might be how to pay for increasing services to opiate addicts, and Nordstrom's answer takes a page from the history books.

"Big pharma needs to be held responsible for the mess it created, like big tobacco was. It was overwhelming states' ability to pay for treatment, that's why they went after the companies to pay, and it worked," he said.

From the county level, he said he could urge the state to move in that direction.



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Not enough interest to keep planter boxes up, downtown

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) After meeting with Town of Berlin officials on Tuesday, representatives said an effort to replace some sandwich-board signs downtown was tabled indefinitely.

About six months ago, Robin Tomaselli of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee spearheaded a pilot program to test planter boxes with small, rectangular shingles pointing the way to different businesses.

Tomaselli said the planters and shingles were cheaper to make and maintain, easier for public works staff to move during events, and improved sidewalk safety.

However, the interest was apparently not there.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said she polled business owners, then met with committee members on Tuesday.

“When I called the businesses, the majority of them that I thought wanted the shingle said they would rather keep the sandwich board,” Wells said.

She said it came down to the decision of having either a shingle or a planter box – not both.

“I think, faced with that decision,

the business owners found that the sandwich board was more effective for their business,” Wells said. “However, the majority of them said how much they really loved the idea of the planter boxes – myself included.

“If all the businesses wanted to be included in that, I think it would look beautiful downtown, but people are entitled to have a choice of how they want to advertise themselves and you have to accept that,” she added.

During the pilot program, one planter was placed in front of the Atlantic Hotel advertising Tomaselli’s business, Baked Dessert Café, as well as art galleries Wooden Octopus, Jeffrey Auxer Designs and the Worcester County Arts Council, all on Jefferson Street.

Tomaselli said she, Auxer and the arts council planned to keep their shingles on the planter, instead of bringing back their signs.

A third option for business owners, feather flags (a vertical banner of sorts), came before the Historic District Commission last Wednesday, but was not popular with commission members.

“I am totally, 100 percent against any kind of flag,” Chairwoman Carol Rose said, adding allowing a business off Main Street to install a large flag was one thing, but letting one in the



This planter box outside the Atlantic Hotel will remain, but plans for more appear dead after Town of Berlin officials met with representatives from the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee on Tuesday.
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heart of downtown was another. “I just don’t think that would be appropriate for feather flags all up and down our Main Street,” she said.

“People are crafty around here,” Rose added. “Nobody is more patriotic than I am – my husband is a [war] hero, but all of the sudden

there are huge, huge American flags hanging off buildings so people know they’re open, and you’ve got to duck under them ... to get by.”

Rose added, “small-town America is what brings people here ... I will fight to my death to keep that Main Street as beautiful as it is right now.”



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Challenger to chair state marketing group

(Feb. 15, 2018) Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger has been appointed to serve a two-year term as chair of the Maryland Association of Destination Marketing Organizations, which is made up of Destination Marketing Organizations directors from the 23 Maryland counties, Baltimore, and Ocean City.

“It’s an honor to represent my peers across the state doing what we all love to do and to be embraced and supported by the Maryland Department of Commerce and Office of



Lisa Challenger

Tourism, Film and the Arts,” Challenger said. “Our members network with travel partners throughout the state as well as other experts to identify visitor trends, marketing and economic impact data. We also partner with the state tourism office on statewide events, like the 2017 International Pow Wow in DC.”

The MDMO assists Maryland jurisdictions to effectively market and

develop tourism, foster awareness about the travel industry’s role in the state economy, and provide professional development opportunities to its members.

The MDMO sponsors the annual Tourism Day and the Taste of Maryland Legislative Reception, which both occur in Annapolis, and helps sponsor the annual Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit.

MDMO members meet bi-monthly, six times a year, to promote the economic development of destinations by generating increased

overnight lodging, and visits to area restaurants, main streets, state and national parks, attractions and historic sites by tourists and business travelers.

Challenger, who has been a MDMO member since she began serving as Worcester County Tourism director, also represents the MDMO on the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

Learn more about tourism opportunities in Worcester County on social media sites at #beachandbeyond and at www.beachandbeyond.org.

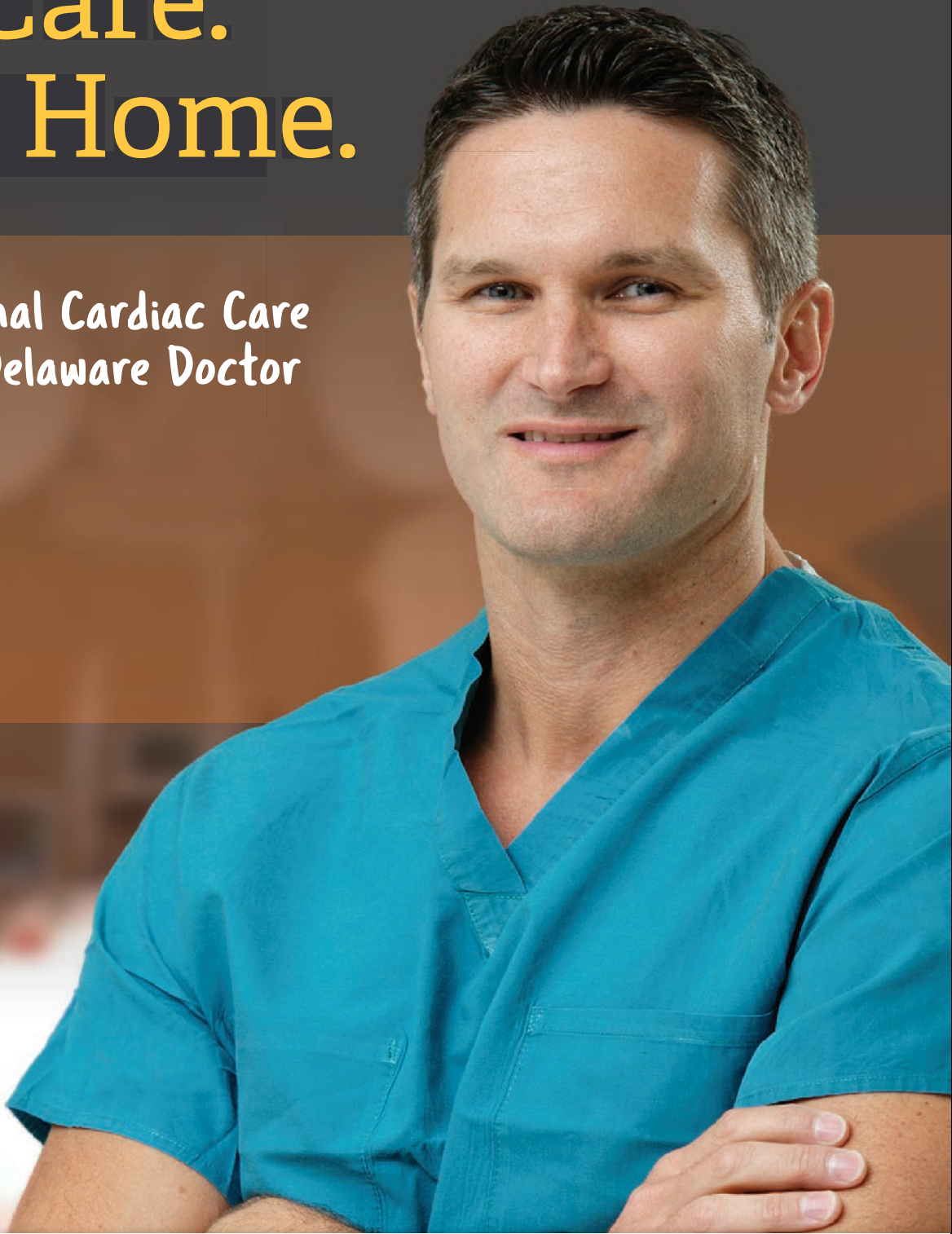
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Tauber convicted on felony charges

