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Eleventh annual Jazz & Blues Bash Saturday in Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) Live music, local beer and wine, street food, and ample shopping highlight the 11th annual Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., downtown.

Steve Frene of the Jazz and Blue Bash Committee said the music lineup would include something for everyone, starting with the Salisbury University Jazz Ensemble.

Also scheduled, in order of appearance, are Dark Gold Jazz, the Joe Baione Quartet, Honey Shine, Holly Lane and Shore Jazz, Chris English, Earl Beardsley and the Heritage Dixieland Jazz Band, and Tom Larsen.

"This year's jazz bands will feature less fusion style and more traditional jazz, with some new groups to Berlin and a few that have been here once or twice before over the previous 10 years," Frene said. "One such band is Holly Lane and Shore Jazz. Holly has a great voice and will be singing many familiar Jazz standards. Her band has been around in many forms for decades and continues to preserve the tradition of this great American style of music."

Also returning is the Joe Baione Quartet.

"Baione and his quartet was part of the very first Jazz and Blues Bash lineup and Joe is one of the East Coast's premier vibraphonists," Frene said. "It is extremely rare to see jazz music performed on this exciting and interesting-sounding instrument."

"Dark Gold Jazz is new to the lineup, but are no strangers to the Eastern Shore jazz scene," Frene continued. "They play regularly at the Globe Theater and have also performed on WBOC TV's Delmarva Life program."

Frene said keyboardist Earl Beardsley has performed with local jazz bands for more than four decades, including with the Backfin Banjo Band and solo during his longstanding Monday Night slot at the Atlantic Hotel.

"Dixieland Jazz is a southern style of jazz that features a lot of brass and woodwind instruments, as well as a banjo and

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PAINTING HISTORY

Stephanie Fowler of the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee donates a John Donato painting of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum during a business after hours function at the museum, last Thursday. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County State's attorney candidate Kris Heiser, Town Councilman Zack Tyndall, museum board member Dr. Donna Main, board member Carol Rose, Fowler, interim State's Attorney Bill McDermott, County Commissioner Bud Church, board member Harriette Creter, Museum President Jan Quick, and board members Lisa Cook and Patricia Dufendach.

Dorman reelected Snow Hill Mayor

Incumbent says fourth term will be his last; wins 188 to 106 votes over B. Gilliland

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman was reelected to a fourth term on Tuesday, 188 to 106 votes, over challenger Brian Gilliland.

Election officials said 29 absentee ballots and two provisional ballots were cast.

Dorman, 76, was first elected in 2012 and reelected without opposition in 2014 and 2016. The Baltimore native and owner of The Country Flag was formerly the Snow Hill director of public works.

"It's been tough. This is my last one, so I was hoping it was going to

be easy," Dorman said. "Honest candidate. A lot of other people said negative things, but [Gilliland] was great."

"We'll go on for the next two years, just to see what we can do. There are a lot of things we want to accomplish and get finished," he continued. "I know it's tough for him walking away, but he was a great candidate."

Gilliland, 42, is a veteran journalist and currently is the associate editor of *Ocean City Today*. A New Jersey native, he moved to the area in 2002 with his wife, Lora.

"I was really excited to run," he said. "We ran a good, clean campaign. Congratulations to Charlie – I wish him all the success in the future."

"I talked to a lot of people and I formulated a plan that I thought would work for everybody, and the voters of Snow Hill decided to take a



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Brian Gilliland, left, chats with Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Dorman on Tuesday minutes before election results were announced. Dorman was reelected to a fourth term, 188 to 106 votes, over the political newcomer.

different path," Gilliland continued. "That's what it's going to be for the next couple years, and I wish the town and Charlie and the council all great success."

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BERLIN JAZZ AND BLUES BASH

Despite a forecast of rain and some showers late in the day, Berlin's annual Jazz and Blues Bash, last year, went off largely without a hitch. Hundreds flocked to the downtown area to enjoy free concerts on two stages, along with local beer, wine, food vendors and several merchants set up along Main Street. The Berlin Chamber of Commerce hosted the event. Pictured here are the U.S. Navy Jazz Band Commodores.

Live music, street food, beer, wine at Jazz and Blues

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piano," he said. "It will hard to sit still during their performance."
"On the blues side of the equation, we are proud to welcome back both Chris English and bluesman Tom Larsen and their talented and electrifying bands," Frene continued. "Both bands have been busy performing and creating new music, and bring large followings wherever they play. A relatively new blues band, Honey Shine, is anxious to show off their funky blues style to Berlin."

'The take away is the same as always – Berlin is one of the shore's most charming and unique concert and festival venues.'
Steve Frene of the Jazz and Blues Bash Committee

Stages will be set up at each end of Main Street downtown. Music is free with limited seating, and guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs.
Wine tents will be set up outside of Sisters on 113 North Main Street, offering six tastings for \$15. Burley Oak Brewing Company will sell locally made craft beer.
Food will be available for sale from several vendors set up along Main Street, as well as dining and carryout from about a dozen downtown Berlin restaurants.
Additionally, Frene said popular local artist Pedro Mule was commissioned to design posters and commemorative T-shirts for sale.
Free parking will be accessible at Berlin Intermediate School on Franklin Avenue, with a free shuttle service running downtown.
Following the festival, Washington, D.C. blues stalwarts The Nighthawks are scheduled to play a ticketed show at the Globe from 7-10 p.m. For ticket information, visit www.globetheater.com.

"The take away is the same as always – Berlin is one of the shore's most charming and unique concert and festival venues, offering free, family entertainment, food and shopping," Frene said. "We invite everyone to bring a chair, utilize the free shuttle from our expanded parking area at Berlin Intermediate School, and enjoy a fun day."
For more information, visit the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at www.berlin-chamber.org or call 410-641-4775.

Correction

An article in the April 26 edition of the *Bayside Gazette* about the Stephen Decatur High School band incorrectly stated Superintendent Lou Taylor asked the Worcester County Board of Education for \$2,500 for each high school for new band uniforms. The correct amount is \$25,000. We regret the error.

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PRMC exclusive health care sponsor for OPA

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) “We just can’t thank PRMC enough,” Jennifer Cropper-Rines, chairwoman of Ocean Pines’ 50th Anniversary Committee, said at the outset of a press conference last Wednesday.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center, based in Salisbury but also an anchor tenant of the Delmarva Health Pavilion in Ocean Pines, officially became a diamond sponsor of the 50th anniversary after handing over a \$12,000 check to help fund the yearlong celebration.

“We’ve planned a series of events over the course of the summer and we’re really looking forward to encouraging the neighborhood to take advantage of their amenities, to meet their neighbors, to learn about the facilities ... all of those things Ocean Pines has and shares,” Cropper-Rines said.

She added that because of construction of the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute inside the health pavilion, “beach-area residents can find quality care in their own backyard. We think that’s really great for us.”

PRMC Vice President of Ambulatory Services and Corporate Compliance Officer Tim Feist said many years of effort went into building a strong relationship between the hospital system and community.

He said services in the Pines now include family medicine, lab services, pharmacy services, adult fitness programs, “and certainly the junior board with its world-famous chicken salad and chocolate chip cookies.”

“The Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute really is world renowned. It has an exceptional team there [and] exceptional providers. And it’s the only commission on cancer accredited for service in the county, and we’re very, very proud of that and very, very happy to be here and offering that service,” Feist said.

“Half a century is nothing to sneeze at,” he continued. “We look forward to a wonderful summer of many different events in your community.”

Vice President of Strategy and Business Development and Chief Business Officer Christopher Hall said there was never any doubt PRMC would become a key anniversary sponsor.

“What we looked at is to be the exclusive health care sponsor, to cover all events and to be partnering since we’re adjacent to the north gate entrance,” he said. “We are part of the community as well, so we’re honored and very

privileged to be a part of the 50th anniversary celebration.”

PRMC President and CEO Steve Leonard said the Ocean Pines health pavilion is a model for other communities.

“As we work throughout the region, our intent is to continue and build up this campus, as well as replicate services throughout,” he said.

Leonard said a freestanding endoscopy center would soon break ground and bring new specialists to the community. He added the pavilion provided, “really everything the residents of Ocean Pines and the surrounding community need short of a hospital bed.”

“We’d rather keep you out of the hospital [and] keep folks healthy and well, and this campus really is the model for the region,” Leonard said. “We couldn’t be more proud to be here and be part of the celebration.”

Association President Doug Parks thanked PRMC for the donation.

“To have these kinds of services basically in our backyard is not only a benefit for now, but will be a continued benefit,” Parks said. “Let’s hope that

the 50th anniversary celebration is as joyful and as productive as we can make it.”

Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey said the community has been successful for five decades because of “continued growth, additions and improvements in the greater community of Worcester County.”

“In addition to the Ocean Pines amenities and programs, the association residents are indeed blessed to have great service providers close by,” Bailey said. “All the small businesses contribute to the community, as well as this phenomenal array of medical services and facilities led by PRMC.

“A huge thanks to PRMC for their service and dedication to improving the health of our community and to enhancing the draw of people to this area, and specifically to Ocean Pines,” he continued. “And, in the immortal words of Jerry Maguire, ‘show me the money.’”

For more information on the 50th anniversary including a list of upcoming events, visit www.oceanpines.org/ocean-pines-celebrates-50-years-excellence.



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Ocean Pines and Peninsula Regional Medical Center officials host a press conference at the Delmarva Health Pavilion in Ocean Pines, last Thursday. The hospital is a diamond sponsor of Ocean Pines’ 50th anniversary and donated \$12,000 to help fund community events during the yearlong celebration.

Ocean Pines Fun Fact



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Berlin budget work begins, but no tax increases planned

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) A Berlin water rate study is underway, but that won't mean rates will be going up in the town's 2019 budget, nor will the property tax rate be changing, Town Administrator Laura Allen said Tuesday.

Allen said the results of the study won't be delivered until later in the year, while the current tax rate should be sufficient to cover the town's needs.

The word "conservative" came up several times during a Berlin utility fund budget discussion on Monday, and projections for fiscal year 2019 back up much of that talk.

According to Finance Director Natalie Saleh, the electric department budget, based on the latest draft, would increase slightly from \$5.6 million in fiscal 2018 to \$5.7 million.

The overall water department budget would decrease slightly, from \$1.2 million to \$1.1 million, and the sewer department was projected about \$400,000 less, from \$3 million to \$2.6 million. Those numbers are likely to change before the final budget is approved, Allen said.

Water Resources and Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said portions of her budget were conservative because they did not "include anything for Ocean's East," the new apartment complex near Seahawk Road.

"They're going full steam ahead, but we weren't sure if they would start the new phase [of construction] within this next year or not," she said.

Elsewhere, Councilman Dean Burrell noticed \$1.6 million budgeted for sewer service during the current fiscal year, but only \$1.1 million received through April.

He asked if there would be a shortfall.

"It most likely will be, because for some reason people aren't utilizing the water as much, and that's connected together [with sewer services] by metering," Saleh said. "People are more conservative. They're not using the sprinkler system, they're not washing their vehicles. They're just utilizing the water in smart ways."

"After years of saying that you can save money by conserving, it's actually happening," Mayor Gee Williams said. "That's a good thing."

Saleh also discussed projected stormwater grants and the projects they would fund. The town is anticipating \$95,500 in stormwater fees and \$210,000 in prior-year surplus money, along with \$1.15 million from a Department of Natural Resources grant and \$100,000 from a Department of Natural Resources Community Resilience grant.

If all of that money, about \$1.5 million, is received, the town plans to spend \$1.2 million on two phases of the Hudson Branch Flooding Improvement Plan, along with \$100,000 for improvements at Henry's Mill and Henry's Green.

