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Berlin weighs how to handle utility rates

Options range from painful to stretching out payments

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) Budget discussions continued Monday evening as the Berlin mayor and council tackled the utility fund budget.

Finance Director Natalie Saleh said the overall utility budget for fiscal year 2020 consists of \$9.1 million, down \$2 million, or 18 percent, from the current year's figure.

Mayor Gee Williams said the individual funds, or separate budgets, for electric, water, wastewater, and sewer utilities would be covered during the work session.

While stormwater is another town utility, Williams said he'd recommend temporarily delaying considerations of changing the annual fees for that, citing "comments from the public [that] all these increases are too much at one

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BANNER DAY

More than 100 players from Berlin Little League baseball and softball teams march down Main Street, last Saturday, during the annual parade that kicks off the season. See more photos on page 30.

Golf clubhouse sketch offers general ideas

Schematic will guide design, but not any specific approach

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has released rough drawings of the proposed clubhouse to replace the existing building at Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The building is designed to provide space for golf operations and community use. The 7,400-square-foot structure would be half the size of the original clubhouse.

"The actual size has not been determined but that's what our bid was based on ...

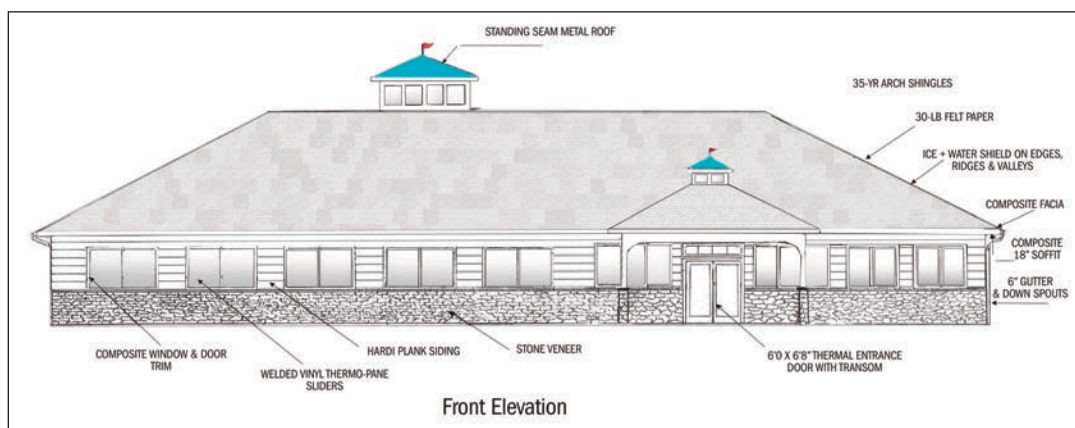


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This schematics of the new club house design will be used to help define the concept of the space.

between 7,200 and 7,400 square feet," Vice President Steve Tuttle said.

The schematics will be used to communicate to the design/build team the con-

cepts to be considered in building's initial design phase. They include a floor plan as well as views of the front, of the back and from above.

"It's a good compromise in terms of what the association can afford and what will provide sufficient space for golf operations and also for some community space,"

Tuttle said.

The plans, similar to those provided in the request for proposals on which bids for the project were based, include elements such as a wraparound deck, stone veneers on the building's exterior, a spacious dining/meeting room and ample bar seating in the Tern Grille area.

These drawings should not to be mistaken as the final draft for the project, Tuttle said.

"Those drawings that were released were to try to help people understand the concept of what we're doing," Tuttle said. "They are not the final drawings, they are

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Elections Chair Steve Habeger displays an example of the voter ballot envelope during the Friday, April 12 meeting at the Ocean Pines Administration Building.

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Election planning begins, despite lack of hopefuls

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) With the May 10 candidate filing deadline three weeks away, this year’s Ocean Pines elections has yet to generate much interest beyond that of the community’s election officials.

During the Elections Committee meeting last Friday, members acknowledged the dearth of candidates for the three open seats on the board of directors, as well as the absence of the candidate search committee.

Even though the contest is for three slots, the bylaws require at least two more candidates than the minimum.

“We should have two more candidates than are needed for slots to fill,” Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said. “We have three full, three-year positions to fill on the board in this coming election. We expect to, no later than June 1, get a letter from the board of directors’ secretary telling us who the candidates are.”

The candidate Search Committee, which is usually appointed by the board in February, has just two people and has yet to be formed officially, Habeger said.

In June, once the candidates are announced, the committee draws names for ballot position. Candidates pick them up randomly and receive their ballot order. The candidates then enter a workshop, where they are provided a list of topics and what to expect.

In the meantime, all the Elections
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Schematics used to solicit bids, not as specific plan

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schematics which were used to help prepare the bid, but they’re not an official final product. They are not architectural drawings or engineered drawings.”

The Ocean Pines Golf Club opened in 1972, making it one of the earliest courses in the Ocean City area. Open to the public year-round, it is the only Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed course on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

In addition to offering memberships for families, individuals and juniors, the Ocean Pines Golf Club features 18 holes of championship golf, practice facilities, instructional clinics, summer junior golf camp, private lessons and club sales, fittings and repair services.

Now off board, Trendic seeks public meeting

Hopes to draw community to session, after board's denial of referendum pitch

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) Although Slobodan Trendic resigned from the Ocean Pines Board of Directors last week, he is not getting out of community politics. This week he said he wants to "make Ocean Pines great again" with a town hall meeting at the Ocean Pines Library on Monday.



Slobodan Trendic

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Trendic said he has several plans to "jumpstart interest in the community." He said he wants the community to become more involved in the affairs of Ocean Pines, "and that includes the

Elected in 2016, Trendic was in the final year of his first three-year term and would have been eligible for re-election this August, but submitted his resignation letter on Wednesday, April

board and the management of Ocean Pines."

"What my hope is, is to build a momentum that will create a grassroots effort to bring people together," Trendic said. He added that he wants the decision-making process by the board and the management to be more transparent so the community can hold decision-makers more accountable.

Of specific interest to Trendic and one of the topics he intends to focus on at his meeting, which is scheduled from 7-9 p.m., is the board's decision

to spend \$3.185 million to expand the police and administration building, rebuild the golf and country club house and replace the golf cart barn.

Slobodan abstained from voting on the expansion projects, and voted against the contracts to replace the clubhouse and cart barn at the board's April 6 meeting. He also made a motion to require the board to bring the clubhouse and cart barn issue to referendum. His motion failed to gain a second and resigned because of that four days later.

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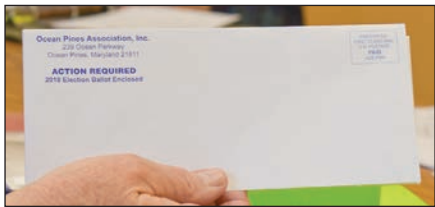
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Committee can do is take care of its own responsibilities, which includes creating the final draft of the candidates' letter and setting a timetable for voting.

Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer said the public should be advised of when on Aug. 7, the final day of voting, ballots will no longer be accepted.

"Some folks may think it's at the close of business, as opposed to at midnight. When are we expecting to pull the ballot box out?"

A decision was made to have the deadline at 5 p.m. and to be sure that information is made clear on ballot envelopes and other material.

The committee also addressed issues pertaining to absentee votes or invalid votes. The numbers have decreased significantly, with 41 voided votes two years ago and only four voided votes last year.



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The voter envelope will be redesigned with bold letters detailing the deadline for the election.

One of the methods suggested to get people to vote correctly was to create a "Good Voter, Bad Voter" video.

"We could do a mock-up YouTube on where you put the ballot in the building and put it out on the website," board of directors liaison Steve Tuttle said.

Should no one file for candidacy by the deadline, the decision will be given to the board of directors to appoint three new members as a last resort.

Berlin officials considering how to raise fees for utilities

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time."

This talk comes on the heels of a general fund work session two weeks ago and a council meeting last week when members of the public expressed their ire over the possibility of substantial increases in taxes and some utility fees.

Williams said there's a method to the madness.

"These increases are needed to mature the water and wastewater utility over the next five years [and] no longer need to borrow from the general fund," Williams said. The town has drawn on the general fund, which is supported by property tax revenues, to subsidized the costs of water and wastewater operations, which are supposed to be supported by user fees.

The result, according to town officials, is that user fees for those services were kept artificially low, while the town's reserves dwindled as they were used to make up the difference.

Exactly what to do about it, however, remains undetermined, as council members were given options to consider.

Alternatives provided by Robert Duma, an associate at the engineering firm Davis Bowen & Friedel offered ways to restructure the fees that included a one-year approach and a three-year rate restructure over five years.

Council member Zack Tyndall asked how long it would take for the fund to break even.

trying to hit here," Dumas said.

Williams opted for the longer term approach.

"While we're considering these things, I have to say this, I'm personally not in favor of doing it all at one time," he said.

A single year restructure would require a 40 to 60 percent increase in the water rate and 30 to 60 percent increase in the sewer rate.

"The general fund would be repaid in about 16 years," Dumas said.

The single-year rate had an estimated annual increase of \$242,171.34 for the water account and \$512,920.30 for the sewer account.

The longer measure, would show \$46,331.43 as an annual increase for the water account and \$137,369.76 for the sewer account, according to budget reports. In year three, there would be 7 percent increase in sewer, which would show a \$224,836.67 estimated annual increase for the sewer fund. Year five would have a 3 percent increase, estimated the annual increase of \$265,004.87.

Employing this strategy would repay the general fund in 21 years, Dumas said.

Williams added "if we've got a little wiggle room somewhere, I'd like to take it."

Councilman Troy Purnell expressed his frustrations with the previous methods of handling the those utilities' uncovered costs and said "it's gotten progressively worse."

"At the minimum you've got to make it break even," he said.



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Directors to appoint replacement

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In his letter of resignation, Trendic said, ““Your unwillingness to second my motion for discussion and your rejection of my proposed referendum leads me to make this difficult decision.

“These kinds of decisions have a long-term impact on the entire association not just from financial point of view, but also from a perspective of our priorities,” Trendic said. “How does any of these projects improve the community as a whole? It really comes down to the question of investing and prioritizing.”

Trendic said his meeting is open to all and that he hopes homeowners can have a productive discussion of all topics.

