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The newly composed Pocomoke Council is seated after one reelected and one newly elected member is sworn in. Also notable, Mayor Bruce Morrison was back in his seat for the first time since suffering a brain injury in November. Pictured, from left, are council members Todd Nock, Dale Trotter, Esther Troast, Mayor Morrison, Diane Downing and George Tasker.



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(Left) Reelected Pocomoke Councilwoman Esther Troast, right, is sworn in by Mayor Bruce Morrison. (Right) Newly elected Pocomoke Councilman Todd Nock, right, is sworn in by Mayor Morrison. Also pictured is Morrison's wife, Laura.

## Morrison swears in Nock, Troast

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) As expected, Pocomoke Mayor Bruce Morrison was present on Monday during the swearing in at City Hall of newly elected District 4 Councilman Todd Nock and reelected District 5 Councilwoman Esther Troast.

It was the first time Morrison sat on the council since suffering a hematoma

that caused a brain bleed in November.

Morrison did not speak publicly during the meeting, but was able to stand, with help from his wife, Laura, during the swearing-in ceremony.

Troast, the acting mayor as first vice president of the council, started the meeting by introducing a special guest, as Morrison entered to loud applause.

"This is surely a special occasion,"

Troast said. "The mayor is back, I get sworn in again, and we welcome a new member to the council, Todd Nock. So, let's take a deep breath and enjoy the evening."

Troast also recited the prayer, a long-standing tradition at the outset of Pocomoke City Council meetings. She asked the capacity crowd in the City

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## Berlin Fire study released, although differences remain

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) The Town of Berlin on Tuesday released the full text of a 90-page study on the Berlin Fire Company, which was performed independently by the Matrix Consulting Group and designed to help inform future funding requests to the town.

Despite the report, both sides are already questioning some of the results. The fire company on Tuesday posted a public response that champions some of the findings, but questions some of the data, while Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said there was at least one instance where statistics were obviously skewed.

The town commissioned the study last year and Matrix, based in San Francisco with offices in several states, began work in December.

According to a summary page in the report, "The focus of this study is a review of the funding and operations of the Berlin Fire Company and its operational needs. As a result, the scope of this project was comprehensive and included: Operational and Capital needs for services provided to the Town along with a funding schedule; Capital Needs; Financial Management; Operations Management; Proportional sharing of BFC Fire and EMS expenses between the Town and County; Related Community Concerns.

"This assessment is intended to determine the needs of the Berlin Fire Company to ensure they can provide effective and efficient services to the

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An independent study of Berlin Fire Company funding needs was made public this week.

## OPA selects forensic auditing firm

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association Board last Thursday voted 6-0 to hire Baltimore firm Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates to conduct a forensic audit. Director Co-

lette Horn was absent from the meeting.

Association President Doug Parks said the firm was notified of its selection last Friday.

"We had five proposals that made it to the last round and we all did in-

dependent analysis," Parks said. "Interestingly enough, all six directors picked this one firm as their top pick. It was very interesting that we all looked at it from different perspectives, but all came to the same conclusion."

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# Gross, Mendelsohn to handle audit

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sion.”

Parks said General Manager John Bailey and Finance Director Steve Phillips also favored Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates.

“I found that very interesting,” Parks said. “It’s not that this one was so much better than everyone else and the other ones were poor, it was that this one really met the overall approach. It wasn’t just looking at food and beverage operations – it’s looking across the entire organization.”

He said the firm stood out, in part, because the staff included both certified public accountants and certified fraud examiners.

“They also did a very good job in framing exactly how they would approach it, and they also started under the premise that they would look at the entire environment – not just food and beverage,” he said. “They’re saying, ‘you guys don’t know what you don’t know. We’ve done this before. You don’t just pick a particular department – you pick the entire environment.’ They have a more broad-brush approach.”

On the advice of Ocean Pines attorneys, Parks added, the association will not direct the firm to look in any specific area.

“They’ll coordinate through the general manager and counsel,” Parks said. “It’s just the right thing to do.

Think about optics – if we’re telling the forensic audit folks [what to do] that’s senseless ... [the board] is not directly involved and that’s a good thing.”

The board of directors in February voted 6-1 to release a request for proposals for a forensic audit. At the time, it was stated the audit would begin on April 16 and its first stage would focus on food and beverage operations.

Director Tom Herrick, who voted against that motion, agreed an audit needed to be done, but said it should not be limited to just food and beverage.

To pay for the audit, the directors unanimously agreed to suspend a budgeted charge to fund road depreciation of \$26.50 per homeowner and instead use the \$225,000 it would generate for the audit.

Director Pat Supik, in February, cautioned that an audit would not reveal millions in fraud or cover estimated losses for the current fiscal year.

“I’ve seen numbers flying around in the papers or other areas, that I think people have the impression the \$1.8 million lost this year somehow could be associated with fraud. I do not want the community to think we’re going to find \$1 million in fraud,” she said, adding the extreme losses this year were because of

“money going out the door legitimately.”

“If we do this, we may find \$50,000 in fraud and may spend ... a couple hundred thousand dollars on a significant forensic audit,” Supik added. “I do think we need to do it for the community. [I’m] totally supportive of the motion – whatever we have to do to get it moving forward.”

Parks, on Friday, said the next step would be an entrance interview with Bailey. He said an exact cost was not given.

“It depends on what they find,” he said. “We have hourly rates ... [the firm] was probably in the middle of the pack with regard to the different folks at the different hourly rates. None of them were fixed-price contracts, either. It’s billed hourly based on duration and contract.”

“We’re very excited to move forward,” Parks continued. “It’s another one of the things we, collectively, as a board wanted to accomplish. We’re delivering on things and that’s the kind of thing I want people to understand. We heard, we looked into it and we’re making it happen. At the end of the day if it yields something we’ll use it, and if it doesn’t yield something, we have peace of mind that we at least validated there are no issues there.”

According to an association press release on Friday, “Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates offers complete financial needs of both for-profit and nonprofit organizations in Maryland, Virginia and the surrounding area. The firm has offices in Baltimore and Fairfax, Virginia.

“Led by 18 partners, the firm includes approximately 125 total professional and administrative personnel, including experienced CPAs and certified fraud examiners. In addition, the firm is licensed as independent certified public accountants, in good standing, in Maryland.”

# Pocomoke Council welcomes T. Nock, prays for success

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Council Chambers to join hands.

“Dear heavenly father, we come here tonight to this chamber to celebrate our mayor coming back, which is a glorious time,” she said. “We also are here to celebrate moving forward and, continuing to move forward, we ask that you put your hands on each one of our shoulders that are in charge in leading this city and bless us, and make us make the right decisions on a daily basis, and pray that we do nothing but move forward for the betterment of this city.

“Jesus, we’re counting on you to make this happen,” Troast continued. “In Jesus’ name I pray, we pray, we all pray, amen.”

Troast presented a certificate on behalf of the council to outgoing District 4 Councilman Brian Hirshman “for his three-year service to the city.”

She was sworn in first, followed by Nock, who received a standing ovation after taking the oath of office.

Nock’s first official vote was to reconfirm Troast as the first vice president. He then moved to nominate District 2 Councilwoman Diane Downing to continue as the second vice president of the council. Both votes were unanimous.

“I accept that position and I promise I’ll do my duty to work as hard as I can,” Troast said.

“Ditto!” Downing added.



Bruce Morrison

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# Williams says some fire co. statistics skewed

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Town and remain financially viable.”  
The town posted the full text online on Tuesday, viewable at [berlinmd.gov/berlin-fire-company-report-released](http://berlinmd.gov/berlin-fire-company-report-released).

Fire Company President David Fitzgerald said he received the study on Monday and reviewed it that evening “page by page, line by line” during a meeting with fire personnel.  
He said two items particularly stood out.  
“The study does confirm what we’ve been saying for many years: the majority of the calls of the Berlin Fire Company are in town limits,” Fitzgerald said on Tuesday. “You’ll see the percentages in there. Those are accurate and we explain that every year to the town.  
“And the other thing it clear states ... they have it in several times in the report that the Berlin Fire Company is not sufficiently funded for the level of services we provide,” he continued. “We saw those two things that we appreciate them backing our position that we’ve said over the years.”  
Fitzgerald added there were several notable errors in the report.  
“As you interview people or you reply to emails ... the first go-round, you may misinterpret something,” he said. “We’ve made the town and Matrix aware of those for clarification, like the organizational chart is not cor-

rect [and] there’s some other data there in regards to response data and our billing data that’s not correct.  
“We talked to Mayor [Gee] Williams and he agrees wholeheartedly that the report needs to be accurate as far as the data, and he’s given us direction to provide that to Matrix for them to provide the necessary edits, once they validate that we’re telling them the data.”  
He said some of the errors “jump right out at you.”  
“We saw a couple things that need to be corrected and we appreciate Mayor Williams giving us the direction on how that needs to be corrected,” Fitzgerald said. “That’s just the data – we’re not taking about ... recommendations of the consultant. All of that will have to be further reviewed.”  
The fire company posted an official statement about the report on its website, [www.berlinfire.com](http://www.berlinfire.com), on Tuesday.  
Williams, also reached for comment on Tuesday, said the report “was not about the ability or professionalism of firefighting or EMS services, but has everything to do with the way that the funding from the town is appropriately allocated for those two functions in proportion to the service that’s provided to town residents and property owners.  
“That, to me, is the bottom line of all bottom lines,” Williams said.

He said there were six items in the report the fire company needs to address: billing collection for EMS services, the authority of fire company officers and board members, the budgeting process “and lack of controls,” the cash basis of operations, and the continued use of fire sirens.  
“The sixth item ... is the physical facilities and their uses and upgrades, and particularly, from our point of view, the station one, which is the Main Street Station,” Williams said. “[The study] made some very clear recommendations on how needs can be met by renovating that station.”  
The fire company has for several years planned and raised money for a new fire station.  
“Obviously, we will be talking with representatives from the fire company,” Williams said. “I anticipate that some things will be fairly simple to resolve and other things will take some time.”  
He added it is not reasonable to address all of the items in time for the next fiscal year budget, scheduled for adoption in May.  
“My hope is, and I’m confident it’s the hope of the entire mayor and council, that we can get most of these issues resolved by the time we approve the 2020 fiscal year budget – that’s a year from now,” he said. “I’m hopeful we can resolve a majority of these issues and work out something that’s mutually beneficial to both parties.”

Williams did take issue with one item in the study, a workload breakdown that suggested total calls for service, from 2013-2017, were 54.4 percent (5,259) in the Town of Berlin and 45.6 percent (4,405) elsewhere in Worcester County.  
According to the chart, 42.2 percent (763) of fire calls were in town limits and 57.8 percent (1,043) were not, while 57.2 percent (4,496) of EMS calls were in town limits and 42.8 percent (3,362) were not.  
However, the study concludes, “The volume of calls to the hospital were overriding calls in the other parts of the district.”  
“When you go through the report, you notice that most of the calls are in the immediate vicinity of Atlantic General Hospital – overwhelmingly,” Williams said. “The reason for that is ... because of calls to Berlin EMS service to the nursing home to transport them a few hundred feet away to AGH. That skews everything.  
“They’re getting a reimbursement from the county for that, but I think that’s something we’re going to have to look into in depth,” he continued. “What the town is going to be interested in what are the services to everyone else, separately, in the town and what are the number of calls to the nursing home. And then we can consider that in whatever adjusting of funding needs to come over time.”