Allen said phase one would finish work in the area of Graham Avenue, Grice Street and Nelson Street, while

phase two would include an offline wetland and improvements to Bay Street and Bottle Branch Road. She said the former power substation near Burley Oak Brewing Company was being considered as the site of an offline wetland, or stormwater retention pond.

The town will not learn whether it receives grant funding until later this spring or summer.

"The mayor likes to use the phrase, 'plan for success,'" Allen said. "We'll plan for success and we'll expect to get the grants and, if for some reason we don't, we'll adjust the budget accordingly."



The Berlin Mayor and Council on Monday meets with department heads to discuss the utility fund portion of the proposed fiscal year 2019 budget.

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Budget talks include payroll, new positions

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) New positions, salary increases and employee bonuses took center stage during Town of Berlin budget discussions on Monday night.

Two weeks ago, the mayor and Town Council, with department heads present, discussed a \$7.05 million general fund budget package in the first draft of a fiscal year 2019 budget.

On Monday, talk turned to the utility fund, which includes water, wastewater and stormwater. The council also heard an extended presentation from Police Chief Arnold Downing on his department.

Water Resources and Public Works Director Jane Kreiter requested funding for a water treatment operator at the wastewater treatment plant. Salaries at the treatment plant were projected to increase 92 percent, from about \$95,000 to \$182,000.

Electric Director Tim Lawrence asked to add what he called a hybrid technical position, combining lineman, substation technician and relay specialist. He said of eight employees in the department, four were "at the point they could actually retire, today."

Salaries in the power distribution department were projected to increase 24 percent, from about \$409,000 to \$505,000.

Not included in the budget draft was

a request by Police Chief Arnold Downing to hire an administrative assistant.

"We put \$45,000 [in the budget]. The numbers came back and those numbers were changed," Downing said. "I stood on the table a little bit and said, 'why did the numbers go ahead and change,' especially without me having any idea or notice, and that's where we were."

Downing said there were 14 officers in the department, along with four full-time dispatchers, three part-time dispatchers and one full-time records clerk. He said the new position would be for high-level administrative work, including managing training and firearm records.

"The last person other than myself that even assisted me doing that was an officer doing that task," he said. "We end up having officers doing some of those tasks ... if we go ahead and have a non-sworn person doing that, I can get [police] on the road a little bit more."

"If dispatchers were administrative assistants, most of them probably wouldn't be working here – they'd be administrative assistants making money somewhere else," Downing added.

Allen said the initial request did not include a written justification for the position and one submitted later "did not include some of the information I had requested."

"From my perspective, the primary argument that the chief is giving me is that every other department has administrative support, and to me that's not enough of a compelling argument to add a position," Allen said. "What I had suggested to him is that he identify the workload that justifies the need for the additional position, and I didn't get that in the justification."

Burrell asked for a copy of the written justification.

"I'm sitting here and I'm not able to follow this spoken word when it comes to duties and responsibilities," he said. "If I could see it in writing and I could be able to weigh what your recommendation is, we might be able to make a decision on your request."

The current budget draft current includes a 3 percent raise for all town employees, although there was some discussion whether that figure would also be given to hourly workers.

There was also talk of increasing the one-time payment given annually to employees around Thanksgiving.

For the last five years, the town has given each employee \$500. Mayor Gee Williams asked the council to consider increasing the annual contribution, considered employee retention, to \$750.

"The reasoning is our frontline employees will get a greater benefit from that," Williams said.

Human Resources Director Jeff

Fleetwood said the cost for \$500 payments to all employees was about \$36,000 each year. To increase the payment to \$750 would bring the annual total up to \$56,000, a \$20,000 increase, he said.

Councilman Zack Tyndall asked the council to consider instead the same amount in a deferred compensation match.

Fleetwood, based on his experience handing out checks during the last five years, said he did not believe most of the employees would take to the idea.

"They really look forward to it," he said. "When you give them a \$500 check, cash money, at Christmastime, that employee can go buy something [for their family] that's tangible."

Councilman Thom Gulyas also did not favor making a change from payments to deferred money for retirement.

"I just think it's awful challenging to mess with something that we've got in place like that. It's kind of like taking that carrot and throwing it way on the other side of the fence and saying, 'if you can get over it, you can have it,'" he said.

"Some of these people live paycheck to paycheck – they're not like you and me ... this is a lot of money to them" Gulyas continued. "If you offer something to somebody, you can't mandate what they've got to do with it – that's not right."

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Work group closes in on contract for new HOA software

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association appears to close to purchasing new software systems with the goal of having them running by next May.

During a public meeting on Saturday, two members of a technology working group, Tom Terry and Len Smith, outlined almost two years of activity and how new systems could improve operations.

Following the presentation, the board of directors met in closed session to discuss a contract. No resolution was reached and an additional closed meeting was scheduled Wednesday morning, after press time.

According to the technology work group report, the volunteer committee was formed in 2016 and started with an assessment of existing software and systems. Department heads were interviewed about their experience and information was compiled, ranked and prioritized.

The committee's evaluation led to conclude that the current software was "unreliable, outdated and poorly integrated."

"The Ocean Pines network during the winter of 2016-2017 was a patchwork quilt of networks which were fragile and failed frequently," the report said.

Additionally, departments functioned on "independent islands of automation, with no data sharing" and point of sales systems "caused multiple issues for accounting," including posting and reconciliation of daily sales and deposits, the report said.

A request for proposals was released last December and responses were received in January. The committee developed a baseline cost of "what we would spend over the next six years if we did not change anything," the report said, and bids were evaluated based on that model.

Between Dec. 2017 and April 4, five companies offered demonstrations and four remain on the active vendor list: NorthStar, Jonas, Yadi and IBS-Imperium.

The goal, according to the report, is to improve business operations across all departments, making work more efficient and less frustrating for personnel. The report said purchasing "an integrated 'all in one' HOA specific software solution" would bring the association into the 21st century, help provide monthly financial reports in a more timely fashion, and "achieve better services" for membership.

"We are proposing that Ocean Pines purchase state-of-the-art software that provides the most integration possible for our systems, provides the best operational support, [and] has proactive maintenance and enhanced services

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OPA updates forensic audit process

Directors reject committee formation, but say firm will allow for community input

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) Some community comment will be allowed during the upcoming forensic audit, although the majority of Ocean Pines Board members on Saturday opposed forming a committee to assist with the process.

Director Slobodan Trendic said General Manager John Bailey, Finance Director Steve Phillips and three board members had an initial meeting with Baltimore auditing firm Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates on April 20. Phillips will apparently carry information from the firm back to the board.

“The next step is to put in place what we would call an audit team and also to develop an audit plan,” Trendic said.

He suggested forming an “independent audit committee” of community members, an idea not shared by his colleagues.

“The concept is sound, however I really want to look at Gross, Mendelsohn to guide us with that,” Association President Doug Parks said. “Personally, I think having us take direction from them is really the way to

go.

“We’re paying for these folks to give their expertise,” he continued. “While we may have everything well intended, I think it’s more important to take a step back [and] let the audit firm come back to us with their recommendations and their needs. I personally don’t want to presuppose I know what they’re going to need, or direct them in any way, shape or form.

“The more arm’s length we are from the process, the better,” Parks said. “We should take a listening perspective and not an active participation, unless specifically asked by them.”

Director Pat Supik agreed.

“Gross, Mendelsohn ... have, I think it was 25 [of] 30 years of experience doing this,” she said. “They should guide this process, absolutely ... I don’t think we’ve got any expert in the community, on the board, anywhere that has the experience that the Gross, Mendelsohn team brings to us.

“This is what they do – this is all these gentlemen do,” Supik continued. “We have the experts, I say we just go with them right now, with Steve as the point on the process. I don’t see any need for any kind of community audit team. I have no idea what that could bring.”

Trendic said the benefit of a committee was, “we have people in the

community that are intimately familiar with what’s been going on,” including former Finance Director John Viola and other community members with corporate and legal backgrounds.

“These two or three people could bring up some very strong, independent support, assistance and objectivity to the process,” he said. “I feel we should share this with the auditors.”

Supik responded the auditors agreed to accept information from community members, “which they have never done before.”

“We were going to send out an announcement, but we wanted to have this discussion first,” Parks said. “They’re going to allow for community input directly to them. There will be a letter [and] we’ll have the address and location in case you have anything that you feel is worthwhile – although, they did very much warn that we don’t want hearsay, scuttlebutt and opinion.”

Parks added the focus of the audit would not just be on the food and beverage operations, as was previously thought.

“After our initial meeting they basically dispelled that myth,” he said. “They said, ‘we’re going to start at a starting point where it makes sense and we are in no way limiting our investigation to just that.’”

Pines Board met in closed session twice for tech talk

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available to us from that vendor,” Terry said.

He said planning would occur from June through September, and implementation and testing would start in October. Duplicate systems would run in March and April, and new systems could be live by next May.

“After months of working on this report, it is delivered today,” Terry said, adding some specific vendor information was omitted from the version made public. “We will be discussing that detail in a closed session with the board later.

“The proposed vendor will be presented to the board by us in that session, along with that vendor’s information and the reason for our proposal for their selection, and we hope to move forward as soon as possible in order to ... get a contract in place with them,” he added.

Terry said any contract would have to be approved by the board of directors.

The directors did not respond to questions about the Saturday closed session.

The full report is available in the April 28 meeting packet online at www.oceanpin.es.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/4-28-18-Board-Packet-reduced.pdf

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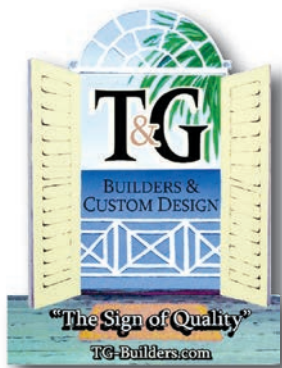
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Country club renovations go back out to bid

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) It took about 30 minutes of spirited debate, but the Ocean Pines Board on Saturday agreed to rebid second-floor renovations of the country club to try to lower costs.

An initial round of bids were reportedly much higher than anticipated and perhaps double the cost of original estimates.

Director Colette Horn, taking the lead on a motion drafted by absent Director Ted Moroney, moved to direct General Manager John Bailey to rebid the project this month, with a target start of October and a completion date no later than March 8, 2019.

Horn said a previous request for proposals – based on amended Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. drawings – was sent to seven firms earlier this year. The hope was to have work finished by June, but only two of the seven responded and neither firm could meet the “aggressive completion date,” Horn said.

Director Tom Herrick said plans were drawn and approved by a previous board in 2016 and an estimate of \$538,000 was received. He said the project stalled because a new administration took over and did not resume interest until this January, when the board spent \$40,000 to have new plans created.

“And now we get some bids back, over \$1 million,” he said. “This cost now has almost doubled.

“We’re breaking them into phases, but if you put them all together it’s well over the [\$1 million] number to trigger a referendum,” Herrick continued. “We’re spending quite a bit of money here.”

He suggested rebidding the project using both old and new sets of architectural drawings, as well as

seeking the opinions of residents.

“One board approving one set of plans and another board approving a second set, and now the cost doubles,” Herrick said. “I think we need to get more information.”

Association President Doug Parks said he was uncomfortable with the motion and felt no urgent need to rebid the project.

“Although it’s inconvenient not to have that part

of the building operational, certainly to resolve that by spending \$1 million just to make it go away is also irresponsible,” he said.

“We should have those plans out on the website and we should solicit input from the membership, so they can share their ideas,” Parks added.

Association President Cheryl Jacobs said she “was not at all happy about the delay.”

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After some discussion, Ocean Pines Directors on Saturday voted 6-0 to rebid second-floor renovations of the country club. Original bids came in much higher than anticipated in part, reportedly, because of a narrow timeframe to complete the work.





