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Several local organizations, last Friday, donate more than 100 shoes to Diakonia Inc. in honor of the late Jesse Turner. Groups included Lincoln Lodge #53, American Legion Duncan-Showell Post #231, Sunlight of the Valley #43 Order of the Eastern Star, Abu Lahab Temple #206, King David's Consistory, Shriners of Salisbury, and the Germantown School Heritage Community Center.

Looking inside Berlin's new library

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) Like John Hammond in Jurassic Park, county planners have spared no expense in building the new \$6.25 million Berlin branch of the Worcester County Library to be long lasting and energy efficient, an approach planners say will save taxpayers plenty of money in the long run.

Ron Cascio of the library board said

extra care was taken during the design to ensure the building would cost much less to operate than comparable structures, with enhancements ranging from triple-paned windows to the overall construction that resembles two buildings built on top of each other.

Cascio said the frame was twice as thick as most residential homes, with an additional two inches of foam applied between the frame and the brick exte-



Construction of the new Berlin library on Harrison Avenue is reportedly on schedule, with an expected opening date in early July.

rior. Building code requires R-19 insulation, but the new building was made with twice that, R-40, Cascio said.

A consultant was also brought in to pressurize the first window installed and test it for air filtration. Improvements were then made and applied to all other windows in the building.

"A building this size at today's standards would take probably twice as much HVAC - we would need about twice as much of a system to keep things comfortable inside," Cascio said during a tour for media on Friday.

We put the money in upfront, because what we've learned is to own and operate the buildings that we already have costs the taxpayer too much money," he continued. "We know that, by investing in these buildings upfront, we can keep the owning and operating costs low over time."

He said many buildings today are designed to last a couple of decades.

'This is built as if we're going to own it for a couple hundred years," Cascio said. "That is what I think we should be doing for the taxpayers."

Cascio said the floor plan was similar See INITIAL Page 5

Groups gather to honor memory of **late Jesse Turner**

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) The memory of Jesse Turner lives on, bolstered last week by a well-attended ceremony in Berlin when members of several local groups donated shoes in honor of the late Berlin Shoe Box owner.

Several large bags, containers and other vessels filled with new or gently used shoes were given to local nonprofit group Diakonia during an emotional gathering at the Berlin Welcome Center, last Friday.

Present were members of the (Masonic) Lincoln Lodge #53, American Legion Duncan-Showell Post #231, Sunlight of the Valley #43 Order of the Eastern Star, Abu Lahab Temple #206, King David's Consistory, Shriners of Salisbury, and the Germantown School Heritage Community Center.

Also attending were Worcester County Commissioner President Diana Purnell, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Berlin Council Vice President Elroy Brittingham and Turner's widow, Agnes.

Turner's racer entry in the annual Berlin Bathtub Races was donated to the town about two months ago. Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said it was decided the racer, housed at the welcome center, would be used to collect contributions in Turner's name.

'Jesse's store isn't here anymore and I thought, you know what, we're going to use this for a shoe collection – we're going to turn the welcome center into the new satellite location for the Shoe Box and make it a charitable fundraiser for Diakonia, where anyone could come and bring their shoes that they normally would've brought Mr. Jesse to have fixed," Wells said.

The response has been overwhelming, she said, and included a recent phone call from Victor Smack of Lincoln Lodge #53 asking permission for the public donation ceremony.

Gregory Purnell, speaking on behalf of Lincoln Lodge and Sunlight of the Valley, called Turner "one of the old soldiers" of those organizations.

"We're happy to celebrate his legacy and continue it with our donation," Pur-See MORE Page 6



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Cowger: Bullets flying everywhere

By Josh Davis

several shooters were involved.

(March 8, 2018) A shooting at the Pocomoke American Legion last month was apparently not an isolated

Sgt. Joe Bailey of the Worcester County Sheriff's Department briefs the

Pocomoke City Council on Monday on the February shooting at the

Pocomoke American Legion. Bailey said recovered shell cases show

event, based on discussion during a Pocomoke City Council meeting Monday night.

According to a police report, Pocomoke Police were dispatched at

about 1 a.m. on Feb. 18 and found multiple gunshots had been fired in the American Legion parking lot. One victim, Monique Douglas, "suffered a minor injury to the stomach as a result of a bullet" and was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

No update on her condition was

available as of press time.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said about 250 people attended the event, adding, "It was bullets flying everywhere out there.'

He questioned whether the building should remain open.

'I don't think there's any reason out there worth losing an officer," he said. "What you've got is about five or six officers who are going to go in there and try to calm down 200-250 people at two or three o'clock in the morning ... it's just not worth it to me.

"I don't want to be sitting here saying, 'yeah let's let it go,' and then next Friday night or next Saturday night it happens again and then one of you [police officers] are shot, killed or hurt," Cowger added.

Councilman Dale Trotter said he was one of the responders to the inci-See LEGION Page 10



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Resident Sue Tull, left, and Pocomoke City Councilwoman Esther Troast, center, receive a commendation on Monday for organizing a successful welcome home parade for Mayor Bruce Morrison. See story, page 14.

Water problems starting to clear up

City manager demonstrates how far town has come, what still needs to be done

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) The Pocomoke City Council on Monday endorsed steps toward a small increase in water rates meant to offset the cost of solving a decades old waterquality problem.

City Manager Bobby Cowger proposed a \$1 increase



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Pocomoke City Manager Bobby Cowger on Monday demonstrates vast improvement in water quality with before and after test samples from the Heights neighborhood. Cowger said if the improvements continue the decades-old water problem in Pocomoke could be resolved by the end of the year. per 1,000 gallons. The current rate is \$6 per 1,000 gallons. "When I started, my number-one priority was to try to resolve the water problem," he said.

Cowger placed several plastic bottles before the council, all filled with brown water.

"This is the water that we were testing in the Heights," he said. "We fixed the wells and the filters and got all that done, [and] we spent almost \$300,000 on the plant. We've been replacing some pipes, as you already know, out in the Heights."

He said the brown water was from testing done just before Christmas.

Then, Cowger placed several bottles of clear water he said were samples from the same sources, but taken earlier that morning from Dorchester Street, 14th Street, Princess Anne Lane and Market Street. He took a drink from one of the clear bottles.

"It's quite a difference," he said. "We've been going in the right direction. There's no question we're getting the water problem resolved here, but we've still got quite a ways to go."

Cowger said engineers put together a proposal to replace 10,400 feet of pipes in the entire Heights neighborhood using grants and loans, at a cost of about \$2.9 million.

The first 1,300 feet of that project, all of 14th Street, was recently replaced by the public works department and lines could be charged as soon as this week, Cowger said. He said a proposal to continue that work using public works would cost about \$1.1 million.

"As you can see, we're real close to getting this water problem resolved. If we get the rest of these pipes fixed See CITY Page 8

Morrison recounts terrifying first days, tearful return home

Wife of Pocomoke mayor grateful to local community

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) "It was not a good situation – it was touch and go for a very long time," Laura Morrison said of her experience on Nov. 29, when her husband of 35 years, Pocomoke Mayor Bruce Morrison, was rushed to the hospital in Salisbury with a hematoma that caused a brain bleed.

Morrison said it quickly became apparent her husband would need to be transported elsewhere, as Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury is in the process of rebuilding its neurology department.

Initial efforts to fly to Shock Trauma or Johns Hopkins in Baltimore were called off because of heavy fog. Arrangements were then made to fly to Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware, but flights to the north were also grounded.

Morrison said hospital workers were at first hesitant to travel by ambulance.

"I said, 'no, we're getting nowhere sitting here, so we need to get him on the road and go. At least then we'll know that we've done all that we can do," she said.

Morrison continued to advocate for her husband while at Christiana Hospital.

"When they went into surgery to remove the hematoma, it was a surgery that I don't really know the surgeon wanted to do," she said. "But he did a fantastic job of and he is certainly one of my heroes.

"I really think that there was a reason we were at Christiana, because they have a specific neurotrauma department," she continued. "The doctors there were just amazing. I would've liked if they had been a little more optimistic, but I had enough optimism for all of us, so that was OK. They definitely thought I had been hit on the head, because I kept telling them, 'he's gonna be fine, he's gonna be fine.'

She said nurses in the intensive See POCOMOKE Page 8





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Initial investment could pay off for county taxpayers

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to the existing library, although greatly expanded from the single-story, oneroom building that's about a quarter of the overall size.

"The circulation desk is the first thing they see, just like the old building. The children's [section] is to the left. The rest of the standard racks are to the right," Cascio said. "It lends a familiarity to the patrons."

Included in the children's section are spaces for early learning and early reading, as well as an area with a sink for wet projects, a craft and homework section, and a computer section.

The adult collection has a separate reading area and spaces for computers, periodicals and large print.

An elevator and three staircases – two inside including one made by a local craftsman and a third stairway outside – will lead to the second floor.

The upstairs features a new multipurpose meeting space that can seat about 100 people, as well as a lobby art gallery, local history section, additional computer space and a dedicated area for teens. The meeting space will be available to the public during off hours.

Cascio hopes all the care put into the design carries over to construction other new county-owned buildings. He said the project was unique in Worcester County and perhaps the first of its kind on the entire Eastern Shore.

"The county has never seen anything like this," he said. "Part of what were doing here is to say, maybe we should consider acquiring our other buildings ... that are taxpayer operated in a way that is just a better bang for your buck."