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Rayne's Reef owner and operator Michael Queen has purchased the former PNC Bank building in downtown Berlin. Queen said he plans to divide the space into four retail units, focusing on "destination businesses" that bring something new to the town.

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# Old PNC Bank in Berlin sold; new owner plans retail

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) Michael Queen, owner and operator of the Rayne's Reef restaurant in Berlin, has purchased the 4,124-square-foot former PNC Bank building on 1 South Main Street.

The historic building, constructed in 1895, was listed for \$499,000 by Virginia Beach firm Divaris Real Estate Inc. The exact purchase price was not yet made public.

Queen, on Tuesday, said the building would be split into four rental units, with three on the ground floor and one space, likely for office use, on the second floor.

He immediately ruled out several types of tenants.

"No restaurants, no hair cutters, nothing we already have," he said. "We're going to try to get destination businesses, where people will come to the town and contribute to making Berlin better ... It's like, 'hey, let's go to this business and go into Berlin,' not just people happen to be in Berlin, so they walk in."

He said the former bank drive-through would be converted into an outdoor patio with "tables, chairs and umbrellas."

"All the stores will have access through the back doors and Baked Dessert Café [adjacent to the building] will be able to have some tables out there and use it also," Queen said. "Obviously, it's privately owned, but it will be like a public square."

Queen said the exterior of the brick building was already "extremely beautiful" and would not require much in the way of renovation.

"It's just the drive through area that's going to take a lot of work converting that into a patio," he said. "[The interior] will have to be separated off and all the bank stuff cleared out, but the vaults will stay – because they're vaults. But it's in pretty fair condition."

The Berlin Historic District Commission has used Queen's renovation of 14 North Main Street, currently the Fathom clothing store, as an example for others.

Queen said he would get keys to the building on April 19 and plans to start showing the property to potential tenants as soon as possible.

Jenny Sheppard of Sheppard Realty, Inc., who represented Queen, declined to reveal the purchase price, but said, "He made an offer they couldn't refuse."

"I'm extremely thrilled that he's going to be the landlord, because he's done such a fantastic job with every building he's picked up," Sheppard said. "He has the best interest of the town at heart and is not interested in duplicating something that already exists. He's also interested in bringing something to the town where they bring new customers with them."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said he learned of the purchase on Monday.

"Whatever it becomes, I'm confident under [Queen's] ownership it will be an asset to the community," William said.

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# Details on Ocean Pines’ agreement with Matt Ortt Co.

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) The Matt Ortt companies will collect \$100,000 a year for the next two years to manage the yacht club in Ocean Pines and the beach club in Ocean City, according to a copy of the management contract between the Ocean Pines Association and Matt Ortt Companies.

A copy of the two-year contract obtained by *Bayside Gazette* shows that it was signed on March 29 by Association President Doug Parks and Matt Ortt. The two-year agreement gives the company rights to manage the yacht club in Ocean Pines and beach club in Ocean City.

The agreement involves a \$12,500 monthly management fee with eight payments due May 2018 through Dec. 2018, totaling \$100,000, and eight payments due May 2019 through December 2019, also totaling \$100,000.

Per the agreement, the yacht club is to be open seven days a week, May 1 through Sept. 30, and operate on a “reduced schedule of a minimum of three days a week from October 1 through April 30, except as agreed upon by the parties.”

The beach club will be open seven days a week, “from Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Monday of Labor Day.”

Additional to the flat management fee, Matt Ortt Companies can earn bonuses several ways.

The first year of the agreement includes a budget bonus and a profit bonus. The budget bonus would pay “fifty percent of every dollar of net income generated ... that exceeds the budget,” up to \$50,000 at each facility. The yacht club budgeted a \$92,961 net loss and the beach club budgeted a \$101,308 net gain.

Also included is a profit bonus “if the combined net income for the facilities results in a net profit of more than \$100,000” based on a sliding scale: 10 percent for \$1 to \$25,000, 20 percent for \$25,001 to \$50,000, 30 percent for \$50,001 to \$75,000, 40 percent for \$75,001 to \$100,000, and 50 percent for upwards of \$101,000.

The year-two bonus structure is a little more complicated, essentially offering a doubled bonus if the combined net income of both facilities in fiscal 2020 is greater than the combined net income of fiscal 2019.

According to the contract, “For example, if at the end of year two of this agreement the net combined income of both facilities is \$60,000 greater than the net combined income of the facilities for year one, the bonus will be equal to the total bonus paid for year one plus \$18,000 (30 percent of \$60,000).”

If the net income of both facilities were lower during the second year, the company would receive the total bonus from year one “less fifty cents for every dollar under the [2019] net combined

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# OPA GM purchases do not add up

One-year period of buying included 50 PCs, 30 iPads, special edition Xbox, drums

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) The rules of depreciation and gravity are similar: what goes up must come down, which was the case with a huge surge in capital purchases in the 2016-17 business year in Ocean Pines followed by the similarly sized thud of deprecation that dwarfed the write-downs of the year before.

According to a depreciation expense list obtained by the *Bayside Gazette*, the general manager's office in Ocean Pines counted 15 items with retail costs totaling \$49,656.08 as of May 12, 2015.

Items on that list date back as far as April 1984 and include furniture and carpeting, filing cabinets, one color printer and one copier, one laptop computer, one desktop computer, and a 55-inch Vizio television for the boardroom.

During the period when Brett Hill was the interim general manger, Aug. 26, 2016 through Sept. 15, 2017, more than 120 new items were purchased by the general manager's office for a total expenditure of \$286,907.79.

Below are some of the more interesting purchases along with price and

- purchase dates:
- Six iPad Pro tablets (\$3,905.51 on Oct. 20, 2016)
  - One Microsoft Surface Pro tablet (\$1,462 on Jan. 4, 2017)
  - One Sony HDR television (\$3,177.88 on Jan. 4, 2017)
  - Four Panasonic Toughbook laptops (\$12,747.55 on Jan. 18, 2017)
  - One iPad Air tablet (\$494.28 on Jan. 28, 2017)
  - One Apple Mac Pro (\$3,021.80 on Jan. 28, 2018)
  - Two iPad Air tablets with retina displays (\$1,023.44 on Jan. 28, 2017)
  - One Xbox One S "Gears of War and Halo Special Edition Bundle" (\$320.75, Jan. 30, 2017)
  - Five iPad Pro tablets (\$3,444.95 on Jan. 30, 2017)
  - One iPad Pro tablet (\$876.06 on Feb. 14, 2017)
  - Twenty-five Lenovo ThinkCentre desktop computers (\$14,248.75, March 3, 2017)
  - Five Dell Latitude touchscreen laptops (\$3,644.75 on March 15, 2017)
  - Two Microsoft Surface Pro tablets (\$3,300.57 on March 15, 2017)
  - One Mac Mini computer (\$1,506.86 on March 24, 2017)
  - Three iPad Pro tablets (\$2,156.22 on March 24, 2017)
  - Three ZeeVee digital video encoders (\$13,380 on March 28, 2017)

- Five Sony 4K televisions (\$3,347.24 on March 28, 2017)
- Two iPad Pro tablets (\$1,477.31 on March 28)
- Twenty-five Lenovo ThinkCentre desktop computers (\$14,988.75 on April 1, 2017)
- One Bose loudspeaker system (\$4,796 on April 5, 2017)
- Three Bose L1® Model II speaker systems (\$12,288 on April 5, 2017)
- One Behringer digital mixer (\$2,199.99 on April 5, 2017)
- One Roland electronic drum kit (\$7,948.94 on April 5, 2017)

Additionally, between April 10 and April 28, 2017 purchases were made for video surveillance systems for the community center (\$6,552), Cove restaurant (\$11,500), beach club (\$11,160), police department (\$2,413), golf club (\$12,111), and administration building (\$9,264).

Other purchases made on April 28, 2017 included 10 Dell Latitude laptops (\$6,028.99), 10 iPad Pro tablets (\$7,499.90) and one Livestream Studio HD550 "compact and portable all-in-one live production switcher" (\$11,818.38).

General Manager John Bailey, who was hired last September, said he was aware of certain items, including the electronic drum set and mixing board.

"There may very well have been a justification for it - I do not know what it was," he said. "All off my watch - don't really know what the reasonings were.

"The drum set, we'll be trying to sell that as an asset and the soundboard I haven't quite figured out what to do with that yet, but there's probably some takers too," Bailey added.

# Food and beverage contract includes bonuses, opt out

Continued from Page 7 income." Additionally, Matt Ortt Companies will receive 5 percent commission on gross banquet revenue for private events and 2 percent commission on gross banquet revenues for association clubs and organizations.

The association can terminate the agreement without cause from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2019, without paying damages "in the event that the combined year to date net losses for the facilities through December 31, 2018 ... exceed \$24,499.99."

If that requirement is not met, the association is responsible for management fees through the date of termination and any bonuses due. If the agreement were to be broken without cause, the association would pay damages of \$50,000.

Matt Ortt Companies is responsible for management and operation of the facilities, including food and beverage, janitorial services, and banquets and other special events. The company can set its own hours of operation and "determine the menu, portions and prices."

The agreement requires "ongoing surveys to determine customer satisfaction" to be provided to the association once a month, as well as monthly profit and loss statements.

Also included in the contract, "[the] manager shall have sole authority to hire, fire, and manage its employees and consultants." The association will pay for "service charges for telephone services" and "provide the point of sale software and hardware for use by" the company.

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JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Members of the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee this week had a brief meeting with representatives from the Matt Ortt Companies, recently inked to run the association yacht and beach clubs. A town hall meeting with Matt Ortt is scheduled for April 19.

# Pines Clubs Cmte. met with Matt Ortt Companies Monday

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) Details are few on exactly how the Matt Ortt Companies plan to turn around the Ocean Pines yacht and beach clubs after historically poor performances last year, but the restaurant consulting group, which recently signed a two-year deal to manage the facilities, will apparently take part in an upcoming town hall meeting on April 19.

The meeting, hosted by the Ocean Pines Board of Directors and described as “a communitywide town hall meeting for the Membership of the Association,” is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Ahead of that public meeting, members of the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee met with some representatives from Matt Ortt Companies on Monday.

“The clubs committee is very excited and enthusiastic about what we heard and what’s happening,” Gary Miller, committee member, said. “We’re encouraging people to go to the town hall meeting ... because they’re going to tell the rest of Ocean Pines a lot of what they told us.

“They’re really doing a nice job and the changes they’re making, I think everybody is going to be enthusiastic about,” he added.

Miller said the tone of many previous clubs committee meetings was “discouraged and frustrated” by operations at Ocean Pines food and beverage facilities.

“That’s not the case right now,” he said. “If they’re able to do everything

they’re planning, I think this is going to be a real big success.”

During the meeting, Miller said committee members stressed their capacity was strictly as an advisory committee.

“We want to help with suggestions and when we hear comments we might bring them to their attention, but I made a point of letting [Matt Ortt] know that the clubs committee

in no way can demand or request any particular changes,” he said. “All we’re going to be able to do is keep them informed of what’s going on and hopefully take whatever they’re saying to us out to the public and encourage them to come back.

