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Teachers outside of the Flower Street School in Berlin, circa 1958, pose for a photo. The image is one of dozens collected and painstakingly restored by local artist Patrick Henry for an upcoming interactive reception at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, Feb. 9.

## Showing 'African-American Life in Another View'

New exhibition tells story through photos collected from 19th, 20th centuries

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) Visitors to the Germantown Community Heritage Center next month will be greeted by local faces from the past — many familiar — in dozens of black and white photos taken between the mid-1800s and the middle of the last century.

They will see schoolteachers in front of familiar buildings and children

clutching tattered toys, workers toiling in a canning factory and Buffalo Soldiers going off to war, weddings and graduations, and African-American families displaying strength and pride over the span of a century before the Civil Rights Movement.

Compiling the collection was a labor of love for Berlin artist Patrick Henry, who for several years painstakingly restored the photos. Images were found in the collections of Edward Hammond Sr., Maude Armstrong, John Briddell, Jesse Fassett, Jeanette Smith, Margaret Smith and Leola Smack.

Henry said the project perhaps

began when his wife's aunt, Maude Armstrong, passed away in 1998 at the age of 96.

"They were cleaning up the house and on the porch ready to be thrown out was a box of photos," he said.

Later additions to the massive collection included an extensive visual family history gifted by Henry's longtime friend Edward Hammond, who passed away in 2011, along with many photographs his mother-in-law, a former schoolteacher, had amassed of the local school system.

"It evolved from there and just kind of came together," Henry said. "And it

seems like now, more than ever, it's important to bring this out to give people a sense of what was. It's almost a whole different portrayal of African-American life that a lot of people aren't privy to."

The process of scanning and digitally restoring the photos was intensive, so much so that Henry said his shoulder, at one point, started to lock up.

"You have to click off scratches and the hazing of photographs, and I cleaned them up as much as possible," he said. "I could easily have gone the route of seeking a grant or something like that [for the work], but I am so in-

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# More Oyster Roast tickets go on sale Feb. 1

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor  
(Jan. 24, 2019) The Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce on Friday announced it would release 100 additional tickets for the ninth annual Snow Hill Oyster Roast, scheduled Feb. 24 from 1-5 p.m.

Tickets sold out on New Year's Day, about five hours after they went on sale at midnight, drawing criticism from many fans of the event on social media.

About 300 of the 450 tickets apparently had been set aside ahead the online release.

Bishop's Stock owner Ann Coates

said it was ironic she couldn't get passes, because her gallery doubles as one of the food stops during the event.

"As a chamber member, I feel this is not an equitable way to meet the demand. There needs to be a better resolution," Coates said.

Others posted even sharper criticism. Resident Robert Clarke said he would "never go to any chamber event or activity if this is how they treat residents," while Lana Maloney said she had gone the last three years and spent "lots of money at the local merchants," adding, "we are done with Snow Hill!"

Event organizer Lee Chisholm, in a *Gazette* interview last week, said what happened was "an honest mistake that kind of snowballed."

Chisholm said it's not uncommon for someone to approach him at Taylor Bank and ask to put a few tickets on hold.

"That never really amounted to more than 20 or 30 tickets every year and it never really was an issue," he said. "This year, so many people did that, and they did that over at the [Harvest Moon] restaurant and they did it here, so we ended up kind of shooting ourselves in the foot."

The longtime event planner,

Chisholm said the chamber would meet to discuss a way to rectify the situation, adding, "I can guarantee you, for as long as I have anything to do with this event, that will never happen again."

On Friday, a post on the Snow Hill Chamber of Commerce Facebook page announced: "BY POPULAR DEMAND we have expanded this event. More venues, more great food. 100 More Tickets will be for sale starting February 1st."

Tickets, \$47, are scheduled to go on sale at 6 p.m. at [www.snowhillchamber.com](http://www.snowhillchamber.com) or [www.facebook.com/SHChamber176](http://www.facebook.com/SHChamber176).

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# Shutdown has impact on local food pantries

**By Morgan Pilz**  
Staff Writer

(Jan. 24, 2019) As the debate on the partial government shutdown continues in Washington, one unintended consequence is that local food banks and pantries are increasingly in need of new supplies to meet the rising demands of those currently suffering from food insecurity.

Food insecurity is the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. With around 800,000 furloughed employees suddenly not receiving pay, the government's solution was to provide February's supply of food stamps a month early.

According to Diakonia, a nonprofit homeless shelter and food bank in West Ocean City, this is actually causing more problems.

"The government shutdown is creating a situation where they are going to give people their food stamps ahead of time, but there's no regulations for when they use the food stamps," Allyson Church, president of the board of directors, said. "Normally, as an example, if they get \$40 a month, they're going to get \$80 worth of food stamps at once for a longer period of time. So, if they don't budget, they're using the food stamps, then they're going to run out of food and we're going to need more food in our pantry in order to give food out."

There are 85 federal workers affected by the shutdown in Worcester County, most of whom work for the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, or Homeland Security. Also notably affected is the Coast Guard, which continues to work without pay.

"We're also part of the [Supplemen-

tal Nutrition Assistance] Program, which works with the food stamps," Church said. "That's how we're being affected, and we're trying to be proactive so that people don't have to go without food ... [and] that we have enough supplies for people."

Diakonia is always in need of food for its pantry, Michelle D'Ascoli, food pantry coordinator, said.

"Don't forget, we are a seasonal resort here," D'Ascoli said. "So, while the resort is closed, many of these local people that are in need of food are seasonal workers. We see a higher rate of people

coming in during the winter months and offseason, but during this food stamp situation they've double up already for this month, which leaves these people with no food stamps for next month."

"We get over 300 calls a month ... and a lot of it is for the food pantry," Church said. "I think people believe these are people that don't work, but most of these people are working, but they're making a choice between buying their prescriptions [or] paying their electrical bills in the winter for heat, or eating."



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Diakonia's food pantry might look stocked for now, but supplies are likely to dwindle if the federal government shutdown continues. Donations of money and food are both encouraged.



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# Cash donations, nonperishable items needed

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“These people are out there working ... but they’re having to make choices between [buying] food and something else, and what we’re trying to do is not put them in a position where they have to make that choice,” she added.

The public is encouraged to donate canned foods, rice, pasta, cereals, and other nonperishable items.

To donate to Diakonia, call 410-213-0923 or visit the headquarters on 12747 Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City.

Diakonia is not the only pantry in the area in dire need of food. At St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on Third Street in Ocean City, its soup kitchen and food pantry, Shepherd’s Crook Ministry, is also short on supplies.

“We’re aware that food stamps are not supposed to provide all the food for somebody for a month, they’re supposed to supplement the food needs,” Jane Ellis, director of the Shepherd’s Crook Ministry, said. “Even without a government shutdown, food stamps are hard to stretch. So, when you give them out early and they use them because they can’t take care of immediate food needs, they’re probably going to run out even [quicker] than they normally would.

“We’re usually seeing 25-30 people on Saturdays in the winter,” Ellis said. “Now, we have seen 75 people on Saturdays since the shutdown. We’re just absolutely swarming with people.”

Shepherd’s Crook is open four days a week from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The pantry has received some donations, but with the growing demand and the prolonged shutdown, more supplies are needed.

Shelf-stable food, such as canned goods and crackers, macaroni and cheese, canned tuna and soups, and canned fruits and vegetables are needed, as well as water, and fruit juices for children.

“We’re opening our hearts and sharing what we can with everybody,” Ellis said. “We’re seeing more than double our number, [but] we’re doing the best that we can.”

To donate, call 410-289-3453 or visit the church at 302 North Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City.

Sarah’s Pantry, located in the Community Church in Ocean Pines, is also accepting canned goods and monetary donations. The church-run operation also encourages meat donations.

“We typically provide [supplies] to those with a referral,” Volunteer Mary Stover said. “If they don’t have a referral, we can give an emergency package. If someone comes in [affected] from the government shutdown, we can give them the emergency package.”

The pantry operates Wednesday to Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. To ask about donations, call 410-641-5433 or drop off directly at 11227 Racetrack Road.

Additionally, the Eastern Shore Maryland Food Bank in Salisbury is seeking monetary and food donations.

“We service eight counties on the Eastern Shore and we do that through partner agencies within those counties,” Regional Program Director Jennifer Small said. “We have over 194 partner agencies, emergency shelters, food kitchens [and] youth programs. We’re all collectively working together and acquiring many resources, whether on a local level or statewide. We provide about 14,000 meals a day. It is definitely a collective partnership to meet the need.”

The food bank encouraged people to provide a monetary donation over food, as Small said the organization can stretch the dollar further.

“Every \$1 donated helps us to provide three meals, and that’s because we can leverage our buying power as a Feeding America member food bank,” Small said. “We can use wholesalers to really stretch the value of that dollar. Sometimes money goes a little bit farther, where donations and food may dwindle after the holidays.”

The food bank accepts both perishable and nonperishable foods, but prefers shelf-stable foods such as pastas, rice, cereals, soups, stews, canned fruits and vegetables, and children-friendly meals such as mac and cheese.