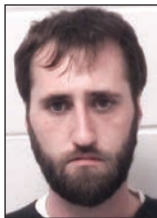
Pocomoke man guilty on nine counts of sex abuse with three minor children

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) Joshua Tauber, 24, of Pocomoke City was convicted last week of nine felony counts of various sex abuse charges relating to incidents between him and three minors, at least one a family member or member of his household, and underscoring a course of conduct begun when he was a minor himself.

Tauber was convicted of sex abuse of a family or household member, three counts of sex abuse in the second-degree, four counts of sex abuse in the third degree and a course of conduct of abuse spanning from 2009 until 2015. He was found not guilty of one count of second-degree sex abuse by Judge Richard Bloxom in Circuit Court in Snow Hill.

Second-degree sex offense in Maryland covers several inappropriate behaviors, including performing a sexual act by force or threat of force without consent, initiating such activity on someone who is impaired or incapacitated or on a person who is



Joshua Tauber

under the age of 14 while the perpetrator is at least four years older than the victim. Conviction of this offense carries a mandatory minimum of 15 years, unless the court is otherwise advised by prosecutors.

Third-degree sex offense in Maryland encompasses using weapons or threats to coerce someone into performing a sexual act, performing an act on an impaired person or a person aged 21 or over having sexual contact with someone aged 15 years or younger. Conviction on this offense carries a jail term of not less than 10 years.

The course of conduct conviction carries a term not to exceed 30 years, and the family/household member conviction carries a term not to exceed 25 years.

According to court documents, Tauber had contact with at least one of his victims as recently as January 2017. During a phone conversation initiated by an apparent victim, Tauber asked the person to change an official statement.

"What do you want me to tell

them, Josh," the apparent victim is heard to ask on the recorded conversation.

"I don't know. Tell them you take it back; tell them you lied. I don't give a f--- what you tell them," Tauber replied.

"But the thing is, I didn't lie," the victim states.

"Man we're not, we're not doing this," Tauber said.

The conversation continues for several minutes after this exchange. The call took place on Jan. 12, 2017 from 1:07 p.m. until 1:29 p.m. according to court records.

Tauber had posted \$100,000 bail, which was revoked after he was convicted. He will be held at the Worcester County jail until his sentencing, now scheduled for May 4.

"Detective Vicki Martin of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Deputy State's Attorney Diane Karsnitz deserve our sincere appreciation for holding this man accountable for his abhorrent and vile behavior. Preying upon children has no place in Worcester County – and Detective Martin, DSA Karsnitz and the Child Advocacy Center sent that message loud and clear," Interim State's Attorney Bill McDermott said.

Worcester CARE expo heading to Berlin on April 14

Organizers seeking vendors and volunteers for event

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Feb. 15, 2018) Save the date for the Worcester County CARE (Community Access to Resources Expo), to be held on April 14 in Berlin.

The collaborative partnership with SHORE UP! INC. and local utilities Choptank Electric Cooperative and Delmarva Power will offer information about job training, food assistance and other services.

Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen said the event, which is being held in Berlin for the first time, would take place in the multipurpose building on Flower Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first 150 families to attend will receive a free bag of groceries.

Allen said organizers are looking for additional volunteers and vendors for the event.

There is no fee for nonprofits to attend and Allen said organizers were developing a fee schedule regarding for-profit groups.

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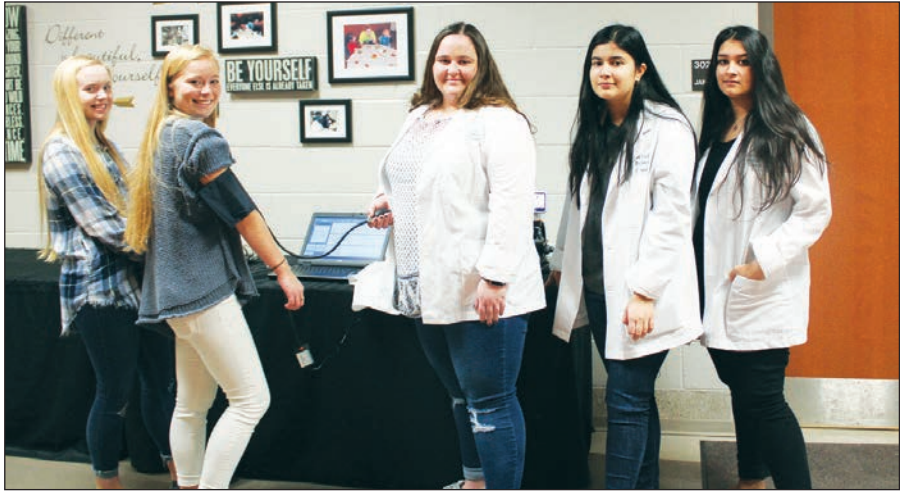
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Biomedical students, center, from left, Makayla Zajdel, Zanab Iqbal and Savera Ahsan take the blood pressures of Danielle Munn, left, and Sierra Payne during an open house and SkillsUSA competition at Worcester Technical High School in Newark, last Saturday.

Worcester Tech hosts open house, SkillsUSA contests

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Feb. 15, 2018) Approximately 200 visitors attended an open house and SkillsUSA competition at Worcester Technical High School in Newark, last Saturday morning.

“It was a really great day,” said Rick Stephens, a teacher and SkillsUSA advisor. “There was a lot of people coming in and out. We gave quite a few tours and they were pretty full.”

About 130 Worcester County Public School students competed in 32 different trades and contests during the SkillsUSA competition, which included cosmetology, nursing, welding, engineering, carpentry, HVAC and automotive. There were also culinary contests for baking and pastry making.

Stephens said about 100 students will move on to the state competition, scheduled to take place April 13-14 in Anne Arundel County.