“This is an all-inclusive meeting,” Trendic said. “I am calling for all homeowners to take part in this so that we can have a productive, genuine and informative discussion on all this topics and what matters to homeowners.”

Meanwhile, members of the board of directors offered their farewell wishes to the departing board member.

“I am sorry you have chosen to resign,” Vice President Steve Tuttle said. “I first got to know you as the liaison to the election committee when I served on the committee. You were

a great help to the committee and me personally as we were all new to the committee and the OPA election process.

“We have certainly disagreed on a number of issues over the few months I have been on the board but that is to be expected in any board,” he continued. “It is the disagreement that actually drives a board to the best decisions. I wish you well in your “re-

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Slobodan Trendic

tirement” from the board.”

Director Esther Diller said she was “very sorry to see this resignation from you and the reasons,” while Director Colette Horn said, “I am sorry you found yourself in need of taking this action in response to a failure of your colleagues to consider a motion you set before them for consideration. I wish to acknowledge the diligence with which you worked as a director on behalf of the Association and its membership and generously gave a

significant amount of time to research and comment on a range of issues that came before us for consideration.”

President Doug Parks, who often butted heads with Trendic during meetings, also offered farewell wishes.

“Thank you for your service to the community,” Parks began in his own statement. “Although you and I disagreed on a regular basis, those situations are only associated with the business of Ocean Pines and does not cross into non-OPA related issues.”

Trendic’s resignation leaves just one incumbent, Esther Diller, eligible for election this year as Ted Moroney resigned earlier last month.

As to the board’s need to fill the vacancy created by Trendic’s departure, Director Steve Tuttle said the association bylaws stipulate that any vacancy on the board 90 days or more before the annual meeting must be filled by a board majority vote within 30 days.

A replacement is expected to be announced during the next formal board meeting, which will take place on Saturday, May 4.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Aug. 10, a day after the results of this year’s election will be announced. So far, no one has filed for election to one of the three open seats, with three weeks left before the May 10 filing deadline.



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Town recommends change for health insurance carrier

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) Town of Berlin employees can expect to see a change in health insurance providers from United Health Care to Carefirst Blue Cross, assuming the mayor and council take the advice of the town's broker, Deeley Insurance Group.

In addition to reevaluating United Health Care's terms and costs, town officials also looked at Cigna/LGIT and Carefirst Blue Cross, with the latter recommended by Deeley Insurance Vice President Chris Carroll.

Carroll told the council the plan offers a deductible structure that's identical to its current one and that, as rates rise across the board, the Carefirst package is 3.82 percent increase above the current cost.

Berlin also has an HRA health insurance plan structure, which funds 100 percent of the deductible exposure and all but \$500/\$1000 of the co-insurance covered exposure.

Council member Zack Tyndall asked if the HRA would help reduce insurance costs, and Carroll replied that it would.

"With any insurance, the driving factor for insurance is a four-letter word: risk," said Human Resources Director Jeff Fleetwood.

Fleetwood also recommended staying with Principal as a dental insurance provider and VSP for vision.

There would be a \$502 increase for dental, with the current annual cost set at \$11,768, and the proposed renewal being \$12,270.

Additionally, Fleetwood mentioned a proposed wellness plan, which would allow the employees to set exercise goals with a primary care physician to receive an insurance credit and a stipend for a gym membership of up to \$25.

The program, which he said "gives incentive to the employee to get moving [and] get energized," would cost about \$14,000.

"I think it's a good idea. Is it something that we have to have? The answer is no," Fleetwood said.

Mayor Gee Williams agreed with the health plan recommendations, but couldn't give the OK to the proposed wellness program.

"I obviously can't support adding more adding more cost to the insurance through the wellness program," Williams said.

Correction

In last week's edition, the Bayside Gazette story on a proposed tax increase by the Town Council incorrectly attributed profanity to Michelle Bruder in her address to the council. The Gazette apologizes for the error.

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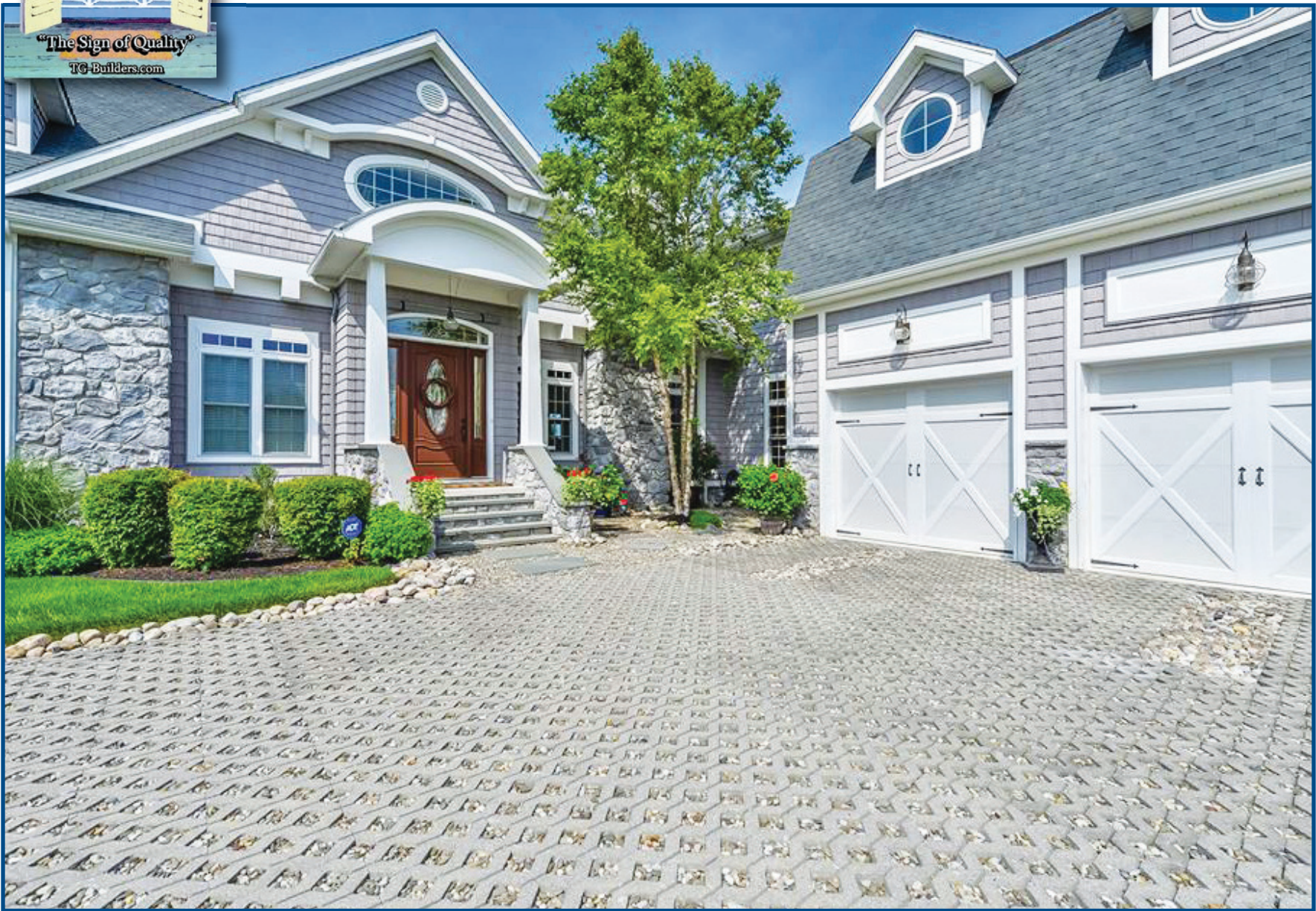
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Workers compensation will remain with original carrier

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penses for \$1 million.

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“All policies excluding workers compensation — you will see a decrease in premiums,” Deeley Client Advisor Megan Muller said. “Worker’s compensation, there’s a little bit of an increase that we are tackling for an overall premium of \$461,247.”

After the meeting, audience members asked questions about the policies put in place. Assistant Treasurer Gene Genaro immediately asked about the coverage limits.

“How do these values determine ... is that the industry standard was taken from an existing policy that OPA had,” Genaro asked. “How was that determined?”

“Where we started was looking at the current coverages that you had,” Muller said. “As a side note, on the general liability last year, you had a \$1.2 million and for a very similar pricing structure. We got it to \$2.4 million. We’ve already doubled your primary general liability

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Laura Deeley Bren, of Deeley Insurance Group, talks numbers during the special meeting at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Saturday, April 13.

limit.

“There are some opportunities, we believe, to consider some higher limits,” she continued. “Your police professionals — there’s some opportunity, perhaps in your camp programs [as well]. We also [want] to look at the directors and officers’ liabilities, and those are things that we’re looking at from a budget standpoint in future years.”

Muller returned to workers’ compensation, citing its importance.

“We’re trying to be respectful of what are the most critical items that we need to help work with management and the

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Insurance policies besides workers comp see reductions

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board of directors on," Muller said. "We at this time believe it's the worker's compensation because it's driving such a significant cost. We want to spend a lot of our time on working on that piece."

Genaro was also interested in seeing just how much has increased.

"What I'm hearing is forward planning, which is fantastic," he said. "How does the total cost of insurance compare to what we were paying ... is this going to increase?"

Last year, the association paid \$404,379, Muller said. With Deeley insurance, costs increased by nearly \$50,000 but for more coverage. Costs have decreased overall for all but one policy group.

"We were able to deliver about a four percent reduction for all of the policies except for the workers comp," Muller said. "Those were ones we were able to transition and move. The workers comp, unfortunately, with the trend that we have currently and some significant exposures that just exist in your community for employees ... it's the market. Number one, it's limited and two, we've got to really work on that trend so that you become more marketable."

Board of Directors President Doug Parks praised the work and partnership

efforts provided by Deeley Insurance Group.

"Throughout this process of the Deeley Insurance Group, folks talking with the folks at OPA, what's sort of the byproduct here is there's been something of a partnership," Parks said.