“It sounds like [the committee and operator relationship] will be like it was before Brett [Hill] came to play,” Miller added. “I have to say that both Matt and his partner were very outgoing and ... they were very encouraging to us and looking forward to us being able to help bring people back.”

The management contract included mention of customer satisfaction surveys with results provided to the board once per month. The clubs committee had been working on such a survey before management was outsourced, but Miller said those details were not discussed during the meeting on Monday.

“The clubs committee hopes that we’ll be able to be a part of that process,” he said.

Reached for an interview request last Friday, Matt Ortt responded in an email, “We are having a town hall Thursday April 19th for the Ocean Pines owners. We would prefer all interviews with media take place after that event.”

**‘They’re really doing a nice job and the changes they’re making, I think everybody is going to be enthusiastic about.’**

Gary Miller,  
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Cedar Chapel Special School's Karen Holland was named Worcester County Teacher of the Year during the 31st annual award's banquet last Friday at the Clarion Hotel on 101st Street in Ocean City.

# Maryland Teacher of the Year to be announced on Oct. 12

women for Worcester County schools. “MSDE will hold its annual Teacher of the Year gala on Oct. 12. They will announce the state-level winner at that time.”

Worcester County earned the state title once, in 2007, when seventh grade English Language Arts teacher, Michelle Hammond, of Stephen Decatur Middle School, took home the honor.

The annual banquet honors current teachers while providing a reunion for retired teachers, who return each year to the ceremony, which began in 1988. There were 31 local sponsors this year, who provided gifts and donations to the event, winner and 14 nominated

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# SonRise granted delay in electric transition

Nonprofit has until Nov. to make move from Delmarva Power over to town services

By Marshall Gabell  
Intern

(April 12, 2018) SonRise Church was granted an extension on the electric service agreement that will see the nonprofit religious enterprise transition to Berlin Electric, migrating over from Delmarva Power.

During the Berlin Town Council meeting on Monday, officials from SonRise asked to postpone their agreement to join Berlin Electric's network until Nov. 1 because of unforeseen changes in the original intentions for their 10026 Main Street property, adjacent to the Maryland State Police Barracks on Route 50 in Berlin.

"We were going to demolish one of our buildings and subdivide our land," property manager Neil Helgeson said. "And then we found out the infrastructure cost more than what we could sell those lots for. So, now we are going to keep that building."

"We're asking for about a seven-month extension, so we can have time to raise funds and purchase an electric transformer," he added.

After purchasing the complex in 2016, SonRise expected to divide the land into commercial interests to

earn extra revenue.

However, after recognizing costs were too substantial, the church was forced to alter plans to add a hotel and restaurant to the property. SonRise now expects to use the area as a central hub for teenage ministries and rent out office space to small businesses.

"Right now, we don't have water or sewer connected to that building [near Route 50]," Helgeson said. "But it is in our plans to do that. We are looking to make it into a place for youth ministry and potentially leasing some office space from it."

The electric agreement was postponed because church officials said they were unable to purchase a new transformer to allow for power service their building.

The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the delay with one member, Councilman Dean Burrell, absent. A vote on the matter was delayed from a previous meeting because no representatives from SonRise Church were present.

The request was not made because the municipality's rates are higher than Delmarva Power or other electric companies.

"We deal with a myth that we have the highest electric rates in the land," Mayor Gee Williams said. "That is not true. I hope I live to see the day when people stop thinking we have the

highest electric rates around."

Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence provided a memo prior the meeting, comparing Berlin Electric's rates to Delmarva Power and Choptank Electric Cooperative, the two leading power agencies in the region.

According to Lawrence, Berlin Electric customers spent on average \$128.88 per 1000 kilowatts, while Delmarva Power consumers paid

\$152.00 for the same amount of power. Choptank Electric's clientele spent \$136.84 per 1000 kilowatts, he said.

Although costs are lower now, that was not always the case in Berlin. Lawrence estimated the cost for town residents in 2008 to be about \$178.97 per 1000 kilowatts.

"Down the road, I think we will be able to save the church and others a lot of money," Williams said.



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Berlin officials on Monday agreed to delay until November the last step of transitioning the SonRise Church complex on Main Street to town electric, from Delmarva Power.

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# New Bethel Church celebrates 163 yrs. of worship in Berlin

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) A communitywide “coming together” on Sunday will conclude several days of celebration marking the 163rd anniversary of New Bethel United Methodist Church in Berlin.

“The church was established in 1855 as Bethel Methodist Church by a group of colored people who were then part of a white congregation, who attended Stevenson Methodist Church in the Town of Berlin,” event organizer Annette Purnell said. “The piece of land was given to us by our white brethren and they built the first church during that same year.

“During slavery we had two white ministers and then, after slavery was over, they turned it over after the Civil War [and] we got our first two black ministers,” she added. [The history] starts all the way back. We’re the oldest church in the [county] area.”

Purnell has been a member of the church for about three decades, wearing several hats during that time including pastor, treasurer and currently chairwoman of the anniversary committee.

She described the church, today, as a place of worship and healing for the community.

“We are the mother church of all the other churches that came out of us, [such as] St. John’s and St. Paul,” she said.

Events at New Bethel began last Sunday, with a concert by The Nichols Family.

A youth night is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13, with area churches bringing younger members of their congregation for an evening of song and preaching, Purnell said.

On Saturday, the church will host an evening of song dedicated to the hymns of Rev. Dr. Charles Albert Tindley at 6:30 p.m.

“He was one of our homeboys!” Purnell said.

The main event is Sunday, April 15, when New Bethel will feature morning and afternoon services, followed by a 163rd anniversary celebration, starting at 3:30 p.m.

“We’ll be having a church rally, that is where we have captains with a list of people raising money for the church, and we’ll have a service and then we’re having dinner,” Purnell said. “All are welcome – no charge.”

The entire event is free and open to the public.

“The more, the merrier!” Purnell said. “We want people to know that we’re there and come have fellowship with us. We’re very rich in history and we’re very involved in the community, and we hope everyone will come and be part of this great anniversary celebration.”

Visit New Bethel United Methodist Church on 10203 Germantown Road in Berlin.

For more information, contact Purnell at 410-641-0638 or call the church office at 410-641-2058.



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# Historic home in Berlin? Town now offering plaques

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) Berlin is proceeding with plans to offer custom residential home plaques for historic homes in or near the historic district.

The Historic District Commission last Wednesday voted unanimously, 3-0, to approve the signs, which must be 15.75 by 10 inches and made of aluminum and featuring antique copper lettering.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the signs may be placed wherever a property owner chooses.

Resident Patricia Diniar originally envisioned the signs, Wells said.

“She wanted to be able to make sure that everyone had the same type of sign, because we’re doing a historic walking tour again – we’re republishing that,” Wells said. “It’s basically just so when

people are doing the tour they can see ... this is the house that they were talking about and match it up to the sign.”

Commission Chairwoman Carol Rose said it is important that the signs are uniform.

“If you have one person ordering it all, then that’s how you’re going to get consistency,” Wells said.

She said anyone in Berlin can request a plaque by contacting her. She said the cost for each would be about \$100.

“Anyone who wants a plaque, I’ll be happy to order it for them,” she said. “They may not be on the historic walking tour map ... but anyone who wants a plaque, just have them contact me.

“Pat Diniar has been working on this project for years and years and years, and it’s never come to fruition,” Wells added. “It’s time that it actually happen.”

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# Youth soccer programs start this month in Ocean Pines

(April 12, 2018) Young soccer players can begin spring season training with programs offered by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department starting in April.

The six-week programs, for boys and girls ages 2-11, will be held at Somerset Park, located on Sloop Lane in Ocean Pines.

Happy Cleats Soccer will allow children ages 2-3 the chance to burn off energy in a non-competitive environment and will focus on socialization, simple soccer fundamentals and fun.

The program will be offered weekly from 5:30-6 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning April 17 for 2-year-olds and on Thursdays beginning April 19 for 3-year-olds. The cost is \$40 for Ocean Pines residents and \$50 for non-residents.

Pee Wee Soccer, for ages 4-6, will start with basic soccer skills and progress to lightly competitive group games. It will be offered on Tuesdays

from 6-6:45 p.m. beginning April 17. The cost is \$45 for Ocean Pines residents and \$55 for non-residents.

Little Kickers Soccer focuses more on game play and building on skills for ages 7-8. It will be held on Thursdays beginning April 19 from 6-6:45 p.m. The cost is \$45 for Ocean Pines residents and \$55 for non-residents.

Boys and girls ages 9-11 will learn advanced drills and fine-tune their skills with Big Kickers Soccer. The program will be held on Tuesdays from 7-7:45 p.m. beginning April 17. The cost is \$55 for Ocean Pines residents and \$65 for non-residents.

These programs are open to the public and registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an on-line version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.

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# ‘Pillowcase Ministry’ supports those in need

In seven years, local group has made thousands of items for children, women

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer

(April 12, 2018) Since 2011, Barbara Entwistle and her Pillowcase Ministry Mission has created thousands of dresses and shorts out of pillowcases for children in third world countries in addition to putting together and helping to distribute market bags, kitchen and shower kits to those in need.

The group’s next work session and meeting is on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Berlin Library. “Missionaries tell us over and over again that these things are able to make a big difference in the lives of families there,” Entwistle said. “They go back to the same small and remote villages. The biggest messages we get is when the missionary comes back [and says] ‘you didn’t forget us.’”

Thousands of pillowcase dresses and shorts have been made and delivered to children in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, East Timor, Mexico, Israel, Panama, Uganda, the Gambia

in West Africa and in the last couple of months, Micronesia.

“The kitchen kits started [in the summer of 2015] when we asked the missionaries if there was anything else they needed,” Entwistle said. “The nice thing is we meet with the missionaries and they come down from time to time and pick up what we are making. I have made so many new friends and the best part is we know where our things are going.”

Kitchen kits consist of pot holders, soap, dishcloths, towels, scrubbers and sponges.

“One of our missionaries went to a village in the Dominican Republic and they had nothing to cook with and were cleaning the pots they had with their fingernails,” Entwistle said. “In our kits to Panama, we include extra oven mitts for the young girls because a lot of them have burns on their hands.”

In the summer of 2016, shower kits started being complied, which in-

cludes a huge bar of soap and a wash cloth in a Ziploc baggie.

“A bar of soap is a luxury to them,” Entwistle said. “Market bags are also really big. They are made from T-shirts and cloth. They have a bigger handle and you can slip them over your shoulder.”

Entwistle said those in need would have their arms full of necessities after leaving a distribution center, but could not carry all the items and people would steal what was dropped.

“With the market bags, they hand out a bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and flip-flops all in the reusable bag,” Entwistle said.

The Pillowcase Ministry has grown from creating pillowcase dresses and shorts to market bags, backpacks, shower and feminine kits, in addition to sleep mats.

To date, more than 3,700 dresses, 1,500 shorts and 2,700 market bags have been created and distributed to children and families in impoverished

nations.

The idea first came about when Entwistle was researching service projects with her local Girl Scout troop and she discovered Rachel O’Neill, founder of Little Dresses for Africa, a nonprofit Christian organization established in 2007 that distributes dresses made of pillowcases throughout many parts of Africa.