They will compete against at least 1,000 other students in leadership categories such as job interviews, business meetings and customer service as

well as welding, carpentry, crime scene investigations, cosmetology, nursing, culinary and team competitions.

Worcester Technical High School offers 29 programs county students can participate in on its campus in Newark, Maryland. Scheduling at Worcester Technical High School takes place this month and the deadline to complete an online application for next school year is today, Feb. 16.

“We serve 40 percent of high school students in the county for a program of study,” said Caroline Bloxom, principal of Worcester Technical High School. “Many kids come out of programs here with a license or certification that can help them with their career.”

For more information, visit worcestertechhs.com or call 410-632-5050

President's Day to close Worcester Co. government offices

(Feb. 15, 2018) Worcester County Government offices, including all five branch libraries, and recreation and parks, will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents Day.

Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, Feb. 20.

The Central Landfill and Homeowner Convenience Centers will be open during standard hours of operation.

For more information on hours of operation, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at 410-632-1194.

Correction

An article in last week's paper about Burley Florist in Berlin incorrectly stated that Mike Vadella was a co-owner of Rainbow Florist in Berlin and Ocean Pines for two decades. It should have said since 2014. We regret the error.

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Seaside ball will make jump to hyperspace

‘Star Wars’ theme to feature in decorations, music and dancing, food and drinks

(Feb. 15, 2018) Seaside Christian Academy’s annual ball will be held on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

This year’s theme is “Star Wars,” and will include galactic decorations, music, dancing, hot lunch with drink, photo opportunities and interstellar

games.

This intergenerational event helps families create lifelong memories, School Administrator Terry Davis said.

It is open to all families, not just the Seaside community. Guests are welcome to wear their favorite family-friendly “Star Wars” costume, or semi-formal attire.

Ticket cost \$40 for adult and \$25 for child age 14 and under. Only 300

tickets will be sold and must be purchased by Friday, Feb. 16. Tickets are available at Seaside Christian Academy in West Ocean City, located behind Baja Amusements, by phone at 410-213-7595, or online at www.seasidechristianacademy.com.

Individual or business sponsorships are available at three levels: Jedi Master, \$500; Jedi Knight, \$250; and Jedi Padawan, \$100. Individuals may also donate “Yoda Tickets” for those

students who may not be able to afford to attend.

All proceeds will support Seaside Christian Academy, a nonprofit Pre-K through ninth grade school that is committed to establishing an academic institution that will honor God’s spirit and the spirit of the founding fathers.

The Galactic Ball will be held at the Holiday Inn on 66th Street in Ocean City. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

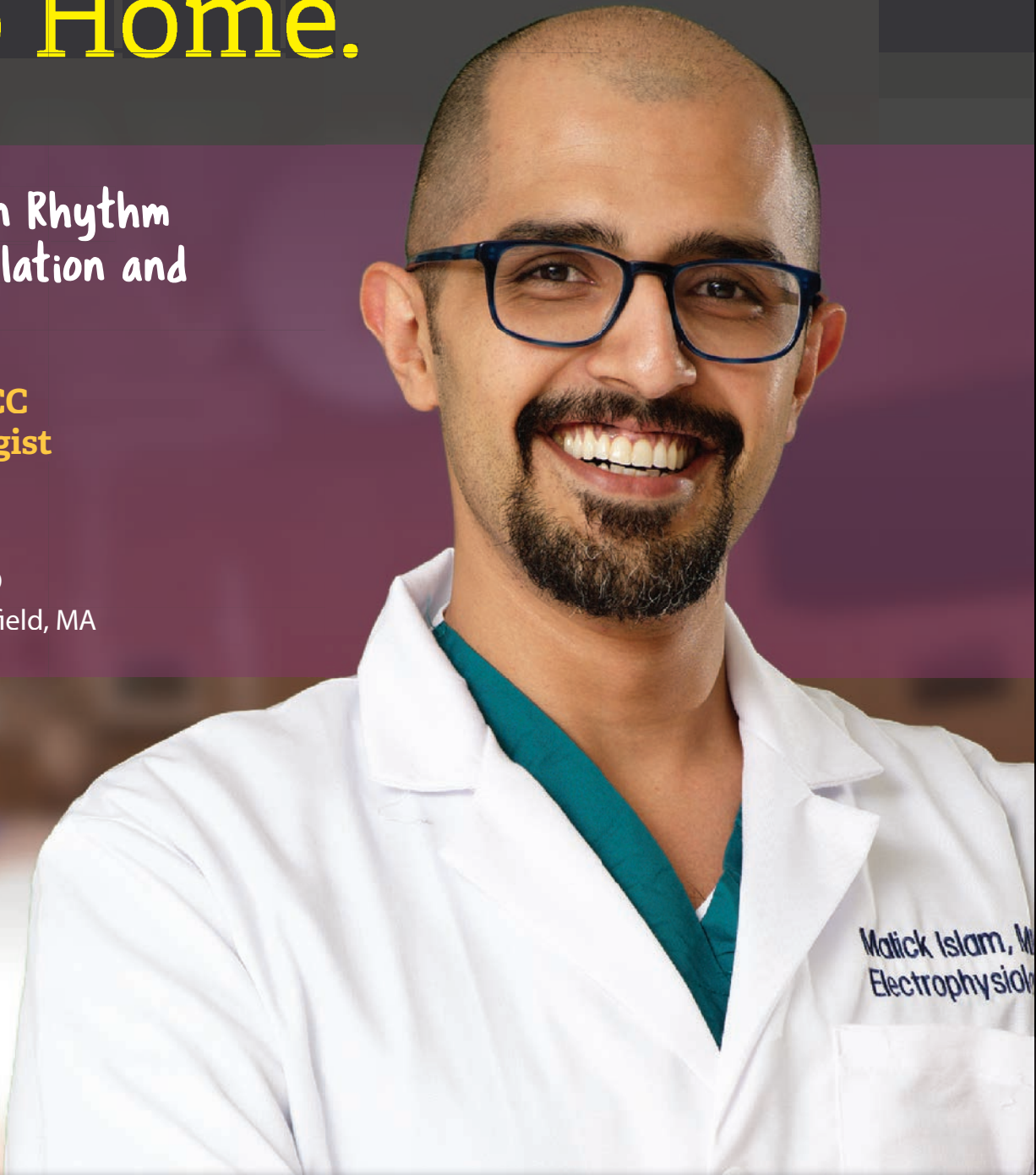
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It's a small world after all

When looking at expenses and debt, as the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors has been doing during the current budget process, it's easy to miss the smaller things that will, when taken in total, make a difference.

A recent patron of an Ocean Pines lunch spot, for instance, noticed that the liquor bottles at the bar did not have measured-pour spouts on that particular day. It's a small thing and it makes for a good stiff drink, but it also cuts deeply into whatever profit that drink might generate.