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Directors hope rebidding cuts cost

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“If we delay it further, we will be facing yet another new board, who may have different opinions – again – and that’s kind of what we’ve done in the past in Ocean Pines. We just delay, delay, delay, and then things don’t get done,” she said.

Jacobs said the change in general manager last September affected the scope of the project. As for soliciting more input, Jacobs said a building could not be designed using “8,452 different opinions.”

She said the accelerated timeline was likely responsible for some of the drastic price increase.

“When we [rebid] the plan ... that this board has approved, then it’s going to be in a more realistic time-frame, which should reduce the cost as well as creating more competition, because it’s going to go out and more contractors can bid on it,” Jacobs said. “I don’t see the point in looking backwards to an old plan.”

Director Colette Horn agreed, adding the plans were altered “because there were problems with the other plans that this board recognized.”

“I do not agree with going back to the old plans,” she said. “I’d like to see us go ahead with putting out an RFP that supports the plans that we have,” she said.

Herrick pressed Horn to “explain to the membership what was wrong with the original plans, because I missed that meeting.”

According to approved public meeting minutes from Jan. 12, Herrick seconded a motion to approve to spend up to \$40,000 for amended architectural drawings for the second floor renovations. Herrick also seconded a motion to suspend Robert’s Rules of Order as Bailey, and Chris Cullen and Andrew Welsh from Davis, Bowen and Friedel, “joined in the discussion” of those renovations. According to the minutes, “After some discussion, the board voted, all in favor, to approve the funding motion.”

“I don’t think the membership was informed, so I’d like you to tell the membership what’s wrong with the first set of plans,” Herrick said on Saturday.

Horn said there were concerns about the aesthetics and functionality of the first drawings, which also lacked some ADA accessibility and an elevator.

Bailey added previous plans called for a large meeting space to be dedicated only to hosting board meetings. He said that was revised instead as “a multifunction room, not just as board room.”

He said a ramp around the entire building was declared unnecessary and

the old plans would have moved two offices from the administration building to the country club. “Those are not over there any more,” he said.

A reconfigured roof further allowed for better use of the space and two other conference rooms were created, Bailey said.

“We, as directors, looked at those plans and had an opportunity to make comments on those before we agreed upon them,” Horn said.

Trendic added some of the cost differential was because the previous estimate came from “an unsolicited offer letter from a bidder.”

“It was not a fixed price bid and I don’t think they would have signed that and committed themselves to basically doing the full project scope using that dollar amount,” he said.

“We need to be cognizant of the fact that \$538,000 was a moving number, not really a fixed price bid. We also need to keep in mind that there was a change in the scope, based on the improvements that Director Horn just referred to and also the general manager,” Trendic added.

He offered an amendment to release a board-approved request for proposals by June 1 and award bids by July 30.

The amendment and the original motion, as amended, passed 6-0.



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Several potential candidates attend informational mtg

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) At least one candidate reportedly filed following an informational meeting of the Ocean Pines Association Search Committee last Thursday, when much of the discussion was focused on the benefits – and perils – of public service.

Committee Chairman Ken Koroknay said his role was to stimulate community interest in the board of directors' election.

"We want to encourage candidates from as wide a spectrum as possible," he said. "We're here to try to help and assist potential candidates with the application process."

Koroknay said three board seats are up for election this year and the goal was to recruit at least five candidates. Three have reportedly filed so far.

One declared candidate, Steve Tuttle, attended the meeting.

"Our intent tonight is to ... invite some folks from the elections committee and also [Association President] Doug [Parks] provide a little background," Koroknay said.

Tom Piatti, committee member and president of The Parke homeowner's association, said public service requires a time commitment, as well as thick skin.

"There's no shortage of opinions out there and certainly, if we all thought the same, we wouldn't need committees," he said. "People will catch you at the yacht club [or] in the Food Lion and ask you questions."

"I think it's great, supporting the community," he added.

Committee member Cathy Gallagher said citizen involvement is critical for the community's success.

"If everybody kind of sits back and has their own opinion and doesn't share it or doesn't get involved, we're not going to go anywhere," she said. "Being involved with your community is so important – you bring all the different skills and your background ... that's what makes us great. That's what makes our country great [and] that's what makes Ocean Pines great."

She said news headlines and reports of "battles" on the board make some squeamish about public service.

"I think everybody has the intention of what's best for the community. Sometimes we don't always see it the same way, but ... there's a lot of things that are coming up. There's a lot of suggestions. We're in a growth period and the only people that can help us and make us strong are members of our community," Gallagher said.

"If we all have the right intention and put the Pines on top of everything and put all the personal things behind [us], we're going to be OK. But, we need people to stand up and we need

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Mark Mitchell, center, discusses his background during a candidate information meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center, last Thursday.

‘Would I do it again? Yeah. Is my hair a little grayer ... Yes’

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people to get involved,” she added.
Parks offered three points of advice for potential candidates: know your governing documents, be willing to compromise with fellow board members, and understand “everything you do ... is not going to be perceived as correct.”

“You can’t take it personally,” Parks said. “When I hear those kind of things, the first thing I do rather than get upset is say, ‘what did I miss?’”
“There are no shortage of opinions in Ocean Pines,” he continued. “Rather than complain about it, embrace it. Understand it. That’s going to happen and no board, no single board member and no member of the association is going to change that, so why worry about it? Why become ingrained in some argument that really isn’t going to produce any benefit down the road?”

Parks added there is a time commitment and that some kind of board member interaction occurs virtually every day.
“Would I do it again? Yeah. Is my hair a little grayer than when I first started? Yes it is,” Parks said. “But that shouldn’t be something that lets you think that it’s not worth it. If you’re service-oriented, you stay service-oriented.”

Four potential candidates attended

the meeting. Of that group only one, Mark Mitchell, spoke publicly.
Mitchell said he and his wife bought property as a summer home in 2011 and moved permanently to the Pines in 2014 after his retirement. He said he initially paid no attention to the local news.
“When we moved here I started reading [the Gazette] and Joe’s [Reynolds] forum and started getting interested in what’s going on,” Mitchell said. “It stirred me enough me that I wanted to come and see for myself ... just what some of the discussions are about.”
From his view, Mitchell said progress was made during the last two years as far as the tone of board interactions.
“My key thing is fiscal responsibility,” he said. “I’m not going to vote to spend money on anything unless I’m firmly convinced that we need it.”
The candidate application deadline is May 10. Applications can be obtained from the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway, online at www.oceanpines.org/forms-docs-cat/board-member-application, or from any member of the Ocean Pines Search Committee. For a full list of committee members, visit www.oceanpines.org/administration/advisory-committees/search-committee.



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‘Pier’ review calls for replacing Pines sanctuary crab site

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) An assessment of the Ocean Pines sanctuary crabbing pier “showed the structure is in dire need of replacement,” according to an inspection by Snow Hill firm J Stacey Hart and Associates.

General Manager John Bailey, reading for the report during a public meeting Saturday, said existing galvanized hardware had corroded to the breaking point.

“The ends of the bolts have mushroomed such that you could not wrench them off and would probably require torching or cutting to disconnect for replacement,” he said.

Some tire floats were missing and others were disconnected because of the broken hardware, Bailey said. He said almost all floats in the Pines were “composed of tires filled with foam.”

“Quite frankly, that’s news to me – I’m used to dealing with actual floats that are designed for that purpose,” Bailey said.

Based on the inspection, the recommendation was to replace the structure in the same footprint and, because of safety concerns, to close



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An independent evaluation of the Ocean Pines Sanctuary Crabbing Pier found it in poor condition and recommended replacing the structure entirely and closing it until that can be done.

the existing floating pier until that could be done.

Bailey said he could develop a scope of work and issue a request for bids, if the board directed.

No directors commented during the meeting, but Slobodan Trendic on Monday said an approved March 29

motion was sufficient to trigger the bid release.

“My personal view is that the inspection report provided the information the general manager needed in order to proceed with the next step,” he said.

According to Trendic, the motion

called for an independent inspection of the fishing pier and stated, “If determined desirable, issue a request for proposals for its replacement if the fishing pier is found unsafe for usage and the total replacement is the most cost-effective long-term solution.”

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Ocean Pines Association Briefs

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on Saturday discussed the following items during a public meeting in the community center:

Agenda changes

Several first readings for resolution amendments were removed from the agenda because the bylaws and resolutions committee reportedly had issues with some of the wording.

Additionally, Director Colette Horn, instead of Director Ted Moroney, who was absent, submitted a motion on country club renovations, and Director Pat Supik asked to postpone reappointment of John Viola to the budget and finance committee.

Two other motions, one to engage Union Bank and the other to amend previously adopted beach club parking annual fees for nonmembers, were corrected from earlier versions.

AGH presentation

Atlantic General Hospital President Michael Franklin provided an annual update on hospital activities.

Franklin said statistics show that Worcester County is the healthiest county on the Eastern Shore and is ranked 10th in the state. But a rapidly

aging population would create challenges in the future. By 2030, about a third of the population would be over 65, Franklin said.

Franklin also said there is a shortage of behavioral health providers in Worcester County.

Boat ramp

Directors, uncertain whether loose rules at the White Horse Park boat ramp were inconveniencing association members, directed the marine advisory committee to research the situation.

Horn said there have been times when she attempted to use the ramp and either parking was unavailable or commercial crabbers had taken up the space.

According to Trendic, the association was not in compliance with its own resolutions because the ramp was not used as a fee-based amenity. Several directors suggested placards or stickers for members and fees for nonmembers.

New document policy

Association President Doug Parks announced a change in how association documents would be distributed.

He said all documents would now be delivered electronically by email. The previous practice of asking mem-

bers to pick up printed copies from the administration building was considered too cumbersome.

Treasurer's report

Director Pat Supik, also the association treasurer, said the projected loss for fiscal 2018 is still \$1.6 million. She said the fiscal 2019 budget sought to recover about \$600,000 of those losses.

First reading

A first reading of changes to Resolution M-09, which governs the search committee, occurred without action and because none was required. The changes were reportedly vetted by the bylaws and resolutions committee and, according to the meeting packet, "serve to clean up some language and provide a more specific definition of several terms referenced in the document."

Parks said a second reading has been scheduled for the next regular board meeting.

A redlined version of the changes is available at www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/4-28-18-Board-Packet-reduced.pdf.

New bank account

The directors voted 6-0 to establish an operating account with Union Bank.

Supik said the association currently only had an account with the Bank of Ocean City, but historically had engaged a second bank as well. She said the budget and finance committee suggested the secondary account and vetted Union Bank.

Capital purchases

The directors approved the purchase of a John Deere sand rake for

\$16,000, a Ventrac trim mower for \$35,000, five golf utility carts for \$50,000, and new fuel systems for use by golf maintenance at \$20,000.

Also approved were two Ventrac mowers for \$70,000, and two Toro Z-Master mowers for \$24,800 for public works.

One capital purchase request, \$35,000 for a Tri-Plex mower for golf maintenance, was postponed because the directors asked for more information.

Beach parking change

The board voted unanimously to set the annual beach club parking rate for nonmembers at \$510.

A month ago, the directors established the rate at \$2,800, but, according to Trendic, two lawyers from association firm Lerch, Early & Brewer had a "spirited discussion" on the matter. He said one argued the significant difference in rates for members and nonmembers essentially made the pass unavailable to the public.

As a precaution, the rate was lowered to more closely resemble the annual fee for members, \$150.

Annual meeting agenda

Because of the 50th anniversary of the association this year, Trendic suggested starting early to solicit agenda topics for the August annual meeting. He said a time capsule opening has been scheduled.

Additionally, Trendic said a homeowner last year tried to submit a motion during the meeting, but was wrongfully denied.

He asked Bailey and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer to put out an e-blast on the subject.

Parks suggested also including members of the communications advisory committee.