"One of the things in a previous meeting was how do we look at the drivers that are having an effect on the cost of workman's comp, or the things that we should be looking at. That's the kind of partnership, I call the value added, that you're getting out of this with regard to not just saying, 'Hey here's the policy, here's the coverage, write us a check.'"

Vice President Steve Tuttle had his own question about how to minimize risks.

"What do you provide in the area of helping us to manage risk with so many different activities and sites, marinas and all that? I think we have a lot of exposure," Tuttle said. "So how do we minimize risk?"

"This is a marathon not a sprint," Muller said. "What we want to do, so that we don't have to spend external money or spend external resources, is leverage all the resources that we have from our carriers and make sure that we follow through with them to implement the plans and the strategies that have been laid out."

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Darl Kolar, a consultant for EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc. PBC., shows plans for the Graham Avenue Submerged Wetland project to area residents, last Thursday, following a community outreach meeting at the Berlin Activities Depot.

Stormwater project meeting shows plans, talks flooding

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer
(April 18, 2019) Reducing flooding is the point of the Graham Avenue Submerged Gravel Wetland Project, which town officials explained to residents at a meeting last Thursday at the Berlin Activities Depot. Presentations to the audience came from the Town of Berlin, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and E.A.

Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc. Darl Kolar, an environmental consultant from E.A. Engineering said in addition to reducing flooding, the project also aims to treat stormwater runoff and to reduce runoff pollution. To accomplish these things, Kolar said two types of solutions may be employed: gray and green infrastruc- See GRAHAM Page 15

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Graham Avenue work to continue through summer

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ture. Gray refers to the use of pipes, structures, ditches, and retention ponds, while green focuses on ecological systems to mitigate stormwater pollution and control flooding.

While green infrastructure is ideal, enviornmental and town officials agree that “in the real world, we need to work with what we have and modify over time.”

The submerged gravel wetland would be constructed on a piece of town-owned property that’s adjacent to the Burley Oak brewery and located on the corner of Graham Avenue and Old Ocean City Boulevard.

“I think these meetings are really important because it gives us an opportunity to describe the project in detail to the people who are going to be most directly affected by it,” Town Administrator Laura Allen said.

Town officials passed out flyers to roughly 40 homeowners about the Thursday evening meeting, even though it’s unclear if every homeowner in the area is directly affected by the stormwater flooding.

Kolar said construction began in March and is expected to finish by Sept. 3.

“We’ve been doing steps in the right direction for several years now, so this is one of those ... steps,” Kolar said.

Mayor Gee Williams emphasized the need for patience as “it’s an educational process, and we’re learning through it.”

Officials said several projects have been completed so far, including off-line wetlands for Flower and William streets, culvert replacements for Flower and Williams streets, as well as stormwater improvements for Pine Street, and Maple and Cedar avenues.

In addition, several federal grants have been awarded in recent years:

- \$124,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Administration.
- \$800,000 from a Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- \$965,000 from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
- \$75,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.
- \$10,000 from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.


Allen encouraged residents to write letters of support vouching for additional funding.

She said she is striving to continue the stormwater conversation and to make presentations accessible online.


“But I don’t think we can talk enough about the stormwater work we’re doing,” she said. “So a small group from a key neighborhood is great. They’ll just us get the word out I’m sure.”

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Environmental groups speak on how to make difference

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) As Earth Day grows closer, residents were given a better understanding of how even a small environmental group can help make a difference during a presentation on Land and Water: Protection, Conservation and Improvement in the Ocean Pines Community Center last Thursday.

Sponsored by the Protectors of the St. Martin River and the Ocean Pines Environmental & Natural Assets Committee, the presentation was split between the Lower Shore Land Trust and Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

Kate Patton, director of the Lower Shore Land Trust and Frank Piorko, director, and Dr. Roman Jesien, science coordinator, of Maryland Coastal Bays Program, explained their groups' background in the community and

how they have improved the environment as a result of their work.

"This is a great opportunity for us to tell you a little bit about the land trust and how we're different," Patton said.

Lower Shore Land Trust, headquartered in Snow Hill, is a conservation organization that protects rural lands and provides conservation efforts to rebuild resources for wildlife. Established in 1990, the trust covers areas spanning Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

So far, the trust looks after of 21,000 acres of land and works with 120 landowners and is an accredited land trust.

"Basically, that says that we're managing our properties well, we're managing our organization well and we're meeting the national standards of how to do business," Patton said. "We couldn't do it without volunteers ...



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Frank Piorko, director of Maryland Coastal Bays Program, identifies where the St. Martin River is located and its significance to the local watershed during an environmental presentation at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Thursday, April 11.

we'll talk about how our volunteers get involved."

There are 1,600 active land trusts in the country (22 in Maryland), according to Land Programs Manager Jared Parks.

"Each individual land trust has different goals, different versions why they exist," Parks said. "Some are teeny tiny; they serve one valley. Some serve a single county; some serve the entire world and they do conservation efforts everywhere. For us, we looked at the

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SABERS take home grant from env. summit

Berlin youth group proposal gets \$1,400 for Dr. William Henry Park improvements

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street in Berlin will get an environmental facelift through a \$1,400 grant won last Friday by the Strengthening Adolescent Boys with Education and Resources (SABERS).

The Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services program was awarded a certificate of excellence for creativity and innovation in environmental stewardship and project design at a Youth Environmental Action Summit on April 5 at the Ward Museum in Salisbury.

The group consists of nine boys in seventh and eighth grade at Stephen Decatur Middle School.

Tiffany Scott, youth program coordinator at Worcester Youth and Family Services, said this experience made the boys aware of the environmental issues happening in their own backyards.

"It made me extremely proud because it ... made them stop and think about how the things in the environment aren't just global ... and this project was way bigger because it ... got them to think about things that are important to them," she said.

Scott learned about the grant opportunity on Feb. 19, when Elise Trelegan, of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, approached her about the summit op-

portunity. The idea was presented to the group, and a subsequent trip to Dr. William Henry Park revealed to members the jobs that needed doing, including a general cleanup of broken glass and trash.

The SABERS then attended the summit in Salisbury.

Groups of elementary and high school students from the lower shore's three counties presented their proposals, participated in exhibits

and listened to guest speakers.

"[The SABERS] walked away with the grand prize award for the middle school category," she said.

Scott said the funding is expected to go toward installing a trash and recycling center, signs and a rain

garden using plants native to the area.

Scott added that the project has endorsements from the Town of Berlin and Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

"This is a step for future partnerships and community collaborations," she said.

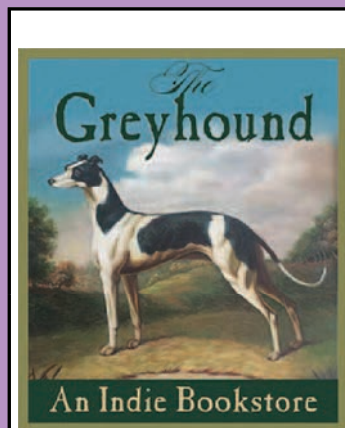
Scott said among the things the boys learned was how to conquer the fear of public speaking for their presentation. However, it did take a little motivation.

"I said fear is OK, but on the other side of fear is greatness, so you gotta walk through it," she said.

The group's timetable for the project involves purchasing plants, trash and recycling receptacles, as well as and designing the rain garden. Scott said the members plan to start the process the end of this month and plan to finish the last week of June.

'This is a step for future partnerships and community collaborations.'

Tiffany Scott,
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Bay Day comes to OPA in May

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area, and over time the organization has evolved to understand the lower shore fairly well and what we have here, which helped shape our goals."

Some of those goals include sustaining healthy wildlife populations, improving water quality, and restoring areas that can be used to meet the other two objectives.

In order to attain those goals, the Lower Shore Land Trust uses specific tools, such as easement agreements with landowners. Easements are voluntary land agreements between land owners and the Lower Shore Land Trust. These agreements limit the use of land or prohibits specific developments from taking place. These easements can be tailored to the needs of the owner, and require annual monitoring to ensure the agreements are being kept.

The trust ended its presentation with a request for volunteers to help around the three counties and to demonstrate some of its projects.

Following that presentation, Piorko and Jesien outlined the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

Coastal Bays is a federally funded program that covers 180,000 acres of land and 71,000 acres of water.

"We don't exist to do any one thing on our own," Piorko said. Instead, the program has its own projects and works with other environmental organizations on their pursuits.

Of note to Ocean Pines residents, and falling with the Coastal Bays purview is the St. Martin River and watershed, which is approximately 11.6 miles long with a maximum depth of 12 feet.

"It's our longest river in our watershed and a major portion of our freshwater," Jesien said.

St. Martin's river has held a relatively low health grade for several years, averaging a C- on health reports for levels of phosphorus and nitrates. Since conservation efforts were put in place by the coastal bays program, positive results have begun to show.

A \$1.58 million restoration program funded by the state highway took just under 10 years to complete, and has shown the return of some wildlife.

Piorko also promoted the upcoming Bay Day, which will take place Sunday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m. The event will promote environmentally friendly activities and programs, as well as crafts like creating bird houses and bee houses. There will also be a pollinator garden available as well.

Vendors and food trucks, as well as a beer truck, will also partake in the festivities that day.

Those who are interested in learning more about Lower Shore Land Trust can visit <http://lowershorelandtrust.org/> and Maryland Coastal Bays Program at <https://mdcoastalbays.org/>.



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Berlin mayor, council react favorably to county proposal

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) Several Berlin town officials seemed pleased with the idea of the Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department's proposition to purchase the Berlin Lions Club park property to preserve it for that purpose. "You know it's obviously a county situation, but anything they do out there benefits Berlin," said Council member Troy Purnell on Monday. "Any additional fields or anything else they do is just gonna help us out a lot." Director Tom Perlozzo proposed the purchase at the Worcester County Commissioners budget work session last Tuesday. Perlozzo said club representatives told him Wawa and Royal Farms had

expressed interested in purchasing the property off Route 113 in Berlin, and he stressed the importance of keeping the land for the county. "We need to protect that field legacy in Berlin," he said last Tuesday. Perlozzo said the county currently leases the land for \$5,000 per year. The cost of the acquisition is unclear, but he told the commissioners that state open space funding is an approach that "is 100 percent reimbursable." If approved, Perlozzo said he would lease the land to the Berlin Lions Club, and there would be room for two Little League baseball fields. Mayor Gee Williams and Council member Dean Burrell agreed. "We already have excellent ballfields there, we just don't have enough, and



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Town of Berlin's mayor and council appeared to react favorably to Worcester County Recreation and Parks Department's proposition to purchase the Berlin Lions Club for additional ballfields and parking solutions in northern Worcester County.

we have one of the most one of the highest (Little League baseball) participation rates of any small town anywhere ... so it seems like a natural transaction," Williams said Monday. Additionally, Perlozzo suggested a plan to include additional parking through field irrigation and fencing. He

said that project would cost \$565,000, but with help from the commissioners, the department could complete the project for \$30,000. "My experience is over the past year has been is the priority at northern Worcester [County] is there's no parking," Perlozzo said last Tuesday.