The project has grown tremendously throughout the seven years in operation and will continue to be a resource for underprivileged children in third world countries.

A work session and meeting is slated for Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Berlin Library. Currently, there are about 40 active members.

“There will be new women at the workshop who wanted to join the group and they will see a little bit of everything,” Entwistle said. “I will show them how to make dresses and there will be supplies for kitchen kits if they would rather put them together instead of sewing.”

For information on making pillowcase dresses or donating supplies, contact Entwistle at 443-944-5868 or email bentwistle@clarionoc.com.

**‘One of our missionaries went to a village in the Dominican Republic and they had nothing to cook with and were cleaning the pots they had with their fingernails.’**  
Barbara Entwistle

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# Miller to feature paintings, donate to AGH Foundation

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) Ocean Pines artist Gary Miller will display paintings influenced by the colors, moods and sounds of the islands during a 2nd Friday exhibition at Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin this week.

Adding a fundraising component, Miller will donate 10 percent of sales from the show, which will remain on display all month, to the annual Atlantic General Hospital Penguin Swim.

“I paint acrylics and I do a lot of stuff that’s kind of New Orleans-based and a lot of Caribbean-based things,” Miller said. “There will be a lot of variety of art-work in different styles that will be there.”

Additionally, Miller said the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, which provides philanthropic support for the nonprofit hospital, would host a guest bartending event at the brewery on Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

Guest bartenders from Fager’s Island will donate tips and Darin Engh will provide live music. The event will also feature a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a “basket of cheer,” and Burley Oak will donate 10 percent of the bar proceeds.

The fundraiser will benefit the Healthway Drive Community Garden, a community partnership between the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation and several local organizations and nonprofits.

Miller has been a proponent of the foundation and the Penguin Swim for more than a decade, helping to raise more than \$90,000 during that time.

“When we first moved down here 12 years ago, we had a mother-in-law who was living with us who was elderly and, between her and me and my wife, we had various procedures at AGH,” Miller said. “So, we got to know the people there and how kind and how good of a facility it was.”

Inspiration struck while Miller was onboard for a Ravens Roost event and he saw an ad for the annual Penguin Swim.

“Being on a bus going to a Ravens game and talking about fun things to do after a couple beers, my wife said, ‘well, hey, we ought to go jump in the ocean and raise some money for the hospital,’” Miller said. “Another friend said, ‘if you do it I’ll do it’ and pretty soon we had a team together.”

“Each year since then, as part of the Ravens Roost, we have done fundraisers and raised quite a bit of money for the hospital,” he continued. “It started as a fun thing to do and then got a little more serious, and we’ve been pretty successful with it. I think at this point we’re somewhere over \$92,000 [raised] over the last 10 years.”

For more information on Miller’s art, visit [garywm.wixsite.com/millers-original-art](http://garywm.wixsite.com/millers-original-art).

For more information on the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation, visit [www.atlanticgeneral.org/Foundation](http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/Foundation).



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Original acrylic paintings by Ocean Pines resident Gary Miller will be featured at Burley Oak during the 2nd Friday art stroll, this week, and on Monday during a benefit for the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation.



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# Puzzle over This offers varied escape rooms

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer  
(April 12, 2018) A zombie carnival, Edgar Allen Poe and an apartment crime scene are few of the escape room options offered at Puzzle over This on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin.

“It is a challenge, but it’s also a lot of fun and something different,” owner Deborah Ennis said. “The main focus is on teamwork. Everyone is looking around and finding evidence. At the end, everyone comes together to make a decision and that is what this is all about.”

The interactive game tasks participants with finding clues and solving puzzles to unlock pieces before time runs out.

“Instead of just looking for keys to open locks, there is more thinking and piecing of evidence together,” Ennis said. “Our asylum room [for example] has you solving a science experiment.”

Currently, five rooms are open: “Tiki Torture,” “The Im’POE’sible Escape,” “Zombie Carnival,” “Brains vs. Braun” and the apartment crime scene.

In the ‘Tiki Torture’ room, participants have one hour to explore a Caribbean island looking for a pirate and his treasure.

“The tiki room is the easiest and for beginners,” Ennis said. “If you haven’t played before, this one is good to get your feet wet and see what an escape room is all about. It is also good for kids.”

Another room for beginners, but may scare younger children, is the zombie carnival room where participants have one hour to escape an amusement park.

“It was difficult to design, with the different games you play to find the clues,” Ennis said.

“Carnival music plays and there is a clown to give you the ambience of

being there.”

In the Edgar Allen Poe room, participants must find their way out of a locked prop room before the show starts in an hour.

“You don’t need to know his stories, but you will recognize them,” Ennis said. “We also use five of his poems in the room.”

Up to 10 players can participate in the apartment crime scene room, which is the second-hardest room to figure out, Ennis said.

“It is similar to ‘Clue’ and other escape rooms,” Ennis said. “You collect and unlock all the clues and evidence to determine who did it. The larger rooms have more puzzles to keep everyone entertained.”

The most difficult room to figure out at Puzzle over This is the “Brains vs. Braun” rooms, where teams of up to seven race against each other and the clock during an undercover operative mission.

“The doors are never locked and each room has at least one camera,” Ennis said. “The game masters keep an eye on what is going on and can help with a clue at any time. They also check off where they are in the game from the control room. Not one group has come in and not asked for a clue yet.”

Four additional rooms will be available in the near future, including “Under the Sea” and “Seascape Asylum.” Ennis hopes to have them both open by this weekend.

The fire marshal was slated to come on Wednesday afternoon to



KARA HALLISSEY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A zombie carnival, Edgar Allen Poe and an apartment crime scene are few of the escape room options offered at Puzzle over This on Old Ocean City Blvd. in Berlin. In the zombie carnival room, participants have one hour to escape the attraction.

check out “Seascape Asylum,” which has a 70-minute time limit, can accommodate up to 15 players and is difficult to figure out.

“It’s really neat and uses more of your cognitive skills,” Ennis said. “There are only six locks and the rest is using your brain to figure out a lot of little tasks.”

Under the Sea is designed for children 5-9 years old and an employee will stay in the room at all times.

In the near future, Ennis plans on unveiling her biohazard/industrial fallout and attic rooms in addition to three rooms in one: Africa, Egypt and Paris.

“There are three rooms in one game and they all have different themes,” Ennis said. “Clues in one room are needed for another room. We make all of our games up ourselves.”

Puzzle over This also offers a mobile game, which is 15 minutes long, has a grizzly bear escape theme and can be played at various events throughout the area.

“It looks like a log cabin and there is an air horn,” Ennis said. “We also offer 10 percent off any games they play in the future [after participating in the mobile game].”

Play the grizzly bear mobile game at Springfest from May 3-6, Relay For Life at Frontier Town on May 11, or during the Wicomico County Fair, Aug. 17-19.

“The mobile game is also available for company parties or picnics and fundraisers,” Ennis said.

Escape Rooms have been popular for team-building exercises, special events, birthday parties, youth groups, work events and even bachelorette and bachelor parties.

Ennis said Pocomoke High School is renting the space after prom this year.

Puzzle over This has a party room that can hold up to 18 people.

Ennis discovered escape rooms while on vacation and decided to open one close to home, last November.

“A lot of people play these games on their phones and this brings it to life,” Ennis said.

By summer, Ennis plans on having an apparel section with T-shirts, towels and water bottles for sale. In addition, employees take group pictures of participants and post them on Instagram after completing the game. Participants are also encouraged to write on the walls of the bathroom.

Visit Puzzle over This in Berlin on Friday or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., or on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Summer hours are daily, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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# Attics of My Life brings DIY spirit downtown

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) For Ashley Abell, co-owner of newly opened Attics of My Life in downtown Berlin, breathing new life into old objects is a family affair.

Abell grew up on the western shore of Maryland, and the inside of her childhood home there was largely made of reclaimed lumber her father salvaged from an old barn. It even was used to make the stair steps and banisters.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Attics of My Life co-owner Ashley Abell opened shop in downtown Berlin last month, moving the business from Delaware.

Today, her business operates under the same spirit, an approach she has begun teaching to her 15-year-old son.

The home décor shop Attics of My Life opened in Selbyville about three years ago and then moved to 11 South Main Street, formerly home to a Bay-

side Gazette sales office.

Abell and her partner, Brad Sonczewski, renovated the space in about three weeks and officially opened on March 18.

“All my friends have businesses here and I love the community, and I love the mission that they want to keep the small-town charm,” Abell said. “That’s what we do – we’re not really a wholesale store ... most of it is custom woodworking and we sell a lot of DIY products for the DIYers.

“Everything in here is us or something we’ve designed with another artisan,” she continued. “If you see it now, you aren’t going to see it again. We don’t keep the same inventory [and] we try to stay fresh and stay new.”

Abell said the business has a design aesthetic unlike any other shop in Berlin.

“We’re very hands-on with everything,” she said. “[Sonczewski] is a custom woodworker and he’s amazing ... we have a sawmill and a kiln, and he does a lot of beautiful work.”

Virtually all of the materials used are reclaimed.

“We salvage homes, so it’s not that somebody just comes and gives us lumber,” Abell said. “We have literally salvaged it, picked it up, cleaned the wood, used our sawmill and our kiln. We know everything about it ... it’s how I was raised.”

Attics of My Life has also done custom design work for homes and businesses, including several local bars and restaurants. Salon 16 in Berlin is a client.

Since opening the shop, Abell said the community has been warm and welcoming, and several costumers from the Selbyville area have also made the trip.

“The whole town has been fantastic,” she said. “Ivy Wells [the economic development director] has been an absolutely pleasure to work



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Newly opened Attics of My Life in Berlin specializes in handmade items sourced from reclaimed wood, as well as items for the do-it-yourself and instructional workshops.

with and the Historic [Commission] has embraced us, because they know our mission – we are salvaging and making it new.”

Custom items currently in the store include an antique dry sink converted to a modern bar area, and an old door reimaged as a table decorated with vintage Maryland license plates.

Attics of My Life also carries a large selection paints and finishes for do-it-yourself projects.

“It’s such a technology-driven society and these old arts are being lost. It breaks my heart that we have no cobbler here anymore – I used to always get my shoes done by [Jesse Turner],” Abell said. “There’s such beauty in it and it’s just fun to hunt and transform something.

“I hope that people start embracing it more,” she continued. “It’s not that difficult for a DIYer to come in and paint a piece instead of throwing it away because it doesn’t match their décor. There’s so much you can do with simple things and that’s the joy

– helping people.”

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Three workshops are scheduled this month and a “mommy and me” class is in the works for next month.

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# Rechristened ‘Snapdragon’ features made in U.S. items

Former Bungalow Love on Main Street brings back old name from West OC days

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(April 12, 2018) The former Bungalow Love on 9 South Main Street in Berlin has officially become Snapdragon Boutique and Gallery.

Owner Tracey Bell took over the storefront last June and kept the name of the previous business, founded by Heather Layton.

Bungalow Love opened in 2009 on William Street and moved to Main Street in 2015. Layton said last year she would spend more time with her children. She has continued to chair the Berlin Arts & Entertainment

Committee and to provide terrarium classes and other services as Gypsea Tide.

Bell recently decided to revert to the name of her former business, once based in West Ocean City, and received approval from the Historic District Commission last month for new signs.