As has been said many times, a penny saved is not a penny earned, it's a penny on the bottom line at full value. Although increased revenue is always the objective, tweaking expenses here and there can turn a decent bottom line into a good one.

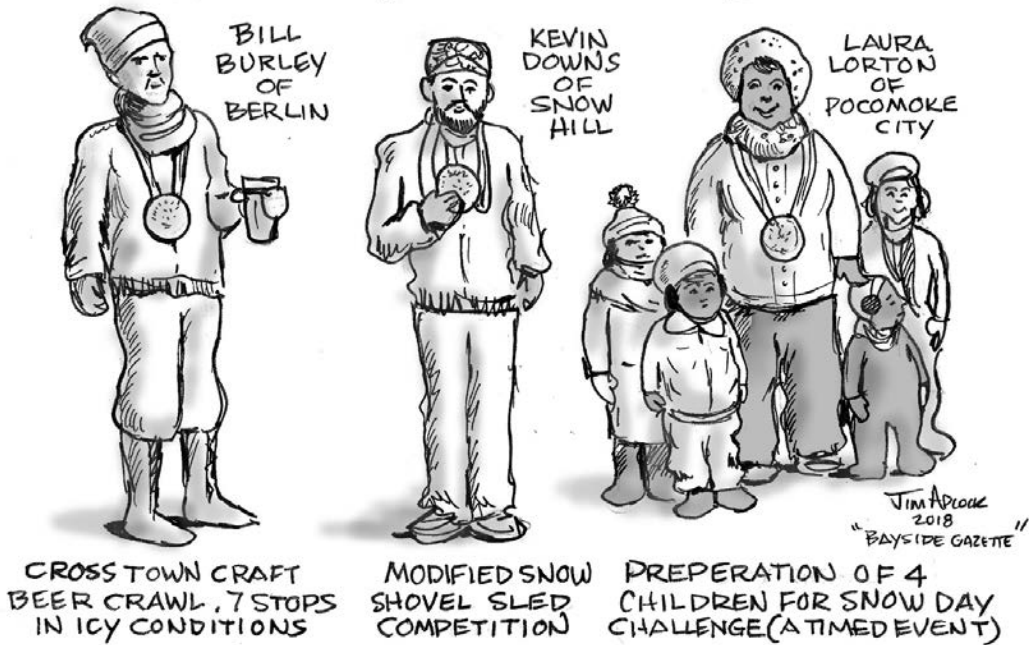
The directors and association General Manager John Bailey understand that, but many other people might not realize the benefits of penny-pinching where it counts. If, for instance, an organization is running a 9 percent profit margin, a penny saved is 11 percent better than a dollar in sales.

On the revenue side, a company would have to increase its price from \$1 to \$1.11 to produce the same amount of profit.

Obviously, Ocean Pines can't save its way out of its deficit without reducing the services that residents depend on and enjoy, hence the increase in assessments.

Still, as Bailey, department heads and the directors put the association back on a better business footing, they will get around to finding the smaller changes that could, in aggregate, improve the situation substantially.

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Letters

Clarifying OPA 50th anniversary

Editor,

I am writing today to elaborate on what was recently reported in this paper and discussed at a recent budget meeting of the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, regarding the current status of sponsorships for the 50th anniversary of Ocean Pines, which may have resulted in creating an impression that the Anniversary Committee has met its goal for sponsorships.

If anyone got that impression, it was my enthusiasm that got the better of me. It is important that everyone understands the committee's work has just begun and they are far from knowing what their final expenses will be.

In fact, they are very interested in encouraging smaller donations and sponsors, because it is the goal of the committee to offset much of the coming expenses through sponsorships and donations from residents, businesses and all of the friends of Ocean Pines.

The committee is thrilled that a number of businesses have already come forward, including Peninsula Regional Medical Center (\$12,000 Diamond sponsor), along with a few as Platinum (\$5,000)

sponsors: Mediacom (the first sponsor to commit); Choptank Electric; The Bank of Ocean City; The Power of 2 Team; and Atlantic General Hospital.

These sponsorships and donations will be used to help fund all of the wonderful events planned in connection with celebrating the 50th anniversary, including a golf tournament (already sold out), a 5k run, a racquet tournament, a parade followed by a family fun day, a beach bash, the opening of the time capsule at the annual member's meeting followed by a cocktail party, and a winter gala, just to name a few.

As you can see, we still need everyone to come on board. Also, please don't forget about the chance to proudly display the Ocean Pines license plate with the special 50th anniversary logo, designed by our own Lisa Perez.

You can bid for one of the first license plates numbered "PN1-PN10" by attending the auction on March 24 at the Ocean Pines Community Center, or purchase a raffle ticket now at the administration building for a chance to win plates "PN11-PN50" (you do not have to be present as a raffle winner), the same location to make your donation or become a sponsor.

Coming soon, there will also be clothing items bearing the

50th anniversary logo available for purchase at the administration building.

As the liaison to the committee, it was my duty to report back to the Board on the progress of the committee and I may have spoken prematurely, but I'm just so excited about the 50th anniversary of our great community with the wonderful events that are planned, and so thankful for the great work of all of the committee volunteers, as well as those who have been so generous to date.

Cheryl Jacobs
Vice President of the
Ocean Pines Association

Calls for forensic audit are still valid

Editor,

Over the past year a number of homeowners in Ocean Pines, including myself, have indicated a need for a comprehensive forensic audit of the Association's finances.

To a large extent, and with the exception of Director Slobodan Trendic, who has also requested this type of audit, the Board of Directors has refused to take this course of action.

Forensic audits are undertaken when an organization has reason to suspect that corruption, asset misrepresenta-

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tion or financial statement fraud has occurred.

In a Feb. 18 article in another publication, former Acting General Manger and Board Member Brett Hill accuses the Board of ignoring evidence that all of the above happened and was reported to them in 2017. This trifecta of accusations requires the Board to take immediate and decisive action.

In this article Hill indicates that in January, 2017 “documentation was provided that alluded to well over six figures of money misappropriated by fraudulent documentation.”

He further indicates that in May “invoices from family members of employees for no-bid, no-show work to the tune of thousands of dollars per week, which nothing was done about. The company involved with the invoices got out of the business when questions were asked.”

The third instance in August occurred

when Hill was “notified that 27 bank deposits were short cash, in the amounts ranging from under \$100 to thousands of dollars.” Later in the same article Hill goes on to say that “fees for unbudgeted accounting firms and consultants, are ‘somehow missing from the reported financials.’”

If the above is not enough to move the Board to Action, what is? Does the Jesse James gang need to move into the Finance Department for the Board to spring into action?

All this is happening with the Association facing an operating deficit that will exceed \$1 million. An operating deficit, with all due respect to Director Trendic (who is fighting for the homeowners) that the majority of the Board expects homeowners to pay with no questions asked.