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Easter activities planned throughout county

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) An assortment of activities for the entire family will take place throughout Worcester County this weekend in celebration of Easter.

OCEAN PINES:

•The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department will present its annual Easter and Spring Celebration, Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway.

There will be several free activities for children including egg hunts, carnival games, moon bounces, face painting, pony rides, arts and crafts and photos with the Easter Bunny.

The egg hunts are for children up to age 10. There are designated times for each age group. The egg hunt at 11:30 a.m. will be for toddlers ages 1-3; noon for children ages 4-6; and children ages 7-10 will begin their hunt at 1 p.m.

An Easter bonnet parade and contest open to children 10 and younger will begin at 12:30 p.m. In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines and Ocean City will be selling hot dogs, snacks, cupcakes and drinks.

There is no cost to attend, although there is a small fee for some activities.

In conjunction with the Easter celebration on Saturday, the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market will offer goods from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at White Horse Park with seasonal produce, baked

goods, floral arrangements, eggs, seafood, meat, pet treats and bath products.

Children can fill their Easter baskets with homemade chocolate candies. Baker John DelVecchio will provide a free demonstration and tutorial during the Market Open-Air Kitchen on April 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Volunteers are still needed. In the event of rain, the festivities will be moved inside the community center, including the moon bounce, egg hunt and carnival games.

For more information or to volunteer at the Easter and Spring Celebration, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

•Young divers and snorkelers ages 11 and under can dive into the Egg-stravaganza Dive and Pool Party for a chance to fish out to brightly colored eggs from the indoor heated pool located at 11144 Cathell Road on Friday, April 19, from 5:30-8 p.m.

Swimmers at the annual Easter Egg-stravaganza Dive and Pool Party will be divided into different age groups to ensure everyone has a chance to collect eggs.

The cost of the special event is \$6 per swimmer and \$3 for non-swimmers. Children under age 6 must have an adult in the water with them. Life jackets are available at no charge.

BERLIN:

•The Berlin Chamber of Commerce will host its 24th annual Spring Celebra-



Children hunt for Easter eggs during Berlin's Spring Celebration last year.

tion on Saturday, April 20, on Main Street.

Main Street will be closed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for free games, crafts, and other activities provided by a variety of nonprofits and businesses in the area.

A pancake breakfast with Peter Rabbit at Rayne's Reef restaurant will kick off festivities. There are 8:40, 9:30 or 10:15 a.m. seatings available. A reservation is required and can be made by calling 410-641-4775. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

An Easter egg hunt sponsored by On What Grounds will take place at 1 p.m.

on the corner of Washington and West streets in addition to free pony rides on Commerce Street from 1-3 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to bring an Easter basket to collect their eggs.

There will be an Easter Mad Hatter parade kicking off at 3 p.m. outside of Worcester Youth and Family. Prizes from On What Grounds will be given out to winners in four categories: greenest, cutest, most original and best Mad Hatter. Register 15 minutes before the event begin.

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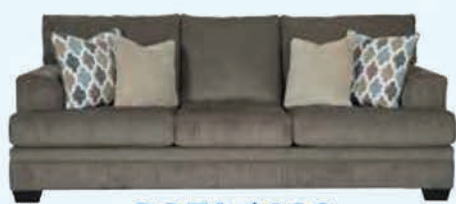
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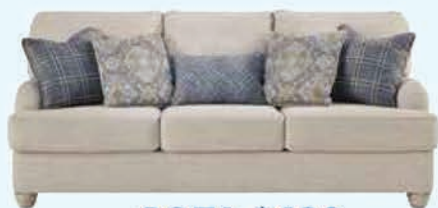
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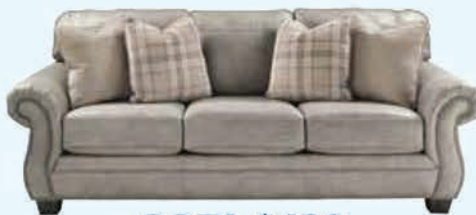
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Easter egg hunts and games this weekend

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There will also be games, crafts, face painting, a moon bounce, live music, a petting zoo, food and a Cupcake Walk. For more information, contact the chamber at 410-641-4775 or chamber-info@berlinchamber.org.

• The Evergreen Lodge #153 of Berlin recently received training from The Grand Lodge of Maryland to provide the Maryland Child Identification Program (MD CHIP), which will offer the program in its building at 109 N Main Street on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., as part of Berlin's Spring Celebration.

When a child participates in the program, all vital statistics are recorded. The child is photographed, and digital fingerprints are taken.

Additionally, a video recording of the child speaking will be made. All of the information is then put onto a CD. A cheek swab of the child's DNA will also be collected. Everything is then sealed in an envelope and given to the parent.

For more information about this process, contact Pete Jones at 410-726-3269 or email gjones21811@verizon.net.

OCEAN CITY:

• Check out Ocean City's 20th annual Easter Art, Craft and Kids Fun Fair on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20, with more than 15 Easter egg hunts, musical chairs, hula hoop and limbo contests, in addition to a number of other activities at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and will continue until 5 p.m. both days with Beanny the Easter Bunny kicking off the festivities each morning.

There will be jelly bean guessing contests, coloring tables, egg spoon races, fastest dresser relays, balloon games and appearances by Sponge Bob.

For adults, more than 70 vendors will be featured in the art and craft show offering a wide variety of gifts and accessories including jewelry, art, décor, toys and florals. There will also be door prizes.

Admission costs is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4-18, and includes most activities. Children ages 3 and under, and members of the military, police or fire department are free with an ID. Seniors (60 and older) pay \$3.

There will also be pay-as-you-go ac-

tivities, including sand art, face painting, hair wraps, temporary tattoos, figurine painting, make-your-own crafts, photos with the Easter bunny, moon bounces, an obstacle course, swings, a rock-climbing wall and a shark slide.

Visit www.oceanpromotions.info/events/easter-arts-crafts-and-kids-fair/ for a full list of events and times, and participating vendors.

• Everyone's favorite bunny will make his annual visit to Northside Park, Saturday, April 20, during Ocean City Recreation and Park's annual Easter Bunny Fun Shop from 1-3 p.m.

The event on 125th Street is sponsored by the Ocean City Recreation Boosters and includes an egg hunt, arts and crafts, face painting, temporary tattoos, the chance to dye Easter eggs, and nearly a dozen carnival games such as a pin-the-tail-on-the-bunny, a duck pond, Easter egg ring toss, bunny putt-putt, bean-in-a-basket, bunny hoops, a jelly bean guessing contest and bunny darts.

In addition, refreshments, visits from the Easter Bunny and acts from Magician Tom Foolery, courtesy of Dickens Parlour Theatre, will close out the festivities for

children 2-10 years old and their families.

Ocean City residents pay \$6 and non-residents \$8 per child to enter the Fun Shop. Everyone must pre-register and space is limited to 230 children. Participants can register in person at the Northside Park Recreation Complex on 125th Street or online at <http://oceancitymd.gov/oc/departments/recreation-parks/>.

For more information, call Ocean City Recreation and Parks at 410-250-0125.

• The Ocean City Christian Ministers Association will host a community Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21, from 6-7 a.m. on the Boardwalk at North Division Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ministers and musicians from several Ocean City churches will participate in the service that combines preaching and singing. Bleachers and chairs will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket.

If it rains, the sunrise service will take place in the Atlantic United Methodist Church on the corner of Fourth Street and Baltimore Ave. Call 410-289-6573 for more information.



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Buckingham gets grant to study monarch butterflies

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) For Buckingham Elementary School, a \$750 grant to study monarch butterflies will help students learn all about the majestic creatures and celebrate their own heritages.

“The goal was to apply for the grant so we could relate the migration story of the monarchs with the migration stories of our families,” said Karen Conner, who leads an English Learners program for pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students at the Berlin school.

Conner’s interest was first piqued when she read about tagged monarch butterflies being tracked from Maryland and Virginia in their travels to and from Mexico. She then applied for the grant with the “hope [of] eventually hav[ing] fourth-generation monarchs make the migration to Mexico.”

The school received the funding from the Nature Generation, a non-profit dedicated to helping children connect with the environment. The grant could be used at the school’s discretion.

Conner said the school currently has 10 butterflies, and was expected to receive 72 caterpillars this week. Its outdoor classroom includes a migration station, butterfly garden and a story-book walkway.

“We did actually get eggs, which for us, was the first time we’ve achieved the full life cycle, which was exciting,” she said.

Some 40 students take advantage of the school’s English learning services, Conner said. The majority of English Learner students speak Spanish, and celebrating Mexico is crucial as monarch butterflies embark on the journey to the neighboring country and back, Conner said.

“I think it’s really allowed us to celebrate as we say, ‘our EL community within our school community,’” Conner said. “[The program] works as a really good outreach to our English Learner families as well.”

Zoe Leal-Galvan, a second grade English Learner student at Buckingham Elementary School, said she was looking forward to the migration station.

“I liked the books about butterflies and learning they fly to Mexico and back here,” she said.

Second grade student Danielle Plata Arce said she loved using candy to illustrate the life cycle.

“I liked making the butterfly life cycle kits for pre-K with marshmallows, gummy worms, tootsie rolls and crackers shaped like butterflies,” she said.

Anthony Lozano-Alvarez, a second grade English Learner student, said he enjoyed taking a visual approach for a better understanding of butterflies.