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Ocean Pines Board rejects candidate ad ban

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) Candidates for office, including those standing for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors, may continue to purchase ads in association publications, following a board vote on Saturday.

Director Slobodan Trendic had moved to amend the current policy and prohibit candidates from placing ads, but that was defeated 4-1 with one director, Tom Herrick, abstaining.

Trendic was acting on behalf of the Ocean Pines Search Committee, which last month approved a motion to ban all candidate advertisements from association publications.

He said he was “in full support of the committee’s recommendation.”

“As their liaison, I understand where they’re coming from. I understand why they are asking that this language be spelled out the way they recom-

mended,” Trendic said.

Under the current policy, Trendic said Ocean Pines Board candidates have space in official publications to make a 200-word statement and answer three questions. There is no charge for that, but candidates have often purchased additional ads in quarterly newsletters.

“If that candidate is not able to convey that information free of charge and needs to buy an ad, that’s for the community to decide whether that’s really necessary or not.”

Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs said, as there was “nothing prohibiting advertising, simply a current policy,” she did not agree with making a change.

“There is no intervention or support

of any particular candidate simply because they place an ad,” she said. “It is still a source of revenue ... There are tons of people running for all kinds of offices currently, with the primary looming as well as OPA Board candidates. Why would we want to prohibit that information getting out to the membership?”

Director Colette Horn said there was confusion about the policy last year, because the election committee told some of the candidates that advertisements were not permitted.

“I think the idea was to get some kind of policy statement out there, so that candidates would be informed consistently,” she said. “My interest is just having some kind of a statement that makes clear to candidates what’s

permissible and what’s not.

“I’m OK with candidates advertising in our publications – I don’t think that’s the issue,” she continued. “I don’t view that as political in the way that I view more partisan political types of offices, but I do think we need to have clarification.”

Trendic argued membership, who pays for association publications in the form of dues, would essentially be subsidizing candidate ads.

“I would like to have this publication be independent [and] objective, and not be used for paid ads for candidates, because the publication is fully funded by the entire membership,” he said.

Jacobs offered a simple solution: raise the rates.

“Set a price for the ad that addresses what the cost is to the association, so it’s a zero situation,” she said. “It’s not going to be subsidized by membership.”

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Director Colette Horn

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Virtual suggestion box for Berlin Falls park

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) The Berlin Falls Park Committee is asking for citizen input through a new online suggestion box.

The park, on Old Ocean City Boulevard across from Burley Oak Brewing Company, was formerly a Tyson chicken-processing plant.

According to an online statement, “The land and buildings were purchased in 2016, when Berlin had the opportunity to take what had been, in years past, something of a sore spot in the town. Right now, this is considered a passive park, with no formal amenities or activities on site; the park features open land including two large ponds, and is currently being enjoyed by walkers and bird watchers. Plans are being developed for the final use of the parkland.

“The Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee would like to hear residents’ suggestions regarding the visibility of, and access to the 60-acre Town property containing the former Tyson chicken processing plant ... The park is expected to contain a combination of active and passive uses.”

Committee Vice Chairman Jack Orris said the group originally envisioned a physical suggestion box for

the public.

“It kind of morphed into an online link,” he said. “I think we, as a group, are at the point where we are about to have our top ideas on the table and I’m hoping that the community ideas are going to mesh very well with what we have in mind already.

“I think this is a good time to get some thoughts from the public and the residents,” he added.

Orris said feedback would go to

Park Coordinator David Deutsch for review, and would then be presented to the committee.

“As representatives of the community on the committee, we want to see what other ideas are out there in case there is anything we did miss, or something that seems very ‘Berlin cool,’” he said. “It’s kind of a barometer of what the community would like to see, to see if we’re heading in the right direction.”

Whatever the outcome, park developments would likely not happen right away or without some kind of outside funding support, Orris said.

“We’re obviously not going to try to build everything in one big swoop, but we might try to tackle two or three big projects at a time,” he said.

To view the online suggestion box, visit www.berlinmd.gov/park/berlin-falls-park or email suggestions to parksuggestions@berlinmd.gov.



A new, online survey allows residents to weigh in on potential uses for Berlin Falls park. The survey was created by the Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee.



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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 3, 2018) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall last Monday:

Tennis foul

Josh Taylor, project manager with Davis, Bowen & Friedel, said costs to renovate the tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park would be about \$12,000 more than originally estimated.

He said a contractor went to mill off a half-inch of asphalt to overlay new pavement, but two of the four courts started to fail and crack.

“The subgrade and the sub layers of the tennis court were in such bad shape that [the contractor] had to stop, pull back and reevaluate what’s going on,” Taylor said. “The reason for the failures is substandard materials were used and substandard insulation practices were used during the original installation of the tennis courts.”

Councilmembers briefly considered other, potentially less costly uses for two of the courts, including a volleyball court, but Taylor said that was impractical because of new lighting systems already installed. Additionally, Town Administrator Laura Allen said a grant funding most of the project could be in jeopardy if the scope was significantly changed.

The council unanimously approved a change order to install two layers of asphalt on the two eastern most courts.

Construction update

Public Works and Water Resources Director Jane Krieter said recent stormwater improvements on William Street and the area of Cedar Avenue, Pine Street and Maple Avenue included replacing old corrugated metal pipes with larger, concrete piping.

“It does take up more room, but it’s going to carry a lot more water through the system,” she said.

Krieter said the Army Corps of Engineers in 2007 listed the area as a high priority for stormwater improvements.

She said the next phase of work



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Substandard paving, dating back decades to when the courts were originally built, will reportedly elevate costs to renovate two of four tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park.

would be increasing the size of piping downstream, near Nelson Street, Graham Avenue and Grice Street, and grants would likely help fund those improvements. There are also plans to convert an old substation into an of-fine wetland or other stormwater holding facility.

“You will see a difference on Nelson Street with the flooding, because it will allow much more water to come through, quicker, into Hudson Branch,” Kreiter said. “You’re going to see a reduction in flooding the entire length of those roadways.”

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The council unanimously approved a fee waiver for a May 22 Stephen Decatur High School Math Honor Society event at Stephen Decatur Park.

Laila Mirza, president of the society, said the annual event is an end-of-year picnic to celebrate accomplishments, welcome new members and hold officer elections. The fee was \$50.

Café table

Burley Florist owner Michael Vadella asked for and was granted permission to place a small cafe table, two chairs and a small container of flowers outside his shop on 12 Pitts Street.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said the 30-inch table would leaves more than enough space on the 79-inch sidewalk to pass ADA compliance, which requires at least three feet of clearance.

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ACT annual Native Plant Sale, Sat. in Berlin

(May 3, 2018) Assateague Coastal Trust will offer perennials, heirloom vegetables, fruit and herbs for pre-order for its annual Native Plant Sale, scheduled May 5 at the ACT office on north Main Street in Berlin.

Pre-ordering is strongly encouraged to guarantee choice of varieties. Visit ACT's website at www.actforbays.org to browse and buy from the expanded inventory featuring native perennials suited to a range of sun and soil conditions, a bounty of new heirloom tomato, vegetable and fruit options, along with the popular garden herb selections.

"We decided to bring back all the new choices we offered local gardeners last year," said ACT Plant Sale Manager Billy Weiland. "This year we're offering everyone's favorite perennial varieties, and we will offer once again the new heirloom veggies and fruits ranging from eggplants and squashes to several melons."

The online menu makes it easy to order, with color photos and detailed descriptions of which plants prefer sun or shade, when they bloom, what good critters (bees and butterflies) like and what bad critters (deer) dislike. The site even offers special plant packages, grouping together plants that do well in sun or shade as well as the popular "Heirloom Tomato Sampler" and sought after "Pollinator Package."

"You'll want to order early so you don't miss out on this incredible selection of garden goodies," Weiland said. "Every year many of the most popular varieties sell out well before the date of the sale, so we strongly encourage folks to pre-order off our website as soon as they know what they want to grow this year."

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Temple Bat Yam to welcome new Rabbi, beginning July 1

(May 3, 2018) Rabbi Estelle Gattman Mills will become the rabbi of Temple Bat Yam (TBY) beginning July 1.

A statement from the Temple Board of Directors said it is both “pleased and honored” to make this announcement, which followed a national search conducted by a 12-member Search Committee, board approval of the committee’s recommendation, and a unanimous ratification of Rabbi Mills’ selection at a Special Congregational Meeting on April 26.

“We are delighted that Rabbi Mills will be joining us and are very excited,” said TBY President Paul Schwab.

Rabbi Mills received her honorary doctorate for 25 years of service as a rabbi in 2017. Most of those years were spent serving as the rabbi of Congregation Kol Chadash in the Cleveland suburb of Solon, and as the rabbi of Congregation Kol Am in the St. Louis suburb of Ballwin. She has most recently served as the interim rabbi of Temple Beth Am in Parsippany, New Jersey.

TBY’s new rabbi has been recognized for her innovative and cutting edge programming. She was the recipient of the prestigious Legacy Heritage Innovator Grant and the Union for Reform Judaism has recognized her creative and innovative programming by awarding her an Incubator Grant for her Family Education Program: “Exciting Destina-

tions, Jewish Explorations” and a Belin Award for her Membership Program: “No Regrets Membership.”

Rabbi Mills will be relocating to the area from New Jersey. “I am thrilled to be Temple Bat Yam’s incoming rabbi and am very much looking forward to the exciting possibilities the future holds,” she said learning of the congregation’s final ratification of her selection.

As part of the search process, Rabbi Mills visited TBY Feb. 23-25 and had an opportunity to meet search committee members, its clergy, and some of its congregants.

Current Rabbi Susan Warshaw will be retiring at the end of this June. As Schwab said, “Rabbi Warshaw has been an outstanding leader for TBY these past 10 years. She is well loved and we wish her and her husband, Richard, all the best in their upcoming retirement.”

Temple Bat Yam is an inclusive Reform Jewish Congregation that serves Delmarva and is an affiliate member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ).

Founded in 1989, the Temple moved into its current building in 1997 and is located minutes away from Ocean City beaches.

Information about the many services and programs of TBY can be found on its web site at templebatyam-oc.org or by contacting TBY at 410-641-4311.

Flags to fly at Pines Memorial

(May 3, 2018) The Worcester County Veterans Memorial has joined with the Rotary Club of Ocean City/Berlin to create a display of flags that will fly in Veterans Memorial Park, along Route 589, in Ocean Pines to honor heroes.

The definition of a hero: being a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

Individuals and community businesses can be part of this tribute by sponsoring a flag for \$50.

Each sponsor’s name and their hero’s name will be identified on each flag. Proceeds from this project will benefit student’s education outreach projects, community charities and the Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Cutoff date to sponsor a flag is Saturday, May 12.

There will be a dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Park. Flags will be displayed from Armed Services Day, May 19, through Memorial Day, May 28.

For more information, contact Cliff Berg at 302-540-2127 or email cliff0917@aol.com.

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Per-person Assateague fee change

(May 3, 2018) The National Park Service announced Assateague Island National Seashore will modify its entrance fees to provide additional funding for infrastructure and maintenance needs to enhance the visitor experience.

Effective May 1, the per-person fee will be \$10 per person; other fees will remain unchanged. Then, on Jan. 1, 2020, the entrance fees for the park per person rate will be \$15, per vehicle will be \$25, per motorcycle will be \$20 and annual park pass will be \$45.

All of the money received from entrance fees remains with the National Park Service with at least 80 percent of the revenue going to Assateague Island National Seashore.

Revenue from entrance fees remains in the National Park Service and helps ensure a quality experience for all who visit. In Assateague Island National Seashore,

at least 80 percent of entrance fees stay in the park and are devoted to spending that supports the visitor. It shares the other 20 percent of entry fee income with other national parks for their projects.