The Eastern Shore facility is located at 28500 Owens Branch Road in Salisbury and can accept donations in person Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“We are also making sure people know they can go on our website, [www.mdfoodbank.org](http://www.mdfoodbank.org), and access the find food tab on the main screen,” Small said. “They put in their zip code and within a mile radius they can actually access a listing of all our partners and their addresses, numbers and hours of operations.

“No one should have to suffer with food insecurity,” she added.

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# Steen on Pines Country Club: ‘tear it down’

After touring site last week, local builder says proposed renovation out of question

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) Ocean Pines Builder Marvin Steen volunteered a renovation estimate for the Ocean Pines Country Club last week, but after a tour of the structure last Thursday, he is seeing things differently. He attended a public budget hearing last Wednesday and, during a special board meeting that night, several directors said the entire facility could see a modest renovation for about \$1.2 million, based on Steen’s numbers. Steen changed his mind after touring the site last Thursday with a team

of subcontractors and several Ocean Pines representatives, including General Manager John Bailey and Public Works Director Eddie Wells.

Association President Doug Parks said last Friday he was told Steen now favored tearing the building down.

“Steen decided, after he heard from all the different parties that ... we really can’t invest in this because it goes far beyond what we consider being a reasonable investment,” Parks said.

Steen, asked on Monday if he now favored tearing the building down, replied, “Absolutely. Damned right.”

According to Steen, the board has been debating whether to remodel or replace the building for the last several years. He said the main structure is more than 40 years old, and a front section added about 20 years ago has not done well.

Steen said the association used in-house labor and some subcontractor work to remodel the first floor about two years ago. He wanted to provide the board with an estimate for a similar remodel on the second floor.

“When I went down, this was last Thursday, we had a big meeting ... I brought guys to give me prices. There were a lot of people there,” Steen said.

After the tour, he came to the conclusion, “The second floor could not be done for less than \$650 grand –

and probably a lot more.”

Despite the first floor remodel done two years ago, reportedly for around \$500,000, Steen said that also needed significant work.

Specifically, he said the front portion added 20 years ago was “sort of a disaster” and might cost \$250,000 by itself to repair.

Steen said he was told bringing the first floor up to code would cost anywhere from \$300,000 to \$400,000. But, after seeing all of the issues with the building, he came to the conclusion, “You couldn’t do it for \$400 [thousand]. I just know you couldn’t.”

“I said, well, here’s my gut feeling. From a builder, you cannot – you cannot – rebuild that building. It’s gotta come down and you’ve got to build a new building,” Steen said. “The thing they need to do is tear it down.”

“I know what I’m doing, as you well know, on the building end. And I’m sure people [will say] ‘Oh, it don’t cost that kind of money!’ Well I found out. I know what it costs,” he added.

Steen said he was told the association was seeking a minimum of three bids for a new building and he believes that is the right way to go. He also vouched for Gillis Gilkerson, who reportedly gave a \$1.5 million informal estimate for a new, 7,000-square-foot building.

“I do know one thing, Palmer Gillis

is a great builder. I’ve known the boy forever. If they can get them to build that building ... they’d better build it today,” Steen said. “What they’d better do is have the golf this summer and people this summer, and [in] October turn them loose and sign that contract, because they’re good people ... they’re good builders.”

Steen added he would not be part of the bidding for a new building.

“I’m just trying to volunteer my time to tell them the best I know how – that’s all I’m trying to do,” he said.

Parks thanked Steen for his help.

“I very much respect Marvin coming up and making an offering. It opened up the door of having him take one more look, from somebody who has supported this community for quite some time, just to get his input. So, I thought it was very valuable and really appreciate the fact that now we have one more reference point to support the notion of a full rebuild of the building, rather than a renovation,” he said.

Parks added the board would wait for bid requests to come back before making a decision.

“It’s important to get that RFP out to everybody that would be a qualified individual or qualified firm to bid on the reconstruction of the building,” he said, adding he hoped Gillis Gilkerson would submit a formal bid, “just to dot our I’s and cross our T’s.”

“I always like to be in a defensible position,” Parks said. “If we just go, ‘Hey, we had a water cooler conversation with Gillis and he gave us a number,’ I think it’s unfair to the rest of the potential bidders.”



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# Bulkhead owners likely to see fee holiday, then hike

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) Ocean Pines lot owners could see at least a partial bulkhead assessment holiday this year, but overall costs are likely to rise because of increasing costs to do the work.

General Manager John Bailey, during public hearings last week for the 2020 fiscal year budget, proposed a one-year waiver of the \$19 bulkhead assessment for all Ocean Pines property owners, as well as the \$465 fee for waterfront owners.

Based on a two-year spending plan that began this year, nearly all of the roughly \$3 million bulkhead reserves will be spent by the close of fiscal 2020, according to Bailey's projections. He said a reserve study estimated future bulkhead work costing about \$1.1 million per year, or approximately \$300,000 more than average spending during prior years.

"That may mean a slight increase in the bulkhead assessment," Bailey said at the time.

Director Ted Moroney, last week, provided a roadmap on how future bulkhead collections could work.

First, he said delaying any new bulkhead work this year would be unwise. Much of the work during the last two years was suspended as bulkhead planning was reevaluated.

"Stopping the program for two years gained the association nothing, because the work is more expensive, has to be accelerated, and we went through the political pressure of the bulkhead reserves being overfunded and, due to previous years' lack of execution, waived the overall fee ... last year," Moroney said.

He said it was clear from public sentiment that "homeowners don't want a big surprise" and would rather pay an incremental assessment increase, as opposed to a larger, one-time fee hike.

Moroney asked whether Bailey would meet his spending goals by the next fiscal year's 2020 close, saying it was more likely there will be an ending balance of about \$400,000. Because of this, he said, waiving the overall \$19 fee this year and reducing the waterfront fee made sense.

"If we waive the \$19, but tell everyone we expect it to go up from \$19 by about \$2.30 to \$4 per year going forward ... we have been transparent ... and not increased that part of an already increasing assessment," he said.

Moroney proposed reducing the bulkhead differential from \$465 to \$275 – for one year – with incremental increases of \$56.45 per year planned in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

"We then also have a little wiggle room if we have that emergency and, if the performance does not hit budget, the \$465 can stay without an increase for FY21," Moroney said.

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# BFP Committee wants more info on study

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) While the Berlin Town Council last week said it needed more information before it decides whether to authorize a \$20,000 YMCA feasibility study, the Berlin Falls Park Committee, which endorsed the study in November, also said its members had lingering questions.

For one, committee Vice Chairman Jack Orris said last Thursday that he is interested in a more generic study being done.

Berlin Falls Park Coordinator David Deutsch said the subject also came up during a conversation that morning with YMCA of the Chesapeake CEO Robbie Gill.

“One of the interesting points he made toward the end of the conversation [was] the study doesn’t even have to mention the Y,” Deutsch said. “It’s a study of needs of these types of activities and thresholds of willingness to pay and those types of things – where the participants might come from and the distance they’re willing to travel.”

Orris, who said in an interview last week he is interested in the town exploring other options, seemed intrigued.

“They’re OK if we do a study ... that doesn’t specifically say it’s a Y?” he asked.

“That’s what Mr. Gill said this morning. I thought it was so important that I actually kind of perked up from where I was [sitting] in the conference call,” Deutsch said. “I thought that was interesting.”

“And helpful, because I think it gets at your interest in something a little more general,” Town Administrator Laura Allen added.

Deutsch said he and Allen would contact Triangle2, the firm YMCA uses for feasibility studies, “so we could query them about modifications to their standard approach.”

Allen said another thing that came up when talking to Gill was whether more preliminary work would be needed before a study. Specifically, she mentioned, “Community meetings or more outreach that maybe we should be doing on our own to get a stronger sense of what we’re looking for before we engage the consultants.”

“David and I can do a little follow-up with [Triangle2] just to sort of see what that would look like and how much that would cost,” Allen said.

Some committee members said they were surprised by what the study would not include. Chairwoman Amy

Field said when she voted to recommend the study, she assumed it also included a fundraising component.

During the Town Council meeting last week, Allen said YMCA requires a separate fundraising study, which would cost an additional \$20,000.

Orris and Town Councilman Zack Tyndall said they were also surprised.

“I realize that \$20,000 and a possible other \$20,000 is a lot of taxpayer money,” Field said. “I get that the mayor and council wanted some more information.”

Other committee members said they want a breakdown of what would be included in either study.

“We need to get those answers,” Field said.

Tyndall brought up the proposed community center on Flower Street, which Berlin Community Improvement Association Chairman D.J. Lockwood spoke about during the same Town Council meeting last week.

“One thing that didn’t hit me was thinking about this maybe in two different ways ... the recreational side of the coin being at Berlin Falls Park, and that if things work out [on Flower

Street], maybe the services aspect are over in the community where they actually need to be,” Tyndall said. “We need to be open to looking at this as a couple different pieces.”

Committee member Kate Patton agreed.

“If there are concerns that we’re doing something over here without taking in the whole community’s needs ... then we really want to make to sure there’s some transparency there and that there isn’t competing interests,” she said.

Field ended the discussion by saying Deutsch had his work cut out for him in gathering answers to all of the committee and Town Council concerns.