“I had been thinking about it,” Bell said. “I had Snapdragon for 12 years and I just felt like I really needed to get back to that.”

A Pennsylvania native, Bell moved to the area about 40 years ago.

“I’ve been changing [the shop] a bit to focus more on made in the U.S. and artists from the U.S., and just functional, utilitarian things that I think are fun and useful,” she said. “It’s what I focused on [in West Ocean City] and Maryland is certainly a big part of the ‘made in the U.S.’ [theme].”

Bell said she moved to Berlin because she “liked the small town aspect of it and met some terrific friends [there].”

“I had thought about it for a long time and the opportunity came about, and I said, ‘OK, I’m ready,’” she said.

Along with the small-town feel, Bell said another big difference between West Ocean City and Berlin are the hours of operations. Current hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

“I was there until 10 at night in West O, because there were so many restaurants. That’s been a good thing for me,” she said.

“I think the community [has also been a benefit] because I did not have it in West O, because I was just kind of a standalone among all the fishing boats and restaurants,” Bell added.

She said traffic has been good, but not great, so far, although the recent opening of two new shops next door, Attics of My Life and Bird of Paradise, has helped.

“It hasn’t really been what I expected and other people who have been here longer have told me ... this has been the worse winter they’ve ever had,” Bell said. “Oh, cool. I just got here ... that’s been a challenge and it’s kind of questioned my moved, but I’m sure it will be fine.”

Making the situation more difficult, Bell said she developed a severe case of vertigo about two weeks after moving to Berlin.

“That’s really stopped me in my tracks,” she said. “I haven’t been able to work on my jewelry and my soldering as much. If I ever write a book I’m going to write, ‘Soldering with Vertigo – This is an Adventure.’”

“It’s little by little getting better ... and hopefully it’ll clear up,” Bell continued. “I also hope to advance my skills in jewelry and silversmithing. I’ve certainly got space to work on it.”

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# Opinion

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## Audit like a physical ...

In some respects, a forensic audit, such as the Ocean Pines Association is about to undergo, is like an autopsy and executive physical rolled into one: the autopsy shows what went wrong, while the comprehensive physical determines whether that same thing is likely to happen again ... if left untreated.

But also like the executive physical, with its medley of scans and tests, the forensic audit should leave the client feeling well-cared for even when it finds nothing of great concern.

What Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates will discover as it pores over OPA finances, practices and policies, of course, is impossible to say.

It is probable, however, that the auditors will encounter instances when poor decisions were made, policy wasn't followed or oversight wasn't what it should have been.

But because there's no such thing as operational perfection in any institution or business, that also would be the case in a detailed examination of any subject's financial and management circumstances.

Besides, showing what happened and when is not the sole purpose of this exercise, although most everyone surely is curious about what the audit will reveal.

More important at this juncture are the recommendations that Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates might make regarding how to allay the concerns of an association membership that frequently feels that this or any other board of directors is up to something.

The act of auditing itself is a huge step is the right direction. Regardless of what it finds, good or bad, it will have fulfilled its main purpose — reassuring residents that this board of directors is doing the best it can with a financial condition it inherited.



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## Letters

### Hospice volunteers are one of a kind

Editor,

Most of us remember a person who seemed to go out of their way to help us during a difficult time in our life – a grandparent, special teacher, a stranger who became a friend. The recollections of these caring people remind us of the good within each of us and make up the communities we are part of. Nowhere will you find more compassionate people than the volunteers who serve with Coastal Hospice.

April 15-21 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week, a time to honor and celebrate the individuals that do so much for so many – particularly those hospice volunteers who accompany people during life's final journey.

Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care has 172 active volunteers giving their time and talent to patients and families coping with life-limiting illness and loss. Whether a volunteer is serving at bedside, in the thrift shop, for the We Honor Veterans program, in the office, educating others, or raising awareness, they are at the heart of hospice. When visiting patients,

our volunteers play games, read books, look through photo albums, listen to favorite stories, dress like Santa, drive to the store or barber shop, or go for a ride to the beach.

There are people who mistakenly think hospice is about giving up – it couldn't be further from the truth. Hospice is about living as fully as possible, even at the end of life. At the center of hospice is the belief that each person has the right to die free of pain and with dignity, and that our families will receive the necessary support to allow us to do so.

Our volunteers at Coastal Hospice play an indispensable role in enabling us to offer the best possible care for our patients, their families and caregivers. I encourage everyone to learn more about hospice and our volunteer opportunities to help your neighbors by calling 410-742-8732 or by visiting [CoastalHospice.org](http://CoastalHospice.org).

Alane Capen  
President  
Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care

### OPA should get out of the auditors' way

Editor,

Spring Cleaning has taken on a new meaning in Ocean Pines this year with the hiring of Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates to conduct a forensic audit of the Association to determine if the allegations of widespread theft, corruption and fraud leveled by two former Board members are accurate.

The successful completion of this \$250,000 or so effort is a critical milestone in restoring confidence in the ability of the management team and Board to govern the 8400-plus homeowners in the Association-a confidence shaken by the known, but yet unsolved, theft of \$25000-plus from

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### Correction

An April 5 article incorrectly stated the homeowner share of the projected \$1.5 million deficit in Ocean Pines for fiscal year 2018 is \$1,111. That number represents the cost per homeowner to run the association. We apologize for the error.



# Letters

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the Administration Building and the well documented “catch and release” program that the Board applied to an admitted thief within the Yacht Club management ranks.

The real questions at this juncture involve the capability of the Board to oversee this important milestone and let the highly regarded Gross, Mendelsohn team of experts do their job.

Will Gross, Mendelsohn have the ability to develop a plan based on the available information and their expertise, or will they be guided by the Board to conduct the Board’s plan?

Will the Board give the auditors full access to all information available from the secret, closed sessions that could affect a well-planned forensic audit?

Will the Board have the political courage to request Gross, Mendelsohn to interview Brett Hill and Dave Stevens to get the information that formed the basis of their allegations?

Will the Board resist their genetic DNA to manage by committee or appoint a singular point of contact for the auditors to report to?

Will the Board require scheduled periodic updates to be made to assess the progress of the audit?

Will the Board ask for, and follow, the advice of Gross, Mendelsohn regarding communication to the homeowners? And will the Board let the homeowners know the advice that was given?

And finally, will the Board commit to the homeowners that the “catch and release” program applied to the Yacht Club theft was a serious mistake of judgement and that any person found to commit wrongdoing will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law?

As a homeowner these are the questions that I have and I encourage any other homeowners with questions to address them directly to the Board.

Frank Daly  
Ocean Pines

## On gun violence, NRA offers poor solutions

Editor,

Supporters have come to the defense of the NRA organization and continue that loyal support, even in the wake of continued mass shootings. Their logic is that it is not the NRA that pulls the trigger. That the NRA is a gun safety organization. Of course the NRA did not pull the trigger. The NRA of the past supported gun control even to the extent of co-authoring gun restrictions, including tommy guns of the time.

That viewpoint and defense of the NRA is nostalgic, sweet and loving, but it is not the NRA of today. Bullies that contribute to suicides are found guilty.

The modern NRA of today is equally guilty in mass shootings. They in fact oppose and bully, no

matter how small initiatives may be, each and every idea that is even mentioned towards sane gun legislation. They attack and attack again and incite the proliferation of gun sales. More guns, more opportunity for shootings.

They are relentless in their pursuit of squelching discussion of any gun legislation. This is not the NRA of the past. Quit defending what the NRA used to be.

We do support the right to bear arms. Most of our friends are avid hunters and sportsman. We fully support the right for personal protection. Those opinions, however, are not an all-inclusive.

Our opinion was and remains that the NRA of today is part of the problem and not part of the solution. Just recently, on the 30-day anniversary of the Valentine’s day slaughter of Parkland High students, the NRA tweets a message, “I’ll control my own guns, thank you” with a picture of the assault weapon used in the slaughter. You be the judge.

The NRA stating that the media “loves these mass shootings.” Really? As soon as the Florida, Republican majority State legislature agreed to raise the purchase age from 18 to 21, the NRA sues the State of Florida. Is the NRA that desperate to sell one more gun to a mass murdering 19-year-old ... again?

On Fox News (yes I do watch it) a commentator suggested that instead of gun safety, students should be taught to “counterattack” a shooter. Commentator Rick Santorum suggested that students learn CPR to help the victims of mass slaughter.

Harden schools, do you know how much schools cost already? Arm teachers? How is a cop going to determine the good guys and the bad guys in the 10 seconds arriving on the scene with everyone shooting and armed?

Again, on Fox, Laura Ingram bullying the Parkland students with nasty, hateful remarks. These mass slaughter attacks, unless you have not heard, occur in; churches, concerts, places of work, night clubs, movie theaters, outdoor concerts, homes. Even President Trump, after he timidly hinted at some weak form of gun safety, cowardly backed down after the NRA met with him and I guess, “told him” and he then did a compete about face.

This is a challenge, an invitation if

you will, to engage in change that supports both the NRA and the individual rights of those who wish to have weapons with those who want a gun free society. As a tax-exempt organization, the NRA is supposed to promote social welfare for the common good, not the exclusive good. It should lose its tax-exempt status unless it does otherwise.

The NRA is a marketer of guns, not a promoter of the common good. Who are they kidding? How far do you want to stretch and distort the Second Amendment? Defend yourself against the government? In case you have not noticed, the government can out shoot you. Their weapons are bigger.

As a fellow American citizen, we have the biggest weapon in the world ... your vote. As with the First Amendment there are limits, but, and as a person who respects the Second Amendment we feel, like the majority of people, including actual NRA members, that there is no need to own assault weapons, high capacity magazines, and quite frankly, they should not be allowed. We need assault weapons limits, reinstated as they were, before they expired. Is there any room for discussion or compromise, or is the NRA’s way or the highway?

Banning assault weapons will not singularly solve the mass slaughters, murders, and gun accidents that our country is experiencing. It will take background checks, waiting periods, and a ban on assault weapons and much more.

The Republican Party who are in control of this government along with Donald Trump stand idly by as more opportunity for killings and profits from the sale of weapons designed to kill humans continues and they get their “A” rating and donations from the NRA. We are not fans of Trump, but on this issue he and he alone can address and solve this problem.

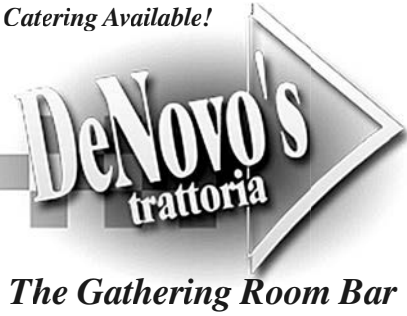
Do you really need that donation from the NRA? The perception is that the NRA owns the Republican Party. Perception is reality. The time for thoughts and prayers and delaying action because “its too soon after a shooting” is over. Make meaningful change now, Mr. Trump and Representative Harris. Are you really that afraid of the NRA? I think so.

Sandy and Palmer Gillis  
Salisbury

## Have an opinion?

We invite you to share it, but all letters are subject to verification, so please include your name and phone number. All letters are subject to editing for space and to protect the author and this newspaper from legal action. Email letters to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com). For questions, call 410-723-6397.