In response to public comments on a fee proposal released in October 2017, there will be a modest increase for all entrance fee-charging parks, rather than the higher peak-season fees initially proposed only for 17 highly-visited national parks.

“This modest increase in entrance fees will allow us to continue to protect, preserve and share the special places here at Assateague Island National Seashore with current visitors and future generations,” said Park Superintendent Deborah Darden. “Fee revenue makes it possible for us to continue to provide a high quality visitor experience in both Virginia and Maryland.”

National parks have experienced

record-breaking visitation, with more than 1.5 billion visitors in the last five years. Throughout the country, the combination of an aging infrastructure and increased visitation has put a strain on park roads, bridges, campgrounds, waterlines, bathrooms, and other visitor services and led to a \$11.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog nationwide.

The additional revenue from entrance fees at Assateague Island National Seashore will replace the deteriorating guard rail along the Bayberry Drive and outdated interpretive wayside exhibits through the park, among other projects.

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Business Briefs

Joins bank

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B. Taylor Bank, has announced that Alice K. Peterson has joined the bank as a loan processor.

She will be located at the bank's Pocomoke Branch after her training is complete.



Alice K. Peterson

Peterson comes to Taylor Bank with over 30 years of banking experience, specializing in loan processing, accounting functions, audit and various branch operations.

Her banking career started with Cenlar Federal Savings Bank in Princeton, New Jersey, then she relocated to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and began employment with Old Dominion University at Wallops Island.

Her most recent position was with Union Bank (formerly Xenith Bank) where she served as a commercial loan specialist.

Peterson is a graduate of Susque-

hanna University where she studied business administration. She has obtained a certificate in paralegal studies and real estate appraisal.

Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company, the bank subsidiary of Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc., founded in 1890, offers a wide range of loan, deposit and ancillary banking services through both physical and digital delivery channels.

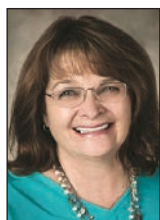
The Company has 11 banking locations within the eastern coastal area of the Delmarva Peninsula including Worcester County, Maryland, Sussex County, Delaware and Accomack County, Virginia. There is also a loan production office located in Onley, Virginia.

Flax recognized

The National Association of Realtors has announced that Bernie Flax, a Realtor from Ocean Pines, has become a Sterling R Major investor in the Realtors Political Action Committee.

RPAC is a national bipartisan grassroots-based political advocacy organi-

zation that works to protect the real estate industry and the dream of homeownership for Ocean Pines residents and across the country.



Bernie Flax

Flax has supported RPAC for 12 years and has been a member of the National Association of Realtors since 2006. She currently holds the position of president-elect for the Coastal Association of Realtors, and is the owner/broker of EXIT Realty At The Beach in Ocean Pines.

Since 1969, RPAC has promoted the election of pro-real estate candidates across the United States. The purpose of RPAC is to elect officials who understand and support the interests of real estate professionals and their home buying, selling and investing clients.

RPAC uses its resources to seek to elect candidates that understand and support real estate, and to develop public policies that allow consumers to own homes and build their communities through commercial investment.

Four sessions for 'fore' camp: Pines offers golf lessons

(May 3, 2018) Online registration is open for Ocean Pines Golf Club's popular junior golf camp.

Four sessions of the camp, which is open to the public, will be offered throughout the summer.

The four-day camps, designed for ages 5-14, will be held June 25-28, July 9-12, July 23-26 and Aug. 6-9 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PGA Director of Golf John Malinowski and staff will provide instruction in swing basics, chipping and putting, rules and etiquette, the use of irons and woods and more. Beginner and experienced junior players are encouraged to attend.

"Last year all four sessions sold out, which is a good sign that golf is alive, well and growing in the area," Malinowski said. "I think our camps are so popular because they make the sport accessible and fun for all abilities."

The cost is \$130 per golfer per session, which includes lunch and snacks each day and a goody bag at the end of camp. Equipment will be provided, or participants may bring their own.

Spaces are limited, and sessions will sell out quickly. Online registration may be completed at OceanPinesGolf.org. For more information, contact Ocean Pines Golf Club at 410-641-6057.



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Opinion

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Auditors, not committee will know what's best

Citizen involvement in government is a good thing ... up to a point. Too much involvement can make government unwieldy, as elected officials must listen to and consider many voices, relevant or not, before they can act. To do otherwise would offend participants and, more specifically, make the citizen participation approach to governance meaningless.

This is just one reason why the Ocean Pines Board of Directors made the right call when it rejected the suggestion that a committee be formed to contribute to the upcoming forensic audit of the association's finances.

The auditors, Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates, must first address the black-and-white world of the numbers, where opinions don't matter. Not to trivialize the laboriously detailed task of following the money, but the bottom line is exactly that, the bottom line. Either it adds up or it doesn't.

The firm's representatives don't need advice on how to go about that, nor do they need the distraction of suggestions where this or that might have happened. Although the auditors surely have their own way of doing things, it's safe to say that the level of their scrutiny will be akin to picking each bone out of an otherwise clean-looking fish filet.

At the end of that round, they will know what, if anything, they don't know, which is when citizen involvement could become more important. But since Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates have done all this many times before, they should be allowed to proceed unfettered until they arrive at their own conclusions.

This doesn't mean that property owners shouldn't know what's happening and how, but they should wait until the results are in, rather than try to guide the auditors to any specific destination.

Auditing is a science, not an art. If at the end of their examination they have questions, that's when they might be able to use some help.



Letters

CAFO would harm Worcester watershed

Editor,

At a public hearing in Snow Hill on April 24 hosted by Maryland Department of the Environment, to take public comment on a proposed Water Discharge Permit for a poultry Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO), we were made aware of the failure of Worcester County elected officials to protect the public health of their constituents, as well as the design of a permitting process that intentionally restricts the input of those whose only concern is the health of family and neighbors.

Nearly every citizen who stepped to the podium to voice alarm about a chicken factory farm planned for Peerless Road expressed frustration that they were left in the dark, purposefully, about the prospect of the pollution and health hazard until the last of the permits was about the be rubber stamped by the MDE.

Those at the hearing learned that the CAFO was to be forced upon them only days before the final permit was to be inked. Had one concerned citizen not demanded the hearing, it would not have happened.

How is it possible that an operation that will expel up to 12 tons of ammonia annually, to say nothing of the airborne particulates that contribute to asthma and other respiratory diseases, could be permitted by the county without giving those whose lives are most likely to be adversely impacted the privilege of reviewing what is clearly a major health hazard, and voicing their concern?

The wording of the permit itself is designed to camouflage the potential of a disastrous situation for those among us who are the most vulnerable – children and senior citizens. It describes the poultry factory as a “zero emission” operation.

This industrial chicken factory will grow half a million chickens a year, have three 600-foot long houses on a piece of property far too small and too close to Shingle Landing Prong, a stressed tributary of the St. Martin River. Anyone who has ever driven by a chicken factory knows that this is beyond absurd; it is downright deceitful.

There is no such thing as a “zero emission” poultry CAFO, as two citizens who were raised on chicken farm factories testified. This CAFO is not a farm,

it is an industrial use and should not be placed within three miles of schools, churches, a daycare center, and Ocean Pines, the county's most populous community.

There are too many reasons why this is a disastrous decision for those who live in the St. Martin watershed to list in this letter. Suffice it to say the St. Martin, a river that is so badly degraded shellfishing is off limits because of health hazards, is also a river that is on the mend following the 2006 closing of a poultry-processing center in Showell.

It cannot bear this assault, nor can those who recreate on it or who live along and nearby its shoreline.

The meeting room in Snow Hill was standing room only, representing a small fraction of those who felt themselves betrayed by officials and a system rigged against them.

Regardless of whether one approves of or objects to the expansion of poultry factories near residential neighborhoods and population centers, everyone deserves the right to be advised of such plans in time to learn the facts and voice either concern or support.

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Letters

Concerned parents need to do their homework

Editor,

I would like to thank the editor and writer of *The Bayside Gazette* for bringing to light concerns Pastor Daryl McCready has with the “mindfulness” program in place at an elementary school level and planned to expand to higher levels of the Worcester County School system.

It would behoove parents and members of the school system to at least research the basis of his concern before teaching little children these practices they say have only “positive, calming” outcomes.

They could start by googling Caryl Matrisciana. Of course, it is understandable that parents and even officials will be angry at his warning. When I was first told, I was also angry and felt this was the unsubstantiated belief of an extremist, fundamental branch of christianity.

I didn’t know anything about yoga and centering except that it was great exercise and wonderful control discipline. But I did my homework. I think this is what Pastor McCready is asking of the school system to do. Even though they did not speak out, other pastors who viewed the program tell me they agree with him.

What I found out is that these techniques are based on the Hindu religion. Centering is “aligning their chakras” with The Great Serpent” and posing to open themselves up to the many thousands of gods of Eastern Mysticism. Even having

them grow up, as Caryl Matrisciana did, thinking that these practices are safe exposes them to delving into higher levels of this religious practice which is anything but harmless.

I am asking parents and educators to please consider these sweet little vulnerable children. We cannot have them say “The Lord’s Prayer” in school because of the Supreme Court’s decision. Giving Hindu and Eastern Mysticism to them in the morning is no different, and it is my opinion the Worcester County Board of Education may end up in a very long and very expensive lawsuit.

With Best hopes for a better outcome,
Alberta Harrison
Ocean City

Republican mailer on Sen. Mathias full of untruths

Editor,

The Maryland Republican Party recently disseminated a mailer accusing our State Sen. Jim Mathias of supporting legislation that encouraged the use of opiates and other dangerous drugs. As is the case with most negative political advertising, this allegation is false and grossly misleading.

Like many politicians, Sen. Mathias’ opponent in the upcoming election claimed that she had no involvement in the action of the Republican Party, while failing to disavow the mailer’s false allegations and essentially repeating them in response to questions by the media.

As we are all aware, there is an opioid epidemic in the State of Maryland and on

the lower Eastern Shore. Last year, 2,500 of our fellow citizens in this state died from the misuse of these and related drugs. This problem has destroyed families and led to an increase of crime. It is not an issue that can simply be ignored.

A bill was introduced in the last session of the state legislature by Sen. Feldman of Montgomery County to provide a safe, sterile environment for the use of drugs that users had already obtained and to educate them about programs that could help them with their addiction. It is a program that has showed some success in other states in avoiding the tragic consequences of drug use.

Recognizing the importance of the issue, Sen. Mathias initially agreed to co-sponsor the legislation, but upon further scrutiny decided that he could not support it as proposed. These are the facts.

Throughout his career as a public servant serving the citizens of the Eastern Shore, Sen. Mathias has demonstrated time and again his dedication to his constituents and their problems. His willingness to consider legislation to address a problem that is threatening the lives and safety of those he represents should be applauded, not condemned.

In the last election, Norm Conway – a valued and dedicated member of the Maryland House of Delegates representing the Eastern Shore – fell victim to false and salacious advertising paid for by the Republican State Party and outside political action committees. We cannot allow this to happen again.

Howard Sribnick
Berlin

Annual WYFCS Pirate Party, May 18

(May 3, 2018) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services will host its 10 annual Pirate Party fundraiser to benefit vulnerable children in Worcester County on Friday, May 18 from 6-9 p.m. at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City.

Attendees are encouraged to join in the fun by coming dressed in their best pirate garb. A \$49 donation at the door includes a light fare buffet, two drink tickets, live entertainment, raffles and a gift auction.

The rain date is June 1.

Each year nearly 20 people volunteer to be “Honorary Pirates” and raise at least \$500 each toward the fundraiser. A combination of pirate fundraising, corporate sponsors, raffles and party entry donations makes this Worcester Youth and Family’s largest fundraiser of the year. All

money raised is used to support youth programs managed by the organization.