He said the process was also different, because architect Jeff Schoellkopf worked simultaneously with structural and mechanical engineers and the builder, Whiting-Turner Contracting Co of Salisbury.

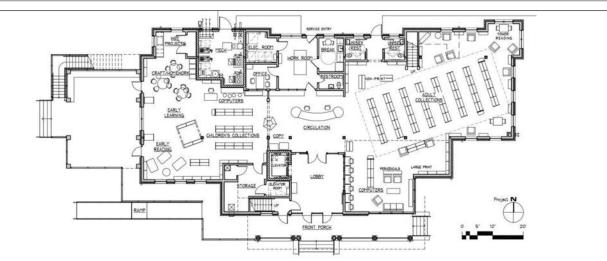
Worcester County Maintenance Superintendent Ken Whited and County Engineer Bill Bradshaw were also brought in, Cascio said.

"[They] have been a vital part of the design team," Cascio said. "The maintenance guy would normally never see this building until they turn the keys over ... We were a team from day one [and] it's a process that, we hope, changes the way we acquire buildings from here on.

"What it does is it extends the design process, but it shortens the construction process and also, hopefully, makes it a better building," Cascio added. "Changing the process is what, I think, we all feel is the biggest difference here and what we hope makes the biggest difference in what it costs to own and operate the building."

The library is scheduled to open in early July.

Construction crews are working on interior finishes and roof work. Painting, installing floors and putting in drywall, mechanical, electrical and plumbing equipment should start soon. Site work and landscaping will follow.



Level One Plan



Level Two Plan

Floor plans for the new Berlin library show an expanded adult and children's collection on the first floor, and meeting spaces, an art gallery and an area for teens on the second floor.



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Illustrious Commandress Michelle A. Briddell, center, and First Lt. Commandress Carrianne Watson-Waples of Abu Lahab Court #189 make a donation on Tuesday in honor of the late Jesse Turner. Also pictured is Berlin administrative assistant Sharon Timmons, left.

More than 100 shoes given to local nonprofit Diakonia

GROUPS continued

nell said. "Jesse and I partnered together a lot of times with different things, so it touches me to be able to make this presentation.

"Not only was [Turner] a leader, but he was a benevolent person – a giving soul," Purnell continued. "Not only did he give of himself, but he gave of his talent to the community. And that will be well remembered."

Purnell recalled speaking to his friend around the same time last year, when Turner revealed his plan to retire.

"He had his day [of retirement] and today, a year later, he's having another day," Purnell said. "We're all here celebrating Jesse's legacy. And not only is he proud ... but I am of the community standing here for Jesse Henry Turner."

Frank Ausby, Illustrious Potentate of Abu Lahab Temple #206, said Turner was an active member for many years.

"When we went for our conventions, he always carried his dune buggy ... and participated in the parades. He was very instrumental in trying to help us get things established. Anything that we needed him to do, he made sure we got things done," Ausby said. "We just wanted to be here to honor in his memory."

Duncan-Showell Post 231 Commander Mitchell Foreman said it was a privilege to be there.

"I learned a lot from Mr. Jesse," he said. "He was a past commander, so we donate these shoes in his name."

Barbara Purnell, representing the Germantown School, also used the word privilege in honoring Turner. She said Turner was a past president and continued to serve on the board until he passed away, last year.

"Jesse was very instrumental when we were starting the school, up until the time of his death, and we truly miss him ... he was certainly an asset to me and our organization, as well as an asset to our community," she said. "And we honor his legacy."

Agnes Turner, standing with several family members, also made a donation and spoke on behalf of her late husband.

"I know he's smiling down, because he believed in these organizations and he was dedicated to these organizations," she said. "And, in remembrance of Jesse, I brought some shoes."

Others also offered kind words about Turner.

Diana Purnell said she was a regular customer at the Berlin Shoe Box.

"I even had to go in and have him do some work on some pocketbooks," she said with a laugh. "Jesse was one of a kind – one of a kind – and we are privileged to have been in his presence and to have known this cobbler, which you don't hear about anywhere, anymore. He was always a blessing to people."

Williams said people are often remembered by "what survives us."

"And what a great example Jesse's set, not only for our community, but for our family of Berlin. He was a giving person," Williams said. "I think most of us realize that the good lord put us here to help others – that's the main reason we're here on this earth – and whether we chose to or not is our own choice. Jesse chose to help people his entire life.

"Obviously, he made a big impact on, not only these organizations, but on the people throughout our community regardless of age [or] background," he continued. "I think he has set an example for all of us to remember and to work towards and to pass onto the folks who are younger."

Michelle D'Ascoli of Diakonia thanked everyone for the donations.

"We thank you for your kindness, we thank you for your generosity, and most of all [for] supporting us by helping us reach our mission ... to take the homelessness out of our towns, our states, and the whole United States," she said.

A separate ceremony was held on Tuesday by members of the Abu Lahab Court #189, a sister organization to the Shriners.

To donate, visit the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Pocomoke City mayor on road to recovery

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Laura Morrison

MORRISON continued

care unit were "second to none ... just amazing." The mayor was at the hospital for five weeks and then spent seven weeks at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital in Pennsylvania.

"He's just made amazing progress," Morrison said. "I think some days he tends to focus on how far he has to go and I keep reminding him, 'don't focus on how far you have to go, think about how far you've come.' It's really nothing short of a miracle."

The couple finally returned home, last Sunday, to a townwide parade with a police and fire escort through the downtown and throngs of well wishers lining the sidewalk and carrying signs of support.

"He was completely overwhelmed," Morrison said. "When we were coming down [Route] 13, he looked to the right and he saw all those fire trucks lined up and he looked to the left at me, and I just welled up and he welled up. He was overcome. He really had no idea at all that any of that was going to happen and he was incredibly emotional about all of it.

"From day one this community has just been phenomenal, as well as the surrounding community," she continued. "The support and the prayers and the outpouring that we have received from everybody in Pocomoke and all of the towns around – it's just been overwhelming and a phenomenal blessing. Being on the receiving end of this is something we're not accustomed to and it's been very humbling."

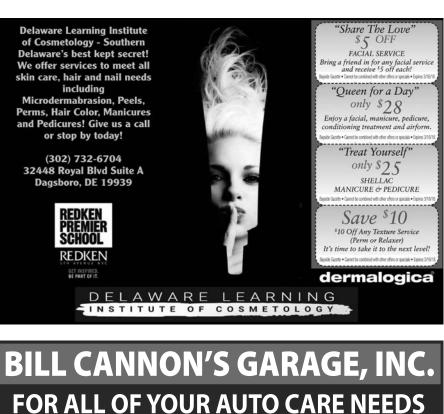
The mayor remains in outpatient care three days a week, focusing on speech, occupa-

tional and physical therapy. "We are continu-

ing the process and the good track that he was on when we left Bryn Mawr. Hopefully, we're going to continue to make some good progress," Morrison said. "The prognosis at the beginning of this

was pretty bleak, but he has done an amazing job and is regaining [movement] in his right side. He's walking – he's using a cane, but he is walking – and [use of] the right arm is coming back.

"Cognitively, comprehensively, he's comprehending and reading and looking at Facebook and keeping up with everything that's going on," she said. "His biggest challenge right now is the verbal. The brain bleed that he experienced was directly over the speech and language [section], so we



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knew that was going to be the biggest challenge.

"It's frustrating, because he has so much to say and he can't get it out. Some days I'm probably blessed that he can't," she added with a laugh.

Morrison said the ordeal has not dulled the sense of humor of a man

who, in 2015, raced Berlin Mayor Gee Williams down Main Street wearing high heels and a tutu in an effort to raise money for a local charity.

"He is a funny guy and he has a great sense of humor, and it is still very much intact," she said. "He's Bruce. The funny

part about it is if you have been married to someone as long as we have been married, the facial expressions have accompanied so many of the things that he's said over the years that, in some respects, he hasn't even had to talk and I've known what he is saying.

"One Friday night in particular I recall at Bryn Mawr we had this three-hour conversation and I'm the only one talking," Morrison continued. "I would say something to him and he would have this facial expression and I'm like, 'I know, right?"

Despite, or perhaps because of everything they have been through, Morrison said the entire family has

knew that was going to be the biggest bonded and become closer than ever.

"Even when things were not good, we found reasons to smile and there have been so many silver linings, even in the dark times," she said. "That is in no small part thanks to the friends and the family and the support that we've received from everybody. It really has been amazing."

The support includes a GoFundMe page, created by Hardwire LLC, which has raised more than \$37,000 to help pay for the family's medical bills.

The mayor worked at Hardwire for about a decade. The company itself has given \$20,000 and several of his coworkers personally donated thousands more.

"That was something that his Hardwire family started and they have just been phenomenal. So many of them made the trip to Christiana and the CEO of Hardwire and his whole family came up on Christmas Eve," Morrison said. "Hardwire has been really amazing."

The fundraising campaign remains active. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com/healmayormorrison.

"To put the most positive spin on all of this – what a wakeup call this has been," Morrison said. "Your life can change in the blink of an eye – you go to bed and three hours later this has happened. It's just completely unexpected and I think it's a good wakeup call for all of us to realize that we need to get our house in order."

