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Firefighters on Monday morning work to snuff a blaze inside the newly opened Attics of My Life on Main Street in Berlin. Portions of downtown roads were closed for several hours as the fire was tamed.

Berlin blaze damages downtown

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) A fire in downtown Berlin on Monday devastated a local business and shut down portions of Main Street for several hours.

Fire alarms sounded at about 8:25 a.m. and multiple agencies responded to a fire at the former Don-away Furniture Building on 11 South Main Street.

The blaze apparently originated

inside Attics of My Life, a home décor business opened on March 18 by Ashley Abell and Brad Sonczewski. The building is also home to the shop Bird of Paradise.

Responding to the fire were the Berlin Fire Company and Berlin EMS, Berlin and Worcester County Police, Ocean City Fire Company, Ocean Pines EMS, and Bishopville Fire Company.

Fire personnel broke down the

front door and thick plumes of smoke could be seen streaming out. They later used axes to shatter several small windows and create additional vents.

At least three firefighters were seen on the roof of the building, while others wore oxygen tanks to go inside. Long lines of hoses snaked down Main Street to fire hydrants, and dozens of people watched from

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A.M. mindfulness program targeted by Berlin pastor

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) A “mindfulness” program at a Worcester County school has drawn the ire of a local church, whose pastor has condemned the yoga-based exercise as a product of Satan.

SonRise Church Pastor Daryl McCready stated his case against the Buckingham Elementary School morning ritual during his March 26 service in Berlin and in a Facebook post after witnessing the program at the invitation of school officials.

The school on March 5 posted on Facebook that it had just introduced the “Mindfulness Moments” video series.

The post said, “Each morning as an extension of our announcements, students participate in a mini 6-10-minute mindfulness and yoga session to help them positively start off their day. The coping strategies learned, such as breathing and calming techniques, help provide students with a way to manage obstacles or challenges they may face throughout their day.”

The video series was funded by a grant from the Jesse Klump Foundation and features local yoga instructors Jayme Mahoney and Berkleigh Diaz of Little Dreamers Wellness Center in Berlin.

McCready announced during his March 25 sermon that he and pastors from Ocean City Baptist Church, the Worship Center, and the River Church of the Nazarene had been invited to view the program.

“I go tomorrow morning to Buckingham Elementary School, because they’ve started a new program called ‘Mindfulness Program.’ And it’s led by yoga instructors. I’m going to go tomorrow morning, because the principal has invited me to come and see the program ... and I’m praying for God’s wisdom and discernment,” he said.

“And we’re all praying for discernment and wisdom, because if what’s happening there is in any way trying to indoctrinate our children with a false teaching, then I have to stand against it. And we [the church] should

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Board, Bailey meet with ownership

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) Questions during a first of its kind Ocean Pines Association town hall meeting last Thursday took on a wide range of tone and topics, as General Manager John Bailey and several board members fielded inquiries for just over an hour.

One of the more heated exchanges of the evening occurred when former director and interim general manager Brett Hill questioned the logic of raising assessments \$30 this year, to \$951.

Hill said directors during the last regular board meeting listed operations as costing \$792 per homeowner, plus \$293 for “other sums” including reserves.

“It wasn’t actually money spent, it was money we put in the bank toward reserves,” he said. “Looking at the last financials, we spent \$113 per household on reserves,

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Association President Doug Parks addresses a capacity crowd in the Ocean Pines Community Center during a town hall, last Thursday.



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Residents rally against poultry farm

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) Besides an overwhelmingly negative attitude toward a proposed concentrated feeding operation off Peerless Road in Showell that received preliminary approval from the Maryland Department of Environment in March, residents of Ocean Pines and Bishopville also had complaints about notification and the location of the meeting.

The Assateague Coastal Trust exercised its right to request a hearing with the MDE concerning the farm, which is proposed to grow 130,000 chickens per flock in three houses.

About 50 people gathered at the Snow Hill Library Tuesday evening to voice their concerns, which were universally against the project.

Residents were concerned about potential runoff from the facility into Middle Branch and the Shingle Landing

prong. While the facility has been granted a zero-discharge permit, meaning it would not be allowed to dispose of waste products into the air or water besides what it could construe as "stormwater runoff," the lack of reporting required by the agency along with design elements of the facility that would not hamper the flow of waste products from the farm into the water are points of contention, according to Kathy Phillips, executive director of the Assateague Coastal Trust.

Phillips also deduced that since no residence was included in the plans for the farm, no one would be living there and so emergency response, in the case of a hurricane or strong nor'easter for example, could be slow.

According to the MDE, the farm's stormwater management must be able to withstand a storm characterized as once per quarter century within 24 hours.

Some attendees were also critical for what they called a lack of notification of the approval or the public hearing by the agency, even though for some of them, the affected waterways are literally in their back yards.

Most attendees that spoke on the topic agreed they had only heard about the meeting three or four days ago, limiting the ability to organize. They also voiced concern the meeting was in the county seat, Snow Hill, instead of closer to the potentially affected area about 40 minutes to the north.

In the end, this was just a public hearing, so no questions were answered though all of the comments were logged for the record and will be incorporated into the file concerning this permit.

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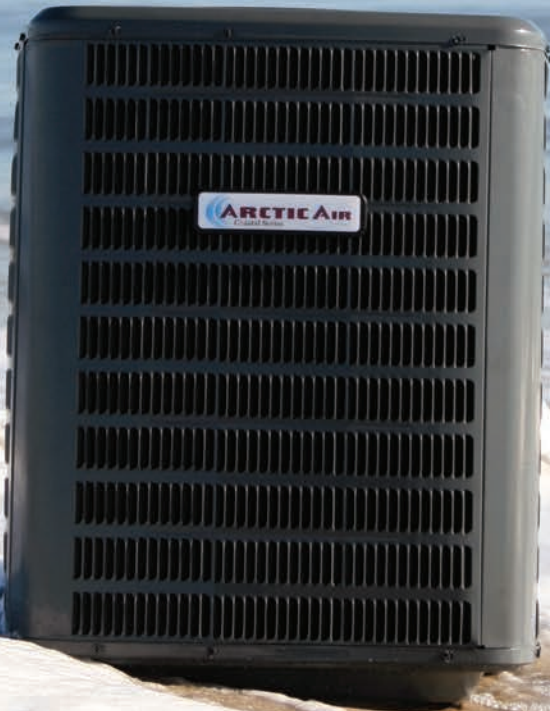
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GoFundMe to help ‘Attics’ recover ‘Useful, effective, proven program’ making difference

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nearby sidewalks.

Police on the scene said no injuries were reported, although a stretcher was brought out and EMS personnel briefly attended to Abell, who was not in the building, but arrived after the fire alarm and became distraught after seeing the damage to her store.

Smoke subsided and firefighters appeared to have the situation under control just after 9 a.m., although the town closed portions of Main Street and Bay Street for several hours “due to fire department activity.”

R.J. Rhode, 3rd assistant chief with the Berlin Fire Company, briefed the Berlin Town Council on the incident Monday night.

“They had a kitchen fire inside of the business,” Rhode said. “The fire was contained to the room of origin. There was some smoke damage and heat damage to the rest of the building, but the main area of the fire was kept to the

room of origin.

“The exact cause is still under investigation with the Worcester County Fire Marshal’s Office,” he added.

Abell posted a statement on her Facebook on Monday.

“Gut wrenching. I don’t know what to do and feel like I cannot even put one foot in front of the other. I am doing this mass message as I’m getting phone calls and messages and I cannot speak. All the years and hard work gone.”

A post on the Attics of My Life Facebook page added, “This is devastating news but Attics of My Life endured a tragic fire and have primarily lost everything. Ashley and Brad are overwhelmed with what’s happened with the countless hours trying to open their dream business and everything being destroyed.

“No one was hurt and the firefighters were amazing! So thankful for their quick response and lending an extra helping hand with everything. The store will be closed until further notice. In addition, a thank-you to all the people that have reached out and the communities willingness to help can’t be put into words.”

By Monday night, a GoFundMe page was started to help Abell and Sonczewski.

A post on the site, started by Ocean Pines resident Colby Phillips, said, “This morning Ashley and Brad lost their business, Attics of My Life, in a fire in downtown Berlin, MD. They have put so much sweat and tears and love into creating this lifelong dream and the damage from the fire destroyed everything.

“Unfortunately, the insurance they had isn’t going to help much with the rebuilding of their shop. Any help that is able to be given, would be so greatly appreciated. It is times like these where we as a community need to come together and help. If you are unable to help financially, prayers are greatly appreciated!”

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he learned that. He said at school with Ms. Jayme and Ms. Berkleigh. It made me cry to learn that the kids are actually using these skills at home!

“I just hope that most people realize the good this is doing, and my ultimate hope is that it reduces future suicidality as the kids continue to use these skills to combat negative thoughts and feelings,” she said.

Jeffrey Smith, the parent of a Buckingham student and a member of the PTA executive committee, said he fully supports the program.

“The program simply gives students the tools to deal with life’s challenges in a practical way,” he said. “This program isn’t religious; it is a useful, effective, and proven program that’s making a marked difference in our children’s lives.”

Heidi McNeeley, a Christian yoga instructor and cofounder of the Worcester County Warriors Against Opiate Addiction, was also supportive.

“I am so proud of [School Superintendent] Lou Taylor and our board of education for exploring and allowing different modalities to provide stress reduction to our kids who face a daily barrage of stress and anxiety inducing information and events,” she said.



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Fire damage to Attics of My Life in downtown Berlin was said to be severe. A GoFundMe page was started on Monday to help the owners recover.

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Some questions subdued, some not so much

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which made the actual cost this fiscal year per household \$905, meaning that this year we had a \$16 surplus per household ... even with this supposed deficit.”

Last year the basic annual assessment was \$921.



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Ocean Pines Director Ted Moroney, during a town hall last Thursday, attempts to clarify why the directors raised assessments in the fiscal 2019 budget.

“With that, how did the board justify raising our assessments by \$30 next year, when even this year on a horrible year by any account we still have money left over?” Hill asked.

Hill said the association collected about \$1 million more than it spent over the last three years.

“It seems like we’re racking up a

lot of money and, even though we haven’t done the best job in operations, we still have money left over,” he said.

Director Ted Moroney said the purpose of reserves was “so that when something breaks down we don’t have big jumps [in assessments].”

“The reserves increased by approximately \$1.5 million, even though the total balance sheet only went up a half a million,” Moroney said.

Moreover, he said cash assets last year at this time were \$2.5 million and are now just \$1 million.

“Somewhere, that’s money gone,” he said. “So, where the money really is, is money that we haven’t spent crazily the rest of this year on all kinds of stuff that wasn’t in the budget last year, or in the budget this year early on.

“We’ll get to the end of this year and see where we are operationally and make the proper adjustments,” Moroney continued. “There’s a lot more to it than just simply looking at a single line-item. You really need to look at where the reserves are, you need to look at your cash flow, and you need to look at what we budgeted versus what we spent.”

Last year, Moroney said, “We spent far more money in reserves than what we budgeted.”

“So the budget was a fake, because we added a whole lot of stuff,” he said.

Hill pressed, saying over the last three years Ocean Pines banked \$135 per household.