“The idea that we don’t necessarily in the feasibility study have to say ‘YMCA’ ... that makes me feel a little bit better ... and makes everybody more comfortable,” Field said. “We will return to this topic, but I think it makes sense to return to the topic when we have these answers.”

She added, “That study is really going to influence me. I’m on the fence about [whether a YMCA is a good idea] myself.”



Berlin Falls Park Committee members last Thursday discuss a proposed YMCA feasibility study. The committee recommended the study in November, but some members said they still wanted more information on what it would entail.

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# Deutsch updates council on park activity

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) Berlin Falls Project Coordinator David Deutsch, along with asking for a feasibility study for a new YMCA facility, also provided an update on activities at the park during a Jan. 14 Town Council meeting.

Deutsch said the Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee was appointed by the mayor in 2017 and, over the last 14 months, has met 10 times. He said the committee “has really wrapped its arms around the full scope of the park in terms of assessing its future prospects for serving the community, both as an active and passive site.”

He said the committee toured the property and reviewed an interpretive plan developed by Dave Wilson and Jim Rapp of Conservation Community Consulting. That led to some interpretive signage being developed and installed on the passive end of the part. A ribbon cutting and unveiling for the signs was held over the summer.

More recently, Deutsch said the committee met with representatives from the regional YMCA and from Worcester County Recreation and Parks. Committee members also worked with Salisbury University Students on a Bee City USA initiative.

Deutsch said the committee favored building an amphitheater on a

portion of the park designated for active use. The details of the amphitheater have not yet been worked out, he said, although it would likely feature music and other arts and entertain-



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**Berlin Falls Park Coordinator David Deutsch speaks during a committee meeting last Thursday. Deutsch, on the prior Monday, also discussed developments at Berlin Falls before the Town Council.**

ment events to help “put the park on the map.”

He said a Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc. study on the existing buildings on the former industrial property revealed rehabilitating the main structure would cost \$2.1 million, although that would not include any plumbing, electricity or HVAC.

“So \$2.1 million, basically, would button the building up,” he said.

Deutsch said a strategic demolition matching-grant might be available through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. One estimate to demo the building was \$600,000.

There are also seven smaller buildings on the site, he said, that apparently “don’t serve any purpose for the future of the park.” Deutsch said bid requests were sent out to raze the buildings and a pre-bid meeting was held in November. He said contractors were given a tour of the facility and “raised some technical questions” that led to a postponement of the bid process until Feb. 8.

Deutsch said he’s also working with county officials on a pedestrian walkway from the senior center to Berlin Falls, and that Davis, Bowen and Friedel provided a preliminary cost.

Mayor Gee Williams said he’s spoken extensively with Deutsch, as well as with Berlin Falls Park Committee Chairwoman Amy Field and Vice Chairman Jack Orris.

Williams said he is pleased with the progress he’s seen thus far.

“I think the initial visions ... make a lot of sense,” he said. “Philosophically, everything that’s been recommended so far is compatible with the vision that the mayor and council had when we made the decision to buy the property after about two-and-a-half years of consideration and thought about that.”

“Based on what’s happening, it also gives me confidence that this is the year when we’ll probably see more visible impact [at Berlin Falls],” Williams continued. “Quite frankly, I think it’s time to take some of these ideas and see how much of it we can at least get started.”

Williams said he hopes the park will be an asset to the town for several generations, adding, “I think this is the beginning of a very exciting project.”

“My hope is that, as each element is added, it will become clearer and clearer what the future needs of the park will be,” he said. “It’s not all supposed to get done in two years or five years – but it’s also not supposed to take 50 [years].”



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# Berlin HDC has work session on standards

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) Berlin Historic District Commission Vice Chairman Robert Poli last Wednesday led a work session on proposed new guidelines he said would make the committee more objective in its rulings.

The 30-page document borrowed elements from historic district guidelines in Salisbury and St. Michaels, as well as standards from the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and Maryland Historic Trust. “There’s no reason to rewrite any of these standards,” Poli said. “It’s all out there for us to use. We just need to organize how we approach this information to make more objective opinions,” Poli said.

In citing Town of Berlin code, Poli said the Berlin historic District was established on April 17, 1980 “to uphold the Historic District Code as set forth by the Mayor and Council.”

According to the proposed guidelines, Berlin has 181 properties listed on the Maryland Historic Trust’s Inventory of Historic Properties. There are 95 properties recognized within the original 300-acre tract created when the town was incorporated in 1677.

Falling under the historic district commission’s purview are 40 commercial properties and 42 residential properties currently within the Town of Berlin Historic District, as well as any

new properties constructed in the district.

Based on town code, the commission was created to safeguard the heritage of the town “by preserving the district or districts therein, which reflect elements of its cultural, social, economic, political

“shall give consideration to” historic or architectural value and significance, the relationship of the exterior architectural features to the surrounding area, general compatibility of exterior design, and “Any other factors, including aesthetic factors, which the commission

consideration.” Rehabilitation is the secondary consideration, followed by replacement.

“Only in situations where the structure would be considered uninhabitable can the fourth consideration, reconstruction, be applied,” he said.

Poli also recommended the town implement 2008 suggestions provided by the Maryland Historic Trust, an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning. The Historic Trust, apparently at the request of town officials, visited Berlin and observed the historic district commission in 2008.

Additionally, Poli suggested commission members use the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties online database to gather background on each case prior to commission meetings.

Poli said each property in the district is listed in the database, which provides property names, locations, classifications and details of ownership. More importantly, he said, each included a description and information on why the property is historically significant.

“It tells you how the building was designed [and] built, and its significance and everything ... and they’re very detailed,” he said. “From all this, you can see each property is unique.”

“These are fascinating,” commission member Mary Moore said, adding the

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**Berlin Historic District Commission Vice Chairman Robert Poli last Wednesday leads a work session to review proposed new guidelines.**

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

or architectural history.” The commission is to stabilize and improve property values in the district, foster civic beauty, strengthen the local economy, and promote the historic district “for the education, welfare and pleasure of the residents of the town and county.”

Town code states the commission

deems to be pertinent.”

Also in town code, “The historic district commission shall only consider exterior features of a structure and site and shall not consider any interior arrangements.”

Poli, in the proposed guidelines, said preservation “should always be the first

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# Health department confirms first rabies case of New Year

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor  
(Jan. 24, 2019) A raccoon recently captured near Teal Circle in Ocean Pines tested positive for the rabies virus, according to an Ocean Pines news release.

It is the first, and so far only, animal in Worcester County to test positive for rabies in 2019, Worcester County Health Department Public Information Officer Travis Brown said Tuesday.

"The raccoon did not have any known human contact, but if anyone in the area believes they may have been exposed, they should contact us at 410-352-3234," Brown said.

The positive test was recorded on Jan. 12.

Based on health department statistics, 26 cases of rabies were documented last year, the highest number reported since 46 were confirmed in 2013. Last year, 19 raccoons, two foxes, two cats and one skunk, one opossum and one bat tested positive.

According to the health department, "While raccoons make up the vast majority of confirmed rabid animals in Worcester County (and in Maryland), other species are also in-

fectured. Many people are not aware that the most frequent domestic animals to contract rabies are cats."

The health department website includes several recommendations when dealing with suspected rabid animals:

- If you see a wild animal, such as a raccoon, skunk, fox, groundhog, opossum, or a feral cat behaving in a threatening or obviously sick manner or should your pet be involved in an altercation with one of those animals – report immediately to your local police department or Sheriff's office.

- Prevent further contact by keeping pets and people away. If a pet or person has already had contact, it is important that the rabies suspect animal be obtained (safely) for rabies testing.

- If a pet has had contact, do not touch the pet barehanded. Make sure the health department is contacted for further instructions, if contact has occurred. Your pet's veterinarian may also be contacted for further advice.

For more information, call Animal Control at 410-632-1340 or the health department at 410-641-9559.

For more information on rabies in Worcester County, visit [worcester-health.org](http://worcester-health.org).

# Standards said to help Berlin commission be more objective

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commissioners could use the information as a tool for preparation.

Commission member Laura Stearns agreed.

"When we get our packet every month, the first thing we'll do [is] ... go to the Historic Trust, like you were saying, [and] look up the historical significance."

Poli said the overall intent was to "form a simple procedure" that could be repeated for each case. He said commissioners should first look up the property address, then view the description and significance, and then look at the specific requests on each application.

"Those three steps can be done in just a few minutes," he said. "Now, you've got all this knowledge ... if you want to go to inspect the property, you already know in your head what's going on."

He said much of the commission work was based on opinion but, with the right approach and a little homework, those opinions could become better informed.

"With this extra knowledge of the property, along with a visit to the property, you have a more objective opinion ... but we [also] have more facts," he added.

Poli said town code gives the commission the option to create a set of guidelines. He said the commission

could consider adopting the guidelines during its next meeting.

"I chose to develop a reference manual using information on hand, developed at the federal, state and local levels, so that the historic commission, the town council, the mayor and our residents understand that the standards are carved in stone, and yet there's plenty of room for flexibility and opinion," Poli said. "The reason why I say plenty of room is after reviewing quite a few of these files, there has been a lot change in Berlin – and only for the better."