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# OPA Community Center to host flea market, April 14

(April 12, 2018) A new crop of community-wide yard sales and flea markets is popping up around Delmarva. One of the largest seasonal indoor/outdoor flea markets is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway.

Bargain shoppers and treasure enthusiasts will be able to shop gently used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles food and much more. "This year promises to be just as well-attended as last," said Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer. "Admission is free for shoppers and the event is open to the public."

Vendor spaces are still available. An indoor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes an 8-foot table and chair.

Outdoor spaces, which will be located in the parking lot in front of the Ocean Pines administration building, are \$10 for all vendors. Outdoor vendors will need to provide their own tables and chairs.

Shoppers are also encouraged to visit the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market for fresh produce, baked goods, meats and gourmet pantry and artisan-crafted items.

The farmers and artisans market, which will take place in conjunction with the indoor/outdoor flea market, is open to the public and located at White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway.

For more information about the indoor/outdoor flea market, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

# Pines raises money for PD during license plate auction

(April 12, 2018) Ten top bidders and 40 lucky raffle ticket holders were the recipients of an official Ocean Pines, Maryland license plate.

The Ocean Pines Association held a license plate auction/raffle fundraiser on Saturday, March 24 to raise money for its police department. The fundraiser brought in \$5,050, of which \$1,250 will be sent to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration as a processing fee for 50 organization license plates.

The first license plate, PN0001, was sold for \$800 to bidder Gary Clift of Ocean Pines. Cheryl Jacobs, Ocean Pines Association vice president, outbid others to claim license plate PN0002 for \$425. Eight other plates were auctioned off to Ocean Pines residents, including PN0004, which went to long-time resident and business owner Marvin Steen for \$500.

Forty raffle tickets were then drawn from a ticket drum at the March 24 event.

The winning raffle tickets are as follows: ticket number 6987276 for license plate PN0011, 6987271 for PN0012, 6987272 for PN0013, 6987273 for PN0014, 6987257 for PN0015, 6987305 for PN0016, 6987255 for PN0017, 6987266 for PN0018, 6987283 for PN0019, 6987310 for PN0020, 6987288 for PN0021, 6987302 for PN0022, 6987284 for PN0023, 6987275 for PN0024, 6987274 for PN0025, 6987281 for PN0026, 6987279 for PN0027, 6987269 for PN0028, 6987264 for PN0029, 6987289 for PN0030, 6987270 for PN0031, 6987313 for PN0032, 6987253 for PN0033, 6987258 for PN0034, 6987277 for PN0035, 6987282 for PN0036, 6987268 for PN0037, 6987286 for PN0038, 6987263 for PN0039, 6987265 for PN0040, 6987251 for PN0041, 6987280 for PN0042, 6987254 for PN0043,

6987256 for PN0044, 6987287 for PN0045, 6987252 for PN0046, 6987261 for PN0047, 6987311 for PN0048, 6987285 for PN0049 and 6987267 for PN0050.

"Proceeds from the license plate raffle/auction will cover the cost of the first annual National Night Out event in Ocean Pines," Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer said. "It's a community-building event that will promote police-community partnerships and Pines Pride."

The event, scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 5-7 p.m. at White Horse Park, at 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, is free and open to the public.

"Music, food, games and moon bounces will be available for the public to enjoy," Sawyer said. "Marked police vehicles will also be on display and officers will meet and greet the public."

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Pfc. Jennifer DeGiovanni, of the Ocean Pines Police Department, will offer child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance.

"Our officers care deeply for passenger safety and want to make sure residents and guests are installing children and baby car seats correctly," Sawyer said.



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**Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer and Police Chief David Massey raise money for Ocean Pines Police during a recent auction.**

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## WPS GETS THEATRICAL

Worcester Preparatory School seventh and eighth grade students presented “The Snow White Variety Show,” written by Brian D. Taylor, in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center on March 16. It was directed by WPS Middle School teachers Lindsey MacWha and Linda Smith.



## ASTRONOMER

Mara Minkey, a fifth grader in Stacy Lloyd's class, is excited to visit the planetarium with her science teacher, Ashley Miller. Berlin Intermediate School fifth graders enjoyed going inside the Sky Dome Planetarium to learn about the solar system, stars and constellations. Students are beginning to learn about the solar system in science classes so the Sky Dome was the perfect introduction.

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## HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION

Stephen Decatur High School students and staff collected nearly 800 pounds of pet food in a recent drive sponsored by the Kids Against Animal Abuse and Testing (KAAAT) club. Donations were made to the Worcester County Humane Society and Kenille's Kupboard. Pictured are Stephen Decatur High School KAAAT club members Hallie Edmunds, Emma Stubblebine, Nevaeh Steward, Mette Jacobsen, Advisor Kim Patrick and John Liberto.



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## BOOK DRIVE

The Kiwanis K-Kids Club at Buckingham Elementary in Berlin recently held a book drive and collected over 1,000 for the new town library. Pictured are members of the K-Kids Club with their advisor Betsy Williams.



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## KEY CLUB OFFICERS

Stephen Decatur High School has a very successful Kiwanis Student Leadership club known as the Key Club which is sponsored by the parent Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City. On March 28, the Key Club held its annual breakfast for the parent club. Kiwanis Club advisor to the SDHS Key Club Roy Foreman is pictured with five of the six officers of the Key Club, from left, President Dana Kim, Vice President Laila Mirza, Treasurer Zehra Mirza, Historian Skylar Crowley and Secretary Sydney Boger. Vice President Isabel Emond is not pictured.



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## ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Stephen Decatur High School juniors Ally Hunter (swimming) and Jagger Clapsadle (wrestling) were named the February Premier Driving School Athletes of the Month. Hunter placed fifth during the state tournament in the 500-yard freestyle, while Clapsadle won both a conference and a regional title and took second place in the state in his 106-pound weight division. Hunter and Clapsadle are pictured with Assistant Principal Ryan Cowder and Premier Driving School representative Kelly Sisk.



# Business Briefs

## Additions

Shamrock Realty Group welcomes back Veronica Bishop, who was an original member of Shamrock when it opened its doors in 2006.



Veronica Bishop

Their combined knowledge of the real estate industry spans from the front desk of a small real estate brokerage to the largest real estate companies in the U.S., and globally and includes the local association of Realtors.



Amanda Forsythe

Bishop began her career in real estate in 1999 after relocating to the Eastern Shore of Maryland working with various large companies. Forsythe began her real estate career, just out of high school, working part time in the Shamrock office.

Together, their mission is to be the team of choice for sellers and buyers of residential real estate with a focus on the primary home market.

Shamrock Realty Group also welcomes Donna Frankowski to the company.



D. Frankowski

New to the industry, Frankowski has wasted no time diving right in. Born in England and having lived in numerous countries abroad plus various cities along the U.S. east coast, Frankowski decided to make Ocean Pines her forever home.

## Grand opening

At the same time she launched her new career in real estate sales after years in the classroom teaching middle school science.

The Law Office of Marianna Batie, the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce are hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 19, to celebrate the grand opening of the law firm. The event will begin at 4 p.m. with the ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.

The Law Office of Marianna Batie is located in the Decatur Business Center on Route 611, at 9748 Stephen Decatur Highway, #112. The firm represents clients in a range of legal matters, including but not limited to: Wills and Trusts, estate administration, business formations, Medicaid applications and tax mat-

ters.

Members of the community who are interested in learning more about Batie and the services the law office provides are invited. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Law Office of Marianna Batie at 443-856-4676.

## Promotions

Becker Morgan Group announce the following employee promotions:

Mike Riemann, PE., civil engineer, has been promoted to principal, demonstrating strong technical competency and leadership skills throughout his tenure with Becker Morgan Group.



Mike Riemann

Riemann started as an intern in 1997, joined full time as a civil designer in 2001, advanced to associate in 2006, named senior associate in 2009, promoted to associate principal in 2016 and became a principal in 2018.

Riemann is a graduate of University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science/Civil Engineering degree and is a registered professional engineer in Delaware. He played a vital role in the opening and expansion of the firm's newest office in Newark, Delaware.

His extensive experience spans

statewide across Delaware, with expertise in various market sectors including commercial, retail, education, institutional and residential subdivision.

Riemann is actively involved in numerous professional and civic organizations, including his current role serving as president of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Delaware, and has been recognized as the 2015 Delaware Council of Engineering Societies Young Engineer of the Year, 2014 Rotarian of the Year from the Dover Downtown Rotary, and 2013 Associate Member of the Year from the Home Builders Association of Delaware.



B. Frederick

Brenden Frederick, AIA, LEED AP, has been promoted to associate principal.

He has been with the firm for 14 years, is a registered architect in Maryland and Delaware, holds a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Certification, and is a LEED Accredited Professional.

He has extensive experience in educational, public safety, healthcare, manufacturing and multi-family projects, including serving as project manager on the Johnson Controls/Middletown Distribution Center and the new Datwyler Pharma-

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April 14: Jon Maurer, 5-9 p.m.;  
Rew Smith, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;  
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April 19: Opposite Directions, 5-8 p.m.

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April 13: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



# Business Briefs

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ceutical plant, both located in Middletown, Delaware, and numerous projects with Nanticoke Health Services in Seaford, Delaware and Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

Frederick holds a Master and Bachelor of Architecture from Tulane University. He is an active member of the American Institute of Architects including service as the 2017 AIA Maryland Chapter President and Chesapeake Bay Chapter Director. He also serves as a member of the Salisbury Historic District Commission, and is president elect of the Rotary Club of Wicomico County.



Jack Mumford

Jack Mumford, III, AIA, LEED AP, has been with Becker Morgan Group for 28 years, and is now an associate principal.

Mumford is a registered architect in Maryland and Texas and is a LEED Accredited Professional. He studied architectural design and building technology at Delaware Technical Community College and holds two professional certificates, Construction Practices and Construction Estimating, from San Diego State University.

His responsibilities include project management, architectural design, and specifications with vast experi-

ence in hotel, restaurant, recreation, commercial/retail, and multi-family residential projects. He is currently serving as project manager on the Ocean City convention center Phase 3 expansion, numerous new hotel projects in Philadelphia, White Marsh, Maryland, Newark and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, as well as the recently completed new Embassy Suites by Hilton Wilmington Riverfront in Wilmington, North Carolina.



Jon Lipka

Jon Lipka, AIA, CSI, CCCA, has been promoted to senior associate.

With a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa School of Architecture, he is a registered architect in Maryland, holds a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Certification, and is a Certified Construction Contract Administrator and Construction Documents Technologist.

Lipka has been with the firm for 14 years and serves as the firm's Building Information Management manager and lead Quality Control professional. He lends his expertise primarily in educational and public safety projects while taking an active role serving as a mentor for new employees, providing training on software standards.

Lipka has served as project manager on multiple educational projects in both Maryland and Delaware, and is an assistant pastor at Saint Thomas the Disciple in Salisbury.

Bill Sieg, AIA, has been with the firm for 19 years, and is now a senior associate.



Bill Sieg

Sieg is a registered architect in Maryland and holds a Master of Architecture from Morgan State University and Bachelor of Arts from University of Delaware.

He is on the Board of Directors for the Ocean City Development Corporation and is also active with the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association and AIA Chesapeake Bay Chapter.