“I liked making the learning buckets

for pre-K to learn about butterflies,” he said.

While there is an emphasis on the English Learner program, Conner said all 550 students at Buckingham Elementary School will have access to the butterfly station “to celebrate all those signs of spring and what they mean.”

Many students have been curious already, she said, and “there’s nothing than gets [the children] more excited than walking around the school with a small habitat of butterflies.”

Conner said students learn about the life cycle, but the program allows

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A story walk is featured outside Buckingham Elementary School as part of the grant funding received for the Magnificent Migration of the Monarchs project.



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Arrive Alive Tour visits Wor. high schools with simulator

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) UNITE's Arrive Alive Tour visited Worcester County's three high schools last week, providing students and teachers with a virtual firsthand experience of driving under the influence.

UNITE's Arrive Alive Tour program uses a high-tech simulator, impact video and a number of other resources to educate the public about the dangers of intoxicated driving. The simulator allows participants to experience the potential consequences of impaired driving in a controlled environment.

"We specifically targeted this time of year because we have a lot of things coming up for students – prom, graduation, senior week – which are celebratory events and we want them to make good decisions during the celebrations," Tamara Mills, coordinator of instruction for Worcester County Schools, said.

The simulation last week allowed students and faculty members to choose from three options: driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of marijuana or texting while driving.

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Monarch butterfly project also celebrates students' heritage

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the opportunity to take a holistic approach to the study.

"We've really been able to do cross curriculum that we've been able to pull all the different things that they're doing while increasing their English proficiency, which is what my goal is as an English Learner teacher," she said.

Conner said she anticipates the program will continue throughout the year. In the winter, Conner said things will be dormant but milkweed flower, plants and bushes will return next spring.

"We expect it to be part of Buckingham Elementary School for a long time to come," Conner said.

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Simulation shows dangers of driving impaired, drunk

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“It started as a drunk driving simulator,” Heidi Martinez, safety driving awareness instructor for UNITE’s Arrive Alive Tour, said at Stephen Decatur High School last Wednesday. “What we saw was that texting while driving was more of a problem at high schools. Now that marijuana is being legalized, we’re talking to people about safe practices and to do safe things behind the wheel.”

One of the most commonly recognized driving distractions is cell phone use. About 89 percent of all Americans have a cell phone, according to CTIA – The Wireless Association.

The damage created by distracted driving is high, causing 1.6 million accidents per year with 400,000 injuries and 5,000 deaths, Martinez said.

Penalties for driving while texting have become more severe as a result. Getting caught texting while driving can lead to a \$500 fine and a point on your license, which increases car insurance by 19 percent for two years, Martinez said.

“As a community, we created this problem and as a community we can solve it,” Martinez said.

Drivers under 20 years old have the highest proportion of distraction-re-

lated fatal crashes according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Their lack of driving experience can contribute to critical misjudgments if they become distracted.

Nearly one-third of all traffic deaths involve alcohol-impaired drivers. Every two minutes, a person is injured in a drunk driving crash. On average, two in three people will be involved in a drunk driving crash in their lifetime, Martinez said.

“Even the most experienced drivers can see the effects it has on you and the others on the roadway,” Mills said. “It’s important for us to help our kids make better decisions every day. I appreciate the community support to educate our youth and make our youth and community aware of these issues.”

For students, it was an opportunity to realize just how dangerous it is to get behind the wheel under the influence or while distracted.

“I think it’s a very informative simulation to see what would happen under the influence,” senior Nellie DeHart, 18, said. “It was a lot harder than I thought it would be. There was a lot more swerving and it was much more difficult.”

DeHart chose to simulate a Blood



Students and faculty are encouraged to test out the drunk, impaired, distracted driving simulation during UNITE's Arrive Alive Tour at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, on Wednesday, April 10.

Alcohol Concentration of .15, which is far beyond the legal limit of .08.

“It’s very hard to control where to go and what you’re doing,” junior Brad Moore, 16, said.

Moore, who chose a drunk driving simulation, ended up with a citation for four counts of manslaughter, driving below the speed limit and driving on the wrong side of the road. The experience was “eye-opening,” he said.

“I didn’t see [the simulator pedestrians] when I was coming up, so they just popped up in front of me ... I didn’t have much time to react,” Moore said. “That would have affected my life forever.”

The charges Moore accrued during his simulation were fake, but the experiences shared by Stephen Decatur alum Timmy Gingrich were very real. Gingrich was invited last Wednesday to talk to juniors and seniors about killing someone while he was driving drunk.

“It brought that personal, local touch,” Mills said. “Sometimes that’s what they need, is to be able to relate to the experience.”

The overall goal of the exercise was to ensure students will make smarter decisions on the road.

“I watched a number of students participate and they all made comments about how eye-opening the experience was,” Stephen Decatur High School Principal Tom Sites said. “Most of them discussed how difficult it was to stay on the road.”



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Opinion

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OPA candidates likely playing waiting game

With no candidates having filed to run for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors and just three weeks left until the May 10 filing deadline, and no board-appointed candidate search committee out scouring the neighborhoods for possible participants, this year's Ocean Pines election is ... not shaping up.

This doesn't mean there won't be a last-minute flurry of activity and that at least five people won't sign up to vie for one of the three available seats — the bylaws require two more candidates than board vacancies, a rule that should be changed — but the lack of buzz so far this election season is unusual.

Any number of theories might be floated for the absence of the normal huddling, discussion and positioning that generally occurs as the days wind down to the filing deadline.

One, it could be that the current board — what's left of it after the resignation of two members who were up for reelection — has done such a fine job this past year that no one sees much value in campaigning for change.

Or there's the possibility that, given the hot seat that board members have to occupy from time to time, no one wants to put up with the occasional discomfort of having to explain his or her position to a critical public.

And then, serving on the board does take a fair amount of time, which could get in the way of work or the more enjoyable activities that drew homeowners to the community in the first place.

The more likely explanation, however, is that potential candidates are waiting to see who else might be running before making a move and committing to two months of campaigning until the final votes come in on Aug. 7.

That makes the most sense, considering that the number one rule of politics is that the first step any election hopeful must take is to assess his or her chances.



"I didn't hear a second to my motion. I'm taking my toys and going home!"

Letters

OPA director talks club house project

This letter represents the views of Ocean Pines Director Steve Tuttle, and is not a statement by the Board of Directors or any other director
Editor,

One place from which I have been able to view the Ocean Pines landscape was as a member of our association. By attending board meetings, volunteering on a committee and reading the local papers and the Ocean Pines Forum.

A second place which provides a very different view is on the other side of the table. That is as a member of the Board of Directors. Both views provide perspective.

As a director elected to the board in August 2019, I soon faced an opportunity.

The club house at the golf course needed some kind of attention. It is a nearly 50-year-old building, suffering from lack of maintenance, decisions to renovate that then were changed or not followed through on; an investment that was well intentioned but perhaps not the best way to address the

needs of our building.

The board faced a decision — renovate the entire building or replace the building. There was no option from my view to do nothing. Renovation was going to cost in the neighborhood of \$2 million and as it turns out replacement with a building half the size of the existing building would cost between \$1.4 and \$1.6 million.

The last few days several oral stories and written narratives about plans to replace the club house/community building, cart barn and police addition have been generated.

The stories are varied, sometimes lacking correct information. It is true that on April 6, the Board of Directors voted to award contracts for these projects to Whayland Company. No contract was approved at that board meeting.

On April 10, a meeting was held with Whayland Company representatives, John Malinowski, Chief Massey, Mr. Marvin Steen, Mr. Bill Stamp who works with Steen, representatives of Ocean Pines, including Doug Parks, Frank Daly, Steve Tuttle, John Viola, Eddie Wells,

Colby Phillips and a couple other staff from Public Works.

The purpose of the meeting was to review each project, discuss procedures for moving forward to the point of signing contracts on each project.

The following was posted on the Ocean Pines Forum, "A review of the Whayland proposal, available on the OPA web site, raises some extremely troubling questions.

For example, the following items are listed as "allowances:"

- Building Demolition - \$45,000
- Site Work - \$125,000
- Sprinklers - \$72,800"

These come directly from the bid leveling documents completed by the OPA Public Works Department. These are not exclusions. They are simply statements by the bidder as to the cost for these items incorporated in their bid.

It is also stated that "having only a single bid is in direct variance with the objectives of the OPA bylaws."

This might be misunderstood by a reader thinking
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that moving forward with only one bid is against the by-laws. The objective should always be to obtain 3 bids on a project. OPA management nor the Board has any control over who or how many contractors bid a project.

The request for proposals (RFP) was sent to 13 firms. The due date was extended to give firms more time to prepare a bid. Back in January we had a proposal for the club house (the original RFP was for a renovation approach which was estimated to be in excess of \$2 million.)

That same renovation bidder then gave us a very competitive price for a smaller replacement building. It was then decided to issue a new RFP. We received one bid for the second RFP which was for a replacement and at a price very similar to the one provided by the first bidder.

So, in my opinion the appropriate steps were taken to provide Ocean Pines with a viable, cost effective solution to a problem that has been before us for several years - what do you do with an old, poorly maintained, failing structure.

The solution provides for golf operations to continue and provides for community space that many say is desperately needed. And in a worst-case scenario, if at some time in the future, golf completely ends in Ocean Pines, there will be a building that can serve the community well in many different ways.