"I feel, as a newer member [of the commission] and a property owner here for only 15 years and a full-time resident for seven, that the mayor and council, the historic commission, [and] the residents' and business owners' enthusiasm about the historic status of Berlin over the years ... continue to make our town better than ever."

Commission members widely praised Poli's effort.

"You did a terrific job," Moore said.

"This is very helpful," Commissioner Norman Bunting added.

To search the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties in Worcester County, visit <http://mht.maryland.gov/mihp/MIHP.aspx?Search=County&County=Worcester>.

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# How Ortt Companies bonuses would work

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) Ocean Pines Clubs Committee Chairman Gary Miller last Thursday said he'd requested and received a copy of the Matt Ortt Companies contract to manage the association yacht and beach clubs, but only about 20 minutes before the committee meeting started.

Miller said he'd gotten a lot of questions about the bonus structure in the contract and information in some local papers speculated "they are going to wind up getting a bonus even through there's possibly a \$100,000 deficit in the overall computations."

Members of the association budget and finance committee also requested a copy of the contract during budget hearings earlier this month.

According to a copy of the contract obtained by the *Gazette* in April, the two-year deal began on May 1, 2018 and ends April 30, 2020.

Contract terms state the Ortt Companies "shall manage, control and operate the Facilities, including all food and beverage operations, janitorial services, banquet functions ... and special functions," and "shall have the authority to make all decisions on the day-to-day management and operations of the Facilities."

Ocean Pines' fiscal 2019 budget

"shall constitute the major control under which [the Ortt Companies] shall operate" and "there shall be no substantial deviations therefrom, excluding such expenses as utilities, taxes, fuel, license fees [and] other expenses not within the control of [the Ortt Compa-

\$12,500 each make up the management fee, which totals \$100,000 each year.

The first-year bonus structure entitles the Ortt Companies to both a budget bonus and a profit bonus.

The budget bonus is based on the fiscal 2019 year-end financial statement

profit of more than \$100,000" based on a sliding scale: 10 percent for \$1 to \$25,000, 20 percent for \$25,001 to \$50,000, 30 percent for \$50,001 to \$75,000, 40 percent for \$75,001 to \$100,000, and 50 percent for upwards of \$101,000.

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

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

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

Ocean Pines also pays the Ortt Companies a 5 percent commission on banquet gross revenues for private banquets and a 2 percent commission for banquet gross revenues for association clubs and organization functions.

As of the most recently available financial reporting, through Nov. 30, beach club net revenues were \$1,682 above budget and yacht club net revenues were \$363,773 above budget. Net operating at the beach club show a \$130,421 profit and net operating at the yacht club show a \$129,028 profit.

Clubs committee member Larry Bohanan said the information was "more of a curiosity" for the group, rather than something they needed to study too closely.

"It is curious, because people are saying, 'everything's been going great,'" Miller said.

Committee member Cheryl Jacobs added, "That's what they should just keep saying and shut up about the rest of it."

"People worry too much about things they shouldn't be worried about," Jacobs said.



Ocean Pines Clubs Committee Chairman Gary Miller last Thursday discusses the Matt Ortt Companies contract to management food and beverage operations.

nies]."

The association "shall supply and pay the cost of the utilities," as well as service charges for telephone services and point of sale software and hardware.

The Ortt Companies cannot incur repair or replacement expenses greater than \$2,499 without association approval.

Eight monthly payments, from May-December in both 2018 and in 2019, of

and entitles the Ortt Companies to "a bonus of fifty percent ... of every dollar of net income generated from the Yacht Club that exceeds the Budget for the Yacht Club up to a \$50,000 bonus" and "a bonus of fifty percent ... of every dollar of net income generated from the Beach Club that exceeds the Beach Club's budget up to a \$50,000 bonus."

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# Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) The Berlin Mayor and Council discussed the following items during a Jan. 14 public meeting at Town Hall:

## Swearing in

Mayor Gee Williams, as he has done during several meetings in recent months, swore in new and returning board and commission members.

This month, Williams welcomed Jeff Ricks to the Berlin Housing Board of Review.

“Our board members and commission members, they’re all volunteers,” Williams said. “We’re very lucky that we have always had ... so many people take a real interest in the town and volunteer their time.”

Williams said board and commission members bring “so many more opinions and expertise for the entire community.”

“We’re very grateful,” he added.

## Rate increase

The council unanimously approved a septage disposal rate increase, effective March 1, from \$0.06 to \$0.07 per gallon.

According to a staff report, the disposal fees have not been increased in several years and were decreased from \$0.07 to \$0.06 in 2011. The report said the increase was now necessary “to offset higher operating and maintenance costs at the waste water treatment plant.”

The report said most septage haulers bring thousands of gallons per load and, during the last five years, the town received an average of \$119,000 of revenue per year from the activity. Raising the rate is expected to generate an additional \$19,000 per year, assuming usage remains the same.

Currently, rates in Pocomoke and Snow Hill are \$0.065 cents, or \$65 per 1,000 gallons, while the rate in Princess Anne is \$0.08 cents, or \$80 per 1,000 gallons.

The vote was 4-0 with one member, Troy Purnell, not present during the meeting.

## Tennis open

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen said the rehabilitation of tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park had finished. The project was delayed several times because of bad weather and a faulty foundation.

Bohlen said feedback so far has been positive and the restored courts would likely last 20 years or more.

## Capacity update

Water Resources/Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said a required yearly capacity management report compiled for the Maryland Department of the Environment showed average flows in the last four years were 474,000 gallons per day. She said the town was permitted for 750,000 gallons per day.

Based on those numbers, Kreiter said the town was at 70 percent of its capacity when factoring in the 55,000 gallons – or 220 equivalent dwelling units meas-

uring water consumption – that were reserved for infill lots.

She added the study factored in a four-year average because “2018 flows were ridiculously high [and the area] ... had over 60 inches of rain.”

According to a handout available during the meeting, “last year was the wettest year in decades and flows were much higher than normal.”

## New clock

Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence said a new clock was installed to replace the old one on Main Street that was damaged last year.

Lawrence said the LED clock could automatically reset its time after a power outage and also account for Daylight Savings Time. He added the Swiss mechanics in the clock were “kind of like a miniature computer.”

## Resident complaints

Pam Hay, during the public comment portion of the meeting, said she wanted to address the council for two reasons.

For one, Hay said she was there to raise awareness about town leash laws. She previously came before the council in 2014 after an unleashed dog attacked her dog. Hay said the owner did not take any responsibility, or offer an apology or monetary help for injuring her pet.

She also brought up short-term rentals and, specifically, Airbnb operations in the town. According to Hay, “there’s at least 10 short-term rentals in town.”

Williams said he was unaware that was occurring.

“You’re the first person to mention this to me at all,” he said. “It’s happening very quickly. It’s even starting to have an impact in Ocean City.”

“Small towns, like this, are being hit hard and some of them are getting hollowed out,” Hay said.

## More on feasibility study

D.J. Lockwood, chairman of the Berlin Community Improvement Association, said during public comments his group was considering donating the multipurpose building property on Flower Street to the town.

He brought up a YMCA feasibility study discussed earlier during the meeting and said his committee would like to see a study related to a community center in his neighborhood.

Lockwood said he’s a manager at the Ocean City convention center and feasibility studies there help to keep the facility running – and growing.


He went on to say he would love to see a YMCA in the town and joked that he learned to swim in a sand pit.


“Don’t tell my mother that!” he said with a laugh.

“I believe we’re leaning toward donating that property, but that feasibility needs to be straight,” Lockwood continued. “If it could be incorporated with the YMCA feasibility study at Falls park ... it would make all of us feel a little more comfortable giving that property up.”

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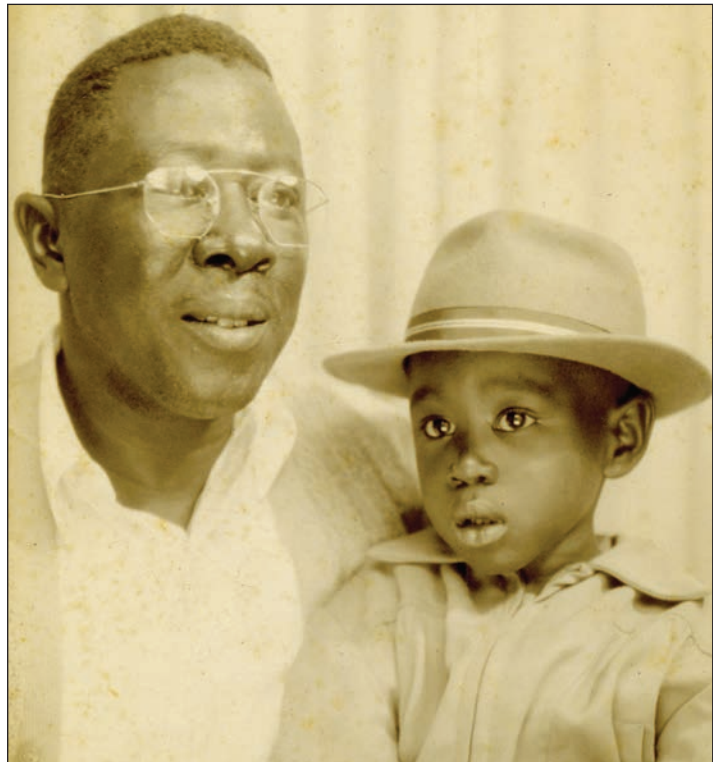
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# 'African-American Life in Another View'



Compiling the collection was a labor of love for Berlin artist Patrick Henry, who for several years painstakingly restored the photos. Images were found in the collections of Edward Hammond Sr., Maude Armstrong, John Briddell, Jesse Fassett, Jeanette Smith, Margaret Smith and Leola Smack.