City to hold public hearing on \$1 water rate increase

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and that IOREX [pilot program] that's working, by the end of this year we could have the water problem that's been going on for 40 years in Pocomoke resolved 100 percent – no doubt in my mind," Cowger said.

He asked for the council to support a resolution to increase water rates temporarily, until the project is paid off, and then revert back to the old rate.

"One dollar per 1,000 [gallons] ... would generate about \$85,000 a year," Cowger said. "We would have that paid off in 10 years.

"Unfortunately, the condition that the city's been left here over the years, we have to do something," he added. "I would hate to not keep going with this, because this water problem could be resolved by the end of this year."

Cowger added replacing pipes was "not rocket science."

"We're having no problem, no is-

sues doing this in-house and we can save the city well over \$500,000 to \$1 million," he said.

Councilman George Tasker said his water was "probably 99 percent better than it was" already.

"I think there's a great improvement," he said, adding he watched public works crews install several lines and was impressed by what he saw. "These guys have done an awesome job ... the more they do it, the faster they're getting."

The council voted unanimously to support the increase. Cowger said the resolution would require a period of advertising, followed by a public hearing, before it could be formally adopted.

"I don't really think anybody ... would complain about a \$2 or \$3 a month increase in their water bill, temporarily, until their water is resolved," he said. "At the longest, it would be 10 years, because that's what it would take to pay the note off." Ted Moroney says he will come to decision in April

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) One candidate has filed for election to a seat on the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, but it was apparently not one of the incumbents.

Executive Assistant Michelle Bennett confirmed last week one application for this year's board election was received. Seats currently occupied by Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs and directors Tom Herrick and Ted Moroney will be on the ballot.

Jacobs and Herrick were elected to first terms three years ago. Moroney was appointed last year after former

director and interim general manager Brett Hill resigned.

Jacobs also said

"I have decided not

she would not seek

to run and instead

have filed as a candi-

date for the county

position of Judge of the Orphan's Court. I

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thing new," she said

in an emailed state-



dicated on several occasions he would not run again.

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Chervl Jacobs



Tom Herrick



ment. Moroney said he would make a decision on whether to run in April.

Ted Moroney

The deadline to submit an application for candidacy is May

10. Candidates must be homeowners with all dues to date. Validated candidates will be an-

nounced on June 1.

Per Ocean Pines bylaws, if the number of candidates is less than two more than the number of vacant seats, "the board of directors shall attempt to solicit sufficient candidates to bring the total number" up. This year, that number would be five.

The deadline for additional candidate filings, if needed, is June 16.

Ballots will be mailed on July 10 and must be returned by Aug. 8.

Votes will be counted and results will be announced on Aug. 10. Results will be validated during the annual meeting on Aug. 11.

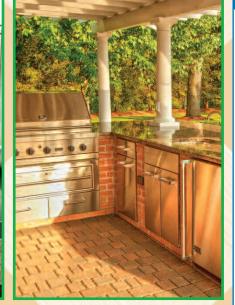
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Legion liquor license to be reviewed

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"I can tell you, from the areas that they were shooting ... people out in Pocomoke Heights, I'm surprised they don't have bullet holes – and they may – in some of their homes," he said.

Sgt. Joe Bailey of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office said he could not reveal many details of the investigation, but offered, "There were actually three different calibers recovered."

"What I'm saying is, it was an actual shootout – they were shooting back and forth," he said. "It was more just than one person."

Bailey said during the last five years, two shootings and between five and seven assaults occurred at the legion.

He said the incidents generally in-

volved "biker gangs out of Virginia and the deejays out of Virginia."

"There's not any activity out of Pocomoke or out of Worcester County – it's all out of (Virginia's) Accomack County," he said.

Bailey said police used to be notified of events at the Legion, but no longer were.

"You can go a month, two months without having any functions at all, but when you do have a function it seems like you have the entire Accomack County come to the American Legion all at once. We're talking large, large [gatherings]," he said.

He drafted a letter to county Liquor License Administrator April Payne asking about "having the license looked at or revoked" and said Payne asked for a letter of support from the Pocomoke City Council.

Councilman George Tasker said he

was not in favor of revoking the liquor license entirely.

"There's a lot of us have parties – the police department's had parties out there for years," he said. "There's a lot of community people who use that building."

Councilwoman Esther Troast said she received many resident complaints during events at the legion.

"[They're] very concerned that this is going on in their front and backyard – they're scared," she said. "I've had numerous phone calls from the neighborhood."

Troast also did not want the license to be permanently revoked, but said, "I'm definitely in agreement with the letter."

The council unanimously approved an amended letter to consider "having the license looked at or revoked as they see fit."



Snow Hill Council considers grant for senior center

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) Heading into budget season, Town of Snow Hill officials are eager to help the community's nonprofit organizations, but also are aware of the limited funds they have to distribute.

During a work session last Tuesday, Mayor Charlie Dorman said the Snow Hill Senior Center requested a grant from the town.

"Last year we told them it was too late and we asked them to come back in January before we did our budget. They're asking for \$2,500," Dorman said.

Also at play, is some tension between the town and county. The center is overseen by the Worcester County Commission on Aging and largely funded by the county, receiving more than \$1.1 million during fiscal 2018.

"My personal opinion – it's kind of tough because this is [the] Worcester County Commission on Aging and every time we look at it, Worcester County buys a piece of property from us and we lose [tax base]," Dorman said. "I don't know how we can afford to give them anything other than \$100."

Councilwoman Alison Cook said representatives from the center, during a presentation last year, discussed a variety of services provided to Snow Hill residents.

"I think it's definitely a worthwhile cause," she said. "I don't know if we can do \$2,500, but I'd like to look into."

Councilwoman Jenny Hall said she would like to provide at least \$1,000 to the center.

"Berlin gave them \$1,000, I think, and Ocean City gave them \$1,500," she said. "The other towns have done it and I would like to see it done [in Snow Hill]."

"If we can do more than \$500, I think that would be good," Councilwoman La-Toya Purnell added.

Dorman said the town would have to "see what we have when we get down to the nitty gritty" of the budget.

Town Manager Kelly Pruitt added a word of caution.

"I think it's great to be able to help people, but keep in mind it opens the door," she said.



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Please Drink Responsibly

Cook files again for Snow Hill Eastern

Incumbent will seek third term; prioritizes revitalizing downtown and Sturgis Park

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) Eastern District Snow Hill Councilwoman Alison Cook, 40, has filed for reelection, citing downtown revitalization as a key priority of her campaign.



A New Jersey native, Cook moved to Snow Hill in March 2008. She is co-manager of the tax controversy department of the firm at E. Martin Davidoff & Associates based Dayton, New

Jersey, a company that represents clients with tax issues.

Cook has served a pair of twoyear terms on the council. She first ran four years ago to combat a land-development proposal near her home.

"They wanted to change the designation of that property to make it a bit more commercial and they wanted to put in a Dollar Store," she said. "My

neighbors and myself got to talking about the pros and cons ... and I started to speak up at the town meetings and work sessions.

After that issue was taken care of, which it ended up with nothing being developed back

there, a couple of neighbors came to me and said they thought I should run for council – which I thought was cute and sweet, but a little crazy," Cook added.

As more people came forward to

offer support, Cook said it felt like "the universe was leading [her] towards" a run for office.

"I work from home and I have two children I'm raising and thought, 'this is a turn I didn't see coming,' but sure," she said.

Cook said the experience has been eye opening, with some positives and some negatives "that come with being in the know."

"It's been really rewarding," she said. "I really enjoy working with Town Hall and working with the mayor and my fellow councilwomen, and I like being part of the change the movement of making Snow Hill not only a destination, but truly a place where you want to live and raise your family and retire to.

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repairs that are [happening]," Cook

said. "We're still looking at ways to fill

others and fix others, and we'd love to

see a really great restaurant add

sible development ideas – any way to

try to increase our population, be-

cause it definitely has declined over

the last 10 years or so," she continued.

"We're constantly working on pos-

'It's come a long way and there were a lot of old, empty storefronts

revitalize the downtown.

something to our town.

"And not only because we have a

phenomenal school system, but be-'We're constantly working on cause of everything possible development ideas that we've got going any way to try to increase on and can offer,' Cook added. "I've our population. really been proud Eastern District Snow Hill to be a part of the

Councilwoman Alison Cook

"There's a lot of stuff that goes when we go to closed session that I can't really talk about, but we have a lot of stokes in the fire. I'm excited about all of that.3 Cook said revitalizing Sturgis Park is also a priority.

"I'd love to see a splash pad or something like that, where families can bring their kids in the summertime and kids can get cooled off," she said. "And how cool would it be if there was a carousel down there? Bringing people to that park would help draw to the downtown. That's something that I'm focused on and working with Town Hall on right now.

"And the railroad – we're still trying to work with the railroad," Cook added. "That's now gotten some new life and there's someone new that's interested. The Berlin mayor and our mayor are working together to get that figured out. I'm excited about that.

"I really just want to encourage people to come to Snow Hill and experience life on the river," Cook said.

As of this week, no other candidates have filed for office. The deadline to do so is March 30 and the election is scheduled for May 1.

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Emotional support group meeting in Pines

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Berlin resident

Colby Phillips

Next session scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, at OPA Community Center on Pkwy

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) A personal tragedy last year led Berlin resident Colby Phillips to launch the Renee Gavas Emotional Support Group.