Additional posting on the Forum states, "However, those are not all the questions regarding the actual final cost. The following items are listed as "Exclusions:"

- Tap and impact fees –
- Builders Risk Insurance
- Performance and Payment Bonds
- Unforeseen site conditions and unsuitable soils
- Dewatering
- Landscaping
- Relocation of existing utilities
- Electric, telephone, CATV and gas services
- Kitchen equipment
- Furnishings, fixtures and equipment
- Fire and security systems
- Telephone, data, cable TV, sound system, punch down and termination
- Telephone/data boxes and wiring
- Extreme price escalation in raw material prices
- Any item added as a result of agency reviews that are not shown at this time
- Any item not specifically shown on bid documents mentioned above"

Well this is a long list that is not as problematic as suggested in the post. The following explanations may be helpful:

However, those are not all the questions regarding the actual final cost. The following items are listed as "Exclusions:"

- Tap and impact fees – Assessed by

the county dependent on connecting to existing sewer/water normally paid by the owner

- Builders Risk Insurance – Normally paid by the owner

• Performance and Payment Bonds – If you need this you should look for a different contractor

• Unforeseen site conditions and unsuitable soils – This can only be verified when the existing building is completely removed

• Dewatering – Not anticipated to be needed on this site

• Landscaping – This will be provided by OPA

• Relocation of existing utilities – Because the new building will be on the site of the existing building and the footprint size will be similar no relocation of utilities is expected

• Electric, telephone, CATV and gas services – This is primarily connecting to these services that already exist in the building now

• Kitchen equipment – This is already owned by OPA, was paid as part of the lower level renovation of Tern Grill, and has been determined to be reusable in the new facility

• Furnishings, fixtures and equipment – These items are owned by OPA and will be stored at Public Works and installed in the new building

• Fire and security systems – Sprinkler systems and Ansul systems are included in the bid. If it is determined that a security system needs to be installed that will be done.

• Telephone, data, cable TV, sound system, punch down and termination – An owner install or coordination

• Telephone/data boxes and wiring – An owner install. Most likely VOIP utilizing existing computers and phones

• Extreme price escalation in raw material prices – This is in reference to items like asphalt for paving that experience large price swings and cannot be predicted months in advance of construction

• Any item added as a result of agency reviews that are not shown at this time – If OPA decided to make changes once the final design is reviewed and approved this would add cost.

• Any item not specifically shown on bid documents mentioned above – Clarity of bid documents and a commitment not to make changes once approved is the best way to navigate the path forward.

The guaranteed maximum price for the clubhouse project is \$1.6 million. The estimated cost for the building is \$1,420,000. There is a \$180,000 contingency that provides the money necessary for items in the above list.

The existing building will be demolished after removing the items that can be reused in this and other projects. The value of the removed items is in excess of \$100,000.

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US Army Corps
of Engineers

PUBLIC NOTICE

Army Corps Seeking Public Comment on Draft Final Proposed Plan

for the Assateague Island Formerly Used Defense Site

Public Meeting: May 2, 2019, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Assateague Island Environmental Education Center

7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has completed a Remedial Investigation and a Proposed Plan for the Assateague Island Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) in Worcester County, MD. The public is invited to provide feedback on the draft final Proposed Plan for the Assateague Island FUDS site and USACE is conducting a public meeting on May 2, 2019 where the public can learn more.

Assateague Island is a 37-mile-long barrier island along the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia. From 1944 to 1947, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army Air Corps established two separate rocket ranges on Assateague Island, a Northern Range (Munitions Response Site [MRS] 01) and one in the South (MRS 03), which were used during World War II for target practice by land-based aircraft. No live munitions have been discovered on either range at the Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland or at the Assateague Island Maryland State Park, where the target ranges were located. Only munitions debris have been uncovered. The Proposed Plan summarizes the remedial investigation and proposes a preferred approach of no further action.

The Proposed Plan and RI Report will be available for public review beginning April 24, 2019 by hard copy and electronic copy at the Worcester County Library – Berlin Branch at 13 Harrison Ave., Berlin, MD. For more information about the library location or hours, please call (410) 641-0650. It will also be available online at:

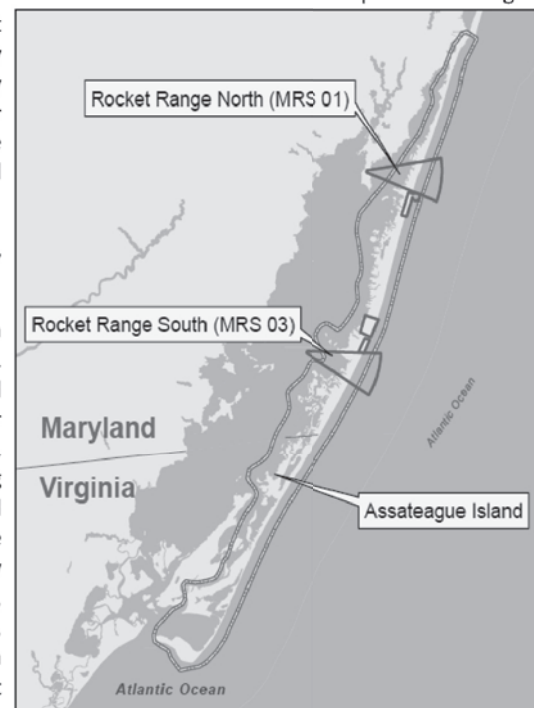
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Public Comment Period – April 29, 2019 to June 3, 2019

The USACE will hold a public comment period for the Proposed Plan from April 29 to June 3, 2019. The USACE will consider all formal relevant comments prior to making a final decision. You may submit formal written comments by email or mail postmarked by June 3, 2019 to Christopher Gardner, USACE Baltimore District (address and e-mail below).

Public Meeting – May 2, 2019

A public meeting will be held on May 2, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Assateague Island Environmental Education Center at 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD. The public meeting will include a presentation, and poster sessions, where community members can review individual poster stations, discuss completed activities, meet with project team members, and submit comments.



Meeting Agenda

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm: View displays and speak with staff

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Formal presentation followed by a question and answer session

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm: View displays and speak with staff

For more information regarding the public meeting for the Assateague Island Formerly Used Defense Site, please contact either:

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Winners of the "Photography and digital Media" exhibition pose for a photo during an opening reception at the Worcester County Arts Council gallery in Berlin, last Friday. Pictured, from left, are Charlie Ewers (third place), Sarah Halcott (first place), Rudelle Fay Hall (honorable mention), Joan Stockman (honorable mention) and Joe Scukanec, who judged the show. (Left) Zoovey Davis of Salisbury waves with 50 fingers, trying on some of the fun and quirky items inside The Dusty Lamb.
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Berlin experiences damage, power outages after storm

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(April 18, 2019) The electric department of Berlin kept busy early Monday morning after a storm came through the area and knocked out power in several neighborhoods.

Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence said about 600 customers were without power from 4:30-6:30 a.m.

"That [storm] was nasty," said Councilman Troy Purnell of the early morning thunderstorm.

Lawrence told the Berlin mayor and council members of several electrical power-related issues as a result of the morning wind and rain.

Lawrence said he was initially contacted around 4:30 a.m. for the power outage, and he said he found "Circuit 220 totally out."

Lawrence also told of instances involving tree limbs complicating the town's "main feed from [the] substation."

He said a tree also fell from a yard at the intersection of Germantown and Trappe roads, landed on top of a trailer and broke a service pole.

Additionally, Lawrence said workers were dispatched to Berlin Falls Park after a large tree snapped off and broke a light pole there.


He added that tree limbs fell on Flower Street as well.

Council member Dean Burrell expressed his appreciation to Lawrence and his department for their vigilance.

"Thank you for your work this morning. In all that wind and rain and whatever was going on out there, your guys met the challenge," Burrell said. "And on behalf of the public and those folks that were out of electricity this morning, I just want to say thank you for your work."

Top wind gusts reported at the NOAA station in Ocean City approached the 60 mph mark, as the line of storms pushed across the East Coast and out to sea.

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There is no way to know for certain what conditions will be exposed once an existing building is removed. Therefore, any contractor will include an unseen conditions clause.

The club house project is between \$150,000 and \$330,000 dollars (depending on if you include the contingency) below the referendum threshold.

A referendum is not free. There are costs associated with the referendum that are borne by OPA plus potential significant additional costs for any project placed on hold while a referendum is completed. The referendum itself will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000

Finally, let me say I am not a golfer. I do have a degree in Civil Engineering. I carefully studied the reports completed on the existing building and came to the conclusion that the existing building needed to be replaced.

This view was confirmed by Mr. Marvin Steen, a highly respected builder in Ocean Pines who visited the building with several of his subcontractors and made the same recommendation.

In my analysis I considered what would be the most cost efficient way to provide community space and space for continuation of golf operations.

A compromise in my mind is to build a one story, smaller building (the proposed building is about 1/2 half the size of the existing building).

There are two approaches to completion of a project like this. One is to retain an architect and engineering firm to design the project, prepare all the drawings and provide needed documents for a contractor to bid the project.

With this approach there are still exclusions and unknowns that may occur. Fees for these services could easily be on the order of \$100,000.

The second approach is to go with a design/build and a guaranteed maximum price. (GMP). We elected the

second approach.

The contractor, in this case Whayland Company has provided in their GMP for the architect/engineering services. If you go to Whayland website you can learn about their experience and completed projects.

In recent years they have completed several golf club houses and community structures. Their references are stellar. They work with an owner, OPA in this case, to provide a quality end result within or below their estimate using value engineering and competitive pricing on building elements.

Steve Tuttle
Ocean Pines

Wor. offices closed Good Fri.

(April 18, 2019) Worcester County Government offices, including all five branch libraries and recreation and parks, will be closed Friday, April 19, in observance of Good Friday.

Normal business hours will resume on Monday, April 22.

The Central Landfill and Homeowner Convenience Centers will be closed Friday, April 19, and open during standard hours of operation, Saturday, April 20.

The Shore Spirits Retail Liquor Store in Pocomoke will be open Friday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Shore Spirits RLS, along with the Central Landfill and HOCCs, will be closed Sunday, April 21, and will resume standard hours of operation, Monday, April 22.

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Choptank Electric to award scholarships for education

(April 18, 2019) Choptank Electric will award 10 \$1,000 educational scholarships at the close of its annual meeting, Thursday, April 25.

In addition, the board will also be awarding two special \$2,000 scholarships in honor of David Bruning, who retired in September 2018 as board member from Worcester County, and Francis “Sonny” Callahan Jr., who retired in March 2019 as board member from Caroline County.

To apply for this scholarship, the application must be completed prior to the annual meeting, and applicants must meet all the following qualifications:

- Complete the new Luck of the Draw Packet found online at www.choptank-electric.coop under “Annual Meeting” or “Scholarships.” Submission directions can be found on the application. Applicants will receive a confirmation phone call when their packet has been processed.
- Submit this packet to the Co-op by April 22 at 4:30 p.m.
- Be a graduating high school senior or Co-op member
- Be enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or a technical school for the 2019 fall term
- The parent or legal guardian, who is an active Choptank Electric Cooperative member, must accompany the student to the annual meeting
- Both the student and active member are present at the end of the annual meeting
- Winners of prior years, employees of Choptank Electric who are members and their dependents, and board of directors and their dependents are not eligible to participate.