“It’s reserves,” Moroney said. “Do you want to spend the reserves, or do you want to save it for the person that lives here who’s 40 or 45 years old and, five years from now, when they have to replace a roof there’s no money there to do it?”

Hill pressed further, saying because there was \$8 million in reserves, collections did not need to increase \$30.

“I’m telling you what, if you hadn’t lost \$745,000 in a year, we’d be OK,” Moroney countered, referring to losses incurred while Hill was general manager.

Other exchanges were more subdued.

John Reeves, for example, asked what the yacht club would now be called under management of the Matt Ortt Companies.

“The yacht club is going to be called the yacht club,” Ortt said, drawing loud applause.

Frank Daly asked if recommendations from a recent “deep dive” audit had been implemented.

“I will tell on myself — I have not gone to the general manager and asked specifically if every single item

that was listed as an audit deficiency has been addressed at the staffing level,” Association President Doug Parks said. “However, it’s incumbent on the GM to do that, so, as an action item, I will ... go back to the GM and ask him to give us a line-by-line update on what happened.”

Moroney added that the board, during its last regular meeting, decided to include a review of the deep dive in the fiscal 2017 audit.

“You don’t have to take our word for it — we’re going to actually have the auditors go right back through that list again and check to make sure that everything is in place,” he said.

Jennifer Fold asked what the association was doing about cases of theft, fraud and corruption.

Bailey said some of that was being addressed in the fiscal year audit and in the upcoming forensic audit. He said the forensic auditors would have an initial meeting on Friday and he would perform additional operational audits.

“Between the three of those things, I think we can get at a lot of that,” he said, adding another important aspect was leadership by example. “To change people’s behavior, one you’ve got to have the right people, two, you have to stay on them, and you have to lead by example.”

John Broderick asked about fees and expected results for the forensic

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Moroney said \$226,000 was set aside and, as for the expected outcome, “We don’t know.”

“That’s the whole idea of doing the audit – find out if there’s problems and follow the money. And that’s exactly what will happen.”

Another homeowner asked for an update on renovations at the county club. He said original estimates for the second-floor renovation were \$536,000. Nine months later, he said estimates were over \$1 million.

Bailey said current bids were more than \$840,000, but only two of seven companies contacted replied to a request for proposals. He said the staff recommendation was to rebid the project during the fall.

“Looking back as far as why we didn’t do the original plan, I don’t really know, but at the same time we did make some changes to the design of the facility based on use of the space,” Bailey said.

Director Slobodan Trendic added the previous estimate was essentially a no-bid contract and not based on competitive procurement. He said recent bids were costlier because an elevator added about \$100,000 and work was generally more costly during the spring and summer.

“This is the expensive season when everybody is busy ... in the fall, prices will come down and the board will probably be looking at a much more aggressive and cost-effective proposal,” he said.

Vanessa Adams asked about flooding. She said her drainage ditches on Martinique Circle were eroded completely.

“In the last couple years, I’ve gone to meetings where you argue about what kind of French fries you’re going to serve, and I think a lot of people really care about their property and the drainage situation,” she said.

Bailey admitted drainage is a huge problem. He said a resident working group was looking at the issue with staff and county officials.

Last month, Bailey said there were five elements to address when looking at flooding: emergency response situations, chronic problem areas that don’t require engineering, chronic problem areas that do, preventative maintenance, and education.

“There’s all sorts of pieces to this puzzle and it’s not an easy answer,” Bailey said. “I’m not saying stuff doesn’t have to get done, but it’s going to be a big lift, it’s going to require a lot of money, and it’ll make everything else pale in comparison.”

Another resident asked about preservation of the crab pier on Manklin Creek. Bailey said he had just signed a contract for the third-party contract to inspect the pier.

Former director Marty Clarke

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questioned why Ocean Pines amenities were public, when the original community charter stated, “the general purpose of the association is to further promote community welfare of the property owners.”

“The words ‘general public’ do not show up in our documents, so why are we now open to the public?” he asked.

Trendic said the association’s tax-

exempt status necessitated “certain requirements imposed by the IRS, including that our community common assets have to be accessible to the public.”

“If the community wants to change this, we have to change the tax-exempt status and it’s not an easy process,” he said, adding although the IRS requires assets to be open to the public, “they don’t mandate that they have to be free.”

Another resident wondered about delinquent assessment collections, a topic originally on the town hall agenda. Parks said that information would be provided during the April 28 regular board meeting.

Esther Diller asked for an explanation as to why the board voted 6-1 against a motion by Director Tom Herrick to issue a request for proposals for “back-office financial management and software.”

Director Pat Supik said that amounted to outsourcing and did not make sense with a new general manager and finance director, among other recent developments in the finance office.

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“After seeking legal counsel’s opinion, we basically dealt with the issue in the way that was necessary,” Trendic said. “Just for the record, the board was not aware of the contract, nor did the board approve it.”

Nancy Weber wondered about a reported excess inventory of fertilizer, which Bailey said was inherited from former golf management company, Landscapes Unlimited.



A line of questioners led by former interim general manager and director Brett Hill take turns at the microphone during an Ocean Pines Association town hall, last Thursday in the community center.

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“I think we’re at a point to develop a very, very strong financial department to take us forward,” she said. “Maybe another time that would be the right thing to do, but I don’t think that’s the right thing ... for Ocean Pines today, given our current situation.”

Several directors, last month, offered Herrick a compromise to draft a request for information – considered less binding – rather than a request for proposals. Herrick rejected the compromise and the motion was defeated.

Parks, during the town hall, admitted there were concerns and reiterated a request for information could be helpful.

“Maybe this is a good sort of a reminder for us as the board ... to go ahead and do the RFI and see where it leads us,” Parks said. “To put this in [as a request for proposals] is a little bit presumptuous.”

Larry Perrone asked how and why the association entered into a three-year contract with former food and beverage manager Brian Townsend, reportedly costing the association more than \$100,000 in a severance package when he left employment.

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prove the contract, but had a legal obligation to honor it. He said the former acting general manager, Hill, signed the contract.

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Donna McElroy asked about Mediacom and whether she would be stuck with the internet and television provider for the rest of her life.

Parks said the association is in negotiations with the company to continue its services. He said Comcast and Verizon were consulted about offering services in Ocean Pines, but were not interested because they did not consider it profitable enough.

He said Mediacom is in the process of upgrading its infrastructure in Ocean Pines at no cost to homeowners.

The final question of the evening came from Tom Janasek who asked, “Since we’re on [the topic] of IT, I know we have another \$260,000 in iPads, laptops and all kinds of stuff we bought last year. Is there some point in time that we’re going to be able to get Wi-Fi in some of our facilities?”

“How about at the yacht club, where a lot of young people would probably come if they could actually get on and not talk to each other?” Janasek added.

“Tom, we’ll take that under advisement,” Parks said.

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Talks continue, but numbers don't add up for Berlin, BFC

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) The Town of Berlin and Berlin Fire Company are far apart on budget numbers for fiscal year 2019, although both sides appear to be working together better than during recent years.

Last week, the town unveiled a general fund budget draft that included \$250,000 for the Berlin Fire Company and \$150,000 for EMS services. Town Administrator Laura Allen said that number is consistent with recent years and unlikely to change.

Fire company personnel, however, asked the Town Council on Monday for \$410,000 for the fire company and \$376,773 for EMS.

Part of the justification for increased funding was the recently released Matrix Consulting Group study, which concluded that “The Berlin Fire Company is not sufficiently funded for the level of services they have chosen to provide to Worcester County and the Town of Berlin. Worcester County has a funding formula that is used to determine the funding for the company. The Town of Berlin does not have a specific formula for the funding of services but rather provides a flat rate for the services.

“The Fire Company is not held accountable for how they allocate the funding provided from the county or the town. The company receives the funding and spends it as they deem appropriate. There is a lack of dialogue between the town and fire company as it relates to the budget and funding for services. There is little to no discussion about the services being provided and the cost of those services.”

“There is no formal agreement between the town and the fire company that establishes the responsibilities for each party ... These issues cut across both organizations and represent management risks for the Town of Berlin.”

Fire Company President David Fitzgerald on Monday said 42 percent of fire calls for service were in town limits, based on the study, and \$410,000 represented 42 percent of the fire company budget.

“We’re trying to have our numbers come in line with the percentage of calls – we’re trying to match them up,” he said.

Mayor Gee Williams said several discussions with fire company representatives have been held since the report was released “to try and figure out how we get from where we are to where we all want to be.”

He said 17 of the recommendations in the report directly addressed the relationship between the town and fire company, adding the “Town of Berlin is very much interested in” recommendations that addressed financial controls, budgeting, and

cash management.

“What we’re trying to do is get everything in line, so that we’re all working according to the same accounting standards and financial management standards,” Williams said. “Plus, we’re all answerable to the public ... so that increases in the amounts that are budgeted over time [need to be] both accountable and very transparent.

“I know that wasn’t necessary years ago, but as the figures show here, the amount to provide these two services is significantly higher than it was 20-25 years ago, and I don’t see that changing,” he continued. “I think our goal is to have a contract for services this year.”

Williams said some things could be achieved by the fall, while others could be finished by winter or early spring. He indicated there would not be a funding increase in the fiscal 2019 budget approved in May.

“I think that way we’re not going to try to eat the elephant in one bite,” Williams said. “At the same time, I do think it’s important that we have that commitment in writing, so that we all know what we’re working for.

“I think our conversations today have been very productive and helpful, but I don’t think we’re going to be able to get from zero to full speed between now and the end of May,” he added.

Fitzgerald said the EMS budget was “as transparent as we can be.”

“If the funding isn’t there, it’s not there,” he said. “It’ll have to be, cut back some services in the EMS, just like we did last year ... there’ll have to be further cutbacks,” he said.

Williams suggested one area where cutbacks could occur was capital investment, namely ongoing collections for a new fire station.

According to the report, the Station Three Building Fund includes \$1.5 million. One of the report recommendations suggests, rather than construct a new building, “The second-floor area of Station One needs to be converted to house company offices and appropriate living quarters for station personnel.”

“Certainly, we want operations to be what it needs to be,” Williams said. “I was encouraged by the fact that, the report at least indicated, that the additional space you need for officers and EMS personnel ... is available on the upper level [of Station One].

“I know you have some very strong ambitions about another firehouse,” he continued. “Let’s get Station One ... up to snuff in every way that you and the Town of Berlin and our citizens need, and then we can go from there.”

“Nobody has the magic wand, but I think if we work cooperatively as we have this winter there’s a lot that can be accomplished,” Williams said.

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Cofounders Matt Ortt, left, and Ralph DeAngelus of the Matt Ortt Companies last Thursday discuss operational plans for the yacht and beach club during a town hall meeting in Ocean Pines.

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Ortt, DeAngelus pledge fresh start for OP restaurants

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) A full house at the Ocean Pines Community Center last Thursday ate up much of what new food and beverage consultant Matt Ortt Companies had to say.

The Berlin based company was recently hired to oversee operations at the yacht and beach club.

Matt Ortt spoke first, joking the number-one reason his company would succeed was because “my mother lives in Ocean Pines and I’ll never hear the end of it.”