# Local history subject of interactive reception

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dependent-minded that I didn't want to be beholden to any entity.

"It's been months and months," Henry continued. "It started about three or four years ago when I decided I was going to learn to use my format printer and to learn the subtleties of tones and values and contrast – and tearing up a lot of paper.

"This was one of those passions that you don't know why you do it, but you know you have to do it," Henry said.

He recalled one photograph in particular that took so long to get right Henry would wake up in the middle of the night still thinking about it.

"It just didn't hit the standard I wanted, so I'd come back and tear it up and work on the different visual components and reprint it – and this paper and ink is not cheap!" Henry said. "But I'm blown away with how it all turned out."

Last Thursday night, Henry framed many of the finished images and then wrapped them in protective plastic sleeves. On Friday morning, he walked into his Henry Fine Arts studio on Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin and was struck by what he saw: so many faces and expressions, and each saying something different.

"Each picture tells a story and, within the picture, you have every person that has a story," Henry said. "It's just awesome to see it all come together."

The project, which Henry is calling "African-American Life in Another View," will be the subject of a reception at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center on 10223 Trappe Road in Berlin on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 4-8 p.m. The photos will remain on display throughout the month.

"What this is going to do is open all kinds of dialogs and interests," he said. "And at that reception these will be displayed, I'll have a PowerPoint presentation, and I'll have booklets [of additional photographs]. I didn't get to enlarge all the images, but I'm going to have notebooks with each different collection for people to scan through.

"And then, we're going to have an interactive moment where I'm going to have markers and some of the people will be able to identify people in the pictures," he continued, explaining the protective plastic sleeves. "And then, all of this can be compiled in some kind of bigger digital or hard-copy form."

The reception is free and open to the public. Henry said if anyone wishes to donate to the project, those funds would help pay for a permanent installation of some of the work at the Germantown School.

He hopes viewers will come away as moved and inspired by the display of African-American history depicted in the images, as he was.

"While I was working on these, I looked in the eyes of the people ... and I saw, in spite of the social conditions they were in, there was an enormous pride," Henry said. "There was a sense

of, 'I can rise up above this.' And it is so powerful. A lot of times I wanted to cry."

There are also many personal connections.

Among the photos are a series of Henry's aunt during different periods throughout her life, starting at about age 12. Henry also found a midwifery certificate that belonged to Janie Tingle, dated March 23, 1939.

"She brought me into the world in 1952," he said.

Leola Smack in one photo is pictured with a group of schoolteachers relaxing

in a grassy field near the old Flower Street School. Smack was his second-grade teacher and Henry remembers the school principal, in particular, was "fire and brimstone."

"That's going to create a lot of energy, because what blew me away is I didn't think teachers were capable of relaxing like that," Henry said with a laugh. "You had a certain persona of them."

He expects many others will find similar connections.

"It's powerful. I feel that, somehow, I

was entrusted with the mandate to put this together. Everything had to come together – I had to have the format printer, I had to have the scanner and the computer, and the time and the ability in between all the other stuff that I need to do in order to put this together."

Henry said the collection could easily have been donated to Salisbury University for inclusion in their local history archives.

"But, I feel that it needs to be here [in Berlin]," he said. "And why not the Germantown School?"



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Guests at a Feb. 9 reception at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center are invited to write on protective sleeves over each photo, helping to identify family and friends.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin artist Patrick Henry for several months has worked to restore a massive collection of photos from the 1800s to the middle of the last century that depict local African-American history. The images will be used in an interactive exhibition next month at the Germantown School.



# Opinion

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## Pines meeting space also a consideration

Faced with cleaning up prior neglect and the poor decisions of the past, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors has to make the tough decision to abandon the idea of renovating the County Club.

Considering that solutions have been battled around for years as to the best course of action to take on the decaying building, it's a smart move. The recently ill-fated attempt to patch the building together has made it apparent that to continue with the course of rehab would, in the long run, not only cost more, but also never provide a building that is truly functional.

The only real decision left is to decide is where the board can best accommodate the additional need for community meeting space. While adding space to a new country club may be expedient, it also may not turn out to be the best course of action. Parking is an issue, as is the addition of more traffic to the narrow, winding streets in the adjoining neighborhood.

Perhaps a better solution would be to add the additional square footage to the proposed police department expansion. Keeping the hub of community activity in that central location would seem more ideal.

The community right now has a board that seems willing to make some tough calls. Hopefully, it will continue to make decisions that benefit the community for the long term, rather than those that are politically expedient in the short-term.



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## Letters

### Record-breaking hospice fundraiser

Editor,

There are angels among us on the Eastern Shore.

We asked the community to join our Angel Appeal this holiday season, and the awe-inspiring response resulted in a record-breaking year.

Thanks to our neighbors, we raised more than \$128,000 to fund hospice charity care for those in need right here in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties.

Last year, Coastal Hospice cared for approximately 1,300 patients in the region. The donations will help us provide care to patients and families with no resources and those with needs beyond their insurance coverage throughout the coming year.

These gifts will bring comfort and support to those who truly need it most in the end stages of life.

All of us at Coastal Hospice would like to express our sincere thanks for the generous contributions that made the 2018 Coastal Hospice Angel Appeal a success. Thank you for "Being an Angel."

Alane K. Capen  
President  
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## Fundraiser for Judy Johnson memorial

(Jan. 24, 2019) Judy Johnson, a well-known baseball star from Snow Hill, will be honored later this year with a memorial monument at the Snow Hill Library.

An all-star player for the Negro Leagues in the 1920's and 1930's, he was named to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1979.

As a fundraiser for the construction of the monument, the Worcester County Historical Society is planning a baseball memorabilia auction and sale on Friday, March 1, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

Included will be a large number of autographed photos, baseballs and other items signed by Major League Baseball stars such as Cal Ripken Jr., Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Nolan Ryan, Mike Schmidt, Bob Feller, and Warren Spahn, among others.

Photographs signed by Johnson will be included in both a live auction and silent auction.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. Tickets for the event cost \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door.

Those interested in purchasing tickets in advance can send their checks made payable to the Worcester County Historical Society to Bob Fisher, treasurer, 230 S. Washington St., Snow Hill, Maryland 21863, by Feb. 23. Include name, telephone number and email address.

For questions or additional information, contact Newt Weaver, president, at 443-614-2386 or email [vette-99@verizon.net](mailto:vette-99@verizon.net).





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QUARTER AUCTION

Worcester County Humane Society held its annual quarter auction on Nov. 4, raising over \$10,000. Pictured are the team of volunteers that made it possible.



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Berlin Intermediate School students in After School Academy Random Acts of Kindness club put together blessing bags for the local homeless community, using funds and supplies donated through a casual day donation. Students added their own words of encouragement to each bag.



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# Delmarva Birding Weekend offers trips Fri. through Sun.

**By Rachel Ravina**  
Staff Writer

(Jan. 24, 2019) Birders can experience scenic surroundings while observing different wildfowl during the fourth annual winter Delmarva Birding Weekend.

The event kicks off on Friday and runs through Sunday, Jan. 27, with trips in Maryland and Delaware.

Several ventures are scheduled over the weekend. Each trip costs \$25 per person with the exception of the Lewes Boat Trip, which costs \$55 per person:

- Chincoteague Bay Wilderness Landings Tour, 8-11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 25
- Assateague & Surrounds day trip, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25
- Prime Hook NWR to Slaughter Beach, 1:30-5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25
- Berlin Falls Park and Golden Quarter Farm, 8-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26
- Assateague & Surrounds day trip, 8-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26
- Lewes Boat Trip, 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26
- Newport Farms Winter Wonderland, 8-11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 27
- Cape Henlopen State Park, 8-11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 27

As of earlier this week Jim Rapp, event co-organizer, said some of the excursions had just a few spots open. Visit the event's website for a full description of each trip.

Participants can also socialize after bird watching. The Berlin Tally Rally will take place from 5-7 p.m. on Friday night at Burley Oak Brewing Company on 10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard in Berlin. The Lewes Tally Rally will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday at Irish Eyes, 213 Anglers Road in Lewes, Delaware. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

Rapp said the types of birds in the area during the winter months are special because of their migratory pattern.

"The birds we're going to see, we are the south for them," he said.

Rapp said waterfowl, birds of prey and

seals are the typical creatures visitors can expect to see during their adventures.

Since many of the coastal birds arrive to the area by November, they could leave by March or April, which Rapp said is what makes this birding weekend unique.

"January and February are the primo months for most of the birds we're looking for," Rapp said. "Forecast looks chilly, but good for winter birding."