Applicants must check-in at the Luck of the Draw Scholarship table at the annual meeting with their active, registered, Choptank Electric member before 6 p.m. to be entered for the drawing. Applicants will receive a confirmation that their completed packet we received. Applicants should follow up to ensure their packet was received if they don’t get a confirmation. Applicants will also receive a phone call once their application has been processed.

AGH to hold Walk with a Doc event at new Berlin location

(April 18, 2019) Atlantic General Hospital invites the community to its first Walk with a Doc event at the new location in downtown Berlin, Saturday, April 20, at 9 a.m.

This walk will kick off the hospital’s third year of the Walk with a Doc program.

Participants should meet at Town Hall, 10 William Street.

Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle.

“We are thrilled to bring this program to the Town of Berlin. Walking gives members of the community a healthy outlet to make strides toward their health goals,” said Michelle McGowan, BSN, RN, community education clinical coordinator at Atlantic General Hospital. “This program will also give the community the opportunity to have questions answered by healthcare providers from Atlantic General Hospital and Health System, and is a great way to maintain a healthy lifestyle.”

The Walk with a Doc program will be held on the third Saturday of each month. In the case of inclement weather, visit the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page for updates and cancellations.

According to the American Heart Association, walking has the lowest dropout rate of any physical activity. Walking is low impact; easier on the joints than running.

It is safe – with a doctor’s OK – for people with orthopedic ailments, heart conditions, and those who are more than 20 percent overweight. In addition, research has shown that people could gain two hours of life for each hour of regular exercise.

For more information, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/walkwithadoc or contact McGowan at 410-641-9268.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties is Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

Built through the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, Atlantic General’s main facility in Berlin combines the warmth of personalized attention with the reassurance of medical expertise and advanced technology.

The not-for-profit hospital provides quality specialty care in oncology, medical and surgical weight loss, orthopedics, and women’s diagnostics among other services.

Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, cares for residents and visitors throughout the region. For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org.

Walk with a Doc was started in 2005 by Dr. David Sabgir, a cardiologist in Columbus, Ohio.

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Sober and Stoked calling for donations

Walk with a Doc at new location

(April 18, 2019) “Sober and Stoked,” an organization co-founded by longtime Ocean City resident Eugene Stiltner, and his best friend, Scott French, will launch a pilot program on April 27 for Gear Donation Drives on the Eastern Shore.

Sober and Stoked’s mission is to help bring donated athletic and artistic “gear,” such as surfboards, snowboards, bicycles, tennis rackets, instruments and art supplies, into halfway houses and sober living houses across the country.

This would allow newly sober residents to rediscover a passion previously lost to addiction, or be inspired to find something new to pursue.

The two houses at “Hope 4 Recovery” Berlin and Salisbury and the seven houses at “Hudson Health,” will be the first beneficiaries of any items raised from the pilot program. The organizations help people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.

Those interested in making a donation should visit Sober and Stoked’s website or social media pages and send a message by April 23 to arrange items to be picked up. On April 27, organization representatives will pick donated items up from those living in Worcester and Wicomico counties.

Sober and Stoked is looking for lightly used, adult-sized items, books and DVD’s in the following categories: surfing/water-sports, bicycling, Yoga, weightlifting/fitness, fishing, traditional sports such as

baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, etc., art supplies and musical instruments.

The donations at this time will not be tax-exempt and cannot be claimed as a deduction on taxes. For more information, visit www.soberandstoked.com, www.Instagram.com/sober_and_stoked/ or www.facebook.com/soberandstoked/.

Using movies, speaking engagements, events, and gear drives Sober and Stoked is working to change the lives of those that are currently battling addiction and those that have gotten free of its clutches.

With over 17 years of friendship, and almost 25 years of sobriety between them, French and Stiltner are using their passion for action sports to help others discover their passion and purpose in sobriety.

French and Stiltner became friends in active addiction, and now have helped each other maintain their sobriety through snowboarding, surfing and a

passion for all life has to offer in sobriety.

Early on in their sobriety, they discovered they had a passion for helping other addicts and alcoholics get inspired to enjoy every moment free from addiction.

“It has been a dream of ours to continue to find a way to give something back to those that are battling addiction, or are in the often fragile stage of early sobriety where the smallest setback can lead the person back into addiction,” French said. “Both Eugene and I are committed to creating something with a lasting impact that can help people see how exciting sobriety can be.”

The group started a year and a half ago, and has produced a 42-minute documentary directed by local photographer, Nick Tribuno, titled “6 Gifts.”

The film stars six professional and amateur athletes that have used their respective sports to help them stay sober.

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behavior change in the clinical setting, Dr. Sabgir invited his patients to go for a walk with him in a local park on a spring Saturday morning.

To his surprise, over 100 people showed up, energized and ready to move.

Since that first event in 2005, Walk with a Doc has grown as a grassroots effort, with a model based on sustainability and simplicity.

The Walk added an executive director in 2009 and focused on building a program that could easily be implemented by interested doctors in other cities around the country. As a result of these efforts, the reach of Walk with a Doc now extends from California to New York with over 277 chapters in between.

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Shake 3X, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
April 20: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ
Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Flow-
ers for Taco, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ
Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Stellar Mojo,
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SDHS sophomore equestrian to ride in national finals

(April 18, 2019) Olivia Brown, a sophomore at Stephen Decatur High School, was the highest point earner in the Open Division in Zone 3 of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association and has qualified for the national finals in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on April 27.

She will compete in the Varsity Open Championship.

Brown rides for a team out of Easton, Little Clovelly-C-Line Stables, and competes in the Open Varsity Division with other high school riders.

Zone 3 encompasses North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

“To receive high point rider in this zone is an amazing accomplishment,



Olivia Brown, riding Lapis, has qualified for the national finals Varsity Open Championship in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 27.

particularly for such a young rider,” her coach, Hilary Gibbons-Neff, said.

She will compete against each high point rider from all 11 zones in the country.

Safe boating course, April 23-25

(April 18, 2019) The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course April 23-25 at the Ocean Pines Library, at 11107 Cathell Road.

The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of the course.

The class, held from 6-9 p.m. each evening, includes information about piloting in local waters, tying nautical

knots, foul weather tactics, legal issues and common marine maintenance.

The cost is \$15 for all three evenings. To register or for more information, call Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email cgauxoc@gmail.com.

There will also be classes June 4-6, July 9-11 and Sept 3-5, from 6-9 p.m. A one-day class will be available, Saturday, May 11 and Saturday, Aug. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City heard from the local Salvation Army in Salisbury, on Feb. 6 in the Ocean Pines Community Center during the group's weekly meeting. The local Kiwanis Club helps with the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign by manning a kettle at the Berlin Walmart for Christmas collections. Pictured, from left, are Salvation Army members Jacob Gilliam and Capt. Matt Trantham with Kiwanis Club President Dick Clagett.



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SCHOOL CELEBRATION

As a fun and memorable way to celebrate Worcester Prep's 100th day of school, Lower School students dressed up like they were 100 years old. Kindergarteners Tejal Pillai and Sol Prosser smile for the camera.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

DONATION

Robert Hammond, owner of Atlantic Physical Therapy, and his family recently donated \$25,000 toward the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future. Pictured, from left, are Michael Franklin, president and CEO of AGH; Toni Keiser, vice president of public relations at AGH; Hammond and his son, Bobby, PT, DPT; Michelle Fager, AGH Campaign for the Future co-chair; and Greg Shockley, chair of the Board of Trustees at AGH.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

KIWANIS VISITOR

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum Executive Director and Curator Sandy Hurley recently visited the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City. She is pictured receiving the guest speaker Kiwanis pen from club President Dick Clagett.



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SPONSORS

Stephen Decatur Middle School has a Kiwanis-sponsored student leadership club known as the Builders Club with over 20 members who are learning how to make a difference in their community. Pictured, from left, are faculty co-advisors Heather Hand and Anne Cook, and Kiwanis President Dick Clagett during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City meeting on Feb. 27.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

TOP ESSAYS

Stephen Decatur High School students earned first, second and third place out of 50 participants in the annual Ocean City-Berlin Optimist essay contest. Pictured, from left, are Ocean City-Berlin Optimist President Charles Smith, Optimist Francis Pilarski, Dori Krasner (first place, \$500), Joshua Miller (second place, \$300), Lydia Woodley (third place, \$200), Department Chair for English Sabra McIntosh, and Assistant Principal Trevor Hill. Krasner will now compete at the state level.

OP to host second-chance prom at community center

(April 18, 2019) The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is giving people a chance to relive prom, on Saturday, April 27 from 6-9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

“Holding a themed dance every season is a new goal for recreation and parks,” recreation programmer Katie Goetzinger said. “We thought we’d start with a prom theme, because everyone loves a reason to get dolled up.”

Prom-goers ages 21 and older are encouraged to don their favorite formal attire and enjoy music, dancing, snacks and punch. Alcoholic beverages will not be provided, but are permitted.

The evening will be capped off with the crowning of a prom king and queen.

“Anyone can be voted prom king and queen, so social clubs are encouraged to participate and vote for their favorite couple,” Goetzinger said.

Tickets for this special event, which is open to the public, cost \$20 per person. Pictures will be available for an additional \$5. Space is limited and guests are encouraged to purchase tickets early.

Tickets and information are available at the community center, on 235 Ocean Parkway, or by calling the recreation and parks department at 410-641-7052.

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

‘Choose Civility Campaign’ waives fines with program

(April 18, 2019) The Worcester County Library has added two new programs to its “Choose Civility Campaign” itinerary.

During the month of April, the library will accept personal care items in lieu of overdue fines. Each item donated will clear \$2 in fine fees.

The library is looking for items such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products and deodorant. Travel size items will be accepted.

Items must be new and unused. Items will be donated to Diakonia, a transitional housing facility in West Ocean City.

Fine forgiveness is an opportunity for the community to reconnect with the library and help a local organization.