Phillips said a friend called looking for such a group last summer, a place where she could "discuss her depression with other people who might be able to offer advice on how to cope or discuss similar experiences."a

"She couldn't find one [and] unfortunately she took her life in October," Phillips said. "When I heard about it I just had a strong desire to start an emotional support group in her name."

Phillips said her own struggles also inspired the group.

"I think most people would tell you I am a pretty positive, happy person, but I had postpartum depression, seasonal sadness, times where I felt I couldn't get myself moving," she said. "I'm not ashamed of that. It's given me strength and now, hopefully, the opportunity to help someone else, even if it's only one person."

She contacted several local people to help found the group, including Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction cofounder Heidi Mc-Neely, and Tom McGrath and Mike Phillips.

The support group, which first met in November, gathers once a month at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Phillips said meetings have no agenda, but are simply a gathering of people wanting to offer help and start a conversation. Those in attendance are asked to respect the privacy of others.

The word 'mental' often scares people," she said. "There is this stigma that it means people are crazy, when in reality there are over 200 types of mental illness: depression, anxiety,

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bipolar, ADHD, OCD, PTSD, demen- ing a nonjudgmental room of compastia, schizophrenia, and the list goes on. And I am sure

everyone reading this either feels one of these emotions or knows someone who does.

"Many times it can be a small occurrence that triggers an emotional feeling we have kept

deep down inside. Maybe something from our childhood. Maybe an event that hurt us. Maybe an event we saw or dealt with. My point is mental health issues are so much more common than we know and education on this topic is so important," Phillips added.

"No one should ever feel ashamed or embarrassed with having any of these feelings. We shouldn't label people – people are so much more than just 'depressed.' And we shouldn't be scared off by hearing the word 'mental," Phillips said. "As a society, we just haven't been educated enough on the levels of mental illness and the many forms of it. I just feel it's important to let people know it's okay to talk about it, especially living in an area that struggles with a lot of seasonal depression.

Feedback on the meetings has been positive, but Phillips said attendance so far has been somewhat tepid.

"I think people feel embarrassed, especially when you live in a small town. They think if they come they may be labeled," she said. "The hardest step is the first one when dealing with any type of situation to confront our struggles, no matter what they are. But I want people to know they are enter-

sion and people who not only may be seeking help, but are there to offer it. 'I'm not a medical expert by

"I think in our society today we lack a genuine kindness and I truly think it starts there," Phillips continued. "I'm not a medical expert by any means, but I've lived life. I really

want to bring more education on mental health issues. I would love to see more discussions in our schools with our children.

"Many of our kids communicate

through electronics and don't know how to deal with live conversations let alone their emotions," she said. "I would like to see more funding for our overwhelmed counselors, who people have to wait months to see. But mostly I want this group to make a positive difference in someone's life. I hope if someone gets the phone call one day asking them if they know of a support group, they will be able to give them the answer that I was unable to."

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway. For more information, contact Phillips at cphillips7427@icloud.com.



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Berlin resident Colby Phillips is spearheading a new emotional support group, offering attendees a place to anonymously talk about mental health problems. The group meets monthly in the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.



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City seeking grant funding to rehabilitate old armory

By Josh Davis Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) While Pocomoke City Planning Director Dan Brandewie said on Monday he was pursuing grants to rehabilitate the old armory building, some residents are apparently already putting in work to make the gym usable for children's programs.

Conditions inside the building, however, are not favorable and several City Council members expressed concerns.

"I hope we can begin a dialog on how to proceed with the armory and its potential new use," Brandewie said. "The armory has sat vacant for several years now. It's going to be costly, I think, to fix that up.'

He said the buildings needs a structural analysis, roof repairs and new windows, and potentially has lead, asbestos and mold inside.

'Letting it sit there, in my opinion, is not an option for the community,' he said. "Hopefully, we can find some matching [grant] resources to go after."

Councilwoman Diane Downing said a 2012 survey letter suggested renovations would cost \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

Downing added she received calls this week that "somebody has already been in there, cleaning up."

"I'm talking about people in the neighborhood – citizens," she said. "Nobody should be in there, pulling up tiles or cleaning up, or any of that stuff. People have come to me and called me – a lot. It's the most calls I've gotten in a while."

City Manager Bobby Cowger said a local Save the Youth group approached the town about using the gym for basketball games.

"They contacted us about using that, just to go in there and play basketball on some nights and some weekends, to get the kids off the streets and have someplace to use," he said.

"They were willing to go in there and all they did was clean the gymnasium up," Cowger continued. "There was about six or seven or eight of those guys and some kids that went in there, and they swept the floor and picked up the trash just so they could be able to use the gymnasium. They haven't used the gymnasium yet."

He said the city had not yet given clearance to use the gym, adding, "I don't think there's any question we need to get somebody to do an air test ... we certainly don't want any liability, not only that we don't want any kids or anybody getting sick.²

Downing agreed children in Pocomoke needed a place to go.

"I think the children need something so they can get off the street, but I just don't want anybody to go in there and be sick - or die," she said. "And it's a liability on the city."

Councilwoman Esther Troast asked to postpone public use of the building until it is deemed safe.

Brandewie asked members of the council and the community to send letters of support for rehabilitating the building to the town and his office, and to the county commissioners and state representatives. He said community encouragement was vital to receiving grant money.

"Letters of support are very much needed to bring this facility back to life, so we're encouraging everyone, if they could, to write letters of support," he said.

Pocomoke parade planners surprised with certificates

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) Pocomoke City Councilman Dale Trotter on Monday presented certificates of appreciation to Councilwoman Esther Troast and resident Sue Tull for having helped plan a recent surprise homecoming parade for Mayor Bruce Morrison.

'Last Sunday, our mayor was able to return home, and what he returned home to was probably the largest and greatest welcoming that I've ever seen in any community. That includes that time I spent here in Pocomoke and Worcester County [and] my time in the army throughout the country and throughout many different countries," he said. "It was very heartfelt.

"I know, from speaking with Laura Morrison and the mayor [that] when they arrived in town it was very, very emotional for them," Trotter continued. "The community just came together and it was absolutely wonderful.

Troast, clearly surprised by the gesture, said "I can tell you all I didn't do it for recognition."

"We did it out of love," she said. At the conclusion of the meeting, a resident complained the parade was not announced in local churches.

Troast apologized and said the parade was almost exclusively promoted through Facebook.

'We did the best we could with the resources [they had], because Sue and I are definitely not parade planners," she said. "For that, I do apologize. It was the first time I've ever done anything like this.

"I hope I never have to do it again, but if I should happen to rise to that occasion I will make sure that the churches are notified. I'm very, very apologetic about that."

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Visiting Pocomoke Council Bill McDermott announces 'exceptional' court outcome

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) Interim State's Attorney Bill McDermott took the occasion of his visit to the Pocomoke City Council Monday night to publicly announce a significant prosecutorial outcome.

"Laquan Townsend, who was arrested some time ago ... had a lot to do with a lot of the burglaries that were going on down here," McDermott said. "Townsend pled guilty today with possession with intent to distribute marijuana [and] possession with intent to distribute cocaine. He was also found guilty of being a felon in possession of numerous different weapons, having stolen those weapons during some of the burglaries" in Pocomoke.

McDermott said Townsend was sentenced to 15 years in jail "to spend all but 10 in the department of corrections, so he'll be in prison."

He said five years of the sentence fell under mandatory minimum sentence laws and a violation of probation count was in addition to the other charges.

"That was something directly attributable, I think, to the great partnership between the council, certainly the combined bureau of investigation, mayor's office and the office of the state's attorney," McDermott said. "That literally just happened today and I was really excited about the timing of it, to come down here and tell you guys about it, because that was an exceptionally good result."

McDermott, who is running to fill

state's attorney position that was vacated when Beau Oglesby was named a circuit court judge, said he was going "all around Worcester County to all the town governments and city governments [to] just introduce ourselves."

He briefly discussed how the office, based in Snow Hill, works and said there is an "open door policy." McDermott encouraged visits.

"We love visitors. If you ever have an opportunity, if you're ever in Snow Hill and you want to stop by to the office, we'd love to show you around," he said.

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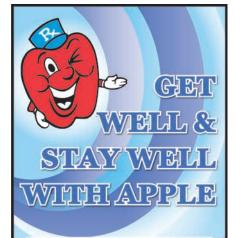
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Safety concerns at county schools

Worcester scrambles to plug security holes after Florida shooting incident

By Brian Gilliland Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) With all eyes focused on school safety after the latest in an ongoing series of gun-related massacres at schools across the country, plus the efficacy with which social media can recycle old information and present it as new, county law enforcement and school officials maintain local schools are safe.

Worcester County funds 14 parttime school resource deputies, which works out to one per school, to maintain school safety standards, Kim Moses, county public information officer, said.

However, there is no official word on how, exactly, those officers are used.

"In reference to personnel deployment, it is never a good idea to advertise how and when law enforcement is deployed. The sheriff is constantly trying to increase the manpower of the office to meet the ever-growing needs and demands that arise," Lt. Ed Schreier, Sheriff's Office spokesman, said.

Since the Parkland, Florida shooting that left 17 children dead and 14 seeking medical attention on Feb. 14, county schools and law enforcement have responded to two incidents involving threats.