Rapp added attendees signing up for the winter birding weekend may catch a glimpse of something they might not see during the high season.

"We're just excited to get outside in the winter with other people who like to explore Delmarva," Rapp said.

The area's natural beauty is a draw, and Rapp said there have been nearly 400 species documented in Worcester County.

The event is geared toward birders of all levels, from novice and experienced, and attendees will be paired with knowledgeable guides, but Rapp stressed the importance of having fun on the trips.

"Most folks have no idea how spectacular the winter birding is down here," he said. "The sheer number of Bald Eagles and ducks is mind boggling."

He said braving the cold would be well worth it.

"The recent snow and this cold front could push more birds toward the coast, which improves our chances of seeing rare winter visitors," he said.

There were 108 species of birds spotted during last year's winter Delmarva Birding Weekend. Attendees had the opportunity to see several types of birds including Snowy Owl, Great Cormorant, Purple Sandpiper, Snow Bunting, Common Merganser, Red-necked Grebe, and 27 waterfowl species

The 24th annual spring Delmarva Birding Weekend is scheduled for April 25-28.

To register for a trip, visit the event's website at [www.delmarvabirding.com](http://www.delmarvabirding.com).

# Foultz hosting Scout fundraiser

**By Josh Davis**  
Associate Editor

(Jan. 24, 2019) Longtime Ocean Pines resident Anna Foultz, reportedly the oldest active Girl Scout in the United States, will host a fundraiser for the organization on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Carrabba's Italian Grill in West Ocean City.

For \$15, guests will receive a choice of chicken cordon bleu, spaghetti and meatballs, or tilapia. Dessert is also included.

Proceeds will benefit the Girl Scouts Chesapeake Council-Service Unit #7. The scouts will also be selling cookies.

Foultz, who recently celebrated her 93rd birthday, continues to be active with the Girl Scouts. She first became a member when her oldest daughter, Betty Anne, showed interest as a child.

"She kept pestering me and saying she wanted to become a Girl Scout. I

said, 'What in the world is a Girl Scout?'" Foultz said in an interview last year.

Not long after, she found herself the Scout leader of a troop with 30 members – not to mention countless boxes of cookies to sell.

"I thought I would die!" she said. "But I loved working and helping the girls all those years."

In the decades since, Foultz has been a strong advocate for the Girl Scouts.

"I think it's a wonderful program and it does a lot of good. It teaches the girls a lot of things you don't get at home," she said.

"My heart is in it and I guess I'll die with the Girl Scouts," Foultz continued. "My husband used to say, 'You're going to die with the uniform on!'"

Tickets for the fundraiser must be purchased in advance. For ticket information, contact Foultz at 410-641-7667.



# Local band ‘Yatra’ making noise in metal magazines

By Morgan Pilz  
Staff Writer

(Jan. 24, 2019) Dana Helmuth and his band, Yatra, released their first album, “Death Ritual,” in late December, featuring heavy rock and metal music, and it has already received rave reviews.

Helmuth, the owner of Clearlight Studio in Berlin and a longtime Worcester County resident, has always been a fan of metal music. As a former member of another Maryland metal band, singing is nothing new for Helmuth.

“I’ve had a lot of different bands,” Helmuth said. “This one was the continuation of another former band called Blood Raven. [It] broke up and [I] restarted it with a different name and two new people.”

The name, Yatra, comes from the Hindi word for journey. Helmuth first heard the word and its meaning during a trip to Nepal.

“Someone told me I was on a yatra, and I learned what the word meant, and I just thought, ‘Wow, that would be a great band name,’” Helmuth said.

The band’s debut album includes eight songs and is around 45 minutes long, with slow openings that lead to heavy guitar riffs and guttural vocals.

“There’s a certain existential quality to some of the lyrics and some of the journeyer parts that has some psychedelic aspects of it in some parts, and some parts of it are straight metal and stoner metal, doom metal, [and] I like a lot of older Norwegian black metal like Dark Throne and Burzum.”

Helmuth credits other musical influences to classic metal bands such as Black Sabbath, but also to some newer groups such as Sleep, High on Fire, Church Burn, and Yob.

The album has already received critical acclaim from notable metal magazines including *Revolver*, which placed Yatra’s song “Black Moon” on its list for the top six songs to hear.

“It’s done really well,” Helmuth said. “We’ve gotten some really good press writeups. *Revolver* magazine put us in the top six songs to listen to and we’re like, ‘Where did we come from? Where did that come from?’ and then *Decibel* magazine did a thing on us. It’s going really well. It was very nice to get mentions.”

“Death Ritual” is available on CD for \$10, vinyl for \$20 or online at Spotify, iTunes, or the band’s website.

Yatra will perform at Trader Lees in West Ocean City on Saturday, March 2, at 9 p.m., with three other bands from New York and Baltimore.

After the event, the band will go on a two-week tour beginning in St. Louis, Missouri, to Texas for the Southwest Festival, then back up the East Coast, playing around 15 shows.

“It’s the best thing ever,” Helmuth said.

For more information about Yatra, visit [www.yatradoom.bandcamp.com](http://www.yatradoom.bandcamp.com), or go to Yatra Doom on Facebook.



Members of Berlin-based band Yatra, from left, include Maria Geisbert on bass, Dana Helmuth on guitar and vocals, and Sean Lafferty on drums.



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Obituary

JOSEPH D. PUSER JR.  
Ocean Pines

Joseph D. Puser Jr., 76, of Ocean Pines, Maryland and formerly of Westwood, New Jersey, passed away on Friday, Dec. 28, 2018 surrounded by his family.



Joseph Puser Jr.

Born in Teaneck, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Joseph D. Puser, Sr. and Helena (Van Heertum) Jimolka.

Joseph, an Air Force veteran who served from 1961-1965, was a pipefitter with Pipefitters Local 274 in Parsippany, New Jersey for over 50 years.

He was also a member and past president of the Westwood Volunteer Fire Dept. for 25 years. He retired in 2007 to Ocean Pines, Maryland, where he enjoyed fishing and boating.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Sharon (Kolaga) Puser, three children and two grandchildren. He was a beloved father of Jennifer Ann Baker and her husband, Ken, of San Diego, California, Heather Lyn Nichols and her partner, Peter Appolito, of Ringwood, New Jersey and a son, Jason G. Puser of Greenwood Lake, New York.

He was a devoted grandfather to Ashley Nicole and Brianna Lyn Nichols. He is also survived by a sister, Helene McKenna of Venice, Florida.

At his request, he will be cremated and be part of an Eternal Reef off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland. His ashes will be used to create a cement ball that will be submerged in the ocean and become a permanent reef and habitat for fish and other marine life.

A memorial service will be held in the spring prior to the placement of the ball. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions in Joseph's memory may be made to the Ocean City Reef Foundation, P.O. Box 1072, Ocean City, Maryland 21843, or the Westwood Volunteer Fire Dept., 93 Center Ave., Westwood, New Jersey 07675.

Arrangements are in the care of Eastern Shore Cremation and Funeral Service a division of Holloway Funeral Home, P.A., 504 Franklin Avenue, Berlin, Maryland 21811.

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www.bjsonthewater.com  
Jan. 25: Over Time, 9 p.m.  
Jan. 26: Chest Pains, 9 p.m.  
Jan. 30: Ricky & Lennon LaRicci,  
6 p.m.

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www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com  
Jan. 25: Dave Sherman, 7-10 p.m.  
Jan. 26: Kerri Anthony, 7-10 p.m.  
Jan. 27: Bob Hughes, 6 p.m.  
Jan. 30: Reform School, 6 p.m.;  
Open Mic, 9 p.m.  
Jan. 31: Chris Button, 7-10 p.m.

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Jan. 26: Karaoke w/DJ Chuck D,  
8 p.m. to midnight

## HOOTERS

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West Ocean City  
410-213-1841  
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Jan. 25: DJ BK, 4-8 p.m.

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In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel

101st Street and the ocean  
Ocean City  
410-524-3535  
www.clarionoc.com  
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DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Jan. 25-26: Glass Onion

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Ocean City  
410-289-4891  
www.picklesoc.com  
Jan. 25: Beats By Jeremy, 10 p.m.  
Jan. 26: Andrew Robear, 10 p.m.  
Jan. 28: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.

Jan. 31: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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Jan. 26: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.

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# Cuisine

## Chicken so good you want to take it on a boat

Superstition is an amazingly powerful thing, whether it's wearing the same jock strap – unwashed – for every game as a defensive lineman for the Saints, or practicing that bizarre batter's ritual every time that you come up to plate. Or, maybe it's never taking a banana on a boat, or always taking



fried chicken (as long as no one eats the last piece); regardless, it just never seems to end. What is it about superstitions that can take such a grip on people?

I for one do not subscribe to superstition too terribly much, but I can assure you that I will never take a banana on a boat. As I wrote a few weeks ago, I've been caught in my fair share of squalls on the Chesapeake, and I know better than to tempt water. I paddled out in Ventura in 1991 or 1992 in double overhead conditions and had no idea how I was getting back in, or if I ever would. Mayhap that is why I was the only soul in the water; the waves were frightening and all closeouts, but I was young and foolish, so it seemed like a good thing as I drove south from my brother's house to mine in San Diego. I didn't have much respect for the water that day, but I learned a valuable lesson. Rather, I was fortunate enough to be given another chance to respect the water.