Ortt said he moved the area when he was 13 and attended high school in Worcester County.

“I’m invested in this community, in this town, and where we live,” he said. “We want to succeed probably more than you [do].”

“Don’t bet on it!” a woman in the audience replied.

Ralph DeAngelus did most of the talking, repeatedly making reference to the “damaged brand” of Ocean Pines clubs.

“You all might laugh, but he’s not kidding – his mother is a handful,” DeAngelus said, kicking off nearly an hour-long speech and question-and-answer session.

DeAngelus several times promised “open and honest communications” with membership.

“I’m going to give you the good and the bad – you’re going to like hearing some things; you’re not going to like hearing other things, but you deserve to hear all of it,” he said. “We need to be transparent with everything that’s going on, so that there’s no ambiguity going down the road.”

First, DeAngelus said, the inventory at both facilities was “completely inflated.”

“You have a liquor inventory, for example, at the beach club that consists of hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of bottles of liquor that you’ll probably never use,” he said. “When ordering was done, I can only assume that the management at the time didn’t want to do the ordering, so they told the salesperson, ‘tell me what I need and just add it in.’ At the end of that season, the salesperson decided he was going to make his quota on Ocean Pines’ dime.”

As an example, DeAngelus said current inventory included 10 cases of Calypso Rum, worth about \$13 per bottle. That could be used in rail drinks, but Bowman’s Rum could be had much more cheaply, for \$4.95 per bottle, DeAngelus said.

“Don’t get me started with the bottles and bottles of E&J Brandy sitting at the yacht club, or the cases of Chivas Regal,” he said. “I like scotch as much as the next guy, but you’re going to be sitting on those bottles of Chivas Regal until 2035.”

All of that inventory will affect food and beverage percentages, DeAngelus said.

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a 19 percent cost of sales, which means it costs me 19 cents for every dollar that I bring in. But if I have to sell a \$13 bottle of rum ... my cost of sales has gone to 31 cents a drink,” he said.

DeAngelus said some of the excess inventory would be exchanged with distributors.

“They normally don’t do that, but because we run so many operations, we’re more of a hammer than a nail,” he said. “It’s kind of strong-arming, but they’ll comply and that’s going to help us out.”

As for the yacht club menu, DeAngelus said it would not resemble Rare & Rye, an upscale facility in Ocean City managed by the Ortt Companies.

“The quality of the food is going to be just as specular as Rare & Rye – that’s a promise,” DeAngelus said. “The service at the yacht club is going to be just like Rare & Rye – that’s a promise. The cost of the food will not be like Rare & Rye – that’s a promise.

“We know who we’re dealing with. We know what our demographic is,” he continued. “We know Ocean Pines has a large demographic, but we know that they consider this property ... home. And at home you don’t want to get raided.”

“It’s going to be good food, great service at a good price,” he added.

DeAngelus said menus are subjective and about 20 percent of residents “are not going to like our menu.”

“I ask that when you read it, if you see it and you think ‘nothing really floats my boat’ ... come in and give us one shot,” he said. “If it didn’t float your boat, I get it. But give us a shot to see if we can blow your skirt up.”

He said the beach club menu would largely be made up of grab-and-go items, with waiters staffed to take drink orders.

To lower food costs, DeAngelus said many of the same ingredients would be used at both facilities, and the company would also tie in food purchases with other Matt Ortt properties to further cut prices.

He said both locations would have happy hour specials, with bands on Friday and Saturday night from 6-10 at the yacht club and deejays at the beach club playing “the kind of happy, fun music ... you’d sing to and dance to at a wedding reception.”

Other nights of the week would have additional entertainment and promotions scheduled.

“If I’ve been told once, I’ve been told 1,001 times – bring back trivia night. That has not fallen on deaf ears,” DeAngelus said, drawing applause from the audience. “I hear you loud and clear and I guarantee you – and Matt’s mother – we will have trivia night again at the yacht club.”

DeAngelus said renovations at the yacht club were done to improve the flow of the restaurant. For example, he said the banquet entrance would now be on the side of the building.

Tables and chairs were upgraded and moveable partitions would be used in the dining room. Also, DeAngelus said

an interior decorator changed the wall-paper and installed new lighting to improve the ambiance.

“You’re going to feel as if you’re in a beautiful restaurant and not a cafeteria,” he said.

He said less was done at the beach club because of a lack of funding, but several improvements were made to bring the building up to code. Leaky sprinkler systems and corroded hot water heaters were replaced, and the deck was resurfaced.

DeAngelus said a soft opening at the yacht club is scheduled for May 14 and the facility would open to the public on May 17.

A soft opening at the beach club is set for May 17 and that building will officially open on May 25, Memorial Day Friday.

DeAngelus said the “the hardest thing for you guys to hear” was “we have inherited a damaged brand.”

“The yacht club is a damaged brand. At one point in time, it was spectacular and you all loved it and everything was great, and it has since decayed,” DeAngelus said. “The good news is we’re going to fix it.”

Many weddings and banquets at club were canceled because of poor management practices, he said.

“And now we’re behind the eight-ball trying to catch up,” DeAngelus said. “I am going to catch us up, but it’s not going to be in a day. So I’m asking for patience.”

DeAngelus said great food and service, not to mention a beautiful facility, would be apparent on day one, but banquet sales would need about eight months to recover.

“Our summer stinks. We have one banquet scheduled for the beach club – and it’s 400 firefighters who want draft beer and hamburgers, so we’re not making the mortgage payments on that,” he said. “The good news is that September is starting to turn a corner and October/November are starting to kick in, and next year ... we think we’re going to knock it out of the park.

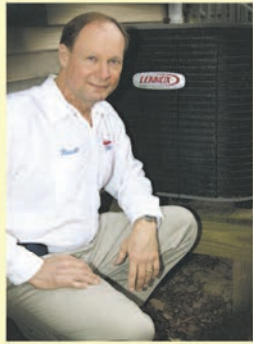
“You’ve got to understand, it’s going to take us a while to turn that damaged brand [around],” DeAngelus continued. “That word has to spread and that’s going to take a little while ... but it will happen.”

Additionally, during a question-and-answer segment, DeAngelus said mold remediation had finished at the yacht club. He said the facility would be open seven days a week, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and likely three days a week during the offseason, with home delivery available.

“We’re going to do curbside service in the wintertime at the yacht club to the 8,452 residences in Ocean Pines, which will help us stay open and help keep our labor pool employed year-round,” DeAngelus said.

He also spoke to the company’s motivation in taking on the challenge of turning the clubs around.

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‘Tens of thousands’ worth of bad food tossed

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) One of the first things personnel with the Matt Ortt Companies have had to do as they take over operations of the Ocean Pines yacht and beach clubs is dispose an excess of inventory, apparently bought at season’s end last year.

Making that job worse, much of the food stuffs went bad, exploded or became useless in some other way months ago.

Ralph DeAngelus, cofounder of the companies, addressed some of the inventory issues at last Thursday’s town hall meeting and added details in a phone interview last Friday.

“We’ve had to throw away about 150 cases of bottled sodas from the beach club basement that were left piled up there at the end of the summer, that froze and thawed and froze and exploded and thawed,” DeAngelus said.

He said about 100 cases of “bag in the boxes” flavors for soda fountain drinks worth about \$6,500 also had to be thrown away.

“That’s just horrible ordering,” he said. “A lot of it was new – brand new, to be honest. I don’t know why they would order at the end of the summer.”

DeAngelus also said a walk-in cooler in the beach club basement was left on all winter.

“Not only was it running all winter when it should have been winterized, turned off and closed so that the electricity wasn’t used, but it was filled with seven cases of orange that had an inch of mold around all of them,” he said. “Who leaves seven cases of oranges? I bet you Harborside, the number-one orange crush restaurant on the planet, won’t go through seven cases on Memorial Day weekend.”

He said another 25 gallons of boxed orange juice exploded, and ad-

ditional bottled and kegged beer was left behind and is now unusable.

“It was a disaster,” DeAngelus said.

At the yacht club, he said kitchen staff left food that was “unwrapped and unsealed and not properly stored in the walk-in, as if they were ready for a nuclear bomb to come to town and just wanted to escape.”

“It was the most disgusting thing you’ve ever seen in your life. We threw away hundreds of pounds of food. Some of it could have been frozen and reused, but they just left it in the walk-in,” he said. “It was literally tens of thousands of dollars.”

During the town hall, DeAngelus discussed 10 cases of Calypso Rum, likely ordered for rail drinks at about \$13 per bottle, when Bowman’s Rum at \$4.99 per bottle would have worked just as well.

“No one comes to the bar [and says], ‘gimmie a Calypso Rum and Coke,’” he said. “The salesman made his quota by coming in and telling whomever was in charge, ‘I’ll just do your liquor order for you. I think you need 10 cases of Calypso Rum.’”

“There’s 20 drinks to a bottle and 12 bottles to a case and there’s 10 cases ... so that’s 2,400 drinks,” DeAngelus said. “I’m saddled with that – I inherit that inventory that I have to pay for – so my costs get skewed until I’ve sold the first 2,400 rum drinks.”

The previous management, DeAngelus said, “treated that place like the government.”

“They knew they weren’t paying the bills, so they didn’t care what the bills were,” he said.

DeAngelus used the example of news reports during the 1980s discovering the U.S. military paying \$640 for toilet seats.

“The yacht club and the beach club were run by the same people who bought [\$640] toilet seats for the

Navy – they just didn’t care,” he said. “They did the same thing with inventory.”

“Ten cases of Calypso Rum? Sure, why not. Bring it in! We’re not the ones that pay the bills. You want to bring in 100 cases of bag-in-the-box sodas and we have one week [in the season] to go? Yeah, sure, why not?” DeAngelus continued. “There was no accountability.”

DeAngelus said of all the restaurants he has inherited, the situation in Ocean Pines was among the most dire.

“None have come in as filthy as these were, [or] unkempt as the beach club was,” he said.

The yacht club is a beautiful facility, DeAngelus said, “but it was dirty.”

“The grease trap, which should be emptied every six months, hadn’t been emptied since they built the building,” he said. “It was so thick and so hard at the bottom the people that came in to empty it almost considered getting a jackhammer to get the grease off of it – you can’t make that up.”

“I’m not looking to inflame the residents of Ocean Pines. I’m just looking for open and honest transparency as to what we encountered and what we have to deal with,” DeAngelus said. “We’re the guys for the job. We’re going to knock it out of the park. We just want everyone to know what we’re up against.”

Despite those obstacles, DeAngelus said he is confident he and Matt Ortt could turn the clubs around. The two-year contract signed with the association includes a flat \$100,000 management fee per year, plus bonuses if operations improve.

“If I buy all that product at the end of my season and I leave it there, I’m accountable for inventory ... and now I’m not going to make my bonus,” he said. “If I don’t hit my numbers, I get zero [bonus] and I’m not in it to get

zero – I’m not busting my head against the wall to get zero.”

He also confirmed that Lynda Huettnner, a former beach club manager, would be back in some capacity. Huettnner is employed at Rare & Rye in Ocean City, a restaurant overseen by Matt Ortt Companies.