In all fairness to the Board, Hill’s accusations are just that – accusations. They do not take into account the unbelievably poor management decisions

made by Hill, the fact that the Board majority in place during his tenure ignored his performance, or that the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation is involved. But the accusations do point to very serious issues within the heart and soul of the Ocean Pines Association.

The homeowners of Ocean Pines have long suspected mismanagement, or worse, within the Food and Beverage Operations. Hill’s allegations now hang a cloud of suspicion over the conduct, control and operation of the Finance and Public Works Departments.

Hill’s comments, coupled with the huge operating shortfall, require immediate action by the Board to order a forensic audit of the Association. Nothing less should be acceptable to those paying the tab through their (increasing) annual assessment.

Frank Daly
Ocean Pines
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Despite chatter, print is not dead

Editor,

I just read your Feb. 8 article regarding Ocean Pines' budget concerns and cuts to marketing. I operate a small family plumbing business in New Castle, Delaware and have been a frequent visitor to OC and the surrounding areas for the past six years. I do not go anywhere else within 300 miles of this area and I have been everywhere else.

I want to say that it is your newspaper and the many other local papers that showcase who and what they are that first attracted me to visit. And, of course, the fishing.

I pick up the same papers every time I visit, which is now four times a year to see what's new, and plan my activities around the contents of the local newspapers. I am impressed to see how the small communities here manage the tourists and deal with their own local government.

I also want to say that I am not tech ignorant by any means and have the latest phone, laptop and service providers anyone can buy.

However, it is the print I go to every time, because it is much quicker and easier to look for and find the many opportunities that are available to me in

the OC and border areas.

There is not a single webpage that contains it all, and tabbing between webpages is dead to me. So, for me, print lives and is by far the best way to advertise and the best way for me to see it.

Douglas Riley
New Castle, Delaware

Send yacht club decision to a vote

Editor,

I read in the *Bayside Gazette* Feb. 8, 2018 edition that the Ocean Pines General Manager stated that there were four options on the table regarding the yacht club situation. I disagree with this statement.

Number one: run operations in house and lose big money every year! Number two: lease the clubs (outsource) are the only options, golf club included as far as I am concerned.

Put the yacht club and golf club to a referendum. Voting on each amenity should be separate and left to the majority of Ocean Pines property owners to decide.

I know I would like to see what the true majority of property owners' opinion is and at least put some things to rest.

Mike Graves
Ocean Pines

WCHS Valentine's adoption special: fees reduced to \$14

(Feb. 15, 2018) Worcester County Humane Society will be offering a special adoption fee for cats during the week of Valentine's Day.

Through Saturday, Feb. 17, any cats 14 months or older will have an adoption fee of just \$14. Adoption fee includes spay/neuter, microchip and up to dates on shots.

Currently the shelter has 110 cats that are over 14 months old. Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for available pets.

Also, an ongoing program the shelter has is the senior to senior program where any cat 8 years or older who is

adopted by someone 65 or older will have their adoption fee waived.

In addition, the shelter is always in need of fosters for senior cats and dogs, those who are having a hard time adapting to shelter life and those who need ongoing attention medically.

With fostering, all medical expenses are covered by the shelter. Being a permanent foster for one of these pets is also an option.

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CFES grant to help extend oral health care in Worcester

(Feb. 15, 2018) Chesapeake Health Care will be able to extend oral health care services to those who have limited or no access to dental care in Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico counties thanks in part to a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The money will be used to provide uninsured and underinsured patients with dental exams, X-rays and tooth extractions if needed, all without cost to the patients.

One of the goals of providing dental care to these patients is to reduce the number of urgent dental treatments resulting from the lack of dental care - catching problems earlier to reduce complications later.

"We are grateful to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for this grant to assist us in providing dental care to adults in our community," said Susanne Gray, CEO/COO of Chesapeake Health Care. "This grant will mean that many more people in our community will receive access to the critical dental care that they need, who would otherwise not be able to afford it."

Peninsula Regional Medical Center, through its mobile Wagner Wellness Van, sees many patients who have oral health issues, but they do not have the resources to treat those patients with the dental care they desperately need. With this grant, Peninsula Regional Medical

Center will now be able to refer those patients to Chesapeake Health Care's Dental Department, where they can be treated.

This grant also provides an opportunity for Chesapeake Health Care to continue its successful partnership with H.O.P.E. (Help and Outreach Point of Entry, Inc.) ministries in Salisbury, to refer homeless patients in need of oral healthcare services.

In providing essential dental care to those in need in the community, Chesapeake Health Care is striving to improve the general health of residents of the Eastern Shore, regardless of financial circumstances.

Founded in 1994, Chesapeake Health Care is a multidisciplinary healthcare practice serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. Approximately 100 providers are on staff to provide healthcare to the region's patients in the following disciplines: Adult and Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Urogynecology, Mental Health, Dental and Pharmacy.

Health care is extended to individuals who are uninsured, underinsured and insured. A Sliding Fee Scale program is available to assist eligible patients with healthcare payments. For more information about Chesapeake Health Care, visit www.ChesapeakeHC.org.



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PRIZE STUDENTS

Students from Worcester County high schools receive awards in an annual art competition organized and sponsored by the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club. A reception was held at the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin last Friday. Pictured, from left, are judge Thomas Hogan, Lamont Hall (first place, drawing), Camryn Sofronski (third place, drawing), Emily Copeland (third place, painting), Kate Carpenter (first place, painting), Niamh Lundberg (honorable mention, drawing) and Kira Solomon (second place, painting).



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SERVICE LEARNING

Sixth grade students at Berlin Intermediate School are required to complete 15 hours of service learning throughout the year. Some of the sixth grade teams chose the Worcester County Humane Society as a community partner for service learning. Kyla Johnson brought in paper towels and Dawn dish detergent to donate.



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FINE ART

Patrick Henry shows off some of the photographs in a new exhibition at the Globe in Berlin, last Friday.



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VALENTINES FOR VETS

For the past 18 years, the Republican Women of Worcester County have collected Valentine cards to be sent to local veterans to thank them for their service. This year, Vera Beck, RWWC chair of "Caring for America" program, collected over 1,200 cards from area schools, businesses and organizations. Through the generosity of Linda Dearing of Copy Central and remembering her father, who was a patient at a VA Hospital, these cards will be mailed to Veteran Rehab Medical Centers in Maryland.



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HOSPICE DONATION

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians of Ocean City donated \$1,000 to the Macky & Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, now under construction in Ocean Pines. Pictured in front, from left, are Lorraine Taylor, Pat Fairbend, Mary Rosenhagen, Suzanne Lamont and Peggy Bennett, and in back, Cathy Bocci, Jackie Choate, Mary Ann Welsh, and Coastal Hospice Vice President of Operations David Hanlin.