According to Carrie Sterrs, board of education spokeswoman, Pocomoke High School's main office received a phone call indicating a threat on Feb. 20. The matter was investigated while students and staff were secured. The investigation between law enforcement, the county's fire marshal's office and school administration determined that the threat was not credible.

Last Saturday, according to Sterrs, the schools became aware that a concerning social media post regarding Stephen Decatur Middle School had begun recirculating. This post was originally from an investigation that took place back in January, during which no students were in any danger, she said.

"We cannot comment further on the investigation, as disciplinary matters are protected by student privacy laws," Sterrs said.

The situation got so tense, the state's attorney's office in partnership with the sheriff's office, state police, each municipal police department and the affiliated agencies released a rare joint press statement on Feb. 24.

The unfathomable tragedies of Parkland, Florida and other similar instances around the country have demonstrated the absolute necessity for responsive, informed and efficient law enforcement agencies," the statement said. "We will also continue to meet our obligations of keeping the public informed through traditional, verified and vetted means of communication. To that end, unless information regarding public safetv originates with one of the aforementioned allied law enforcement agencies, we would ask you to treat it skeptically and with great caution.'

School Superintendent Lou Taylor also issued a statement on the situation.

"First and foremost, Worcester County Public Schools takes the safety of our students and staff very seriously. We work hard to ensure our schools are secure learning environments that enable to students to focus on what matters most – their education," he said.

"Our school system community continues to evaluate and enhance the security of our schools in partnership with our local law enforcement and emergency services agencies. While we understand the heightened level of anxiety around school safety during this time, we can confidently state that our schools are safe for student and staff attendance."

Taylor said he had every confi-

dence that the schools were safe "to the best of our ability" because of the commitment of law enforcement, parents, students and the schools themselves.

"As we have witnessed the tragic events in Florida and other areas, we know our community reflects on the possibility of something horrendous occurring here. This generates a fear. Fear can be very debilitating. Our mission is to combat crime, and eliminate the fear of crime," Schreier said on behalf of Sheriff Reggie Mason. "We are committed to alleviate the fear some parents and students may have by ensuring we are here to serve our community."

On Tuesday, March 13, there will be a safety conference for school officials at Worcester Technical High School in Newark with national speakers, including law enforcement officials, educators and both survivors and parents affected by school shootings. After those comments, a panel discussion is scheduled to take place. It is not open to the public.

Worcester County is also planning a school safety meeting, but details are few at this time. Commissioner President Diana Purnell called for the meeting last week, but the schedule and format is unknown at this time.

Correction

In previous issues of the Bayside *Gazette*, it was incorrectly stated that Virgil Shockley defeated Ted Elder three times for a County Commissioner seat. Shockley won twice previously.

In the March 1 issue a photo of the Snow Hill Oyster Roast was incorrectly captioned as Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman and Tommy Mason. It should have been captioned as Dorman and Benjamin Ayers.

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OP Chamber to host business expo

Eighth annual event held at Ocean Downs Casino, March 15 from 4-7 p.m.

(March 8, 2018) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold the eighth annual Chamber Business Expo on Thursday, March 15 from 4-7 p.m. at the new event space at Ocean Downs Casino.

Ocean Downs is the title and event sponsor of the expo.

All Worcester County businesspeople (employers and employees) are invited to attend and display.

Last year more than 35 exhibitors displayed goods and services with creative and interactive exhibits in a wide range of interests, including business products, home improvements, social media, health care, education, finance, insurance, travel, beauty, massage, and promotional products.

There will also be door prizes donated from local businesses and a 50/50 raffle.

This expo is a networking opportunity where businessmen and women can mingle with fellow business owners, learn about new businesses in town, and talk to hundreds of potential customers.

This event is open to the public. All area businesspeople, local chamber members and professionals are encouraged to attend.

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It's always good to see local government acknowledge a bad situation and then immediately get into the business of fixing it.

That's exactly what has happened in Pocomoke City, where a decades-old water problem is being resolved comparatively quickly under the direction of a new administration.

Pocomoke's water woes were recognized years ago, about 40 years ago, in fact, but when the mayor and council last August brought on as city administrator former Worcester County commissioner and county department head Bobby Cowger, he declared that clearing up the city's drinking water was a priority.

He and the mayor and council meant "clearing up" literally, as the water was potable, even if it did look like cloudy tea pouring from the tap.

As of this week, following work on wells, pipe replacements and water plant improvements, the situation is markedly improved, with Councilman George Tasker reporting that his water is already 99 percent better than it was.

That's noteworthy, considering that just a few months of work has made such a difference in a circumstance that has existed for so long.

As Cowger told the council, however, this is just the beginning of an expensive overhaul. To that end, he proposed and the council approved a small increase in the water rate to help cover the cost.

Most everyone would have to agree that it is a small price to pay for clear water that won't stain clothes in the washer or dishes in the sink.

More importantly, though, residents also should recognize that this group of people in City Hall not only recognize the existence of problems, but also are prepared to do something about them.

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School scholarships now available

(March 8, 2018) More than \$500,000 in scholarships are available for area students through the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The Foundation, which holds more than 130 scholarships funds, has recently opened applications on its website, with many of the scholarships having an April 1 deadline.

In the 2017 fiscal year, the Community Foundation awarded scholarships to 320 students totaling \$510,000. The Foundation has steadily increased scholarships each year, growing awards by \$210,000 in just the past four years.

"With the rising cost of education, scholarship funds are more important than ever to area students," said Donor Relations Officer Heather Trader. "We believe education is the key to a brighter future for students on the Lower Eastern Shore."

Trader said the foundation offers a wide variety of scholarships, each with their own unique criteria.

"Scholarship funds at CFES are a valuable resource for people who want to help local students," she said. "They are created by individuals, families, or businesses that are passionate about encouraging an area of study, memorializing a loved one, or simply extending a helping hand, so there is a little something for everyone."

Some scholarships are based on the student's perspective area of study, like The Richard and Patricia Hazel Minority Scholarship which is for students who are interested in pursuing a career in education, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), or nursing. However, not every scholarship is for graduating seniors or four-year college students.

"For instance, the Naleppa Family Healthcare Scholarship focuses on students who have already been accepted into a healthcare education program, such as a two-year nursing program, whereas the Beattie Healthcare Careers Scholarship is for students who have already begun their undergraduate study in a healthcare field," Trader said.

The Foundation also sees many organizations and businesses creating scholarships. One of the Foundation's newest funds includes the Ocean City Parrot Head – Linda and Don Risso Scholarship, which was established with a gift of \$42,868 from the Ocean City Parrot Heads, and benefits students graduating from a Worcester County public high school.

In 2017, The Allen Harim Legacy Scholarship was created by the company for children of employees and contract growers wanting to attend college or trade schools.

"It is exciting to watch area students turn their dreams into a reality with the assistance of our scholarships," Trader said. "There is no question that the Lower Eastern Shore is made a better place by community members who are investing in our future leaders."

For a full list of scholarships, criteria, and applications, visit CFES.org/scholarships.

As leaders, grant makers and stewards of philanthropy, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore connects people who care to causes that matter for the common good of the Lower Eastern Shore.

The Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit with an inspiring history of fostering charitable endeavors, and has provided more than \$67 million in grants and scholarships to the local community since 1984.

It collaborates with individuals, families and businesses to match their charitable interests with community needs and strengthen local nonprofits through grants and resources. The Foundation is devoted to improving the regional community and believes in the power of philanthropy.

For information, contact Victoria Kent, marketing officer at 410-742-9911, vkent@CFES.org. **Bayside Gazette**

Pocomoke Chamber on rebound

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Pocomoke Chamber of

Commerce President

Michelle Redinger

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(March 8, 2018) The Pocomoke Chamber of Commerce suffered some setbacks last year, but Chamber President Michelle Redinger said the organization is working to bounce back.

Old phone numbers for the chamber have been disconnected and emails as re-

cently as last week were returned with the message, "The Pocomoke Chamber is currently in the process of making organizational changes. There may be a delay in communications from this office. Please bear with us during the transition."

"We are actually taking a step back and regrouping as a chamber," Redinger said. "Events like the Cypress Festival and Pocomoketoberfest were canceled this past year. They just weren't bringing in the money and we were putting out way more money than we were bringing in."

Instead, Redinger said the chamber would go for a bare bones approach, scaling back and using offices at City Hall temporarily.

City Manager Bobby Cowger confirmed a small office space was provided to the chamber. He said the no funding is being provided currently.

"We're hoping that eventually we're going to get our membership up and get money in our account," Redinger said. "Pretty much at the end of 2017 we were running dry and the city has very graciously reached out to us, so we've been using them as a home base. That's where all our things are now ... so we've cut out some overhead costs as far as rent.

"Maybe over the next year or two we can regroup and see what kinds of events work for this area and what people want ... before we keep putting money out unsuccessfully," she continued. "We still want to do either monthly or bimonthly business after hours and networking luncheons, so we're trying to coor-

dinate with some other chambers in the area to get some of their people here or our people there just to network a little bit."

Another issue, Redinger said, is the lack of an executive director.

"All of the board members, including myself, have full-time jobs, so we have a lot going on and we weren't able to keep up with the chamber stuff," she said. "But we have just hired on a new executive director and she just started last week."