“She’s doing a wonderful job and she is beloved by people,” he said. “My original thought process was not to bring her back to the beach club, but ... I’ve heard on many, many, many different levels that Lynda was a great ambassador to the beach club and I’ve since changed my stance on the potential to bringing her back.

“You will see her face there. Whether or not it’s full time and we rotate her back and forth I don’t know yet, but you will see her face at the beach club,” DeAngelus added.

Town hall crowd eats up Matt Ortt F&B presentation

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“I’m going to be really open and honest with you. We had the option to take this job or another one – the other one was a better job,” DeAngelus said. “We took this one because this brand is so damaged, that if we turn this around the way we’re going to the price of our service just doubled.

“Our future relies on making the promises we’re making tonight come to fruition,” he added.

The audience of perhaps several hundred loudly applauded at the presentation’s conclusion.

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Liquor board delay cuts off Pocomoke American Legion

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) Along with issuing several fines and letters of reprimand to local businesses for selling alcohol to undercover, underage police cadets, the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners held a lengthy hearing about the Pocomoke American Legion’s request to renew its license, a move protested by neighbors, the Pocomoke City Police Department, and the town’s Mayor and City Council.

The legion’s license was up for renewal as of April 30, so the hearing was conducted as if it were a new licensee applying for the first time. The Pocomoke American Legion Post 93, off Bypass Road in Pocomoke City, was opened in 1932, according to current commander Paul Corbin.

Board Attorney Tom Coates said if more than 10 people sign onto a letter of protest, a hearing on that licensee will be held. Coates said the board itself could also institute a hearing. Instead of 10, the board received letters against the renewal signed by 13 residents as well as the council and police department.

After hours of testimony on both sides, the board decided to put off its final decision on the renewal, which left the legion in the lurch — its license expires on April 30, and the board’s next meeting isn’t until May 16. During that

time, the legion will not be able to serve alcoholic beverages.

“Someone said if this weren’t the American Legion, we would have shut you down permanently,” William Esham, board chairman, said. “They’re not far from wrong. It sounds like poor management to me.”

The legion was not able to provide any financial records, rental records, tax returns or a site plan during the hearing. Coates requested the legion produce these documents during the meeting next month.

Through testimony, it was discovered there was little oversight of rental events, almost no documentation, and even less communication with the neighbors about their concerns.

For example, members testified under oath rental agreements were largely reached over the telephone with a longtime volunteer bartender.

This bartender, however, is not a member of the legion. To be a member of the legion, one must be a veteran. The bartender is a member of the auxiliary.

When asked who the sponsor of these events actually was, other members in the crowd pointed to another legion member, who said he generally works security during the events.

Neighbors complained about thrown trash, loud noise or music in the parking



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Pocomoke American Legion Post 93 attempted to renew its liquor license earlier this month, but the application was opposed by neighbors, the police department and the Mayor and City Council. The Board of License Commissioners requested further documentation from the legion, removing the ability for it to sell alcohol until the next board meeting in May.

lot after the events, and public safety concerns with a shooting connected to the facility last month.

The victim of the shooting, Monique Douglas, 28, was apparently struck by a stray bullet in February after leaving a party she had attended at the legion, according to Det. Sgt. Joseph Bailey of the Pocomoke City Police Department.

Douglas testified on behalf of the legion, stating no one there had anything to do with her shooting.

Bailey said the police had responded to five assaults in the previous five years at the legion, and two shootings.

The Mayor and Council of Pocomoke took it a bit further.


“We do agree and support the License Board revoking [the American Legion’s]

license — either temporarily or as they see fit,” a letter submitted to the board and signed by acting mayor Esther Troast said. “If the Board does not feel that strongly about the revocation, the Mayor and Council would at least request a limited time of closing such as 11 p.m. or midnight.”

Commander Paul Corbin said new security measures, such as lighting and cameras, were due to be installed soon. He also said there would be a complete overhaul of existing practices.

Coates remained skeptical.

“Were you apprised of this hearing six weeks ago?” he asked. The members agreed they had. “Did you have an event last weekend?” he continued. They agreed they had.



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Members of the Berlin Seahawks Pop Warner football and cheer squads stand with town volunteers and members of SonRise Church at Dr. William Henry Park near the end of Berlin Clean-Up Day, Saturday.



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LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Helen Wiley of St. Paul's Church Mouse Thrift Shop, left, presents a check on behalf of the nonprofit to Friends of the Berlin Library President Harriette Creter during a library fundraiser at Sisters in Berlin, last Thursday.



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PITCHING IN

Members of the Stephen Decatur High School baseball team visited Ocean City Elementary School on April 4 to read to students. Some players are pictured greeting students as they arrived to school.



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ESSAY WINNERS

Two Worcester Prep third graders tied for second place and another one took third in the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest, for students in grades 3-8. The essay contest title was, "How can I promote Americanism in my school and community?" Pictured, from left, are second-place winners Bella Fernley and Gray Bunting, and Gabriella Damouni, third place.



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ARBOR DAY

An Arbor Day ceremony was held April 12 at Pintail Park in Ocean Pines. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, Event Organizer Marian Bickerstaff, Ocean Pines Garden Club President Linda Baker, Ocean Pines Association Secretary Colette Horn and Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey.



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Snow Hill election, mayoral showdown, Tues.

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) Snow Hill residents will chose between two mayoral candidates in the town election on Tuesday, May 1.

The polls, at the old train station on Belt Street, will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Incumbent Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman, 76, was the director of public works in Snow Hill for five years and then became mayor in 2012.

The Baltimore native was reelected twice, in 2014 and 2016, without opposition. He also runs the Country Flag Shop, which he opened in 2009.

"The town has really come together and you can see that in the redevelopment of downtown," he said in a March interview in this paper. "We've really pushed hard and, it's not me, it's the Town Council, it's the town manager, it's the whole town staff – everybody has pushed to make downtown better."

Dorman would like to see more restaurants open downtown – emphasis on more.

"More restaurants, hopefully, will bring more people to see the town," he said. "And once they see that, they'll want to live in the town. And then we have to figure out a way to get new housing in the town. That's one of our big factors."

He also would like to see redevelopment plans for Sturgis Park realized, starting with a butterfly garden attraction to be built in cooperation with the Lower Shore Land Trust.

"Hopefully, that happens very soon," Dorman said.

"A nice brewery" established inside

the old firehouse, currently used as a community center, is also a goal. To do that, however, would require finding another location to use for community gatherings.

Working with town staff has been a pleasure, Dorman said, from the administrators at Town Hall, to the fire department and police, to public works and the sewer plant.

"All these people make the town work and they're all very dedicated people," he said. "We're happy to have them and we hope we can keep them."

Dorman will face opposition from Ocean City Today staffer Brian Gilliland, 42, originally from Trenton, New Jersey.

Gilliland said the decision to run for office was "something [he's] been considering for a while."

"In the media environment, you have a person like [Berlin Mayor] Gee Williams, who went from the media into a very successful political career. [Worcester County Commissioner] Chip Bertino did the same thing and he's doing well for himself, coming from media," Gilliland said in a March interview.

"I view journalism as sort of a public service. I'm just choosing to do this now, for me, as a goal I had," he continued. "I haven't ever found the right office, something I really wanted to go after, but I think this is it. I think this is a place for me to jump in and try to solve the problems, rather than observing and reporting."

He said his goal for Snow Hill was to help the town realize its potential.

"There's a great little downtown there. There's a high degree of safety. There are wonderful schools," Gilliland said. "Snow Hill is also adja-

cent to many different things that my wife and my family, and I think a lot of people with young families, can enjoy."

That includes the beaches in Ocean City and Assateague, and camping in the Pocomoke Forest, not to mention kayaking in Snow Hill, he said.

"I'm really excited with this opportunity," he added. "I think this is a good step for me. I think it's a good step for the town. I think I can bring a lot to the table."

Eastern District Snow Hill Councilwoman Alison Cook, 40, will not face opposition in her reelection bid.

Cook, in a March interview, cited downtown revitalization as a key priority of her campaign.

The New Jersey native, the co-manager of the tax controversy department of the firm at E. Martin Davidoff & Associates, has served a pair of two-year terms on the council.

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

"And not only because we have a phenomenal school system, but because of everything that we've got going on and can offer," Cook added. "I've really been proud to be a part of the change that you're starting to see."

She said the council continues to explore ways to revitalize the downtown.

"It's come a long way and there were a lot of old, empty storefronts that are now full and there are needed

repairs that are [happening]," Cook said. "We're still looking at ways to fill others and fix others, and we'd love to see another really great restaurant add something to our town."

"We're constantly working on possible development ideas – any way to try to increase our population, because it definitely has declined over the last 10 years or so," she continued. "There's a lot of stuff that goes when we go to closed session that I can't really talk about, but we have a lot of stokes in the fire. I'm excited about all of that."

Prescription Take Back Day returns Saturday, April 28

(April 26, 2018) The Maryland State Police in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration are asking citizens to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs during the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at state police barracks.

State police barracks throughout Maryland will be participating in the National Drug Take Back Day. Each barrack will act as a collection station giving citizens an opportunity to dispose of all unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Second only to marijuana, non-medical prescription drugs are the most commonly used drug in the country. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs are finding an unlimited supply in their family's medicine cabinet.

Maryland State Police, Berlin Barrack "V," is located at 9758 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Contact Lt. Earl Starner, commander Berlin Barrack "V," at 410-641-3101 for more information.



Charlie Dorman




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Tattoo cmte to seek council backing

Town support deemed vital before asking county board of health to change regs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2017) The Berlin Tattoo Ordinance Committee wants Worcester County to provide health inspection services for any parlors that open in the town.

First, however, they will seek Town Council support to help lobby the Worcester County Commissioners on that point.

According to a staff recommendation provided by Town Administrator Laura Allen, “The Tattoo Ordinance Committee should determine the level of council support for seeking a change in the Worcester County Code before developing tattoo parlor regulations.”

After meeting with health department officials in January, committee members found that the county code would have to be changed by the commissioners so the county health department could monitor the health and safety of the town’s tattoo parlors.

State tattoo regulations only provide for a complaint-driven response, the committee said in its report.

Town regulations would need to be approved by the Worcester County

Commissioners acting as the board of health for Berlin to have “inspection and related health services support from the Worcester County Health Department.”

Allen asked for advice from health department officials in Baltimore City and Allegany County.

Baltimore City has 21 environmental health specialists for 25 parlors, with an average salary of \$70,000, plus benefits, according to the report. The inspectors handle other businesses, in addition to tattoo parlors.

Allegany County employs one full-time environmental health specialist to inspect “less than 10” parlors and also handle other business.

The report, quoting Allegany County Environmental Health Director Brian Dicken, said, “it would be hard to find a sanitarian to work for the Town under contract to perform inspections ... this function really should be under the county health department.”

If the town licensed tattooing without health and safety regulations in place, similar to how Wicomico County operates, “You wouldn’t have increased liability, but think about what you are telling the public. They will see the license and assume the town has vetted the business from a health and safety perspective. You’ll give people a false sense of security. It’s not the responsible approach to

take.”

Wicomico County, based on the report, issues business licenses and ensures tattoo parlors are appropriately zoned, but does not monitor parlors for health and safety purposes.