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YOUNG AUTHORS

The Eastern Shore Reading Council announced that 12 Worcester Prep students were named finalists in the 2018 Young Authors' Contest for short story or poetry. These finalists finished in the top three in their respective category and grade level 2-12. This year's contest was one of the largest with entries from 28 different schools, public and private. Pictured, from left, are Lower School students Ben Rafinski (Grade 2, Poetry), Scarlett Shimko and Rani Yonker (Grade 2, Short Story), Ayla Yonker (Grade 4, Short Story) and Emaan Ehtasham (Grade 5, Short Story).

Puzzles

PARONOMASIA

BY MATT GINSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

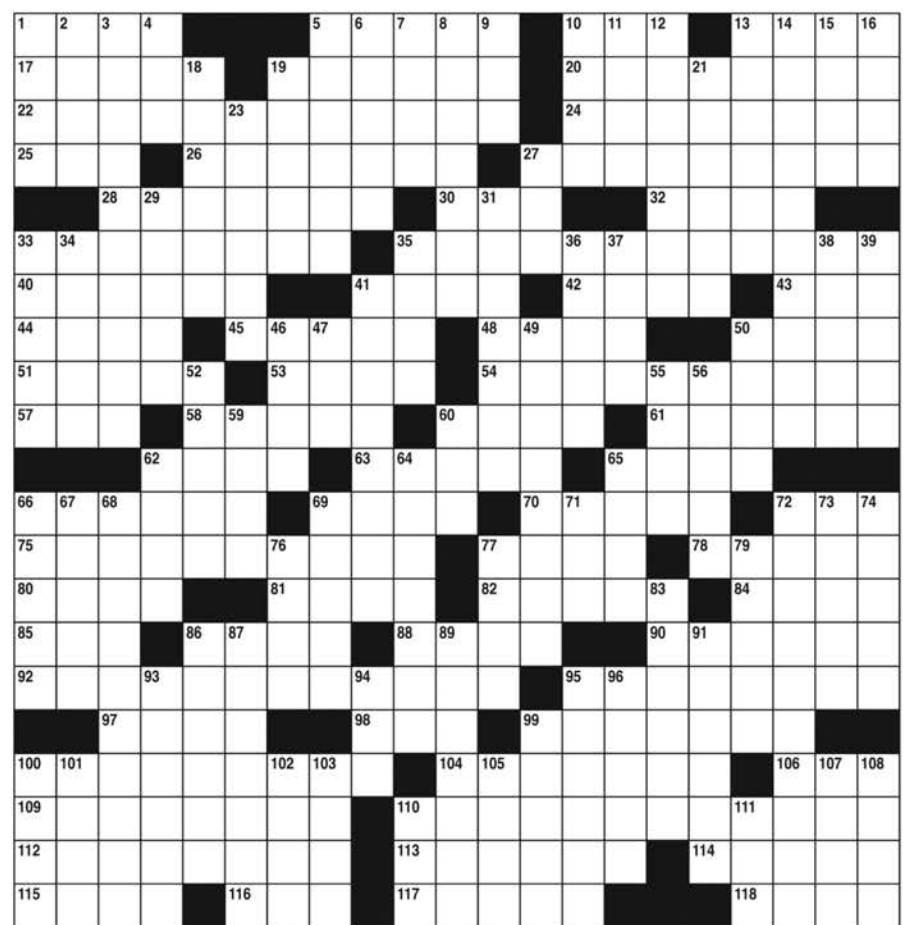
ACROSS
1 Like most seamen, supposedly
5 Writer who said "Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood"
10 Holiday celebrating the arrival of spring
13 Islam's final pillar
17 Nonirons
19 Two make a Hamilton
20 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
22 Narrow passages for killer whales?
24 Kitchen nooks
25 Zodiac feline
26 Backs down
27 Fable about smoked salmon?
28 Kvetches
30 Balneotherapy site
32 "Yeah, right"
33 Raised some vegetables?
35 Decrease in the number of people named Gerald?
40 Hot Wheels maker
41 Are no longer
42 Mother ____
43 Gulager of "The Return of the Living Dead"
44 In amongst
45 Number of bits in a byte
48 Gradually diminishes

50 Abstract artist Mondrian
51 First mass consumer product offering Wi-Fi
53 Sticks for breaking things
54 Belts for a Chinese leader?
57 Chaney who was called "The Man of a Thousand Faces"
58 Oakland's Oracle, for example
60 Not budging
61 Cry from the mizzen top
62 Conveyance in "Calvin and Hobbes"
63 Overused
65 Storm harbinger, maybe
66 Gave a pick-me-up
69 Josip Broz, familiarly
70 Like many a campfire story
72 Responsibility lesson for a child
75 Inventors' diaries?
77 So-called "Island of the Gods"
78 Ordinary Joe
80 Impose
81 Afterthought indicator
82 Well-known Cuban export
84 Fancy collar material
85 Lao-____
86 Crucifixion letters
88 Guerre's opposite
90 MGM's lion, e.g.
92 Cloudophobia?

95 Opposite of a strong boil?
97 Pandora's release
98 Like Verdi's "La donna è mobile"
99 As-yet-undeciphered Cretan script
100 What brings the rocket to the pad?
104 Archaeologists' study
106 Managerial exec
109 Mark Twain farce about a painter who fakes his own demise
110 Jewelry for the oracle at Delphi?
112 Versatile
113 Subleases
114 Arafat of the P.L.O.
115 What Simon does
116 Classic British roadsters
117 Rank things
118 Trix alternative

DOWN
1 Not reporting as instructed, maybe
2 Induce ennui in
3 Fuss about "The West Wing" actor Rob?
4 Old English letter
5 Electricians
6 Several Russian czars
7 Resident of Riga
8 Cousin of a highboy
9 Part of a road test track
10 List heading
11 Runner Liddell depicted in "Chariots of Fire"
12 Pub container
13 It might pick up a passing comment
14 Contrived
15 Beverly Hills ____
16 Kid
18 Colorful shawl
19 Neighbor of Palisades Park, N.J.
21 Chanteuse O'Shea
23 Declining because of age
27 China's Chou En-____
29 Best
31 Early arrival
33 Service with more than a billion users
34 Recurring role for Stallone
35 Groks
36 Philatelist's item
37 Turn's partner
38 Hebrew leader
39 Wack
41 Small undergarments?
46 Like some sprains and champagnes
47 Rev
49 Carried cash around?
50 Schoolmarmish
52 Superman's birth name
55 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
56 Some Poe works
59 Mulligan
60 Un-to
62 Legal pause