Worcester Youth and Family’s CASA program helps abused and neglected children so that all children in the community can have a safe and permanent home. The organization’s youth enrichment programs help build personal strengths, interpersonal relationships, family and school functioning, and personal temperament.

These programs have a huge impact on the community by engaging children in healthy, structured, social activities and working with them in therapeutic environments to improve their lives.

Corporate and individual sponsors are instrumental to the success of this fundraiser. Worcester Youth and Family would like to thank the following sponsors

for their generosity and making this event possible: Sunset Grille, Kendall Furniture, Duckaneer, D3 Corp, Reese Cropper III, Castle in the Sand, CrossFit Ocean City, Ayers Creek Adventures, Bergey & Company P.A., Church Mouse Thrift Shop, Cards Technology, New Wave, Pohanka Automotive Group, Atlantic Physical Therapy, and the Dough Roller.

Those interested in becoming an event sponsor or an honorary pirate, should contact the organization for details.

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services is a nonprofit organization located in Berlin and has been serving the community since 1975. For more information about services provided by the organization, call the office at 410-641-4598, or visit www.gowoyo.org.

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Atlantic General Hospital celebrates 25 years

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(May 3, 2018) Atlantic General Hospital will hold a 25th anniversary community celebration on Tuesday, May 8, on Healthway Drive in Berlin from 3-6 p.m.

“This is an opportunity for the community to come together for some fun and fellowship in celebration of our 25 years of healthcare,” said Sarah Yonker, director of marketing for Atlantic General Hospital. “This hospital was built for the community, by the community, and we want to thank them for their support.”

There will be heavy hors d’oeuvres, fruit, cheese, soft drinks and water at the event. In addition, a Frozen Farmer ice cream truck is slated to provide treats for attendees.

“Our young (and young at heart) attendees can have fun in the bounce house, play games, get their faces painted by Lollipop the Clown and visit the petting zoo,” Yonker said. “We will have a knight’s castle obstacle course, a bounce house and games. The petting zoo will include six to eight animals including a red kangaroo joey.”

Attendees can also learn about the hospital’s history, it’s advancements in technology and patient experience, or view 22 hospital and health system department displays as well as the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation and the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary.

Commemorative remarks from hospital officials and local dignitaries will begin at 4 p.m. followed by a ribbon cutting for the new Healthway Drive Community Garden.

The garden will increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for associates, patients, residents and the



Public officials, board members and other supporters gather for the groundbreaking ceremony of the main hospital in 1991.

community, in addition to providing an opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles and educate the community.

“Atlantic General Hospital would not have been able to evolve into the high-quality healthcare organization it has become without the support of the fantastic community we serve,” Yonker said. “We look forward to

what the next 25 years will bring.”

In the late 1980s, residents, political officials and healthcare advocates began to push for a hospital in the area since the closest was at least a 30-minute drive away.

The late Dr. Frank Townsend, one of the few general practitioners in the area and a principle player in that effort, lamented the dearth of physicians in the coastal region, while the late Worcester County Commissioner and later Delegate Bennett Bozman and the late developer and businessman Irv Bainum worked diligently to recruit others to the cause.

The possibility of a primary care

hospital in the coastal area began to take shape after dozens of proponents formed a corporation and began the arduous process of trying to obtain a certificate of need from Maryland health regulators.

What they had in their favor in this quest was the steadfast support of Gov. William Donald Schaeffer, who insisted that the certificate be granted. The original agreement reached by the corporation, the state and local governments was a three-way split of the \$15 million building the hospital would require.

The state would contribute \$5 million. See BARRETT Page 29

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Barrett was key figure in bringing hospital to county

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lion, if the county donated \$5 million, and if Ocean City would commit to \$2.5 million, with the remaining \$2.5 million to be donated by the local citizenry. It was Townsend's Aunt Daisy who, in 1991, put the fund drive over the top with a \$1 million donation.

Meanwhile, many community members embraced the cause at the urging of the late County Commissioner Jim Barrett.

"A number of people got involved because of Jim Barrett, said Jim Almand, who was on the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Directors for nine years and was chairman for six. "He enlisted the support of folks to get funding to build the hospital."

In 1991, public officials, board members and residents gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony.

"There are a couple people who were instrumental along the way and many behind the scenes," Almand said. "There was a group of people on the board of directors or assisting them with the project of developing the hospital."

"Others focused on raising money in the local community from private

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Atlantic General Hospital's first CEO William Donatelli, left, former board of directors chairman Jim Almand and former Comptroller of Maryland Louis Goldstein during a presentation of the state proclamation at the grand opening of the hospital in May of 1993..

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Atlantic General Hospital celebrates 25 years

1989-1990: Political officials, health care professionals and citizens commissioned a public opinion survey, drafted a certificate of need, and lobbied 38th District legislators and the governor in Annapolis until a bond bill was signed for a hospital in Worcester County. Fundraisers began to fund the project.

1991: Public officials, board members and other supporters gather for the groundbreaking ceremony

May 21, 1993: The hospital opens its doors to the community with 62-hospital beds, a small emergency department and a long-term care unit

2003-2004: The hospital expands with a larger emergency department including 19 beds, and a fast-track area for more minor injuries and illnesses as well as a second lobby, a sleep disorders diagnostic center and additional space for pulmonary medicine and the hospital's administration, outpatient laboratory and imaging department.

2004-2005: Existing hospital space is used to create the Center for Joint Surgery and the Women's Diagnostic

Center for mammograms, bone density measurements, and minimally invasive breast biopsies

January 2006: A groundbreaking is held for the 42,000 square-foot, two-story, James G. Barrett Medical Office Building on the corner of Healthway Drive

April 2008: The James G. Barrett Medical Office Building opens and houses a Wound Care Center and offices for the diabetes outpatient education program and the Atlantic Endoscopy Center. The location also has Atlantic General Surgical Associates, a women's health center, a Coffee Beanery, Chesapeake Eye Center and Neurological Associates

June 2017: A groundbreaking is held for the 18,000 square-foot John H. “Jack” Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center on the Atlantic General Hospital campus at the corner of Route 113 and Route 346

May 8, 2018: A 25th anniversary celebration for Atlantic General Hospital and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Healthway Drive Community Garden takes place.

First Atlantic General Board had 20 community members

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donors. The last group had connections in Annapolis and were able to generate support from the governor, mayor, city council and other legislators. This was all getting the approval before it was built.”

Shirley Phillips, of Phillips Seafood, garnered support from the University of Maryland Medical Systems to provide expert guidance. Linda Robbins served as project manager on the board of directors.

In addition, Bainum, who was on the first board of directors, donated most of the land Atlantic General Hospital sits on and financed the legal services to obtain the certificate of need for the hospital.

“There were a lot of people who helped and the first board of directors had about 20 people,” Almand said. “The community support was impressive. I am talking people from Ocean City, Berlin, Snow Hill and Ocean Pines. A lot of people got behind the project to make it successful, including Norm Conway, Maryland Gov. Donald Schaefer and Shirley and (Delegate) Mark Pilchard were a big help.”

Dr. Stephen Waters, who has been the medical director of Atlantic General Hospital for about 15 years, was a part of the planning committee when the hospital opened in 1993 and served as chief of medical staff

for two years.

“Before the hospital opened, there were only about five doctors practicing in the area,” Waters said. “There was the ability to come together with the community and build a hospital and continue funding it. The medical staff has steadily improved overtime. It is important to thank the early community members and physicians who gave a lot of time and energy to get the hospital going. My partner in those days, Bill Greer, took calls the first day the hospital opened.”

On May 21, 1993, Atlantic General Hospital opened to the community with 62 beds, a small emergency department and a long-term care unit.

The first year saw 13,316 emergency room visits, which exceeded projections by 10 percent.

"After we got it up and running, the support from the community was what made it successful," Almand said. "The financial support continued and the foundation kept raising money. Everything kept improving and it attracted great nurses and doctors."

Atlantic General Health System started with three primary care providers, but now includes 30 physicians in Berlin, Ocean Pines, Ocean City, West Ocean City and Pocomoke in addition to Ocean View, West Fenwick Island and Selbyville, Delaware. They offer primary care,

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Coming soon: ‘Jack’ Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center

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pediatrics, gynecologic services, pulmonary care and imaging services.

“The hospital has always had excellent leadership from the CEOs to the board of directors,” Almand said. “The board has continued to attract smart and dedicated community members.”

By 2004, the emergency department expanded to include 19 beds, and a fast-track area for more minor injuries and illnesses as well as a second lobby, a sleep disorders diagnostic center and additional space for pulmonary medicine and the hospital’s administration, outpatient laboratory and imaging department.

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cation program and the Atlantic Endoscopy Center. The location also has Atlantic General Surgical Associates and a women’s health center, a Coffee Beanery, Chesapeake Eye Center and Neurological Associates.

“Atlantic General has dedicated community support, dedicated physicians from all specialty areas, and associates who provide quality care while truly caring about the patients’ and family’s experience,” said Michael Franklin, who has been the CEO of Atlantic General Hospital for

more than 12 years.

Last June, there was a groundbreaking ceremony for the 18,000 square-foot John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center on the AGH campus at the corner of Route 113 and Route 346.

The new center, which is slated to open in June, will offer outpatient chemotherapy infusion, hematology (blood disorders) care, PET scanning, community education, support groups, and hair and skin care support services.

The John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center will also have telemedicine capabilities and conference facilities.

In addition, there will be Atlantic General medical oncology physicians, radiation oncology physicians and a treatment center on site.

“The hospital continues to grow in size and services,” Almand said. “Quality of care has always been at the forefront and the medical staff is as good as anywhere. It is a real jewel in the community.”

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HONOR SOCIETY

A record 109 students were inducted into the Stephen Decatur High School chapter of the National Honor Society during the annual Induction Ceremony on April 4. To gain admittance, students must satisfy the four principles of character, scholarship, leadership and service. Decatur National Honor Society President Michael Mareno conducts the swearing in.



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ELEPHANT TOOTHPASTE

During science in Brittany Thompson's classroom, Berlin Intermediate School students conducted an experiment called "Elephant Toothpaste." During this experiment, they witnessed a chemical change occurring by combining various substances together. Pictured, from left, are Paige McAdams, Amber Stant, Sarah Nottingham, Derrick Seitz and Ethan Wright.



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BOOK DRIVE

Over 3,000 books were collected during the Stephen Decatur High School National English Honor Society annual spring book drive. After the books are categorized by reading level and genres, they will be donated to local schools, hospitals, shelters and churches. Pictured are Decatur National English Honor Society members, in back, Anna Kiesewetter, Sarah Bianca, Madilyn Ortega, Gavin Esch, NEHS President Kyla Taylor and Caroline Kurtz, and in front, Dori Krasner, Corinne Krasner, Tara Fischer, Eunice Huesca and Mahreen Ishfaq.



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DIAKONIA DONATION

The season for giving keeps on going for the Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society as the group donated several hundred pounds of canned goods to Diakonia. Pictured are Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society members Hallie Edmunds, Bryce Kalchthaler, Spencer Carbaugh, Stephanie Marx and Piper Connors with Diakonia representative Michelle D'Ascoli.



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ART HONORS

A select group of Worcester Prep students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society on April 12 in the Guerrieri Library. Pictured, in front, Molly McCormick, Virginia Bateman, Kendall Holmes, Rachael Weidman, Anchita Batra, Chloe Ruddo and Hailee Arrington; middle, Thomas Fager, Dakin Moore, Taylor Campbell, Sandra Karsli, Delaney Abercrombie, Kendall Whaley, Olivia Parker, Andrew Stickler and Ethan Scheiber; and in back, Cooper Richins, Nic Abboud, Jay Poduval, Hope Sens, Reid Odachowski, Brenner Maull, Will Todd and Jacob Meakin. Not Pictured: Ethan Gaskill.