Redinger said the new hire, Betsy Brittingham of Mirror Salon in Snow Hill is in the process of sorting out issues with phones and email. Brittingham will apparently home and use City Hall offices for

work out of her home and use City Hall offices for meetings.

The chamber is also working on ideas to court new members, potentially including welcome packets with pamphlets from other area businesses, Redinger said.

"We would like to be able to reach out and say, 'hey, we're the chamber. Thanks for coming to Pocomoke. We'd love to work with you. If you have any questions or need any other businesses to help you out with anything, just let us know," she said.

Batie opens new law office inside Rt. 611 Decatur Business Ctr.

(March 8, 2018) Marianna Batie, an Eastern Shore native with 15 years experience practicing law, has opened an office in West Ocean City.



The firm will represent clients in a range of legal matters, including but not limited to: Wills and Trusts, estate administration, business formations, sales and purchases of businesses, Medicaid applications, formation of nonprofit organizations and representing

taxpayers who are in conflict with the IRS (representation can be for a flat fee or on an hourly basis).

After graduating law school with honors and passing the bar exam, Batie was initially trained in Atlanta, Georgia, by former IRS lawyers at the law firm of Chamberlain Hrdlicka. She then worked for DLA Piper serving clients domestically and internationally.

In 2012, she moved home to the Eastern Shore, and joined the Salisbury law firm Hearne & Bailey, P.A. where she ran the firm's estate planning, trust and estate administration practices and conducted many real estate settlements. She also developed the firm's elder law and Medicaid practices.

Batie's office is located in the Decatur Business Center on Route 611, 9748 Stephen Decatur Highway, Unit 112. For more information, call 443-856-4676, email marianna@batielaw.com or visit www.batielaw.com.



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THESPIAN SOCIETY

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Ten Worcester Prep students were inducted into the school chapter of the International Thespian Society. The ceremony was held in front of family and friends in the WPS Guerrieri Library on Feb. 28. The International Thespian Society is the Educational Theatre Association's student honorary organization to recognize high school student achievement in theatre. Pictured, in front, from left, are WPS Middle/Upper School Music Director Christopher Buzby, Grace Schwartz, Kaitlyn Hamer, Sandra Karsli, Molly McCormick, Maria Deckmann) and Upper School Dance/Drama Director Paulette DeRosa-Matrona, and in back, Dominic Anthony, Jaye Eniola, Jay Poduval, Caleb Foxwell and Anthony Reilly.



PREP STUDENTS DECLARE

Six of the 51 Worcester Prep students graduating this year have already committed to the college of their choice. Pictured in front of the Worcester College Counseling center, from left, are Ankita Mohan (College of William & Mary), Deborah Marini (Brown University), Reese Gittelman (Smith College, Division III lacrosse), Sophie Bandorick (East Carolina University, Division I lacrosse), Worcester Assistant Headmaster and Director of College Counseling, Tony D'Antonio, Grace Nichols (College of Charleston) and Tucker Brown (Furman University, Division I lacrosse).



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

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Ocean City Elks Lodge representatives visited Worcester Prep Feb. 15 to present four Lower School students with certificates for winning the 2018 Elks Americanism Essay Contest. This year's essay theme was "Why Our Veterans are America's Heroes." Pictured are Head of Lower School Laura Holmes, Elks representative Susan Caldwell, fifth graders Lydia Schwartz, Jennifer Kimbrew, Rania Khan and Ryan Mann and Elks representative Pam Jones.

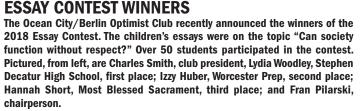


CHESS WINNERS

Members of the Worcester Prep Lower and Middle School Chess Club, run by Head of Lower School, Laura Holmes, traveled to Salisbury on Feb. 23 for the Wicomico County Recreation, Parks & Tourism annual Youth Chess Tournament. Of the five students who placed, fifth grader Ansh Batra took first in his division. Pictured, from left, are Holmes; Division Two (ages 8 and 9) participants, Batra, Preston Adkins (fifth place) and Aleksey Klimins (sixth); and Division Three (ages 10 and 11) competitors, Edward Martikyan (first) and James Haley (third).



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100-DAY BREAKFAST

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Chris Mancini, WPS '03, Washington College Cum Laude '07, University of Baltimore School of Law '11, was the featured speaker during the Class of 2018 100-Day Breakfast celebration hosted by the Worcester Preparatory School Alumni Association on Feb. 16. The 100-Day gathering marks the senior class countdown to their last day of school. The Class of 2018 gathers with alumni who helped celebrate the 100-Day Breakfast.

Registration open for OPA 50th anniversary parade

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Anniversary Committee

Chairwoman

Jennifer Cropper-Rines

(March 8, 2018) The Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Parade will step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 2 along Ocean Parkway, with a Community Family Day celebration immediately following the parade at Veterans Memorial Park.

"Most of us know how much fun we had with previous anniversary parades," parade Chairwoman Carol Ludwig said. "This one should top them all."

The Anniversary Committee is now accepting registration for parade participants. The committee invites marching bands, local businesses, organizations, clubs,

groups and families to register. "I am so proud of

our three Worcester County high schools. Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Stephen Decatur are forming a combined marching band to strut down Ocean Parkway on our very special day," Ludwig said.

The cost is \$25 per group entry.

The registration form is available online at www.oceanpines.org and at the Ocean Pines Administration Building, at 239 Ocean Parkway.

The parade, sponsored by Mediacom, The Power of 2 Team and Avery Hall Insurance, is free to onlookers and open to the public. There is no entry fee for eligible sponsors, but registration is required.

The Ocean Pines Police Department and Neighborhood Watch volunteers will direct traffic on the day of the event. Ocean Parkway will be closed northbound from Mumford's Landing Road to St. Martin's Lane from 9 a.m. until the parade ends. Parking will be prohibited along northbound lanes of Ocean Parkway. The judges' viewing area will be along Ocean Parkway at White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway. Three judges' choice awards will be presented.

"We hope the entire community will save the date and come out to participate in the parade and the activities that will be available at the Community Family Day to follow," Anniversary Committee Chairwoman Jennifer Cropper-Rines said. "It will be a great chance to get outside, meet your neighbors and have some fun."

Ocean Pines will host a variety of

anniversary events throughout the year, including a license plate r a f f l e / a u c t i o n fundraiser on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. in the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, with the assistance of the Ocean Pines Association, will roll out

an official Ocean Pines, Maryland license plate. Only 50 license plates will be available at the March 24 fundraiser. The first 10 will go to the highest bidders and the others will be raffled off.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each and available for purchase at the Ocean Pines Administration Building. Raffle winners do not have to be present at the March 24 fundraiser to redeem their license plate.

For more information on anniversary events or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.



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5909 Coastal Highway Ocean City 410-524-2305 www.thebigeasyon60.com March 10: TD MacDonald, 4-7 p.m. March 11: The Traveling Creatures, 4-7 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium Ocean City 443-664-2896 www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com March 9: Dave Sherman, 7-11 p.m. March 10: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 7-11 p.m. March 11: Bob Hughes, 5-8 p.m. March 14: Open Mic, 8 p.m. March 15: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

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

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12841 S. Harbor Road

West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com March 9: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. March 10: Side Project/ Chris Button, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. March 11: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. March 15: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m.

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PURPLE MOOSE SALOON

108 S. Atlantic Ave. Ocean City 410-289-6953 www.purplemoosesaloon.com March 10: CK the VJ/DJ, 9 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com March 9: Evolutin X, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. March 10: Whiskeyhickon Boys, 5-9 p.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. March 15: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

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66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com March 9: Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 4-8 p.m. March 10: The Breakers, 4-8 p.m. March 11: Fundraiser w/Aaron Howell, 2-6 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 410-208-3922 www.whiskersbar.com March 9: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



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Since Pillowcase Ministry was founded in 2011, over 3,700 dresses, 1,500 shorts and 2,700 market bags have been made for children and ladies of impoverished nations. Volunteers display their handmade contributions at the Clarion hotel on 101st Street.

Pillowcase Ministry doing sew well

(March 8, 2018) Since its founding in 2011, the Pillowcase Ministry Mission continues to thrive on the Eastern Shore.

Recently, volunteers met to organize materials for kitchen kits. One hundred kitchen kits were assembled, including pot holders, soap, dishcloths, towels, scrubbers and sponges. Young girls from the villages of Panama and Haiti will benefit from these kits.

The Pillowcase Ministry has grown from the initial sundresses made from pillowcases to shorts, market bags, backpacks, shower and feminine kits, and sleep mats. Materials needed for the items are also included in the kits. Over 3,700 dresses, 1,500 shorts and 2,700 market bags have graced the children and ladies of impoverished nations. Anyone interested in making items or donating to this project should call 443-944-5868.

The next meeting and work session will be on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at Berlin Library.

Berlin, Bishopville and OC residents each earn degrees

Locals benefit from online college based in Colorado

(March 8, 2018) Three local students recently received their degree from Western Governors University.

The university held its 64th commencement ceremony at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida, on Feb. 10 to celebrate the graduation of about 15,000 students from across the country.

Colleen Hahn of Berlin received her Master of Science in Nursing -Leadership and Management (RN to MSN) degree. Jocelyn Palmer of Bishopville earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and Megan Shockley of Ocean City received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

At commencement, the online, nonprofit university recognized 8,839 undergraduates and 6,117 graduates who have completed their degrees in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and healthcare, including nursing.