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- 64 "Come on in!"
65 Home, in slang
66 Buoyant cadences
67 "That is," to Caesar
68 At a frantic pace
69 ____ bulb
71 Wood often used for bow-making
72 Help with the harvest?
73 V.I.P. at the Oscars
- 74 What's human, they say
76 Needle-nosed fish
77 Grocer's wheel
79 "____ de Lune"
83 Garfield's girlfriend in "Garfield"
86 Tepid approval
87 Small, biting fly
89 Lined with trees
- 91 Playwright Sean who wrote "Juno and the Paycock"
93 Lets out, e.g.
94 Step on it
95 All thumbs
96 Second and fifth
99 Career employee
100 G.I.s of concern
101 Cuba, por ejemplo
- 102 Drink disliked by Buzz Aldrin [true fact!]
103 Strangely enough, they're often even
105 Hershey chocolate
107 Doing the job
108 Shrek, for one
110 Voting affirmatively
111 Arctic explorer John

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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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Cuisine

Korean BBQ: sweet meat you can't beat

So another Valentine's Day is in the books, and for me that means that spring is just around the corner. As far as my job goes, the day marks a point in the semester where classes are well underway, my star students are shining and other students are either making great strides in improving their skillset, or making for a big headache for me; the joys of being an educator. As I taught this morning, I gave myself the task of knocking out these Korean ribs. it's not often that I cook in class, so it's always a treat.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I love teaching at the college level, as the questionably performing student is truly a rarity, and in some semesters, completely nonexistent. In fact, I am fortunate enough to see tremendous growth in a clear majority of my students as they navigate their way through the various departments in the college on their quest to complete their degree. And so many of them do so with multiple jobs, multiple children, spouses or exes and the like. Rarely do I have to sit and hear excuses as to why work didn't get completed. It's usually a simple "I just didn't do it, Chef" and I can live with that. After all, if we're not honest, what are we?

But, back to the day in question. With Valentine's Day now behind us, the days become notably longer and in a few weeks they will become warmer. As the flowers are already popping up in my Mother-in-Law's garden beds, I feel assured that the worst of winter is over, except for that last snow storm that is lurking out there somewhere.

From here, my students and I must work our way through four more special events, and then it's smooth sailing. As we finish earlier at the college than in the surrounding county high schools, I will be able to visit some schools, spreading the message of what we do and how we plan to grow the program.

But enough about work. Let's get back to spring, as it will inevitably lead to my favorite season down here: summer. With disbelief, I look out the window at my barren backyard, the banana trees that adorned the many garden beds now cut to the ground. In just a month or so, they will be shooting up like fireworks, with new shoots littering the back yard as I put out the call again to anyone who wants them.

The gentleman who installed our shed confided in me that he plundered the back yard for banana tree shoots years ago when the house sat empty, and that his have taken off in his yard as well. And when they grow to be eight to nine feet tall, you soon find yourself in a tropical paradise of your own making, while saving a fair amount of money on the orange crushes and Coronas.

I gave my brother six shoots last year and he planted them in a corner of his yard in Kent Island by his grilling center. By the end of the summer, they were over three-feet tall, testament to the weed-like tenacity of these mighty hybrid plants. So, if you want some, just let me know. I can assure you that I will be cutting many of them down and throwing them over the fence in two months.

As I look over the pool (it wasn't installed correctly so it's a little rickety – I call it the Addams



Family Pool) in its present condition, I relish in the thought of getting one or two more seasons out of it and then having it ripped out and filled in. There are just too many things to fix and it will be nice to recapture that part of the yard for frolicking, running and maybe a game or cornhole or horseshoes.

And at the end of the day, summer is almost here, students are working feverishly and all in all, I can thank Valentine's Day again for marking our entry into the warmer months. But, for now I'll sit and enjoy these ribs, the end of winter and the chilly start of spring. The journey gets better with every passing day.

Korean-Style Pork Ribs

serves 4

- 2 racks Pork back ribs, peeled
- 1 Asian pear
- 1 cup Dark soy sauce
- 2-inch piece ginger, peeled and minced
- 5 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1/2 cup Brown sugar or Korean ginger syrup
- 3 Tbsp. Korean red pepper flakes

- 3 Tbsp. Toasted sesame seeds
- 1/2 cup Gochujang (miso may be used in a pinch)
- 1. Cut the Asian pear and place in blender cup with remaining ingredients
- 2. Blend until pureed
- 3. Place ribs in a large, heavy-duty bag. If you have any kind of vacuum packer, that is ideal.
- 4. Pour marinade in and let sit in the icebox for up to four hours
- 5. Remove from the bag and place on a cooking sheet, reserving the marinade
- 6. Bake at 350F for about an hour or so, until the pork begins to turn tender and it is nice and crusted
- 7. While the ribs are roasting, bring the marinade to a boil and turn to a simmer, reducing it to a glaze consistency
- 8. Put the ribs on the grill and cook for about two minutes on each side, and serve with the glaze, and garnish with sliced scallions and some toasted sesame seeds

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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, FEB. 15

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Refreshments served t 9:45 a.m. Guests are welcome. Barb O'Connor, 410-208-2944

NUMBERS CAN BE FUN!
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Balls, Bears and Popsicles make math fun. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO MARTIAL ARTS
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Sensei Kim Waters of Eastern Shore Karate Academy will demonstrate the basic martial arts techniques most used in the discipline of Karate. Audience is welcome to participate in the instructions portion of the class. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

LAP TIME
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH SINGLES
Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 6 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Wor-Wic Community College, Guerrieri Hall, Room 101, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, MD, 6 p.m. Free information session for students and parents of current high school sophomores and juniors. Learn how high school students can earn college credits while attending high school. Participants will have the opportunity to start the enrollment process and tour the campus. To reserve a seat, contact Richard C. Webster at rwebster@worwic.edu or 410-334-2896.

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Educational showcase of rare, classic,

groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for an adult audience. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. Held second Thursday of each month. Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210

FRI, FEB. 16

COFFEE AND COLORING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Coffee provided courtesy Royal Cafe and Creamery. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FIBER FRIENDS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your lap work and join this informal group. Knitters, crocheted, embroiders, etc. are welcomed. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, 703-507-0708

SEASIDE BOAT SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring more than 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists and food vendors. All proceeds go to area youth. All Optimists are volunteers. Admission cost is \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ocboat-show.com>

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. Featuring "Somewhere Out There" by Amy Hatvany. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OYSTER FRITTER SANDWICH
American Legion Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 3 p.m. The public is welcome.

FISH DINNER
Bowen United Methodist Church, 8355 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Platters cost \$10 and include flounder filet, Mac and cheese, green beans, corn bread, beverage and dessert.

FAMILY RETRO TELEVISION NIGHT: A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CLASSIC & RETRO TELEVISION SHOWS
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SAT, FEB. 17

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

CREATIVE SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Create crafts about animals that hibernate with the supplies provided by the library. For all ages. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FREE TAX PREPARATION
Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. By appointment only.