Sieg brings unique expertise in land planning, form-based code creation and implementation, and master planning. He has participated with civic affiliations to create and administer design guidelines, standards and zoning codes that encourage attractive buildings that reflect contextual design and character appropriate to their local region.

Becker Morgan Group provides comprehensive architecture and engineering services with offices in Delaware, Maryland and North Carolina. For more information, visit

[www.beckermorgan.com](http://www.beckermorgan.com).

## Ribbon cutting

Anne Arundel Dermatology will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, April 19 to celebrate the opening of its new Berlin office and the expansion of its services on the Lower Eastern Shore.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. and includes remarks from Scott Mahosky, AAD's chief executive officer, and Jen Herlihy, AAD's business development liaison, raffles for prizes such as a \$250 cosmetic gift certificate, office tours, cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Anne Arundel Dermatology executives will be in attendance.

The office is located at 9948 North Main Street in Berlin.

Founded over 40 years ago by Dr. Robert Handwerger, Anne Arundel Dermatology is the largest and most well-established dermatology practice in Maryland and is currently expanding into Virginia and Tennessee. It is comprised of 25-plus locations, more than 55 board certified physicians, seven certified nurse practitioners, 27 physician assistants, nine registered nurses, a full suite of cosmetic laser and skin care services and products, and dedicated in-house Mohs surgery and pathology laboratory services.

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# Snapshots



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## VETERANS HONORED

Vietnam Veterans Chapter #1091, Ocean City, dedicated a memorial bench on March 30 to the eight Worcester County veterans that gave their all during the Vietnam War. The dedication took place at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. Pictured are family members of those war veterans.



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## KIWANIS JOIN HUNT

Ocean Pines held its annual Easter Egg Hunt in Whitehorse Park on Saturday March 31. Kiwanis Dawg Team sold hotdogs, hamburgers, snacks and other refreshments. Pictured, from left, are Dawg Team members Char Vanvick, Lead Dawg Barb Peletier, 2017 Top Dawg Joe Beall, Ted Vanvick, Sue Wineke and Robin Beall. Proceeds from the sales benefit local youth.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## NAACP HOSTS SAFETY FORUM

Worcester County NAACP hosted a community forum, "Keeping Our Kids Safe," on March 15 at Ocean Pines Library. Steve Price, assistant superintendent of Worcester County Schools, and Lt. Andy McGee, Worcester County Sheriff Department, presented information on school safety procedures and answered questions. Pictured, from left, are Judy Davis, NAACP press; Dr. Kirkland Hall, 38A House Delegate candidate; Thomas Zimmer, SDHS principal; Price, Eloise Henry-Gordy, Worcester County Schools Student Services; Beth Shockley-Lynch, Worcester County Teachers Association; Lt. McGee; Dr. Roxie Achonlonu, NAACP president; and Donna Chandler Bailey, NAACP member.



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## DAR MEDAL GIVEN

The Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented the National DAR Conservation Medal to Janice Freeman Ward during its recent 113th conference in Ellicott City. State chair for Conservation Pat Arata read the citation recognizing Ward for her many years of volunteer service devoted to preserving the Eastern Bluebird population. Ward was sponsored by the General Levin Winder Chapter. Pictured, from left, are Maryland State Regent Carol Dorsey Larkin, Freeman Ward and Arata.



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## NURSING DONATION

The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Colleen Wareing, vice president of patient care services at Atlantic General Hospital, benefitting the James G. and Nancy W. Barrett Nursing Scholarship Program. The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines have contributed a total of \$10,000 to Atlantic General Hospital's nursing scholarship program since 2008. Pictured, from left, are Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines officers Jean Beatty, secretary; Elaine Gilgenast, vice president; Ellen Yannuzzi, president; and Joyce Brittan, treasurer and Wareing.



# Puzzles

1 + 1 = 5

BY SAM EZERSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Hardly

8 Chemicals proscribed by '70s legislation

12 Like some legal damages

20 2018 N.C.A.A. football champs

21 "I know the answer!"

22 Final song in "Fantasia"

23 Excited sort

25 Chinese-restaurant chain

26 Actress Green of 2006's "Casino Royale"

27 Tasteless

28 7 1/2-hour exam, for short

29 Component of a summer cloud

30 One doing the lord's work

32 Something you hope people have when they leave?

34 Bee \_\_\_\_

35 Business bigwigs

39 Caught morays

40 What a spoiler spoils

42 Crush

44 Heroic figure in "Star Wars" films

49 "I need everyone's help!"

54 "Geez, that was tiring!"

55 Rumpus

56 Many a cereal-box toy

57 Speckled horse

59 Big name in nail polish

60 Bathtub accessory

61 Rating for "Game of Thrones" and "House of Cards"

62 Area for filming in Hollywood

65 \_\_\_\_ favor

66 Org. that oversaw F.D.R.'s Federal Project Number One

67 Haw's go-with

68 Patriotic song lyric before "Mind the music and the step"

71 Regulation followers, in brief

72 Shorn animal

73 An ace has a low one

74 Relatives of channels

75 Gallic gal pal

76 Dumbbell curls build them, for short

77 Aides: Abbr.

80 \_\_\_\_ Rios, Jamaica

81 Cry to a prima donna

82 Had

83 Hero

85 Natural disaster of 2012

88 Magician known for debunking paranormal claims

91 IV-bag contents

92 Big \_\_\_\_, nickname of baseball's David Ortiz

93 Fetch

96 Photo-editing option

98 4-Down personnel, informally

100 Item in a sink

102 Lasting, unpleasant memory

105 Match (with)

106 Move to solid food

108 Something used in a pinch?

112 Social \_\_\_\_

113 Stretchable wrappers

115 1988 crime comedy rated 93% positive on Rotten Tomatoes

117 Spanish 101 question

118 They may be loaded in a casino

119 Device many use in bed

120 Massé, e.g.

121 On the double

122 Go down

13 Eye part

14 Call from behind a counter

15 The "Home Alone" boy, e.g.

16 Things to shoot for ... or shoot at

17 Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"

18 Embassy issuances

19 Big \_\_\_\_ Conference

24 Sermon topic

28 Señora, across the Pyrenees

31 Reddish-purple

33 Prefix with liter

34 Have an exclusive relationship

36 Nutrient in lentils and liver

37 X

38 Pathetic

40 Make easier to plow, in a way

41 Makes a connection

43 Pfizer competitor

45 Dieting units: Abbr.

46 Helen Reddy's signature hit

47 Malleable

48 Tougher

49 Like a fictional Casey

50 Have as a housemate

51 "I wanna look!"

52 \_\_\_\_ Zero

53 Leafy vegetables

58 Acknowledge without words

62 Irish Spring, e.g.

63 Pueblo ancestors

64 It's lit

68 "Totally, bro"

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69 Four-letter island name with three syllables

70 Some expensive gowns

75 Associate of Athos and Porthos

78 \_\_\_\_ Fridays

79 "\_\_\_\_ in the Rain"

81 Certain bra spec

84 Big heads

86 \_\_\_\_ ipsa loquitur

87 Hot state

89 Each

90 Goal for a tailor

94 Beethoven's Third

95 Typewriter formatting aid

97 Consent (to)

98 Ballroom dance in duple time

99 City near Biscayne National Park

100 Touches, as with a tissue

101 "This is SO frustrating!"

103 Poet who wrote "For the Time Being" and "Another Time"

104 Figure on a poster

105 Bench presses build them, for short

106 Well thought?

107 Prefix with -derm

109 Kept in the loop, in a way

110 Prudence

111 Whoops?

114 French possessive

115 Billboards, e.g.

116 France's \_\_\_\_ du Bourget

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HARD - 56

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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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7	5	8	1	6	3	9	4	2
1	9	4	7	2	5	3	6	8
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BEDSIT		THEMES	YESNO	
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# Cuisine

## Swiss apple cake to soothe a chilly spring

The older I get, the more I appreciate a stark departure from chocolate desserts and venturing into fruit-laden sweets. I grew up with Strawberry Shortcake with whipped cream and cobblers of all sorts, but for most of my meager existence on this rock I have taken a shine to unctuous, decadent chocolate mousses, ganache and the like.



By Paul Suplee,  
MBA, CEC, PC-3

In fact I liked it so much that I made a mini-career out of creating truffle packs for Chesapeake Farms years ago. But now, the thought of making a thousand truffles in one sitting truly makes my skin crawl. Time has not healed that wound, but let's get back to fruity desserts.

I guess it's like anything else in our diet. I hated Brussels sprouts growing up, but now couldn't imagine writing a menu that didn't have them on there somewhere. Shaved and roasted, roasted whole, raw in a slaw or in a power salad, Brussels sprouts, or "BS" as I used to call them in my teenage-years, add a wonderful, natural touch to any modern menu.

And I digress once more. I will try to stay focused from here on out, but at least you know where I'm heading with this. Maybe you don't. Hell, maybe I don't. Alright, I will do my best to tie this all together for you.

With strawberry season just around the corner, those of us who are excited will scout out the various pick-your-own farms and hit the fields with great strides. I love picking fresh, ripe strawberries, as the juices and sweetness are far above and beyond anything you'll buy at a grocery store.

Then come the peaches, and of course the apple orchards will be starting to get ready to pick at the end of the summer or early into autumn. But as we all know, thanks to modern transportation we can pretty much buy whatever we want, whenever we want. That is the way of it, but of course nothing will compare to picking local berries or sourcing heirloom tomatoes from Chesterfield Farms or fresh greens from Terrapin Farms. There's just something about produce that is at its peak of freshness that sets it apart from commodity produce.

In line with the chilly spring that we've been suffering through, this apple dish is a delightful addition to your menu. Swiss in nature (but I'm sure it is prevalent in German and Austrian cuisines as well) this cake is more like a really thick pancake, having a consistency similar to Yorkshire pudding, if you've ever had that.

Yorkshire Pudding, if you haven't, is a loose batter reminiscent of crepe batter, but it is savory. After a solid roasting of a huge chunk of beef, the meat is removed from the pan and a fair amount of the drippings are left in there.

The pan is heated to just under smoking-hot, the batter is added and then it's finished in the oven quickly. Similarly, this cake has the preheated pan, although I would not recommend using meat scraps and fats to line your pan. I guess I should clarify that this only resembles Yorkshire Pudding in consistency only, and with the absence of eggs, it will be a little different overall.



Follow the recipe, top a whole cake with apples, or cut it up and toss it all together. Either way, the caramel, apples and cake are a wonderful nest for a couple scoops of vanilla ice cream. And I can't think of a better way to end a chilly spring dinner.