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BOWLING OVER

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The Coastal Association of Realtors held its first Bowling for Business Cards networking event and competition on Jan. 26 at SouthBound Alley in Salisbury. Team "Coldwell Banker Bowlers" took first place. Pictured, from left, are Steve Parsons, Greg Erdie, Brad Rayfield and CAR President Joel Maher.



STAR CHARITIES GIVES

Star Charities President and founder, Anna Foultz, along with several of her volunteers, present a check for \$5,345 on March 2 to Jeff Merritt, president and founder of Operation We Care, which uses funds to prepare and send care packages to U.S. military overseas and wounded warrior support, in addition to other charitable causes related to military and law enforcement. The money was raised through a Star Charities Beef and Beer fundraiser on Jan. 12 in Ocean Pines. Pictured, from left, are Sandy McAbee, Lee Tilghman, Mary Evans, Merritt, Foultz and Sue Walker.



GUEST SPEAKER

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The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City hosted guest speaker Charles Curran of Atlantic Physical Therapy, Feb. 21. He talked about how to prevent falls and how to maintain good balance, among other things that he treats at the facility. Curran, left, is pictured receiving the traditional Kiwanis speakers pen from Kiwanis Club President Ralph Chinn.



WYFCS DONATION

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Reese Cropper III, president of Insurance Management Group, and recipient of the Hal Glick Distinguished Service Award, selected Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services as a beneficiary of the money raised from the award ceremony. Pictured, from left, are Jeff Thaler, chairman of the Hal Glick Nominating Committee; Brigitte Southworth, Worcester Youth CASA director; Steve Taylor, WYFCS executive director; and Cropper.



NASCAR EVENT

Hooters in West Ocean City held a NASCAR event on Feb. 18 where attendees brought cash donations as well as cat/dog food and other pet supplies for the Worcester County Humane Society, a no-kill animal shelter in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Humane Society volunteer Yvonne Blimline, Hooters employee and event organizer, Terry Weems, and volunteer Diana Snyder. PHOTO COURTESY TINA WALAS



WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

A number of Worcester Prep students from around Delmarva capture Winter Sports Awards and seven basketball players were named to the 2018 All-Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference Teams. Upper school awards were presented to, in front, from left, Delaney Abercrombie (Most Improved, varsity basketball), Carly Hoffman (Coaches Award, varsity basketball) Hailey Merritt (MVP, varsity basketball), Kendall Holmes (Coaches Award, cheerleading), Sami Repass (Most Spirited, cheerleading) and Ellie Todorov (Most Improved, cheerleading), and in back, Hunter Gentry (Most Improved, JV basketball), Graham McColgan (Coaches Award, JV basketball), Mason Brown (MVP, JV basketball), Colin Miller (Most Improved, varsity basketball), Tucker Brown (MVP, varsity basketball) and Cole Berry (Coaches Award, varsity basketball).

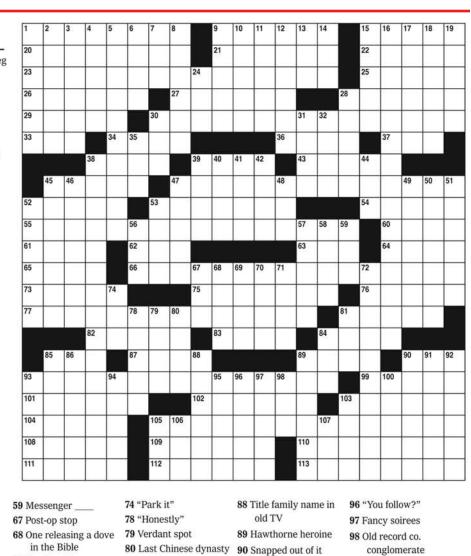
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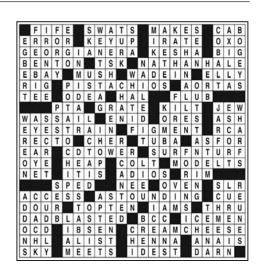
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Cuisine

Brown butter key to littleneck clam dish

What is it with these crappy little clams that people seem to adore? Everywhere I go, kitchens are serving up little-



neck clams, tiny nuggets of savory deliciousness that they are. But, I can eat a hundred of them before I even begin to feel satiated. They're so little. Hence the name.

By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

name. No, I'm one of those psychos (apparently) who

prefers the big clams all day long. Now, I'm not talking about quahogs, aka chowder clams, but a good top neck clam is enough for me to sink my teeth into and really taste something.

I would be remiss in my duties if I disregarded my customers' tastes and opinions, though. I serve what the people ask for, and it always seems to be those blasted tiny, pea-sized pencil erasers that we call clams.

Ok, Paul, take a deep breath and just write about what's going on today. Well, after a massage at Avenue Apothecary and a wonderful dinner at Blue Moon in Rehoboth, my girlfriend and I walked around town in a chilly nor'easter rain, checking out the various spots (and there were but a few) that were open on this offseason Tuesday night.

I love the offseason at the beach, as you get a taste of what the town is really like, seeing the locals in action and just taking it all in. Friends of mine have a beautiful son who they call the Mayor of Rehoboth. Last night Megan told us that he, at 4 years of age, chastised tourists last summer in his own kind, wise way and asked "Mommy, who are these people and why are they here? And why do we now have to wait so long to get our pizza?"

After our stunning dinner, and after some after-dinner drinks, I was in the mood for some clams, but couldn't find any. I wasn't surprised as our choices were limited, but I really didn't need any more food – I just had a craving.

This of course was because I did a demonstration last week at school, making a large bowl for students to sample. Of course, I may have had a few, but that is part of my job. In fact, it's a critical part of my job.

So as I awoke this morning to write this, I immediately opened up the picture and I could taste these clams. This is my favorite way to serve clams, and the brown butter truly makes the dish. In fact, simply steaming clams and serving them with brown butter will be a magnificent crowning achievement in your shellfish repertoire.

As you will see below, Brown butter is



simple to make and should always be kept in the refrigerator. It goes so well is so many things.

And above all, make sure that you serve some toasty garlic breast to sop up the broth. After all, if you are stuck with littlenecks, at least you'll have something to fill you up!

Lemon Brown Butter Clams

serves 4 50 Littleneck clams 4 Fresh organic lemons 4 ounces Chorizo sausage, cut into batonets 1/2 cup Brown butter (recipe follows) 2 cups Good dry white wine 12 Garlic cloves, confit (recipe follows) 4 sprigs fresh thyme salt and pepper, as needed Italian parsley, for garnish

1. Cut the ends off of the lemons and cut each in half

2. Bring a pan to a fairly high heat and char the lemons and then set them aside 3. Allow the pan to cool just a little

and add some brown butter and chorizo.

Cook for two minutes

4. Add everything except the salt, pepper and parsley and shake the pan like there's no tomorrow. This is important as it will encourage each clam to open as it cooks

5. When all of the clams have opened, adjust the flavor of the broth with the salt and pepper, bowl them up (dividing evenly) and garnish with parsley

Brown Butter

makes about 1 cup 1 pound Unsalted butter

1. Place the butter in a saucepan and place it on the stove on a medium heat

2. As the butter melts, it will separate into the foam on top, the oil in the middle (the clarified butter), and water and milk solids that sink to the bottom

3. Allow this to come to a soft boil, ensuring that it doesn't boil over

4. As the water evaporates through the boiling process, the fat will rise in temperature and will eventually cook (and almost burn) the milk solids. This is what gives brown butter its amazing flavor and essence

5. When you have reached this point,

remove from the heat and strain through cheesecloth, a paper towel, a clean kitchen towel or a coffee filter: dealer's choice

6. Set aside until ready to use

Garlic Clove Confit

makes about 2 cups 2 cups EV Olive oil 2 cups Fresh garlic cloves, peeled and cleaned

1. Place ingredients in a saucepan, making sure that the garlic is completely covered by oil. If you need more, simply add more. Science

2. Bring to a low heat on the stove, keeping an eye on it to prevent it from ever coming to a "fry"

3. Cook for about two hours on low or until the garlic has changed color and is completely soft

4. Set aside until ready to use and store any leftovers in the icebox

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Calendar

THU, MAR. 8

AARP MEETING

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. Social half-hour with refreshments begins at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be from Assateague National Park. An optional luncheon will follow the meeting. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

'DR. SEUSS NONSENSE'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 3 to 7 year old children. 410-632-3495, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME 'BIRDS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Stories, movement, songs and crafts for ages 2-5 years. 410-208-4014, 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

WRITING WITH RUTH

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Monthly gathering of local writers who share their independent work and receive encouraging feedback. All writers welcome. 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEM FOR HOMESCHOOLERS 'KITCHEN SCIENCE'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:30 p.m. Monthly STEM session for home schoolers, ages 5 to 12. 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FOOD LITERACY 'EATING SEASONALLY AND SPROUTING'

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD 21811, 2 p.m. Learn how to eat healthily an save money by eating seasonal produce. 410-641-0650, 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

'WAGS AND WHISKERS' THIRTY-ONE BINGO

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$25 for 20 regular games for Thirty-One bags full of goodies and gift cards. There will be two special bingo games for an additional small fee, a Chinese auction and raffle boards as well as refreshments for sale. Vendors such as LulaRoe and Pampered Chef will be on hand. Tickets at the door cost \$30. For tickets contact Diana Snyder, 443-987-2870; Mary Martinez, 410-382-2661; or visit Worcester County Humane Society. Proceeds benefit the no kill shelter.