The report concluded, “The town is not in a position to address the health and safety aspects of the committee’s concerns. There appears to be no option to contract with a local sanitarian to provide that support. Even if there was, the town doesn’t have the expertise to interpret reports from a contracted inspector.”

Committee members, during a meeting last Wednesday, unanimously agreed with the staff recommendation.

Town Attorney David Gaskill, during that meeting, said the request would be for the Worcester County Commissioners, acting as the Board of Health, to allow for health department oversight of tattooing in Berlin only.

“What we would ask them to do is carve out an exception for the town limits of Berlin to adopt regulations allowing a tattoo parlor to be in town – it wouldn’t change anything else,” he said. “It would have to be restricted to the town of Berlin, because Ocean City has their own ordinance, which they don’t want [tattooing].”

Gaskill said he contacted County
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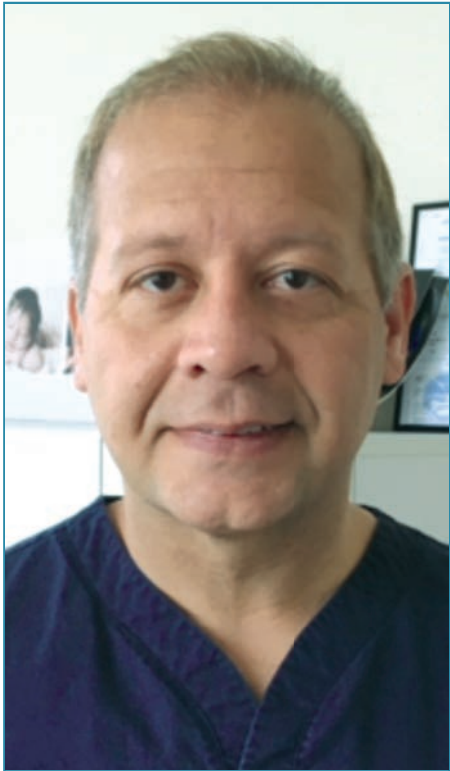
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Health, safety inspections needed to tattoo

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Attorney Maureen Howarth after the last committee meeting to ask how, procedurally, a request would work.
“Her response was very short: ‘put in writing what you want to do and send it us. We’ll kick it around and talk about it, and if the county com-

missioners are interested, they’ll do it – and if they’re not, they won’t,” Gaskill said.
He added it was important to first run everything by the Town Council.
“If we as a committee contact the county and send this down, the first question is going to be, ‘what’s your

Mayor and Council think?’” Gaskill said.
Committee Chairman Matthew Amey agreed it would be ideal to have the county health department oversee health and safety inspections.
Amey said the county already has an inspection mechanism in place for

less important.
“If we embrace this, it’s going to be an important economic driver in our town,” she continued. “I don’t think we should force it to be on Main Street – or force it to be out of town. I do believe that you need to have high standards, no matter where you are.”

The committee plans to meet again on May 2 and then approach the Town Council on May 14. Allen suggested committee members also request an extension of the town moratorium on tattoo businesses, which expires May 22.

“Between now and then my goal is going to be to continue with proposed regulations that I put forward, with any edits ... but also put together a form that an inspector would use when they go into these establishments,” Amey said. “Get everything, so that whomever does eventually look at this will see the logical process of, here are the regulations, this is how they would be on the books, the person who is ultimately responsible for these inspections will have this sheet.”

“The goal is to set up regulations so that everyone is successful,” he added.



Members of the Berlin Tattoo Ordinance Committee last week discuss plans to seek Mayor and Council support to lobby the Worcester County Board of Health to change county tattoo regulations.

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Roads report shows Berlin byways grade at 50/50 split

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) An evaluation of Berlin roads released this week found that half the town’s 92 roads were in excellent or good condition, while the other half were in fair or poor shape.

According to an executive summary of the report, by Salisbury engineering firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., inspections of the entire road system were done last spring. Additional inspections were done after a particularly harsh winter added snow and ice damage to some areas.

“Not surprisingly, many of the roads constructed in the last 10 years are in the best condition,” the report stated. “Many of these roads include the roads in Cannery Village, Decatur Farms, Purnell Crossing, and Walnut Hill. Many recent street rehabilitation projects also rated well [including] portions of Graham Avenue, Grice Street, portions of West Street, and Kenwood Court.”

The report found “roads receiving high volumes of traffic evaluated poorly,” including Baker Street, Bottle Branch Road, the north end of Decatur Street, and Harrison Avenue.

Other less-trafficked roads in poor condition “due to age or construction quality” included Tingle Road, Cape Circle, Burley Street and Washington Street.

The 10 worst streets, according to the report, are Baker Street, Bottle Branch Road, Grace Street, Harrison Avenue, Showell Street, Stevenson Lane, Tingle Road, West Branch Street, the northern section of Decatur Street, and the section of Flower Street near Dr. William Henry Park.

In total, 33 streets (36 percent) were rated excellent and 13 (14 percent) were rated good, while 25 (27 percent) received a fair grade and 21 (23 percent) were labeled as poor.

Josh Taylor, a project manager at Davis, Bowen & Friedel, on Monday said of the results, “for a municipality ... those are very good numbers.”

“This evaluation is meant to be an instrument – a tool for you guys to systematically approach roadway repairs and upgrades, moving forward in the future,” he said.

Mayor Gee Williams said the goal was to achieve an 80/20 split, where 80 percent of roads are rated excellent or good.

“I think this gives us a roadmap – no pun intended – as to where do we go from here,” he said. “I understand any citizen wanting their road to be a high priority. We’re also trying to be fair.”

Taylor said 80/20 was a “very high goal, but it is a realistic goal” and called for a proactive approach to maintaining roadways.

“Once you get on top of it, it’s much easier to maintain a road than it is to repair a road where you’re get-

ting into the base ... you can triple or quadruple the cost of roadway work if you’re hitting mill and overlay versus waiting for the road to fail,” he said. “And, it’s so much more disruptive to your residents.”

Town Administrator Laura Allen said about \$1.2 million worth of road work would need to occur to address those streets labeled “poor.” Typically, she said, the town budgets \$100,000 to \$200,000 for road repairs each year.

“So there’s a challenge there in terms of getting through that layer of asphalt that needs to be repaired,” she said.

“The good news is, if anybody comes to you and says, ‘is my road on the list?’ you can say, ‘yes,’” Taylor said.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Harrison Avenue in Berlin landed on the top 10 list of worst roadways in the town, according to a new evaluation by Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. Rounding out the list of worst roads are Baker Street, Bottle Branch Road, Grace Street, Showell Street, Stevenson Lane, Tingle Road, West Branch Street, the northern section of Decatur Street, and the section of Flower Street near Dr. William Henry Park.



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Opinion

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Town hall was minefield

Going into a question-and-answer session with a hostile agenda, which some members of the audience did at the Ocean Pines town hall meeting last Thursday, is one of those increasingly disagreeable developments of our current democratic circumstance.

Why, for instance, would anyone ask a question of the presiding person or group, when he or she has decided in advance what the answer should be, regardless of any other information provided?

In such situations, the inquisitor obviously wants a fight rather than an explanation, which, considering our extreme divisiveness these days, has become the new normal.

While a reasonable back-and-forth between those in authority and their opposition is acceptable and informative, it's just rude to assume that dominating a discussion by virtue of volume and persistence is fine with everyone else in the room.

From the sound of things, however, the vinegary flavor of last Thursday's experiment in board transparency was the product of sour grapes.

And that is difficult to understand, when the finances of the association were left so snarled that the current board had to hire a team of accountants and fraud investigators to produce a clean set of books.

Clearly, the opposition to the current board demonstrated last week is about more than a \$30 assessment increase. Without an obvious goal in plain view, one can only assume it's all about building a platform from which people out of power can be heard, over and over again.



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Letters

County should hold BOE accountable

Editor,

May 1 the Worcester County Commissioners will hold a public hearing about the proposed raising of our property taxes. The hearing will take place at 7 p.m. at the Snow Hill High School. The following is the letter that I sent them. They need to hear from all of us.

Dear Commissioners,

I have been to many public hearings in the last 35 years. I thought I would offer my comments for this upcoming hearing of May 1 in this email format.

I have always commented on how population growth leads to

infrastructure loading, which always leads to higher taxes. I advocated for the preservation of our agricultural zones preventing large developments from being built. You commissioners have done a good job in this endeavor, as have your predecessors since 1982.

However, Worcester County's population has grown tremendously since this time as have our tax bills. What has been done is done and please continue to work hard to maintain our rural environment and preserve our agricultural zones.

The last time I checked, 52 percent of our property taxes goes to our public schools. Every May school personnel will pour into the auditorium

and want an increase in funding, as they have done these many years.

What frustrates me is the fact that there is no accounting for where all these millions of dollars are spent on. I would like for you commissioners to consider demanding a full accounting of how the money we award the Board of Education is spent.

You will then be able to scrutinize the allocations and look for better ways to spend the money, eliminate waste, and, perhaps, lessen our tax burden.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Dennis W Evans
Berlin

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Library to spotlight Dylan

(April 26, 2018) One of the most influential singer-songwriters of the past 60 years, Bob Dylan will be the subject of a discussion on Monday, April 30, at the Ocean Pines Branch of the Worcester County Library. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. in the library's main meeting room.

"Bob Dylan Revisited" will focus on the artist's groundbreaking work of the 1960s, transitioning from a traditional folk musician inspired by

Woody Guthrie to the controversial pioneer of electric folk rock. Dylan made headlines in 2016 when it was announced that he would be the first musician honored with a Nobel Prize in Literature.

Staff members Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett will facilitate the event.

"Dylan is a man of co The man behind the music is even more fascinating than the music itself."

DeLucco emphasized the Dylan program is not a lecture, but a genuine give-and-take of ideas.

"We certainly hope that some diehard Dylan fans attend the program, because we're anxious to hear the opinions of others," he said. "Like all poets, Dylan is the subject of endless debate."

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Library at 410-208-4014.

Clubs com. talks about ‘meeting’

Fmr nurse Beatty Crafter of Month

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) Members of the Ocean Pines Clubs Committee last Thursday addressed a controversial unscheduled meeting with the Matt Ortt Companies, which has been hired to run association food and beverage operations.

Association members not affiliated with the committee apparently also tried to attend the meeting, but were denied access. Several, apparently, were vocal about their displeasure on their way out of the building.

Association President Doug Parks released a statement about the incident last week.

“The Board of Directors acknowledges the meeting was not scheduled in accordance with Resolution C-01, which clearly states the requirements for scheduling a meeting and notifying the Membership,” Parks said.

“We regret this situation unfolded the way it did. Director Cheryl Jacobs takes responsibility for the confusion regarding how the meeting was handled, and offers her direct apology to those members who were asked to leave the meeting.

“As a follow-up the board will address the proper protocol for all advisory committees with both the Board liaisons and committee chairpersons.”

Clubs Committee member Gary

Miller said last Thursday that the session was not technically a meeting.

“We, as a group, got invited to go listen to Matt talk,” Miller said. “When I put it out to our group that we were having a meeting, it got interpreted as the CAC [Clubs Advisory Committee] were having an official meeting – and technically it wasn’t a CAC meeting.