Fried chicken on a boat, though? That's another story. Of course, some people believe that you cannot eat the last piece; almost a sacrifice to the fried chicken gods. Who knows? But do I make my own, or do I go to my local convenience store (you know which one I'm talking about, don't try to kid me) and just buy it? I for one am buying it, but I do make a mean fried chicken.

I have written before about the elusive nature of a good fried chicken, that ubiquitous foodstuff that finds its way into many a picnic basket, church luncheon, fire hall dinner or fishing boat. And for as many people there are who cook fried chicken, there are even more recipes, techniques and tricks as to making it "perfectly," always subjective as we well know.

It has been a frustrating road, to be sure. With that being said, years



ago I spearheaded an annual community dinner at the high school where we would feed about 250 people and the menu would have fried chicken on it. It was good and people would come up and tell me that they loved it, so I had figured it out. But, it still wasn't as good as that gas station that peppers the Eastern Shore every few miles along Route 50, was it? It was close, but humility teaches us that sometimes we simply cannot better some things. Of course, it helps that our aforementioned gas station/convenience store uses pressure fryers, yielding a product that simply cannot be recreated in a normal fryer.

Catering the Pittsville Fire Department annual awards banquet this past weekend, I found myself with the typical pre-Eastern-Shore-banquet jitters as we had, you guessed it, fried chicken on the menu. People on the Eastern Shore know their fried chicken. It is an institution.

Few things are holier than a good fried chicken around here, so it has to be right. As we have had some visiting chefs this winter come in randomly to help out in their offseason,

I picked up another technique for making this local specialty and I was pleased with how many of our guests came up to me to tell me that the chicken was off the hook.

Chef Glenn from Mickey Fins has been checking in on occasion and this tip came from him. I had never seen it before and the ingredients were standard, but once again, it came down to technique. By simply letting the chicken sit in the breeder overnight, it became its own batter, and the skin, incredibly crispy, helped to keep the meat itself moist and delicious.

Enjoy this recipe, as it is a good one, simple and consistent. For me, I will still buy mine, but that is just me. I mean, I'm not saying that I'm superstitious or anything, but why change a good routine?

### Fried Chicken

*makes 10 pieces per bird*  
1 quart Buttermilk  
2 Tbsp. Old Bay  
1 3-pound chicken, broken into 10 pieces (breasts split in half)  
3 cups House-Autry chicken breader

- Peanut oil
1. Combine the buttermilk and Old Bay and pour over the chicken
  2. Marinate for three hours and then drain well, but do not pat dry
  3. Toss the chicken in the breader
  4. Wrap and place in the refrigerator overnight or for at least four hours
  5. The chicken breader, soaking in the buttermilk and juices, will then become a batter
  6. Set your fryer up with the oil at 360F and fry the chicken to an internal temperature of 165F for 15 seconds. Make sure that you do this in small enough batches that the cool temperature of the chicken doesn't drop the temperature of the oil too much
  7. When the chicken has hit the proper temperature, remove to a drain rack (cookie racks work well) or paper towels
  8. Eat and make sure that you have plenty of hot sauce at the ready!

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



# Puzzles

## QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

BY RICHARD CROWE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

**ACROSS**  
1 Moolah  
6 Measured with steps  
11 Part of a chapel  
15 Bits of roasted cocoa beans  
19 Lays into  
20 Act over the top  
21 Executor  
22 Natl. Audubon Society concern  
23 Copy editor  
25 Going coast to coast, maybe  
26 Like many a distance runner  
27 Spanish pastries often dipped in chocolate  
28 Emmy, Grammy and Academy Award winner  
30 "Agreed!"  
32 Straight  
33 Political strategist  
35 Feb. 13, e.g.  
36 Some punches  
38 Yelled "S, P, I, R, I, T! — spirit!" say  
39 Make toast?  
40 Laundry basketful  
41 The "Odyssey," for one  
45 Museum curator  
51 The, in Milan  
54 When doubled, a dessert  
55 Provinces  
56 Toffee-nosed sorts

57 Sartorial choice for Lieutenant Columbo  
59 "O.K., I see"  
61 Major California paper, for short  
62 It may have corn on the side  
63 Football line judge  
67 Get situated, in Britspeak  
69 Cell material  
70 Teensy bit  
73 Shoulder muscles  
74 30-year investments, informally  
77 Cartoon style  
78 One of the fish in Italy's Feast of the Seven Fishes  
79 Monopoly foursome: Abbr.  
80 Maternity room nurse  
82 "The \_\_\_\_ in love with you" (misheard lyric in a Herb Alpert hit)  
84 Influence on Castro and Mao  
85 Gendered suffix  
86 Classic song with the lyric "I love your kiss"  
90 Secret store  
92 Actress Blanchett  
100 How Vito Corleone treated Tom Hagen in "The Godfather"  
102 Pretty up, as a photo  
103 Geraint's love in "Idylls of the King"  
104 Menace with teeth exposed

105 "\_\_\_\_ Dinka Doo" (theme song of Jimmy Durante)  
106 Cognac letters  
108 Baseball scorekeeper  
110 Banking org. since 1933  
111 Ohio nine  
112 Place for a candidate to speak  
113 Stock-valuation phrase  
114 What hearts do when things look bad  
115 Website for handmade items  
116 Southwest tribe  
117 Blooms

**DOWN**  
1 In style and letting everyone know it  
2 Whipped  
3 Sharp-minded  
4 Twins Phil and Steve who won gold and silver in Sarajevo  
5 Fab Four name  
6 Subject of early genetics research  
7 Letters on some bowling lanes  
8 Duke basketball legend, informally  
9 Draws on glass, say  
10 Frighten (from)  
11 \_\_\_\_-compliant  
12 Not yet proven  
13 Boil  
14 Occasional aid in crossword solving  
15 Ones handing out cigars, stereotypically  
16 More aloof  
17 Title film character with the catchphrase "Very nice!"  
18 How cheaters deal cards  
24 One of Goldilocks's complaints  
29 Some drone missions, in short  
31 Parrot  
33 Year of the \_\_\_\_ (2018)  
34 Thick rug style  
37 Thrilled cries  
39 Shame  
40 Where to get the latest poop?  
42 Team with  
43 Dress like for a Halloween bash  
44 Up the \_\_\_\_  
45 "Hansel and Gretel" character  
46 \_\_\_\_ Valley, Ariz.  
47 Moistened finger in another's ear  
48 Pouch at the bottom of an armoire  
49 "Honest!"  
50 Provoke  
51 SpongeBob's pet snail  
52 Line at an awards show  
53 Cruel  
57 Issa who wrote "The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl"  
58 Talking to a baby, maybe  
60 Moving about

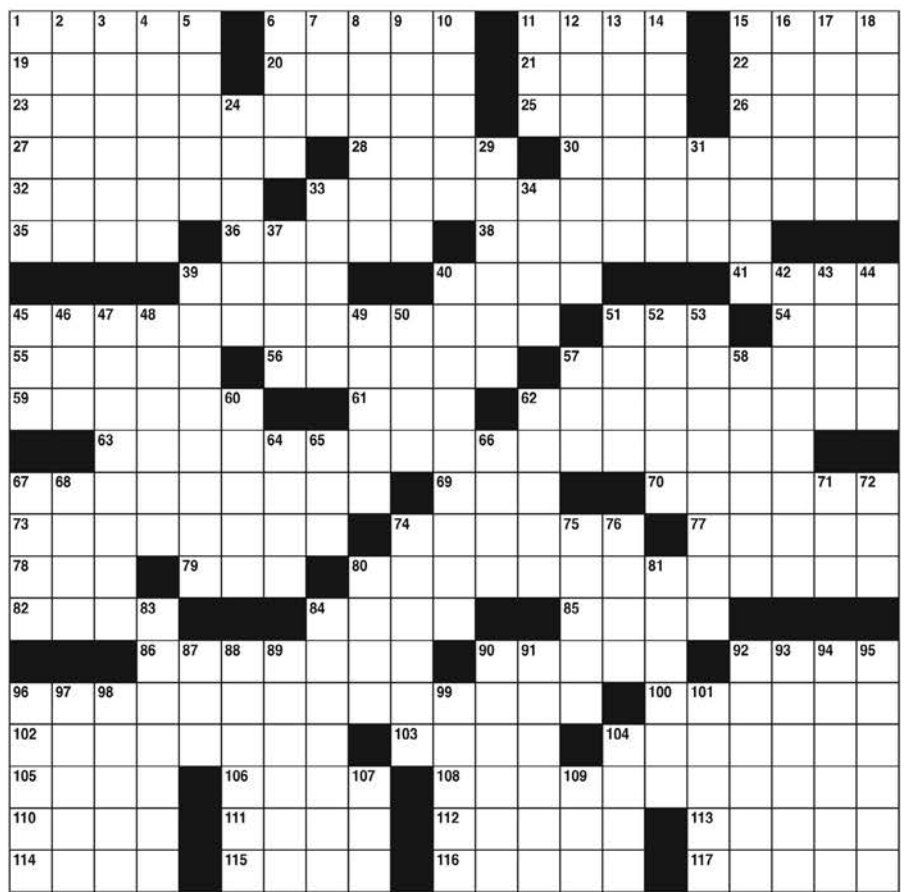
62 Money in Geneva  
64 \_\_\_\_ Bridge (historic span across the Mississippi)  
65 Duane and Reade, in N.Y.C.  
66 Years, in Madrid  
67 Poems of admiration  
68 Stink  
71 Non-\_\_\_\_ (food label)  
72 "Yuck"  
74 High chair?