WALK WITH A DOC
Ocean Pines War Memorial, South Gate Pond, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 to 10 a.m. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk around the pond at your own pace while you visit with others and have conversation with the doctor. Family and pet friendly. Ashley, agodwin@atlantic-general.org, 410-641-9644

SEASIDE BOAT SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Featuring more than 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists and food vendors. All proceeds go to area youth. All Optimists are volunteers. Admission cost is \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ocboat-show.com>

ADULTING 101 'SIMPLE SEWING & COOKING'
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. Learn some basic skills, starting with sewing (buttons, rips, hems) and simple recipes you can make quickly and easily. For ages 13 years and older. Register: 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

'NOT MY PRESIDENT'S DAY' MARCH
Tram Station on the Boardwalk, 709 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. Protesting Donald Trump's racist, authoritarian and corrupt administration. The group will march along the Boardwalk to North Division Street and back. The Black Knights Men's Choir will lead participants in songs including "This Land Is Your Land" and "We Shall Overcome." Voter registration, training for voter registration volunteers and further information will be available at tables near the Tram Station.

SENSORY STORY TIME
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. An inclusive story time designed to bring youngsters of all ages and abilities to the library. Siblings, families and caretakers are all welcome. Register: 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. See a collection of short films from the official 2018 festival selection and the groups monthly local film series. Admission cost is \$5. Doors open at 6:30, movies at 7 p.m.

SUN, FEB. 18

SEASIDE BOAT SHOW
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring more than 350 boats, electronics, dock builders, boat lifts, crafts, canvas, archery display, fishing rods, fishing tackle, paddle boards, artists and food vendors. All proceeds go to area youth. All Optimists are volunteers. Admission cost is \$10 for adults and \$1 for children. Charlie, cdorman1@yahoo.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.ocboat-show.com>

MON, FEB. 19

BOOK IN A JAR CONTEST
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Guess the title and author of the shredded "book in a jar" to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers will receive two entries. Limit one guess per person. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FREE TAX PREPARATION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. By appointment only. 410-641-5036

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING
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a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Jesse Colvin, candidate for Congress in Maryland and Jamie DeMarco will discuss how renewable energy will create jobs on the Eastern Shore. 410-973-1021

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, FEB. 20

BOOK IN A JAR CONTEST
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Guess the title and author of the shredded “book in a jar” to be entered to win a prize. Correct answers will receive two entries. Limit one guess per person. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING
All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Guess speaker is Michael Dryden, The Nature Conservancy. Pocomoke River Restoration. martypusey@gmail.com, 410-632-2527

PLAY TIME
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME ‘CARING FOR MY TEETH’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP
Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818

COLORING FOR CALMNESS AND CONVERSATION
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Explore different patterns such as mandalas, entangles, paisleys and more. Bring your own coloring pages or use the library’s. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips available, along with coffee and cookies. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SOOTHING STORIES ‘TAKING A BATH WITH THE DOG’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 p.m. All children of all abilities are welcome. Providing a calming story, along with playtime using sensory toys and activities. Get some calming techniques to use at home as well. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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, FEB. 21

BOOK IN A JAR CONTEST
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KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC
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>

MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs representative, Michelle Licata, is available to offer outreach services to veterans and their families on the third Wednesday of each month. No appointment necessary. 410-713-3482, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STEPPING ON FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP
North Worcester Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free, 7-week, interactive program proven to improve the participant’s risk of falls. Class runs Feb. 7 through March 28. Heather Griswold, 410-742-0505, Ext. 169

PLAY TIME
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn

new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic Health Center Conference Room, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 1 to 2 p.m. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

AFTERNOON GENRE CLUB
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. This month’s topic is Civil War Fiction. Suggested titles: “Cold Mountain,” by Charles Frazier; “The Widow of the South,” by Robert Hicks; and “Little Women,” by Louisa May Alcott. Stop by the library for more titles. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

INFORMATION LITERACY: USING THE LIBRARY’S RESOURCES
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. Learn how to access and take advantage of the numerous resources available at the library. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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@delmarvahand-dancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

EVENING GENRE CLUB
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. This month’s topic is Civil War Fiction. Suggested titles: “Cold Mountain,” by Charles Frazier; “The Widow of the South,” by Robert Hicks; and “Little Women,” by Louisa May Alcott. Stop by the library for more titles. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OC/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

ONGOING EVENTS

KIWANIS ITALIAN DINNER TICKETS ON SALE
Tickets for the Kiwanis Club’s Annual Italian Dinner to be held on April 8 are now on sale. Two seatings, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., at DeNovo’s Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road in Manklin Station at the South Gate of Ocean Pines. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 11 years and younger. Tickets:

410-208-6719. Reservations recommended. Walk-ins welcome – space permitting. Carryout is also available. Proceeds benefit local youth.

SEASIDE GALACTIC BALL
Seaside Christian Academy will be holding their annual ball on Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 6600 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD. This year the theme is Star Wars and will include galactic decorations, music, dancing, hot lunch with drink, photo opportunities, interstellar games and more. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$25 for children 14 years and younger. Tickets must be purchased prior to Feb. 16, by stopping by the Seaside, calling 410-213-7595 or online at www.seasidechristianacademy.com. Individual and business sponsorships available. All proceeds support Seaside.

WCHS VALENTINE’S ADOPTION SPECIAL
Worcester County Humane Society will be offering a special adoption fee for cats through Feb. 17. Any cats 14 months or older will have an adoption fee of \$14, which includes spay/neuter, microchip and up to date on shots. The shelter is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road in Berlin. Info: 410-213-0146.

‘WONDERS OF WATER’ BUS TRIP
The Junior Auxiliary Group of Atlantic General Hospital will be taking a spring bus trip to Philadelphia for their flower show, “Wonders of Water.” Tickets for the trip cost \$68, which includes the cost of the flower show ticket. The bus will depart Berlin on March 10 at 8 a.m., returning at approximately at 9:30 p.m. Enjoy Philadelphia and the flower show, which is in walking distance to Reading Terminal Market, Chinatown and City Hall. RSVP to Ashley at aafurbay@aol.com or 410-213-0823.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN
Any branch, through February. Need some one-on-one help with your resume, job application, E-Reader or basic computer skills? Contact your closest library branch to schedule a personal appointment.

MAKE & TAKE ‘RAINBOW BOXES’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, all through February. The Make & Take cart will feature supplies to decorate your own rainbow box. 410-524-1818

2018-2019 PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Ocean City Elementary School will begin the registration process in February. Children who will be four years old on or before Sept. 1 may be eligible for the OCES Pre-Kindergarten program. Space is limited and children from families who meet the federal income guidelines will be given priority enrollment. Children who will be five years old on or before Sept. 1 and are not already enrolled in pre-kindergarten, must register for kindergarten. Call 410-632-5370 to schedule a registration appointment.

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