‘When I put it out to our group that we were having a meeting, it got interpreted as the CAC [Clubs Advisory Committee] were having an official meeting – and technically it wasn’t a CAC meeting.’

Clubs Committee member
Gary Miller

“We didn’t do any minutes, we didn’t talk about any particular topics. It was a meet-and-greet that we were invited to by Matt,” he continued. “The word got out that we had an official meeting and the public got kicked out – and you’re not allowed to do that.”

Committee Chairman Les Purcell concurred.

“What Gary said is absolutely true – we were asked to go. It was not an official meeting,” Purcell said. “How-

ever, I know from a long history what the rules and regs are, and I’m the guilty party because I assumed if we were meeting at the yacht club there would be room enough for people to be there.”

Purcell, a former board member, said he invited several residents “who ask me a lot of questions all the time” to attend.

“When five or six people showed up, it turned out we didn’t have the yacht club – we had the little office,” he said. “There wasn’t really any room for that ... and Cheryl did invite them to leave.”

The funny part, Purcell said, is he went to a nearby bar after the meeting and “that whole group of people [asked to leave] ... was sitting at the bar.”

“And they were all just sitting there, laughing,” Purcell said.

“So, it wasn’t too traumatic for them,” committee member Herb Roe said.

“No, it wasn’t,” Purcell said. “They said a lot of things – good and bad – but they were mostly just kidding with me.

“They knew, by the way ... that I was the one that invited the first couple of people in the first place. I just assumed there would be room enough for them,” he continued. “The word spread without me, but nevertheless I’m guilty.”

(April 26, 2018) The Pine’er Craft Club has recognized Jean Beatty as it’s Crafter of the Month for April.

Beatty lives in Ocean Pines full time with her husband, Gregg. She enjoys visiting her six grandchildren and is very thankful for the patience of her husband as she creates a new craft.


Before recently retiring, Beatty was in nursing for 50 years in Montgomery County and locally Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, however nursing will always be a part of her identity.

She has been involved in crafting all her life. Beatty has been a member of the craft club for five years. So many people and phases of her live have inspired her, from church to school to work and self satisfaction.

Currently, Beatty is involved in the Delmarva Chorus, she volunteers for Atlantic General Hospital, is on the board of the Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines and sews for the Dress Ministry for the children of Central America and Africa.

Her handmade wares including cross stitch, toys, photo frames, wreaths, cards, religious and nation holiday items are on displayed in the Pine’er Craft Club Artisan and Gift shop.

The Pine’er shop is opened all year on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The shop features jewelry, glass, baby clothes, pottery and other items.



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Decatur band hits high notes in Ohio comp

Earned first-place trophies in three diff. categories at ‘Music in the Park Festival’

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(April 26, 2018) The Stephen Decatur High School band took home first-place awards in orchestra, marching band/color guard and concert band divisions during the Music in the Park Festival in Loveland, Ohio, last weekend.

In addition, the marching band also received outstanding performance honors.

“I hope it is a great lifetime memory and they got a lot out of the weekend,” Stephen Decatur Band Director JD Foell said. “I hope they feel a sense of musical pride, achievement and they had fun.”

Stephen Decatur brought 47 students on the trip, which took place over two days, April 20-21.

“Every kid plays their specific part in the ensemble,” Foell said. “Whether it be a string, percussion or color guard. They all have a job they need to perfect.”

The students competed against nine high schools, which was about 150 people. Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, West Virginia and Michigan were all represented in the festival by schools and private organizations.



PHOTO COURTESY STACY PAULSEN

The Stephen Decatur High School band took home first place in orchestra, marching band/color guard and concert band at the Music in the Park Festival in Loveland, Ohio, last weekend.

Stephen Decatur High School band members have been performing in old uniforms. New ones have not been purchased since 1991 and cost about \$800 each. The goal is to raise \$100,000. About \$86,000 has been collected so far.

“[Superintendent] Lou Taylor asked the board for \$2,500 for each high school, but we are continuing our efforts,” said Stacy Paulsen, president of the Stephen Decatur High School Band Boosters. “They’ve been worn for 27 seasons and have been through a lot of competitions and parades.”

On May 3, the Stephen Decatur

Music Boosters will have a raffle drawing for a handcrafted acoustic electric guitar, guitar case and seven lessons.

The one-of-a-kind acoustic electric guitar, was handcrafted and donated by Booster Board member, Robbie Kilchenstein. It is made of domestic and exotic woods from around the world. The prize also features artwork by local artist Jenelle Willey. She used watercolor pencils to hand sketch the Ocean City pier at sunrise.

In addition, the guitar package includes a carrying case and seven lessons from Beach Music in Ocean City. If the winner chooses not to use

the lessons, Beach Music will honor a credit for \$125, which can be used for any purchase in the store.

Tickets cost \$20 each or get six for \$100, and all proceeds will go toward replacing the decades-old band uniforms.

The raffle drawing will take place during the spring concert in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

To see the guitar being played or to purchase tickets and donate, visit the Music Boosters website at sdhsbandboosters.wixsite.com/info/guitar.

For more information search “SDHS Music Boosters” on Facebook.

DMV Birding Weekend returns for 23rd year

Friday alone to feature trip to refuge and boat tours in Delaware, kayaking in MD

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 26, 2018) While it may have crept up on longtime attendees and some of the organizers, it’s once again the weekend in Ocean City where birds rule as the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art showcases the world’s best in wildfowl carving, while the Delmarva Birding Weekend focuses on the diversity and depth of the actual avian population found here on the shore.

This year’s spring Delmarva Birding Weekend is all about transitions, as the birds that winter here are preparing to head back to the north, while those that spend the winter in the south are starting to come in.

“All of our little buddies from the Caribbean and the tropics, along with South American populations are zipping through,” Jim Rapp, event organizer, said.

Though the migrant population is either preparing for or finishing up a long journey, they also have mating on their minds as winter turns to spring.

“Everyone is feathering out for spring breeding, and they look spectacular — like they have on a new set

of clothes,” Rapp said.

Like the tourists and semi-permanent residents who will begin showing up on these shores in the next few weeks, the birds want to look their best as the search for a mate begins. After sporting the same coat of feathers for the entire winter of slush, snow, mud and rain, the new coat of feathers coming in now are fresh, clean and, in many cases, eye catching.

“Loons and grebes can look very bland in the winter,” Rapp said. “Over the next short while they’ll begin to feather out and they’ll look like they’ve been painted.”

Rapp’s partner in putting on the Delmarva Birding Weekend, Dave Wilson, agrees.

“Loons in breeding plumage are so beautiful. During the winter they’re just this mottled black and white, but they’ll get patterns before they leave,” he said.

Common loons will acquire a striped ring around their necks along with complicated crisscross patterns on the backs of their wings when it comes time to breed.

Yellow-rumped warblers will go from a light brown in winter to bright blue that also showcases the yellow highlights found on their heads, breasts, and yes, hindquarters better than their winter plumage.



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The northern parula is a small warbler similar in coloration to the yellow rumped warbler, and undergoes similar changes from winter to breeding plumage.

“All of our waders are arriving now: tri-colored herons, little blue herons, white ibis, great blue herons, glossy ibis and black crowned night herons,” Wilson said.

The Delmarva Birding Weekend is organized the same way it has been for the past few years, where guests and visitors can register for trips online at delmarvabirding.com.

Today, Friday, there are trips scheduled at the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware, a boat tour off Fisherman’s Wharf in Delaware and a meet-up at Irish Eyes

following the boating trip and a kayaking excursion off Ayres Creek.

There is one event scheduled for Saturday and three others this Sunday.

As most of these trips are outdoors, weather-appropriate gear is recommended, along with sunscreen and rain attire as well. Only severe, dangerous weather will cancel a trip, Rapp said.

Most trips are too intense for smaller children, Rapp warns.

For more information, visit www.delmarvabirding.com.

Mid-week market added in Pines

(April 26, 2018) A popular year-round farmers market that is deeply rooted in Worcester County sprouts a new seasonal mid-week market in Ocean Pines.

Known for its lively Saturday market, Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is launching a Wednesday market, starting May 2.

“Our market is known for its endless variety, and that will be a part of the Wednesday market,” Market Manager David Bean said.

Shoppers will get an opportunity to browse more than 25 local produce, baked goods and seafood vendors at White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, from 3-7 p.m.

“The late afternoon hours allow shoppers to stop at the market on the way home from work or the beach,” Bean said. “Many locals also work on the weekend and are unable to shop on Saturdays. This mid-week addition gives them a day to enjoy shopping at the market.”

The market, which was founded in 2011, has grown into a vibrant, cultural centerpiece under the direction of Bean. Its popularity climbed in 2017 to the highest level in six years, when the market broke a registration record with a 65-vendor lineup.

“Our market manager is so passionate about the growth of the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans

Market and it’s evident in his handling of the ever-growing market,” Denise Sawyer, marketing and public relations director of the Ocean Pines Association, said. “David’s ideal marketplace is centered on local people supporting local farmers, artisans and business owners at

a grassroots level. Ocean Pines takes pride in that.”

The mid-week market will run from May 2 to Sept. 26 and will be an addition to the Saturday market, which operates from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at White Horse Park year-round.

Auditions open for annual ‘Rhythm of the Tides’ show

(April 26, 2018) The Launch II Performing Arts Benefit for Education committee will hold the first round of auditions for all ages on Saturday, April 28 at Stephen Decatur High School from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

The search for talented performers is open to singers, dancers, comedians, thespians, musicians and other solo and group performers of all ages.

The Launch II ~ Rhythm of the Tides is the Worcester County Education Foundation’s second annual Celebration of the Performing Arts and Education and will take place Nov. 10 at the Ocean City Performing Arts Center on 40th Street.

Building upon last years popular event, the committee will hold the

first audition in the northern part of the county at Decatur and a second audition Friday, May 4 at Snow Hill High School from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

The talent search is open to all ages but applicants must have some “roots” in Worcester County. They must either once lived or worked here or have family ties in the county.

Gwen Lehman, retired theater instructor at Decatur, will direct The Launch II. Performers are encouraged to loosely tie this year’s theme “Rhythm of the Tides” into their performance if possible (although it is not critical to include).

Call Lehman for further information or for an audition application at 443-735-4502, or visit www.wced.foundation or contact patti@peckmiller.com.



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SDHS band Boosters raffle, May 3

(April 26, 2018) The Stephen Decatur Music Boosters will hold a raffle drawing for a handcrafted acoustic electric guitar, guitar case and seven lessons, on May 3.

The proceeds from the raffle will directly benefit the Stephen Decatur Music Boosters who have been working to raise funds for new marching band uniforms for the last eight years.

The Stephen Decatur Marching Band represents the high school in the community as it performs at many different parades and competitions.

“We are ‘Decatur Strong’ and want to exude that confidence not only in

our playing, but in our appearance as well,” said Band Director JD Foell. “The current uniforms which are 27 years old, were purchased in 1991 and are older than the students that are wearing them. The threads that bind them together are wearing thin and by the end of the school year, the seams will be held together by safety pins.”

This one-of-a-kind acoustic electric guitar, was handcrafted and donated by Luthier and Booster Board member Robbie Kilchenstein.