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ALL-AMERICANS

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School congratulates seventh grader Nick Cullen and fifth grader MaryAnn Catherine Rutzler on receiving Pop Warner All-American Academic Achievement Awards. The PWLS All-American Program requires a minimum 96 percent grade point average to apply for All-American status.

Snapshots



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AGH DONATION

The Atlantic General Hospital Junior Auxiliary Group recently presented a check to AGH President and CEO Michael Franklin, center, as a pledge toward the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's Campaign for the Future.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Ocean Pines General Manager John Bailey visited the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City as the guest speaker during the weekly meeting, April 18, in the Ocean Pines Community Center. He is with Kiwanis Club President Ralph Chinn, right.



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HUMANE SOCIETY HELP

Recently, Farmers Bank of Willards presented Worcester County Humane Society with a check for \$2,500 that will be used to help underwrite the rent costs for the no-kill shelter's new thrift store that will be opening soon on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City. Pictured, from left, are Bank Board Member Donald Bounds, West Ocean City Branch Vice President Celeste Miller, Worcester County Humane Society Board Member Heather Bahrami, Bank Board Member Kim Messick and WCHS Board members Mary Martinez and Sandy Summers.



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MONTHLY MEETING

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its March dinner meeting at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin on March 22. Nicolee Ambrose, political commentator and Republican National Committeewoman for Maryland, was the guest speaker. Pictured, from left, are RWWC 1st Vice President Sandy Zitzer, Ambrose and RWWC President Beth Rodier.



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RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life of North Worcester County hosted a team meeting April 9 at Sisters in Berlin. Dante "Curt" Derosetti of Ocean City spoke about the Road To Recovery program, which is funded by the American Cancer Society. Derosetti is visually impaired and needed transportation to his treatments for prostate cancer. Pictured, from left, are Relay For Life co-chairs Dj Thompson and Dawn Hodge, and Derosetti. Relay For Life of North Worcester will be held Friday, May 11 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Frontier Town Campground off Route 611. For more information, visit relayforlife.org/northworcestermid or contact Hodge at dawnhodge@comcast.net or 443-497-1198.



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BELIEVE IN TOMORROW

The Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 donated \$5,400 to Believe In Tomorrow Children's House By the Sea. The check was accepted by Wayne Littleton of the organization. Pictured, from left, are Charles Loane, Susan Caldwell, James Flaig of the charity committee, Littleton and Peggie Ball committee chairwoman.



Participants of the Delmarva Spring Birding Weekend tour the Pocomoke Forest just a bit south of Snow Hill on Rt. 113 last weekend hunting for some of the 150-odd species tallied during the event.

Windy weather, but Delmarva Birding Weekend successful

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor
(May 3, 2018) Up until this past week, the weather on the lower shore hasn't exactly been anything to write home about, unless you were one of the dozens of participants at the 23rd annual Delmarva Spring Birding Weekend.

"The birds want to head north, but the winds have been out of the north or northwest, so they've just been sitting," Dave Wilson, organizer, said.

Meanwhile, those wildfowl making their way up to us as part of their annual travels continue to arrive, meaning the shore is now bursting at the seams with birds.

Wilson said this was the usual draw of the weekend — the overlap between the summer and winter species, with one population moving out while the other arrives.

As an added bonus for observers, the wildfowl are shedding their understated winter coats for far more colorful breeding plumage, which, along with being much brighter, also doesn't have three to four months of winter grime buildup on it.

So the more colorful coats are shiny and new as their inhabitants start showing up or are preparing to shove off for the season.

"The yellow mouth warblers and common loons are usually just starting to turn when they leave," Wilson said.

But the brisk winds and gloomy skies of late April kept them here long enough that the fowl are fully feathered.

With the air and eventually, water temperatures finally warming up, the region's usual slate of waders is ready to arrive: herons, skimmers and others.

In all, Wilson said the birders tallied more than 150 species last weekend, and he expects that number to grow as the formal count is finalized in the next few days.

He said it was about the average

number for the weekend, but what the participants did see was more colorful and complete breeding plumage than usually privy to.

"We had some red throated loons, northern shovelers and palm warblers," Wilson said. "Endangered species like royal terns and black skimmers should arrive in the next few weeks."

So, Wilson said, the next few weeks are going to be active ones, where even novice watchers can see something that eludes more experienced ones and where the birds are more noticeable than ever.

Also, the Delmarva Spring Birding Weekend isn't just about birds. Because there are groups of people taking coordinated romps around the local lands, other wildlife is bound to eventually show up.

"We didn't see anything too rare. Turtles, snakes, seals and a wide variety of reptiles and amphibians," he said. "But all exciting in their own ways."

Next, Wilson is planning for a Baltimore Birding Weekend, May 18-19.

"You don't think of Baltimore as a great place to find birds, but because of all the development, they're all pushed to the parks, like Druid Hill Park," Wilson said. "It's super popular."

Closer to home, Wilson said he is preparing to once again offer 11 tours of colonial bird nesting grounds throughout summer.

"You can build your own trip, so if you have a group of six ready for 4 p.m. on Tuesday, you'll go on your trip at 4 p.m. on a Tuesday," he said.

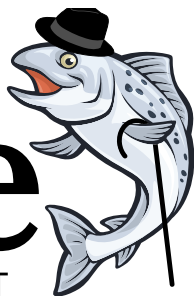
Terns, herons and other wading birds, those that stand in the water to hunt for food, nest together in colonies close to the shoreline. The tours will be by boat, and cut a 28-mile circuit around those areas to get a good close look at the occupants.

For more information on upcoming trips or to register, visit www.delmarvabirding.com.

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Puzzles

PLUSES AND MINUSES

BY ROSS TRUDEAU / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

1 Bedbug, e.g.

5 "Police Line — Do Not Cross" material

9 Gay ____

14 Blemish for a straight-A student

19 R.p.m. indicator

20 Having gone tit for tat

21 Florida city whose name ends with two state postal abbreviations

22 Humiliate

23 Makes eye contact before undressing?

26 Hoosier hoopster

27 Expatriate

28 Wide-eyed type

29 "What ____ thou?"

31 One of five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council

32 One reading up on infant care, maybe

34 Equilibrium

36 Minor setback

38 Butts

39 Parent wearing your Superman costume?

42 Year abroad

43 The sun, for one

44 "Party Up (Up in Here)" rapper, 2000

45 Bugs's cartoon pursuer

46 Org. with evening meetings

47 Book after Jonah

49 "Get ____"

51 Root beer brand since 1937

54 Script suggestion about starting the fight scene?

60 A.F.L. partner

61 The "A" of I.P.A.

62 Ocean buildup

63 Willa who wrote "My Ántonia"

65 Mean-spirited sort

68 Richard Gere title role

69 Eat a little here, a little there

70 Greek god of sleep

72 Take for granted

76 Early Chinese dynasty

77 Black ____

78 Ballet choreography?

84 Sport

86 RR ____

87 Widening of the mouth?

88 Broody genre

89 Racy film

91 FEMA offering

94 Cartoonist Thomas

95 Beaut

96 Was harder for the bronco buster to hold on to?

101 High flier

102 Firstborn

103 University of Illinois city

104 Lumbering, say

106 In days of yore

107 "Same with me"

109 Subjects of an apartment restriction

111 Actresses Field and Hawkins

113 Rarity in a Polish name?

115 Like the digit "0" in 2018?

118 Iowa senator elected in 2014

119 "... but I could be wrong"

120 Reynolds of "Deadpool"

121 James who was nominated for a 1967 Grammy for "Tell Mama"

122 Hives, e.g.

123 Forte's opposite

124 Old flames

125 Balance

11 Trail mix bit

12 Title city in a 1960 #1 song

13 "Don't panic"

14 Event for Jesus described in Matthew 3:13-17

15 Kegler's org.

16 Popular Mexican folk song

17 Depletes

18 It's a wrap

24 "Uhh ..."

25 Positioned

30 Lambaste

33 Auto-repair chain

35 Boxcars half

37 Looped in, in a way

38 Skipper, informally

40 Places for conductors

41 Kind of tide

43 Breakfast order at a diner

48 Giggle syllable

49 The New Yorker cartoonist Chast

50 Tip of the tongue?

52 Number between nueve and once

53 Put out

55 Make

56 Politician inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame

57 Trunk

58 Tally, in Britain

59 Vituperated

64 Orbitz booking

65 Grub

66 Build up

67 Fickleness of life

DOWN

1 All-too-common V.A. diagnosis

2 Corroded

3 Fall guy

4 Loses intentionally

5 What the classics stand

6 "Selma" director DuVernay

7 Southernmost Ivy

8 Hyphen's longer cousin

9 Agricultural locale that's weed-friendly?

10 Down's counterpart: Abbr.

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- 71 Demeanors of the #MeToo movement, say

72 Part of a stockyard

73 Dungeons & Dragons, e.g., for short

74 T-shirt size: Abbr.

75 First name on the Supreme Court

76 Monsoons

79 Draws
- 80 Treeless plain

81 Put on an act?

82 February birthstones

83 1899 gold rush destination

85 Be absolutely awesome

90 Makes potable, in a way

91 Wall St. worker

92 Probably will
- 93 Supergiant in Cygnus

96 A state of rapture

97 Notable whose name is an anagram of GALORE

98 Some arm bones

99 Journalist Fallaci

100 Emotionally developed

101 ____ whale
- 105 Bacon runoff

108 Cockeyed

110 Boundary between the earth and the underworld, in myth

112 R.B.I. or H.R.s

114 The "e" of i.e.

116 III or IV, maybe

117 When doubled, a 2010s dance craze

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Cuisine

Blackened Tautog, Chesapeake Risotto

I don't know about you, but the kids and I are so happy that spring is finally here. Many of us were convinced that we



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

were somehow in the middle of "Groundhog Day," anxiously awaiting anything over freezing temperatures and pining for beach time in more comfortable weather. I've already been in the ocean, and while it is cold, there is nothing like salt water washing over your feet or dunking your head quickly under a wave; truly beautiful and grounding.

Wanting to get offshore as I haven't been in a couple years, I jumped on Captain Bill Bunting's Angler last week and went out to the African Queen Reef to wreck fish for some Tautog. I've never gone for Tog before, so it was interesting to learn about these tricky fish.

Using live fiddler crabs as bait, we learned quickly that you won't feel the Tog on your line, even when it is tight. The fish's lips are rubbery and incredibly soft, so they absorb the vibrations that you would normally feel shooting up the line. You wait patiently, think you feel something, wait again, wait a little longer, hope that you're feeling something and then try to set the hook.

If you do set the hook but don't clear the wreck quickly enough, the fish will weave its ways through the wreckage and you can kiss your rig, and the Tog, goodbye.

Snagging a keeper (at around 17 1/2 inches), I returned home with a bag full of produce, a little vino and some country ham. Sitting on six pounds of Arborio rice, it was time to make another batch of my famous risotto. The kids love it, and it is therapeutic to prepare; each addition of ingredients, timed carefully and cooked with love, adds layer upon layer of flavor, lending a dish that will satisfy even the coldest of souls.

This is a dish that I've served numerous times and it is one of my favorite things to make. The bright herb oil and crisp herb salad with tomatoes both contrast the richness of the risotto, and of course the fresh tog sits atop the mound of delicious flavors, adding a sweet and succulent component to the finished work. It is



just one of those dishes that takes time to do right, and it is a lost art these days. Just like good cheese grits, it takes care, time and a little love to make it properly.

As I clean this article up at such an early hour, I realize that it is already 60 degrees. Since the temperature will hit almost 80 today, I might find it necessary to shirk a few responsibilities and get on my canoe and paddle a little bit. I simply can't pass up this opportunity.