PUZZLE OVER THIS ESCAPE ROOMS RIBBON CUTTING

Puzzle Over This Escape Rooms, 10445 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 4:30 p.m. The facility offers multiple games to choose from as well as a party room for private events and a mobile game. Refreshments provided. 410-641-0271

FRI, MAR. 9

2ND ANNUAL OCEAN CITY FILM FESTIVAL Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, All Day One hundred films will be screened at three locations in the resort: Princess Royale Hotel, Clarion Resort and Fox Gold Coast Theater. The Ocean City Center for the Arts will also be hosting the opening night reception and several workshops on filmmaking. Tickets cost \$50 for an all-access, three-day pass that includes unlimited movie access, opening and closing parties and all workshops or \$10 for a one-day pass for movies only. Tickets plus a full schedule of films and times of screenings are available at ocmdfilmfestival.com, by visiting the Arts Center or by calling 410-524-9433. Viewer discretion is advised. http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org

ART STUDIO 'FAMOUS ARTIST SERIES 1' Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Learn to draw, paint and create. For ages 8 years and older. Registration is necessary: 410-957-0878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 and includes crab cake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Carryouts and bake table available.

FREE PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 5 to 6 p.m. Free clinic for beginners. Also offering a free week of drop-in time following the clinic (Friday through Thursday). Register: John Hanberry, Jhanberry@comcast.net or 703-598-6119.

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. Featuring "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014, Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

SAT, MAR. 10

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HANK AND JULIE KOENIG FUNDRAISER

Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 2-6 p.m. Music provided by Tranzfusion, Opposite Directions, Kevin Poole, DJ BK, DJ Wax and other area musicians. A silent auction and raffle will also be held and food, craft beer and wine are included in the ticket price of \$40. All proceeds benefit the Koenig family. Tickets available at the door or online at www.fagers.com/events/hank-benefit.

FARMERS MARKET

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

WONDERS OF WATER' BUS TRIP

8 a.m. 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.

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.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811, 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Bryan Mullins, who focuses on using technology to improve fishing success. Mullins and his wife, Mary, will present a short film, "Beautiful Ocean City." Then they will show lures and set ups that anglers can use when fishing for flounder. All are welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'CLOCKS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

JOB FAIR

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. More than a dozen employers are scheduled to conduct interviews and meet with prospective hires. Bring your resume and dress for success. 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

RIPLEY'S GRAND REOPENING

Ripley's Believe It or Not!, 401 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring live performances from 2016-2017 Washington, D.C. Magician of the Year, Eric Henning and legendary sword swallower, Tyler Fyre from noon to 4 p.m. There will be a celebration cake, kids arts and crafts, a Balloon Twister and prize giveaways. The Chamber of Commerce will be on site for a welcoming ceremony at noon, followed by a ribbon-cutting and beach ball drop at 1 p.m.

OC CREATIVE

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Teen Area will be filled with supplies for crafting, creative writing, digital creations and more. Oculus Rift available for students 13 years and older. 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

QUARTER AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Ocean City Fire Department Headquarters, 1409 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6 to 9 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. A family-friendly event with more than 100 auction items, raffles, food and door prizes. Advance admission tickets cost \$5 and tickets at the door cost \$7, which includes one paddle and a door prize ticket. Bring plenty of quarters. Proceeds benefit the fire company, cadets and scholarships. Tickets: Sylvia, 609-412-0778 or Teresa, 443-365-0637

SUN, MAR. 11

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BIKE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, Suite 203, West Ocean City, MD, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. With a \$10 donation event goers can reserve a Star Track Bike and with a \$15 donation a Life fitness IC6. Also collecting pet food and cleaning supplies. Music provided by DJ Jeremy. Reservations: Bonnie, 410-251-2459.

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. A pre-concert lecture begins at 2:15 p.m. "In Their Twenties" will feature Phil Munds on the French Horn and George Bizet's "Symphony No. 1." Tickets: midatlanticsymphony.org or 888-846-8600.

MON, MAR. 12

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

LITTLE LEARNERS

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842, 10:30 a.m. Children learn about local history and wildlife through story time, crafts, live animal encounters and hands on activities. 410-289-4991, http://www.ocmuseum.org

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Group uses exercises to stimulate the process for creative expression. No prior writing experience needed. 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

LAP TIME WITH EMILY

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3:30 p.m. Children, under 2 years, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. Meets the second Monday of each month. 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

STEAM PM 'MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 3:45 p.m. Use the

Google Exploration Kit for a coastal "virtual reality" experience. Science fun for children 6 years and older. 410-632-3495, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

BASIC MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 4:30 p.m. Shawn Saunders will teach the basic stances, escapes, kicks and punches. Wear comfortable clothing. 410-957-0878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Berlin group No. 169. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Joy Chestnutt, 443-365-5815

MEDICAL MONDAY

Worcester Youth and Family Ray Room, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free educational session that occurs the second Monday of each month. Rachel Pomycala, Doctor of Audiology with Chesapeake Hearing Centers will be discussing the reasons for tinnitus, treatments and hearing loss and tinnitus-specific hearing aids. Registration is encouraged but not required: www.atlanticgeneral.org/MedicalMonday or Michelle, 410-641-9268.

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, MAR. 13

WORCESTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 9:30 a.m. Open to the public. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men are welcome. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

PLAY TIME

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

STORY TIME 'DR. SUESS'

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2-3 year old children. 410-957-0878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. "Choose Civility," a conversation about choosing civility when our chaotic society challenges us to do so. 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. For individuals suffering from Parkinson's. Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Rentschler, 410-641-4765, http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org

STEM FAMILY NIGHT 'FOOD AND NUTRITION'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. Enjoy STEM books, crafts and activities. Snacks and drinks provided. 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

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003,

carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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, MAR. 14

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

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

STORY TIME 'PIE'

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

PAINTING ON WINE GLASSES

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Practice painting your design on wine glasses with artist, Michael Carmean. Supplies provided. Register: 410-632-3495, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

COFFEE & COLORING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. Held the second Wednesday of each month. No registration required. Adults only. 410-524-1818, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

TEEN TASTE TEST CHALLENGE

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 4 p.m. Put your taste buds to the challenge, For ages 12 years and older. 410-957-0878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

FIRST RESPONDERS AWARDS NIGHT

American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842, 5 p.m. The Legion will present First Responders Awards to several police officers, EMT personnel and firefighters throughout Worcester County. A meet and greet begins at 5 p.m., a complimentary traditional American Legion dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the awards program at 6 p.m. Dinner reservations must be made by calling Tom Wengert at 443-994-2513 or Paul Hawkins at 443-523-2973 no later than March 12.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

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

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

BUS TRIP TO HARRINGTON CASINO

Join members of the Ocean Pines Boat Club on their April 19 bus trip to the Harrington Casino. Cost is \$20 and includes \$15 slot play and a \$7 food voucher for the lunch buffet. The bus will leave from the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at 10 a.m. and return at about 5 p.m. Reservations: Tom or Barbara Southwell, 410-641-5456.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Any branch, through March. 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. March 8, 2018

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HELP WANTED

SALES & RENTAL AGENTS NEEDED 410-726-1197

PGN Crabhouse 29th Street & Coastal Hwy. Help Wanted. Waitstaff, Kitchen Help. Apply Within after 11 am.

Part-Time Position - The Irish Outreach Ocean City is look-ing for someone to shadow the current Administrator in the administrative duties associated with the outreach each summer. Minimal work begins in March 2018 and can be done from home. Appli-cant must know FaceBook, an Email system, and be pro-ficient in Word and Excel. The season ends in late August. The position requires that the applicant be available for occasional meetings with the local coordinators. For more information, please contact: Mrs. Geri Garvey at Mrs. Geri Garvey at administrator@usairish.org or phone at 240-535-9205

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A busy contractor company in Ocean Pines, MD is currently hiring **HVAC Maintenance Technicians**. START IMME-DIATELY. **To apply, call** Marc at 302-682-1777. Ocean Resorts Golf Club is

accepting applications for part-time positions including greenkeepers, golf shop staff, cart attendants and snack bar Apply in person daily between 10am and 2pm. For direc-tions, call 410-641-5643.

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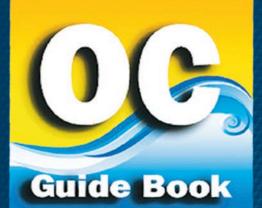
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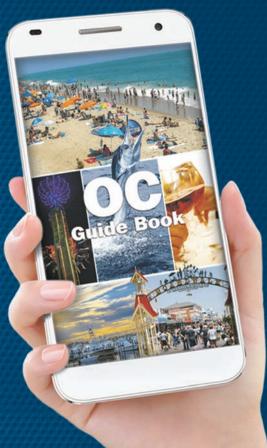
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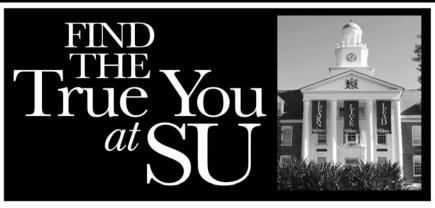
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