It is made of many domestic and exotic woods from around the world. It features art work by Jenelle Willey, another local artist, who used water-

color pencils to handsketch the Ocean City pier at sunrise.

In addition, the guitar package includes a carrying case and seven lessons from Beach Music in Ocean City. If the winner chooses not to use the lessons, Beach Music will honor a credit for \$125, which can be used for any purchase in the store.

Tickets cost \$20 each or get six for \$100. For more information, to see the guitar being played, and to purchase tickets, visit the Music Boosters website at <https://sdhsbandboosters.wixsite.com/info/guitar>.

The Stephen Decatur Music Boosters organization is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, charitable organization.



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Auction and bake sale in Ocean Pines, May 2

(April 26, 2018) Ocean Pines Chapter AK of P.E.O. will hold an auction on Wednesday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center’s Assateague Room.

A gourmet luncheon, bargains, and one-of-a-kind items are available for a donation of \$10. There will be a live auction, silent auction, gift box station and a baked goods table.

Co-chair Ginger McGovern said there will be many interesting items

and a large variety to choose from.

Original artwork by well-known local artists will be part of the fundraising event. Wine baskets, golf baskets, a golf club set, restaurant vouchers, furniture, children’s toys, tableware, clothing, and much more will be included in the auction.

A surprise gift box station which guarantees to have a gift certificate worth at least \$10 with most of the boxes being worth more, will be in-

cluded. The bake sale table will have selections such as bourbon cake, hot milk cake, cookies, fudge and other mouth-watering delights.

Lunch including desserts and beverages will be provided.

Many P.E.O. members have been working tirelessly to make this event a success. A special mention to McGovern, Bonnie Machen and Karen Gerhart for their leadership. The committee started getting ready for the auction in July of 2017.

“It is a case of organizing and getting donations,” McGovern said. “It’s a lot of work but everyone has fun. P.E.O. is a very worthy cause.”

P.E.O. stands for Philanthropic Educational Organization and the mission is to promote educational opportunities for women. All proceeds from this auction will be donated to the organization.

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5 Personnel overhaul

12 End of the block?

15 Pitcher's feat, slangily

19 Peace activist Wiesel

20 Rear seating compartment in old automobiles

21 Replaced someone on a base

23 Wagers for a gym exercise?

25 Big name in luxury S.U.V.s

26 Successfully persuades

27 At the most

28 Sub

30 Opposite of stiff

31 Figures on slots

33 Bad thing to see under a truck's hood?

35 Small breather?

38 Customer-service worker

40 "Man and Superman" playwright

41 Anxious feeling

42 Wastebasket or folder, maybe

43 Avoided trans fats and refined sugars, say

47 Part of NASA: Abbr.

48 Unrecruited athlete's bottleful?

12 al-Hussein (Jordanian royal)

53 Private eye

55 Word after flight or credit

56 "Zounds!"

57 ___ dish

58 It's not in the bag

61 Intake in many an eating contest

62 Makes drunk

63 Certain note passer, for short

64 Timely entrance?

69 Kitty

70 "Here's the thing ..."

72 Lawn coating

73 Grueling workplace, so to speak

75 Man first mentioned in Exodus 2

76 Something removed at a T.S.A. checkpoint

78 Purple smoothie flavorer

80 German "you"

81 Caught in ___

82 Understudy's delivery?

85 Nonsense singing

88 Closet rackful

90 Suffer from a lockup

91 Zeros

93 "Fight, fight, fight for Maryland!" singer, familiarly

94 Duke of ___, character in "The Two Gentlemen of Verona"

96 Reaches by plane

97 Scam alert?

101 Paragons

103 Hoppy brew

104 Info provider

105 Optimist's credo

106 What an A.P. class likely isn't

110 Throws at

112 Fight clubs?

115 Serving to quell violent protests

116 Free, as a seat

117 Web links, briefly

118 Trickle

119 Certain baseball positions: Abbr.

120 Lunchtime errands, e.g.

121 ___ Classic (cable channel)

16 Speak before Parliament, e.g.

17 Comaneci of Olympics fame

18 Time in Tokyo when it's midnight in New York

22 ___ salad

24 App customers

29 10/

32 Scene

33 Founder of Philadelphia

34 Strong strings

35 Sister

36 Man ___ mission

37 Soundtrack for a brawl?

39 Proceed well enough

42 Story featuring divine intervention

43 ___ premium

44 Compositions often chosen for encores?

45 Seuss title character

46 Sad, in San Juan

49 Department

50 Small dam

51 Smoking or stress

54 Forfeits

57 Hits with snowballs

58 Nonexpert

59 Portrayer of Mr. Chips

60 Ball support

61 Something "shaken" in a trick

62 The Ravens, on scoreboards

65 Take too much of, briefly

66 Call for

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67 "To repeat ..."

68 Self-absorbed

71 Hope that one may

74 Doesn't go on at the right time

76 Exit

77 Gives birth to

78 "Eso Beso" singer

79 Doctor treating patients

82 G.I. reply

83 Any of the Galápagos

84 Singer known for her 85-Across

86 Skill

87 Chinese menu name

89 More likely to escalate

92 Member of a four-time Stanley Cup-winning team in the 1980s

94 Emcee's item

95 Spring river breakup

96 Certain Summer Olympian

97 Gyro holders

98 Barely ahead, scorewise

99 Interior decorator's asset

100 Brisk paces

102 Gracias : Spanish :: ___ : German

105 Avid about

107 Some Nikons, for short

108 Go, "Ow, ow, OW!"

109 Professional grp.

111 Apt rhyme of "nip"

113 Card-game cry

114 Some doorways

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Business Briefs

Recognition

Peninsula Home Care is recognizing two occupational therapists as "Outstanding OT of the Year" for their work and dedication to the patients they serve.



Miranda Wood

Miranda Wood, of the Salisbury/ Ocean Pines Branch, joined the Maryland PHC team in August 2016. As a certified occupational therapy assistant, she educates patients about techniques to make daily living tasks at home easier.

She has an Associate's degree in Applied Science in Occupational Therapy from Delaware Technical Community College. She is a member of Phi Theta Cappa Honor Society and Magna Cum Laude and actively participates in her local church as a Sunday school teacher. Her favorite part of working in home care is assisting the patients one-on-one.



Helen Serrano

Helen Serrano, of the Seaford Branch, joined the PHC team as an occupational therapist in January of 2015. She brings 16 years of experience to the job after working for eight years as an internship coordinator, clinician and college instructor and another eight years as a senior occupational therapist in London, England.

She earned her bachelor of science in occupational therapy and doctor of dental medicine and was

awarded "Best Occupational Therapist" as an intern. She enjoys working with patients in their home environment and finds it very fulfilling to see patients achieve goals and complete everyday tasks in their own homes.

Providing care for more than 30 years, Peninsula Home Care, in Salisbury and Ocean Pines/Berlin, ensures that all patients are involved in their plan of care and strives to give them every opportunity to maintain their independence in the home.

The agency has served more than 39,000 patients on Delmarva and was designated as a Peninsula Regional Medical Center preferred home care provider in 2017. For more information, visit www.peninsulahomecare.com.

Top in sales

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty, one of the country's fastest-growing real estate brokerages, announces the 2017 top sales associates in its Ocean Pines office.

Top honors went to Debbie Bennington and O'Hare Team who received the Chairman's Circle Gold award.

Cindy Poremski and Cindy Welsh received the President's Circle Award. Mickey Lobb, Michael Rutledge and Sally Todd Stout were presented the Leading Edge Society Award; and Stephanie Bray, Judy Froman, Sandy Galloway, Jim Prete and John Talbott earned the Honor Society Award.

The company made the announcement during its annual Sales Rally and Awards, held on March 15 at the MGM National Harbor.

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Cuisine

The sandwich that almost broke Suplee

The following column originally ran in a May 5, 2016 edition of the Bayside Gazette:

There are times in a man's life when he must face his biggest challenges head-on, or more to the point, incisors-on. Into the bargain, it is in these great times of conquest that he must prepare himself by having a hefty roll of paper towels at his side. Otherwise, all will be lost.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I had such a moment in St. Louis last week as I faced off with a sandwich at Sugarfire that was not only cunningly christened bearing in mind the presence of 40,000 nerds, but would also be the impetus for my inner debate of great food v. health. I am getting old, after all.

If you remember as far back as two years ago, I was in Kansas City and I wrote about five days of meat-sweats summoned by steaks and marrow at Anton's, burgers and fries cooked in lard at Town Topic, and of course the burnt ends and ribs at Oklahoma Joe's.

Above all I've missed the Midwest BBQ joints, and as I have been in St. Louis for the past three years with our robotics team at championships, I should have waited patiently in line to get another taste. Alas, with kids in tow, that just was not to be. The lines were too long, and casual service restaurants always seemed to fit the bill.

Lo and behold, when I found out that there was a renowned joint, Sugarfire St. Louis, a mere block from the Americas Center, it was an obligation of mine as a human – as a chef – to sample their wares. It was on my third trek that I would meet head-to-head with the sandwich that almost beat me: "The Revenge of the Curds."

A messy and dangerous sandwich comprised of pulled pork, house-crafted bacon, fried cheese curds and sweet BBQ sauce, this thing was a beast. There were points at which I doubted my own ability to eat the thing, and I'm the heaviest I've ever been. Out of the two preceding statements, I'm not sure which one I'm more ashamed of, but I ramble.

On my first visit I met the owner Dave who was gracious enough to walk me to his ole hickory smokers on the street; yes, on the street. He worked with the city and permitted a shipping container that houses two of the beasts that help the group to smoke an astounding amount of meat day-in and day-out. Permanently installed, it seems a gift from the heavens for a food-driven maniac such as myself.

Next on my "meet the crew" adventure, I introduced myself to Chad, the kitchen manager and it was good to talk shop. Hell, it's always good to talk shop when you love what you do. I told him that I was going to bring some of the team by after we packed out and when we came in, I met Casey the pit master. Just like a craft brewery or a fine dining restaurant, it takes a solid team to pull off what they are doing at Sugarfire.

Now, if you decide to make this sandwich, and I recommend that you do unless you are a vegan (which I respect as require by societal law) then bear in mind that the recipe below is my variation, as I don't like to share restaurant recipes without permission. But, I've written about homemade



bacon before, and how many times have I bored you with barbecue sauce? Dig through, or check out Steven Reichlen, Ted Reader or any of the myriad pros out there.

As for the fried cheese curds, which are a big thing in the Midwest and up North, I've found it easiest to locate a chef who buys curd to make fresh mozzarella or if they sell poutine on the menu. Then, a simple breading station and short deep-fry will fit the bill.

It was the sandwich that almost broke me, but I championed it, and I'll win again because that is the red, white and blue barbecue way. And now that your smoke pit is getting fired up for the season, make sure you call me when you make this beast.