And then I'll be off to work, grinding away as I finish out the semester. Well, at least it's warmer, and sea bass opens up on the 15th. Mayhap I foresee another spring trip on the horizon.

Blackened Tautog, Chesapeake Risotto

- serves 4
- 24 ounces Fresh blackened tog (recipe follows)
 - 1/2 cup Herb oil (recipe follows)
 - 4 cup Chesapeake Risotto (recipe follows)
 - 2 cup Herb salad (recipe follows)
1. Place risotto in a bowl in the center
 2. Carefully place that beautiful fish on risotto
 3. Drizzle the herb oil around the risotto, making sure not to drench either the risotto or the fish

4. Top with the herb salad and enjoy with great vigor

Herb Oil

- makes about 1 cup
- 1/2 cup basil leaves
 - 1/2 cup Italian parsley leaves
 - 1 cup EV Olive oil
 - Salt & Pepper to taste
1. Place herbs in oil and put on the stove on a low heat
 2. Allow to heat slowly so as to not burn or overly discolor the herbs
 3. Once the herbs are soft and are bright green, transfer to a blender (Vitamix preferred)
 4. Blend until the herbs and oil are one homogenous oil
 5. Cool and set aside until ready to plate

Chesapeake Risotto

- makes about 4 cups
- 2 cups Arborio rice
 - 1 Tbsp. EV olive oil
 - 1 Tbsp. Unsalted butter
 - 2 Tbsp. minced garlic
 - 1/4 cup Finely diced country ham, fat removed
 - Filets of 1 tomato, finely diced
 - 1 shallot, finely diced
 - 1 cup White wine
 - 1 quart chicken stock
 - salt & pepper, as needed
1. Toast the arborio in the oil and butter until it starts to get a bit of a

- nutty aroma. Do not burn
2. Add the country ham and cook for 2 minutes, and then add garlic, tomato and shallot
 3. Add wine and then add the chicken stock in small additions (1 cup at a time)
 4. Cook until the rice is tender, which can take up to 35 minutes with constant stirring
 5. Use water if you need more liquid or more stock if you have that on hand
 6. Adjust seasoning and keep hot until service

Herb Salad

- Makes about 1 c.
- Filets from 1 tomato, finely julienne
 - 1/2 cup Basil leaves
 - 1/2 cup Italian parsley leaves
 - 1/2 cup Curly parsley leaves
 - splash of grapeseed oil
 - splash of good vinegar
1. I used Lindera Farms Wildflower Vinegar for this salad, but any good quality vinegar will do as long as it doesn't overpower the fish and the risotto
 2. Combine all ingredients at service-time and use immediately

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Calendar

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

THU, MAY. 3

SPRINGFEST
Ocean City Inlet, 806 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free, four-day festival under four big-top tents. Food, live music and a variety of activities and vendors. All entertainment is free except for the headlining acts. Headliners include Satisfaction, a Rolling Stones cover band; country singer Trace Adkins (sold out); and rock legend Bret Michaels (sold out). <http://ococean.com/springfest>

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
In front of City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 12 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate as members of our community pray for our nation, leaders, community and more. Government leaders, ministers and citizens of Ocean City will participate. Rain or shine.

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

YOGA
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 4:45 p.m. Instructor, Carol Pike, will guide the group through meditation. Limited to 20 participants. Register: 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

CASH BINGO
Selbyville Elks Lodge #2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, MD, 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Door prizes, pull tabs, special games, raffles, food and refreshments. Admission cost is \$20. Must be 18 years or older to play. 410-352-3445

FRI, MAY. 4

FIBER FRIENDS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Knitters, crocheters, embroiders, etc. are welcomed. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, 703-507-0708

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STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Anyone interested is welcome. Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667

TALENT SEARCH
Snow Hill High School, 305 S. Church St., Snow Hill, MD, 3:30 to 6:30 p.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>

CINCO DE MAYO WINE TASTING & AUCTION FESTIVAL
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. Enjoy good food and good wines for a good cause. Proceeds go to the Kiwanis Scholarship Fund. Tickets: 410-208-6719. <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION FOR MAY EXHIBITS
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d’oeuvres and refreshments and see the new exhibits featuring a variety of local artists. Free and open to the public. 410-524-9433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org>

MOTHER-SON SWIM
Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, 6 to 8 p.m. The event will include crafts, a keepsake photo and frame, pizza, cookies and the opportunity to swim in the pool. The entry fee includes a mother and any sons she brings. Cost is \$10 for Ocean Pines swim members, \$12 for Ocean Pines residents and \$15 for non-residents. 410-641-5255

SAT, MAY. 5

ACT’S 19TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE
ACT Office, 9842 Main St., Berlin, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Multiple varieties of tomatoes, veggies, herbs, native sun and shade plants, as well as the popular

plant sale packages. Pre-order at actforbays.org.

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

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring more than 40 vendors, breakfast sandwiches, coffee, pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ meatloaf, hot dogs, cole slaw and bake table. Table rentals: 410-641-2186.

7TH ANNUAL SPRING JUST WALK, BERLIN!
Stephen Decatur Park, 17 Burley St., Berlin, MD, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Fun walk, one-, two- and 3-mile routes. There will be free health screenings and a raffle to win a Fitbit. Strollers and friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Heavy rain cancels the event.

POLLINATOR FESTIVAL AND 11TH ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE
Sturgis Park, 100 River St., Snow Hill, MD, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop more than 70 varieties of native perennials, shrubs and trees while consulting with MD Master Gardeners. The festival features more than 20 vendors and exhibitors, crafts and community bake sale. Local conservation organizations such as the Lower Eastern Shore Beekeepers Association and MD Bluebird Society will be discussing the importance of pollinators. There will be hands on demonstrations with live animals and information on local trails and cultural sites. Throughout the day mini workshops will be held on rearing monarchs in your home, how to become a certified Pollinator garden and more. info@lowershorelandtrust.org, 443-234-5587, <http://www.lowershorelandtrust.org>

VOTER REGISTRATION
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 9 a.m. to 12:30 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.

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 410-208-4014, 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. For all ages.

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their works. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-in welcome. 410-641-0650

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‘THE LIVING FOREST’ INFORMAL TALK AND BOOK SIGNING
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 1 p.m. Local author Joan Maloof will discuss her work saving the oldest forests and her newest book. The books will be available for sale and signing.

SUN, MAY. 6

SPRINGFEST
Ocean City Inlet, 806 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free, four-day festival under four big-top tents. Food, live music and a variety of activities and vendors. All entertainment is free except for the headlining acts. Headliners include Satisfaction, a Rolling Stones cover band; country singer Trace Adkins (sold out); and rock legend Bret Michaels (sold out). <http://ococean.com/springfest>

MON, MAY. 7

RELAY FOR LIFE HAPPY HOUR FUNDRAISER
Fins Ale House & Raw Bar, 119 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4-8 p.m. Fins will donate a portion of proceeds to Relay For Life of North Worcester County/American Cancer Society. Event includes Chinese auction and wagon of cheer raffle. 443-783-4159

AARP MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, Asateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Social time is 9:30 a.m. Melissa Bragg, Ocean Pines firefighter, will discuss safety in your home. Senator Jim Mathis and Tammy Bresnahan will give a follow up on the
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drug grouping of prescription drug law.
Food will be collected for Diakonia.
Larry, 443-831-1791

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

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

THE DIGITAL LIBRARY AND YOU
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Learn how to download books, magazines, audiobooks, music, movies and TV, all free. Take your library card and device to get started. 410-641-0650

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

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS
Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute at PRMC, 11105 Cathage Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ap-
pointments are required by calling 410-543-7006.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Berlin group No. 169. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Rosealee Campion, 410-641-0157

AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 6 to 7 p.m. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speakers and education related to diabetes. AGH Diabetes Out-patient Education program, 410-208-9761

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. 8

OCEAN CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Opening ceremonies begins at 7:55 a.m. Free and open to the

pubic. Free health screenings, lab draws for cholesterol panel and glucose (12 hour fast required). Pets on Wheels (Therapy Dogs) of Delmarva, blood drive (for appointment 888-8BLOOD), Brown Bag review of meds by AGHRx RediScripts and more. Info: Donna Nordstrom, 410-629-6820, dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org or Melvin Friedman, docmelvin121@gmail.com, 410-524-1177

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

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 ques-tions. 410-208-4014

AGH 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
Atlantic General Hospital, 9733 Health-way Drive, Berlin, MD, 3 to 6 p.m. The event will include food, activities for all ages, displays created by various clinical departments, bounce houses, a petting zoo and a ribbon-cutting for the Healthy Drive Community Garden. Commemo-rative remarks at 4 p.m. Free and open to the public. Leslie Clark, lclark@at-lanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9202

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP
Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., Berlin, MD, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. For indi-
viduals suffering from Parkinson’s. Group provides education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medica-tions and developments in treatment. Kay Rentschler, 410-641-4765, http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsal-liance.org

STEM FAMILY NIGHT ‘MATHEMATICAL FUN!’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal High-way, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. Enjoy STEM books, crafts and activities. Snacks and drinks provided. 410-524-1818

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The group meets each Tuesday. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Offers shared wis-dom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org,

410-641-9725

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

WED, MAY. 9

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.kiwaniso-fopoc.org

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ex-
plore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men welcome. 410-208-4014

STORY TIME ‘FRUITS AND VEGGIES’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal High-way, Ocean City, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-524-1818

COFFEE & COLORING
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal High-way, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. The group meets the second Wednesday of each month. Enjoy a cup of coffee, refresh-ments and unwind. No registration needed. Adults only. 410-524-1818

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB
Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepux-ent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group dances every Wednesday. Dance to the sounds of the ‘50s and ‘60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veter-ans and local charities. Dance lessons of-fered the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5-5:45 p.m. Dancing follows until 9 p.m. dance@delmarva-handdancing.com, 410-208-1151, http://delmarvahanddancing.com

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

THE BIG GET-TOGETHER
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. An inau-gural event that brings together hand-crafted local art, craft new and food prepared by local chefs. The event will raise funds for the programs of the Art League of Ocean City. Entertainment by Full Circle Duo. Tickets are \$35 and available at artleagueofoceancity.org/upcoming-events/ or by calling 410-524-9433. http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org

ONGOING EVENTS

KIWANIS DUCK RACE
Kiwanis is selling \$5 entries for the Aug. 24 race to benefit Kiwanis Children’s programs like scholarships and student leadership clubs in local schools. Win up to \$3,000. The race will be held at Fron-tier Town Lazy River on Route 611. Win-ner need not be present to win. Tickets: 410-973-1233.

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

MAKE & TAKE ‘JUMPING JELLYFISH’
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal High-way, Ocean City, MD, all through May. The Make & Take cart will feature sup-plies to create your own hanging jelly-fish. 410-524-1818

HOLY YOGA WITH HEIDI
Zenna Wellness Studio, 10 S. Main St., Berlin, MD, every Thursday at 7 p.m. and most Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Deepen your relationship with God and bring peace to your stress-filed life. Featuring a Hathia Yoga flow that is suitable for all levels. A \$5 suggested donation ben-efits the Brent Whitaker Scholarship fund to assist people in overcoming fi-nancial obstacles to treatment for recov-ery from addiction. Info: Heidi, 302-381-0569.

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

‘ACHIEVING SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SUCCESS’ SEMINAR
Atlantic General Bariatric Center Con-ference Room, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 207, Berlin. Weekly sessions are held at 1 p.m. on the first, third and fourth Monday of each month and the second Tuesday of each month. Free, 20-minute, informational seminar. Reg-ister: 410-641-9568.

STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Meeting of volunteers. Info: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667.

WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, second Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m. Speakers, exercise, discussions and more. Info: 410-208-3132.

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5 P.M.



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