75 Be unrealistic  
76 Destiny and fate, e.g.: Abbr.  
80 "So \_\_\_\_" (words of agreement)  
81 Under control  
83 Hinder  
84 Techniques  
87 Georgia, once: Abbr.  
88 Work of a lifetime

89 Kind of hound  
90 Traditional religion of Japan  
91 Unclutter  
92 Job at a drive-in joint  
93 Not level  
94 Unanimously  
95 Writes in  
96 Homeless children  
97 Language from which "dungarees" comes

98 Alan of "The In-Laws"  
99 Grind  
101 Turn down an offer  
104 Concessions  
107 "Gangnam Style" rapper  
109 Royalty-focused grp.

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

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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6	8	1	2	7	4	5	9	3
7	3	2	9	5	6	8	4	1
4	9	5	3	8	1	6	2	7
5	1	6	4	9	7	2	3	8
8	7	4	5	3	2	9	1	6
3	2	9	1	6	8	7	5	4

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# Calendar

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

## Thurs., Jan. 24

**STORY TIME ‘SNOW!’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Enjoy stories, movement, songs and crafts. For ages 2 to 5 years. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**PLAY TIME**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Learn new skills while playing with educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children.

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN JANUARY LUNCHEON MEETING**  
Captain’s Table Restaurant, Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 11:00 AM. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The topic will be “Know What’s Coming in 2019 - a Discussion of Maryland and Worcester County Legislative Issues.” A Worcester County Commissioner will be present to answer questions. Cost of the luncheon is \$20. Reservations: Ann Lutz, [annlutz60@gmail.com](mailto:annlutz60@gmail.com), 410-208-9767.

**TED TALK ‘WHY WE HATE’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM. TED speakers address the following questions: “How Do You Unlearn Hatred?”, “What is the Opposite of Hate?”, “Why Should We Speak With People Who Hate Us?” and “Do Hateful People Deserve Forgiveness?” A brief discussion will follow each talk within the podcast. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**5TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL PROJECT**  
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. The project begins with bowl-making sessions and culminates in a soup dinner. All ages get involved by hand-making ceramic soup bowls during bowl-making sessions held now through February. The cost is \$25 and includes the bowl and admission to the soup dinner on March 29, 2019. A complete schedule of sessions is available at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org). Proceeds benefit Diakonia. Open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

**‘MY SPOUSE IS IN A NURSING HOME ... NOW WHAT?’ FREE SEMINAR**  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Presented by Senior Planning Services, this seminar will cover asset protection, Medicaid information and more. Open to the public. Advance registration is required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052. <http://www.OceanPines.org>

**BEACH SINGLES**  
*Thursdays* - Ropewalk Restaurant, 8203 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy

hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. [BeachSingles.org](http://www.BeachSingles.org), <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

**GRIEF SUPPORT**  
*Thursdays* - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Coastal Hospice provides grief support and education. Participants work together to help each other navigate through grief at their own pace. Free and open to the public. Nicole Long, 443-614-6142

## Fri., Jan. 25

**TRIVIA!**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Bring your own team (four players per team) or join a team once you get there. Prizes awarded. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**HOME SCHOOL BOOK CLUB**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Discuss books chosen by the club. All titles are available on Hoopla and are appropriate for middle-grades readers. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

## Sat., Jan. 26

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

**CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE ‘JON SCIESZKA’**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**DANCE PARTY**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Get those winter wiggles out with some dancing, singing and playing. For children and their families. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**5TH ANNUAL WHISKY WINTER GOLF OUTING AND SCOTCH DINNER**  
Bayside Resort Golf Club, 31806 Lake View Drive, 11:30 AM. The golf outing will feature a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. in a 4-some Team Scramble format. A sit-down pairing of fine food and high-end Scotch Whisky will follow at 6:30 p.m. at the Cove Bar and Grille. Proceeds benefit Operation SEAs the Day. Register: <http://www.delmarvawhiskey.com/golf>. To be a sponsor or to join the club, contact Kevin Clover, 215-815-1706, [kevin@delmarvawhiskey.com](mailto:kevin@delmarvawhiskey.com).

**STEM ‘3D PRINTING’**  
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**INDOOR FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**  
*Saturdays* - Northside Fire House, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Featuring quality fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, poultry and daily products, as well as, baked goods, jams, cider, wine, honey, maple syrup, coffee, sauces, soups, kitchen ware, treats for pets, unique finds and live music. Open to the public. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006,

## Sun., Jan. 27

**ANNUAL WOMEN’S DAY**  
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 10:00 AM. All are welcome. Rev. Barbara Harmon will bring the message for this service.

## Mon., Jan. 28

**WRITING FOR WELLNESS**  
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. This group uses exercises to stimulate the process of creative expression. No prior writing experience needed. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**LAP TIME**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:30 PM. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, stories, games and finger plays. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FAMILY MOVIE ‘HAPPY FEET’**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 4:00 PM. Featuring a fun movie and popcorn. Suitable for all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS**  
*Mondays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. All levels of singers and drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

## Tues., Jan. 29

**STORY TIME ‘OUTER SPACE’**  
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**FAMILY TIME ‘NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Join the group every Tuesday for Family Time. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING**  
*Tuesdays* - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and

health lifestyle. [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com)

## Wed., Jan. 30

**STORY TIME ‘DANCING’**  
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING**  
Atlantic General Rheumatology, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 208, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Ribbon cutting held at 5 p.m. to celebrate the opening of Atlantic General Rheumatology, the practice of Dr. David Wanalista. He sees patients in Berlin as well as Ocean View, Del.

**SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 PM. Special Double Feature: “Jane Eyre” by Charlotte Bronte and “The Eyre Affair” by Jasper Fforde. Copies of the books are available at the library in advance. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

**KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC**  
*Wednesdays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB**  
*Wednesdays* - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the ’50s and ’60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities. Members and their guests welcome. [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com), 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

**OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING**  
*Wednesdays* - Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. 302-540-2127

## ONGOING EVENTS

**FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOPS**  
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# Snapshots



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## STAR CHARITIES

Star Charities volunteer Barb Peletier paid a visit to Showell Elementary Kiwanis K-Kids to thank them for the beautiful decorations they made for Star's Holiday Tree. Pictured, from left, are Peletier, Showell K-Kids President Brooklynn Paul, Secretary Azy Birch and Teacher Advisor Evy Collins.



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## DEMOCRATIC DONATIONS

Donations were collected during the November Democratic Women's Club meeting, which included toys for needy children, blankets for the Coastal Hospice's Meals On Wheels program and food and check donations to Shepherd's Crook. Pictured are Jane Rollins, Priscilla Zythowicz and Carol Manley.



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## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Worcester Preparatory School students from the classes of 2018 and 2019 who earned honors for outstanding Advanced Placement scores, in front, from left, are Gracie Gardner, Maria Deckmann, Hailey Merritt, Maya Natesan, Hannah Merritt and Molly McCormick, middle; Parker Brandt, Andrew Stickler, Cole Berry, Colin Miller and Owen Tunis, and in back; Liam Hammond, Henry Taboh, Dominic Anthony, Jared Gabriel and Matt Durkin. Not pictured: Grace Schwartz.



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## SPIRIT DAY

Berlin Intermediate recently held a School Spirit Day for Diabetes Awareness in November. The students and staff wore blue to support its four BIS Strong - Type 1 Diabetes Girls. Pictured are BIS Principal Ryan Cowder,, Kazia Milewski, Bailey Griffin, Aiya Hessain, BIS Counselor Michelle Bankert, and nurses Patty Spangler and Amanda Bradford.



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## ANGLER'S CLUB

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club presented its Anglers of the Year awards at the December meeting. The 2018 winners with qualifying fish are: striped bass, 37 inches, John Dilworth; bluefish, 18 inches, Kevin Welkner; tautog, 17.5 inches, John McFalls; flounder, 24.75 inches, Kevin Welkner; tuna, 44.25 inches, Rich Patschorke; black sea bass, 19.5 inches, Frank Watkins; croaker, 12.25 inches, Kevin Welkner; black drum, 31 inches, Tom Nelson; largemouth bass, 25 inches, Chuck Tornetta; and fresh water trout, 17.5 inches, Walt Klein. Pictured, from left, are Awards Chairman Tim Mullins, Nelson, McFalls, Patschorke, Tornetta and Klein.



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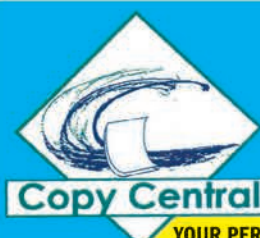
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