Copycat Revenge of the Curds

for 4 people

- 24 ounce Pulled pork BBQ (recipe follows)
- 8 thick slices of Applewood bacon
- 12 ounce Fried cheese curds (see article)
- Sweet St. Louis BBQ Sauce (see article)
- 4 brioche buns
- Butter, as needed

1. Butter the buns and griddle until the faces are brown and crispy. The rest of the roll should be soft, so don't use oven

2. Sauce bottom of the bun and stack pork

3. Follow with fried cheese curds and bacon strips

4. Soak all of this gloriousness with some more sauce. Done

Pauly's Pulled Pork

Makes about 3 pounds

- 4-pound bone-in Pork butt
- 1/4 cup Kosher salt
- 1 Tbsp. Cocoa powder
- 2 Tbsp. Granulated garlic
- 1 Tbsp. Onion powder
- 1 Tbsp. Dried thyme
- 1 Tbsp. Oregano
- 1 Tbsp. black pepper

1. Don't try this on a piece of meat smaller than 4 pounds. If you do, it won't yield the same results

2. Combine all spices well and rub over pork butt

3. Smoke butt with a blend of apple, hickory and cherry chips at 195F for about 12 hours

4. Check pork. It should shred easily and leave you with beautiful crust outside and tender, succulent meat inside

5. Keep warm until ready to serve

— Paul G. Suplee is an Associate Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

Calendar

THU, APR. 26

RUBBER BAND CRAFTS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Drop by for activities and crafts made from rubber bands. For children ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SPRING RESTAURANT WEEK

All Day 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>

PLAY TIME

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME ‘DAUGHTERS AND SONS’

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 2-5 years, enjoy stories, movement, songs and crafts. 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

FAT, SUGAR, SALT

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital is presenting a program on how much fat, sugar and salt are in some foods. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

PREVENTING DIABETES

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 2 p.m. Learn about diabetes prevention, risk factors and nutrition. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 3 p.m. Lively chat about favorite good reads. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH SINGLES

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

FAMILY NIGHT ‘MAKING MUSIC’

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Use items found around your house to make musical instruments. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.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>

WEST OCEAN CITY ASSOCIATION SOCIAL

Tequila Mockingbird, 12720 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Meet neighbors and share local suggestions and concerns. All welcomed. Happy hour drink prices.

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS

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

CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, East Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 p.m. The meeting aims to outline the function of the Search Committee and responsibilities of Board members, describe the qualifications of the candidates, and receive input from attendees about finding interested candidates for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors. Ken Koroknay, ken.koroknay@outlook.com, 301-641-5689, <http://www.oceanpines.org>

REPUBLICAN WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING

Harrison’s Harbor Watch, 806 S Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Guest speakers will be Mary Pat Hoffman and Anthony Darby of Peninsula Alternative Health. They will be giving a general overview of the medical cannabis program and its benefits. Also, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza will be giving a 2018 Maryland General Assembly Update. Cost of the luncheon is \$20. Reservations: Ann Lutz, annlutz60@gmail.com or 410-208-9767.

FRI, APR. 27

RUBBER BAND CRAFTS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Drop by for activities and crafts made from rubber bands. For children ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE EXPO

The Kite Loft, 511 Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Three fun-filled days of kite flying on the beach. There will be exhibitions and demonstrations including stunt and power kite lessons, free children’s games and activities, and more. Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855, <https://kiteloft.com>

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Ocean City Elementary School, 12828 Center Drive, Ocean City, MD, 9:30 a.m. The

celebration will begin with light refreshments. Followed by the presentation of the flag and the tree planting. Students will enjoy demonstrations by the Ocean City Police Department’s mounted police and K-9 units. Second grade classes will present skits, poems, songs and artwork to show the importance of trees in our environment. All are welcome. Donna Greenwood, 410-289-7060, <http://oceancitymd.gov>

48TH ANNUAL WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CARVING COMPETITION

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Prestigious competition of contemporary wildfowl art. Event includes judging, benefit auction, classes and seminars, demonstrations, children’s activities and exhibitor booths of artisans and art supplies. Shop more than 100 exhibitor booths. Admission costs \$10 for a multi-day pass, \$8 for seniors and students and free to those 11 and younger. Group rates for 6 or more are \$6 per person. <http://www.ward-museum.org>

FIBER FRIENDS

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

HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY

Food Lion, 11007 Manklin Creek Road, Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All food donated will go to Sarah’s Pantry to help feed the people of our community. Sponsored by AARP. Larry Walton, 443-831-1791

SAT, APR. 28

RUBBER BAND CRAFTS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, All Day Drop by for activities and crafts made from rubber bands. For children ages 5 years and older. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 410-289-9340.

OC ISLAND TO ISLAND HALF MARATHON/5K

7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Half marathon runners start at Assateague Island and finish their 13.1 miles in the Inlet. The 5K runners will run along the Boardwalk and finish in the Inlet. Chris Klebe, dom1414@aol.com, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://www.oc-trirunning.com>

THE PARKE GARAGE SALE

The Parke at Ocean Pines, 2 Arcadia Court, Berlin, MD, 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sales will be held in the driveways of participating residents of The Parke. There will be clothes, lamps, artwork, household items, electronics, furniture and more. Maps will be available at the main entrance, at Central

Parke West, located off of Ocean Parkway at the south entrance of Ocean Pines. Rain date is May 5. Parke Clubhouse Staff, 410-208-4994

FARMERS MARKET

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

VOTER REGISTRATION

Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 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 (cannot vote until 18 years). Bring current MD drivers license or MVA ID card, or last 4 of your SSN. Individuals convicted of a felony who have been released on parole or probation can vote, but must re-register.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Multi-Purpose Building, 130 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arrive at 8:45 a.m. with an adult and an emergency contact number. For grades 3-8. Local African American leaders, African music and dance, arts and crafts, history and more will be featured. Free. Lunch is included. Laurie, 410-831-8926

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

TALENT SEARCH

Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, MD, 9 to 11 a.m. The Launch II Performing Arts Benefit for Education committee is searching for Worcester County’s most talented bands, singers, choral ensembles, dancers, dramatic readers, thespians, musicians, singer/songwriters, orchestral ensembles and entertainers of all ages. Performers are encouraged to loosely tie this year’s theme “Rhythm of the Tides” into their performances if possible (although not mandatory). Audition applications: Patti Miller, patti@peckmiller.com, 443-880-7795, <http://www.wced.foundation>

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EEEYORE!’

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

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CALENDAR

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STEM ‘FOOD BRIDGES’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Use pasta, marshmallows, pretzels and more to design and build bridges. For ages 5-12 years. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY PREPPERS ‘LONG TERM PREPPING’
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 11 a.m. Learn tips on how to equip your family in the event of a long term disaster. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SIMPLE SUPER FOODS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. Learn all about super foods, how to prepare them and easy ways to get your daily dose of super foods. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

WHEELS AND WAVES AUTOFEST SHOW
Ocean Downs Casino, 10218 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open to all years, makes and models. Award ceremony at 3:30 p.m. More than 150 trophies awarded and dash plaques. First 200 cars are guaranteed a spot. Gates open at 9 a.m. Arrive together to park together. Register on the day of the event. Cost is \$10. Free to spectators. There will be a food and beverage tent. Rain date is April 29 (rain or shine). Scott, TRISAWevents@gmail.com, 302-983-0588

ST. PAUL’S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH DEDICATION
St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 1 p.m. The Right Rev’d Santos Marray, Bishop of the Diocese of Easton and the Vestry Wardens of the church will hold the Blessing of The Fellowship Commons.

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AFTER-PROM EVENT
Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, MD, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Free event for juniors and seniors of SDHS and their dates. This year’s theme is “Every Adventure Begins with a First Step.” Featuring huge inflatables, games, Velcro wall, fake-tattoo artist, money grab machine, music, photo ops, trivia and a Chinese auction. The open buffet will include pizza, sandwiches, chips, veggies and dip, along with an ice cream sundae bar, donuts and coffee bar. Students do not have to attend the prom to come to the After-Prom. Donations of prizes or food: sdhsap@gmail.com.

SUN, APR. 29

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

HORSESHOE CRAB ECOLOGY AND TAGGING DEMONSTRATION
Assateague Environmental Education Center, 7206-2 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD, 1 p.m. Refreshments served at 12:30 p.m. An informative and hands-on program discovering horseshoe crabs and how valuable this creature is too the global ecosystem. outreachAIA@gmail.com, 443-614-3547

ITALIAN DINNER
Church of the Holy Spirit, 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 6 p.m. Catered by Carrabba’s, the feast includes chicken Bryan, penne pomodoro, Caesar salad, garlic breadsticks, iced tea and lemonade. Desserts available for \$1. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the church. Info: 410-723-1973 or Monica, 443-235-8942

MAFIA MURDERS DINNER THEATER
Gull Creek, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 4:30 p.m. Savor wine and a sumptuous three-course Italian dinner, plus a four-act play that lets members of the audience participate. A Mafia family’s birthday celebration doesn’t go as planned. Or, does it? Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer’s Association. Reservations: 443-736-1161, <http://www.Gull-Creek.com/RSVP>

SPRING FLING DINNER AND DANCE
BJ’s on the Water, 115 75th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. Enjoy a delicious dinner and dance to the music of Baltimore Bob Smith. Cost is \$39 for Ocean Pines Boat Club members and \$42 for non-members. Nancy Engelke, 410-208-0314

MON, APR. 30

OSTEOPOROSIS/OSTEOPENIA SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 to 11 a.m. Bone loss and appropriate exercises to help reduce this condition will be discussed. Open to the public. Registration is required: 410-641-7052. <http://www.OceanPines.org>

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>

BOB DYLAN REVISITED
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2 p.m. Lively discussion regarding one of the most influential singer-songwriters of the past 60 years. Learn how Bob Dylan won both Nobel and Pulitzer Prizes. Explore the work of this enigmatic artist. Feel free to bring classic Dylan album covers. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY NIGHT
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family to explore the library, play games, make crafts and win prizes. For all ages. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

TUE, MAY. 1

STORY TIME ‘FOODS WE GROW’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650

ASK A MASTER GARDENER
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Got bugs or other plant problems? Bring your bagged samples by and let the master gardeners find solutions to your questions. 410-208-4014

DRAWING FACES
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 2 p.m. Artist Michael Carmean will teach the techniques of drawing a human face. All supplies included. Register: 410-524-1818.,

LITTLE EXPLORERS ‘WORMS’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Join the group every other Tuesday night. Best for children under 2 years old but all are welcome. 410-524-1818

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The group meets each Tuesday. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jean-duck47@gmail.com

RAVENS ROOST 58 MONTHLY MEETING
28th Street Pit & Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Group will be discussing ideas for parade float for Beach Bash Weekend and upcoming crab feast fundraiser. New members welcome. Dues are \$20 per year.

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

WED, MAY. 2

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>

LUNCHEON AND LIVE AUCTION
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Pines, MD, 11:30 a.m. A gourmet luncheon and paddles are includes with a \$10 charge at the door. There will be live auction, a silent auction, a bake sale and the sale of \$10 surprise boxes. Also included will be original artwork by local artists, household items, toys furniture and more. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines Chapter AK of P.E.O. Info: Bonnie, bonpaints75@gmail.com or Ginger, op9tee@gmail.com, 410-422-6763

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Ocean Pines Farmers Wednesday Green Market, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 3 to 7 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 (cannot vote until 18 years). Bring current MD drivers license or MVA ID card, or last 4 of your SSN. Individuals convicted of a felony who have been released on parole or probation can vote, but must re-register.

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