### Swiss Apple Dough Cake

serves 4-6

- 1 recipe cake batter (follows)
- 1 batch apples (recipe follows)
- 1/4 cup Golden raisins
- 1/4 cup Chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 425 F and place oiled cast iron pan in to preheat for 30 minutes
2. Pull out pan and pour the batter in. It will start to cook immediately from the bottom and sides, and then place it in the oven to finish
3. Remove the cake and allow to cool
4. Take the baked cake and either shred it or cut it into uniform cubes
5. Toss this with the caramelized apples
6. Place it all back into the cast iron pan in which you baked the cake and top with powdered sugar or sucre neige (see note below)
7. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream and yodel a little

\*Sucre Neige (sugar snow) is a pastry chef secret powdered sugar that will neither melt nor dissolve. This will allow it to sit on top of the moist apples without dissipating

### Cake Batter

- 2/3 cup Pastry flour
- 2/3 cup Whole milk
- 1/2 cup Heavy cream
- 3 Tbsp. Sugar
- seeds from 1/2 vanilla bean
- Pinch of salt
- 1 Tbsp. Kirshwasser
- 1. Combine all ingredients with a whisk, ensuring that it does not get overbeaten
- 2. Set aside until ready to bake off

### Apples

- 1/4 cup Sugar
- water, as needed
- 3 cups Granny smith apples, peeled and sliced
- 1. Use a couple tablespoons of water to help dissolve the sugar, adding both to a pan
- 2. Do not agitate this, as sometimes it will force the sugar to harden into rock candy-like chunks that take forever to dissolve again
- 3. Watch the sugar caramelize, then add the apples to coat and cook until they are done to your likeness
- 4. Set aside until ready to assemble

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).



# Calendar

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

## THU, APR. 12

### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Submit an original photograph to be displayed in the library and entered into a contest for a chance to win prizes. Open to adults. All photo submissions must be turned in to the library by 1 p.m. on April 14. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### 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 Operation We Care. An optional luncheon will follow the meeting. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

### 'ALL ABOUT ANIMALS'

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

### ANNUAL ARBOR DAY MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

Pintail Park, Located canal-side along Ocean Parkway near Pintail Drive, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. A tree will be planted in memory of loved ones who have passed away during 2017. A luncheon will follow at The Lighthouse Sound restaurant. The cost of the luncheon is \$22 and includes beverages, tax and gratuity. Reservations: Marian Bickerstaff, [mbickerstaff@mchsi.com](mailto:mbickerstaff@mchsi.com) or 410-208-2508. Open to all.

### STORY TIME 'LIBRARIES'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy 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 where they share their independent wrks and receive encouraging feedback. All writers welcome. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### BEACH SINGLES

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

### YOGA

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 4:45 p.m. Instructor, Carol

Pike, will guide the group through meditation. Limited to 20 participants. Register: 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### ANIMATION AFTER HOURS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Seth Nedrow hosts this educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adult audiences. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

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

## FRI, APR. 13

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### FIBER FRIENDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your lap work and join this group for informal get-togethers. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, [moonlightknitting@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightknitting@gmail.com), <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 to 4 p.m. Happy 200th Birthday Frederick Douglass! This month's selection is "Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass: An American Slave." Copies of the book are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014, <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 single crabcake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Carryouts and bake sale available.

### CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Costs are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 11 years and younger. Tina, 443-880-6966

### BISHOPVILLE CHARGE SPRING REVIVAL SERVICE

Wilson United Methodist Church, 10722 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 7 p.m. Music by God's Country Crossroads. Speaker will be Rev. Walt Crocker. All are welcome.

## SAT, APR. 14

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### 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

### FREE HEALTH FAIR

St Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Heroin Epidemic — Things you should know, lectures, demonstrations, testimonies, A Teenager's Bedroom - Signs of Risky Behavior Seminars and question and answer time. Light refreshments. All are welcome.

### INDOOR/OUTDOOR FLEA MARKETS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Shop gently used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles, delectable food and more. Free and open to the public Indoor vendor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for nonresidents and includes an 8-foot table and chairs. Outdoor spaces are \$10 to all vendors but tables and chairs are not provided. Shoppers are also encouraged to visit the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market for fresh produce, baked goods, meats and gourmet pantry and artisan-crafted items. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

### 7TH ANNUAL KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

Ocean City Boardwalk at the Inlet. Ocean City, MD, 9 a.m. Race Village opens at 7:30 a.m. Walk or run the recreational 5K or 1-mile route on the boardwalk. The Race Village will feature food, music, kids' activities, a survivor tent and a post-Race beer garden. Funds raised benefit local breast health programs and national research. Cost is \$30 for adults (times runners add \$5) and \$15 for youths 11 years and younger. Register: [www.komenmd.org/ocean](http://www.komenmd.org/ocean) city. Becky Bosstick, [bbosstick@komenmd.org](mailto:bbosstick@komenmd.org), 410-938-8990

### BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Menu includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, home fried potatoes, eggs and coffee. Cost is \$8, which benefits the Huey Helicopter Memorial. 410-213-2471

### 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, 9:30 a.m. The speaker will be Steve Doctor, a biologist with the Maryland DNR Fisheries. There will also be a short presentation from Liz Wist, the Education Coordinator of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program about an upcoming special program. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

### CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'LIBRARIES'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's National Library Week! Create themed crafts using materials provided. For all ages. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### PILLOWCASE DRESS PARTY

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Make dresses to be sent to Haiti and other third world countries for children in need. All supplies provided. Pre-registration is requested. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### WORCESTER COMMUNITY ACCESS TO RESOURCES EXPO

Multi-Purpose Building, 130 Flower St., Berlin, MD 21811, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family-friendly event featuring nonprofit organizations throughout the county creating a one-stop shop for individuals and families looking for support or assistance. Worcester CARES will have a limited number of bagged groceries available on a first come, first served basis for attendees who complete the event evaluation form. Info: Kelsey Jensen, 410-973-2289 or Laura Allen, 410-641-4144.

### 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 age 13 and older. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Ocean Pines library, lobby, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For first time voter registration, change of address, name or party affiliation. Must be a US citizen, MD resident and at least 16 years old. (cannot vote until 18 years old). Bring current MD drivers license or MVA ID card or last 4 digits of the social security number. In Maryland, individuals convicted of a felony who have been released on parole or probation can vote, but must re-register.

### MOUNTED UNIT OPEN HOUSE

Bay Point Equestrian Center, 11655 Rotherwood Lane, Berlin, MD, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Free open house where attendees will have the opportunity to meet each of the four police horses; meet and greet at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Mounted officers will demonstrate how they groom and tack the horses (1:15 p.m.), mounted patrol techniques and will run the horses through an obstacle course (2:30 p.m.). The horses will also play a 2-on-2 soccer game. Continued on Page 34



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cer game (3:30 p.m.). Additionally, the OCPD K-9 Unit will be doing two demonstrations throughout the afternoon (2 p.m. and 4 p.m.).

**BISHOPVILLE CHARGE SPRING REVIVAL SERVICE**  
Wilson United Methodist Church, 10722 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 7 p.m. Music by Phil Davis. Speaker will be Rev. Bill Sterling. All are welcome.

## SUN, APR. 15

**SPRING RESTAURANT WEEK**  
Participating restaurant offer special, fixed-price menus. No passes, tickets or coupons required. Simply choose a participating restaurant and dine out. 410-289-6733, <http://www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com>

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**BISHOPVILLE CHARGE SPRING REVIVAL SERVICE**  
Wilson United Methodist Church, 10722 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, MD, 2 p.m. Music by Rev. Jack Savage. Speaker will be Rev. Frank Shelton, Jr., International Evangelist and Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Maryland Field Representative. Fellowship meal to follow the service. All are welcome.

## MON, APR. 16

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

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Maryland Senator Jim Mathias will be the guest speaker along with Dr. Creston Long, Salisbury University Professor, who will speak on the legacy of Governor J. Mil-lard Tawes. Visitors welcome. 410-973-1021

**LAP TIME**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For infants and toddlers up to age 2 and their caregivers. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**LAP TIME**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs,

games and finger plays. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Lisa Harri-son, 410-632-3970, <http://www.worcester-library.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. Rosealee Campion, 410-641-0157

**TEEN TIME ‘ONE HIT WONDERS AND AWESOME COVERS’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 5 p.m. Hang out, eat pizza and do something fun, or at least dif-ferent. For ages 13-18 years. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**GUEST BARTENDING FUNDRAISER**  
Burley Oak Brewing Company, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 6 p.m. The AGH Foundation is hosting the guest bar-tending event to benefit “Healthway Drive Community Garden.” The event will include two bartenders from Fager’s Island donat-ing tips, 50/50 raffle and a basket of cheer raffle. Ten percent of the bar ring will be do-nated by Burley Oak and there will be live music by Darren Eng. The guest artist for April will be donating 10 percent of all sales during the month to the Atlantic General Hospital Penguin Swim.

**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 inter-ested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

## TUE, APR. 17

**SPRING RESTAURANT WEEK**  
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**STORY TIME ‘FURRY FRIENDS’**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**COLORING FOR CALMNESS**  
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Monthly adult coloring sessions. Bring your own coloring pages or use those pro-vided. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips

available, along with coffee and cookies. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**LIVING HISTORY PRESENTATION**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Frederick Douglass, a runaway slave from Maryland’s Eastern Shore, comes alive in this presentation by actor, Bill Grimmette. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**LITTLE EXPLORERS ‘CLASSICAL MUSIC’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Lit-tle Explorers will learn about classical music. Best for children under 2 years old but all are welcome. 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. jean-duck47@gmail.com

## WED, APR. 18

**SPRING RESTAURANT WEEK**  
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**KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. Meets every Wednesday. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

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

**POSTURE AND PAIN SEMINAR**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 to 11 a.m. This free physical therapy seminar will cover how poor posture can cause pain, headaches, limited motion and muscle weakness as well as what steps can be taken to prevent pain. Open to the public. Registration is required: 410-641-7052. <http://www.OceanPines.org>

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
Used To Be Mine Thrift Shop, 12507 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For first time voter registration, change of address, name or party affiliation. Must be a US citizen, MD resident and at least 16 years old. (cannot vote until 18 years old). Bring current MD drivers license or MVA ID card or last 4 digits of the social security number. In Maryland, individuals convicted of a felony who have been released on parole or probation can vote, but must re-register.

**IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road,

Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ex-plore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men are welcome. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**‘ALL ABOUT ANIMALS’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. Pets. farm and zoo animals. For 3-7 year old children. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

**STEM FOR HOMESCHOOL ‘FOOD BRIDGES’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1:30 p.m. Use pasta, marshmallows, pretzels and more to design and build bridges. Just for home schoolers ages 5-12 years. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**AFTERNOON GENRE CLUB**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. New genre book club. This month’s genre is Historical Fiction. You choose the title. Light refreshments. Stop by the library for suggested titles. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB**  
Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing and cha-cha to the sounds of the ‘50s, ‘60s and Carolina Beach music. A \$5 dona-tion per person to benefit Veterans and local charities in the Delmarva region. Dance les-sons offered the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5-5:45 p.m. Dancing fol-lows until 9 p.m. All are welcome. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

**SEAFOOD & BREW DINNER**  
Waterman’s Seafood, 12505 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Dinner will be served in the upstairs seating area. Cost is \$65 per guest. Fifty percent of all pro-ceeds will be donated to the Diakonia Hous-ing program. Have appetizers at the upstairs bar from 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by a Sit Down 4 Course Beer Dinner. 410-213-1020

**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. [cliffo917@aol.com](mailto:cliffo917@aol.com), 410-641-1700

**OCEAN PINES BOAT CLUB KICK-OFF MEETING**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. Social begins at 6:30. p.m. Judge Dale Cathell will be the guest speaker. Judge Cathell served as a judge on the MD Court of Appeals and has written a book, “Wading Through the Swamp — The Memoirs of a Bad Boy.” The Ocean Pines Boat Club is a social club. Members do not need to own a boat. Pat Marchesiello, 410-208-6933



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