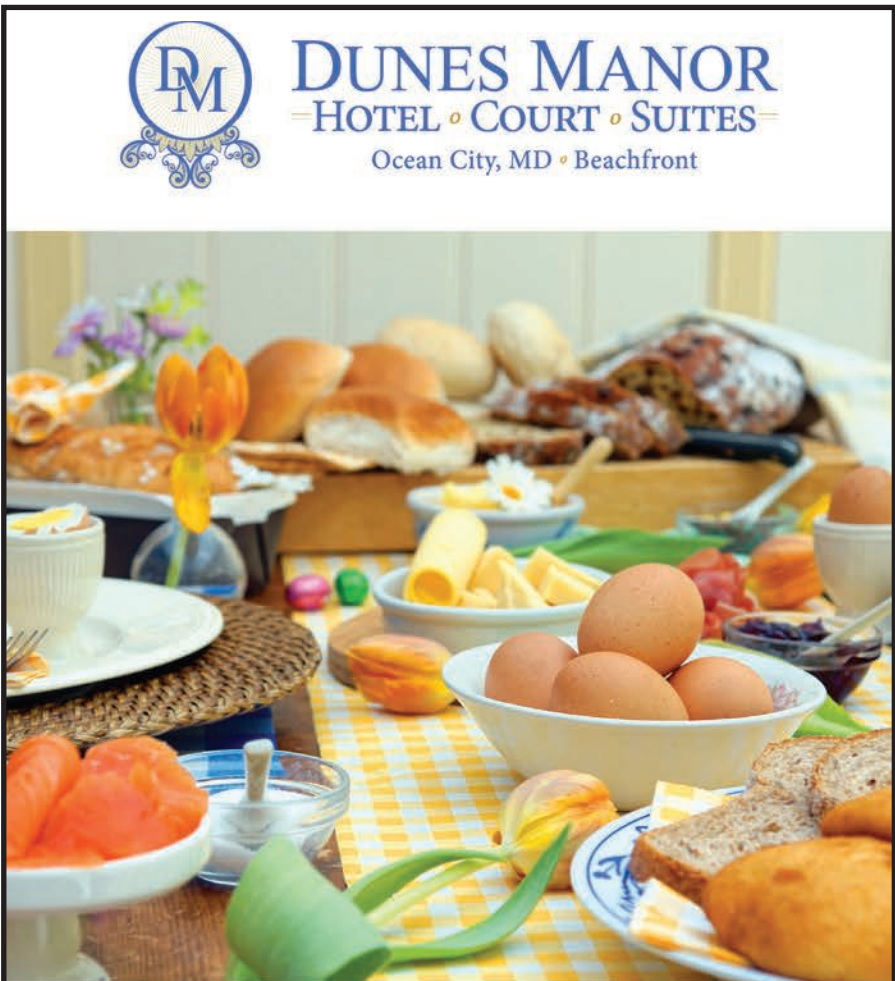
In addition, the “The Kindness Bus” will be visiting at all five branches of the Worcester County Library System on April 30, May 1 and May 2.

The goal of “The Kindness Bus” is to teach people to perform “One Million Acts of Kindness” in their life.

The program teaches participants to find the kindness and passion in their hearts to help someone in need. Adults and teenagers can set the example for young children to emulate.

The bus schedule is April 30: Berlin Branch at 10:30 a.m. and Snow Hill Branch at 4 p.m. May 1: Ocean City Branch at 10:30 a.m. and Ocean Pines Branch at 5 p.m. May 2: Pocomoke Branch at 4 p.m.

Pick up a civility passport for a chance to win the grand prize in May. For more information, visit www.WorcesterLibrary.org or call 410-632-3970.



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Thurs., April 18

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. and business meeting at 10 a.m. The project for April will be cheese ball carrots. These will be sold at White Horse Park, Saturday, April 20. All profits will be donated back to the community at the end of the year.

SOCIAL SECURITY 101

Town of Berlin, 10 William St., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The presentation contains valuable information about Social Security benefits, such as retirement, disability, survivors and family, as well as Medicare and will be followed by a question and answer session. Free ad open to the public. Register: 410-641-2770.

STORY TIME 'FRIENDSHIP'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STEAM STORY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Stories and crafts for young children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

HOLY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Includes hand-washing symbolizing cleansing, Holy Communion and stripping the sanctuary. All are welcome. 410-641-2186

MAKERSPACE

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Use the 3D printer and learn about StudioC, a digital media lab. Explore virtual realty, podcasting, stop motion animation and green screen video production. Some of the equipment is for ages 13 years and older and requires parental permission. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

HOMEMADE CHOCOLATES

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Learn how to dip, decorate and prepare chocolates to make elegant gift boxes or bouquets. Participants will take home some luscious chocolates. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

THIRD THURSDAY THROWBACK THEATRE

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:30

PM. Classic movies on the big screen with full surround sound experience. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

2019 TOAST FOR THE COAST

West-O Bottle Shop & Bar, 12611 Ocean Gateway, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Free tastings of organic wines by Bonterra Wine and a rum tasting by Lyon Distilling Company. Food samplings from OC Wasabi, Shotti's Point and Barn 34. West-O Bottle Shop will offer specials and donate a percentage of the evenings proceeds to Assateague Coastal Trust. There will also be a gift basket auction. There is no entrance fee. Nicole Maskell, nicole@actforbays.org, 410-629-1538, <http://www.ACTforBays.org/act-events>

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 7:00 PM. The theme is Walk into Your Future. 410-641-0270

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., April 19

DEADLINE FOR APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold their April Luncheon Meeting on April 25 at Mad Fish Bar & Grill Restaurant in West Ocean City at 11 a.m. The theme will be Welcome Home Legislators. Guest speakers will be Senator Mary Beth Carozzo, Delegate Wayne Hartman and Delegate Charles Otto. In addition, Commissioner Chip Bartino will speak on local issues. Cost is \$20. Reservations: Ann Lutz, annlutz60@gmail.com, 410-208-9767 by April 19.

CENTERS OF THE CROSS

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Centers include intercessory prayer and personal reflections.

Come when you wish and stay as long as you like. All are welcome. 410-641-2186

EASTER KIDS FUN FAIR PLUS ART & CRAFT SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Activities include Easer egg hunts, the Easter Bunny, puppet shows, balloon animal making classes, juggling shows, coloring tables, jelly bean guess, juggling classes, balloonomania, musical chairs, hula hoop contests, fastest dresser relays, limbo contest and egg spoon races. Admission costs \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors (60+) and students (4-18) and free to children 3 years and younger and military, police and fire with ID. Admission includes above listed activities. Pay as you go activities include bounces, rides, rock climbing wall, photos with the Easter Bunny and additional activities. The craft show will feature more than 70 vendors. events@oceanpromotions.info, <http://www.oceanpromotions.info>

PRE-BOARDWALKIN' FOR PETS DINNER AND AUCTION

Seacrets, 117 49th St., 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and music provided by Slide Project. Also featuring silent auction items ranging from \$10 to \$800. Tickets cost \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the Worcester County Humane Society Thrift Shop on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City or by calling 443-235-5647. Attendees must be 21 years and older.

EGG-STRAVAGANZA DIVE AND POOL PARTY

Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Divers and snorkelers, ages 11 years and young, will get a chance to fish out brightly colored eggs from the indoor pool. Cost is \$6 per swimmer and \$3 for non-swimmers. Children under age 6 must have an adult in the water with them. Life jackets are available at no charge. <http://www.oceanpines.org>

Sat., April 20

EASTER FARMERS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market, which operates every Saturday at White Horse Park, will be open for Easter festivities in conjunction with the celebration. Vendors will be selling a variety of seasonal produce, baked goods, floral arrangements, eggs, seafood, meat, pet treats, bath products and more.

WALK WITH A DOC

Meet at the Berlin Town Hall, 10 Willam Street, 9:00 AM. A healthy physical activity that also gives participants the opportunity to have questions answered by healthcare providers. In the case of in-

clement weather, visit the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page for updates and cancellations. Michelle McGowan, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/walkwithadoc>

20TH ANNUAL BOARDWALKIN' FOR PETS

Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Raise money for the walk and receive prizes. There is a \$25 minimum. In addition to prizes for highest pledge earners, there will be contests for largest dog, smallest dog, best dressed dog and best dog trick. Refreshments will be provided. For those who want to adopt a dog for the walk, call 410-213-0046 before the day of the event. There will also be a contest for cutest cat. To enter, bring a photo of your cat with your contact information written on the back. This event is rain or shine. Pledge and registration forms: <https://www.crowdrise.com/20thAnnualBoardwalkinforPets>.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 AM. The speaker will be retired NASA flight engineer and aircraft maintenance operations manager Dave Barrett. In addition, Budd Heim will provide an update on spring flounder fishing. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

EASTER KIDS FUN FAIR PLUS ART & CRAFT SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Activities include Easer egg hunts, the Easter Bunny, puppet shows, balloon animal making classes, juggling shows, coloring tables, jelly bean guess, juggling classes, balloonomania, musical chairs, hula hoop contests, fastest dresser relays, limbo contest and egg spoon races. Admission costs \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors (60+) and students (4-18) and free to children 3 years and younger and military, police and fire with ID. Admission includes above listed activities. Pay as you go activities include bounces, rides, rock climbing wall, photos with the Easter Bunny and additional activities. The craft show will feature more than 70 vendors. events@oceanpromotions.info, <http://www.oceanpromotions.info>

BERLIN SPRING CELEBRATION

Downtown Berlin, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Free event. The day will be filled with themed games and crafts, a moon bounce, face-painting, story time, live music and more. A pancake breakfast with Peter Rabbit takes place from 8:45-10:15 a.m. at Rayne's Reef. Reservations required for breakfast: 410-641-4775 or chamberinfo@berlinchamber.org. An egg hunt will be held at 1 p.m. on the corner of Washington and West streets. And a Madhatter parade starts at 3 p.m. a Worcester Youth & Family Services.

CALENDAR

The four categories for judging include Berlin green (out of recycled material), Most Outrageous, Most Original and Cutest. Be there 15 minutes early to register. <http://www.berlinchamber.org>

RUN JUMP THROW

Worcester County Recreation Center, 6030 Public Landing Road, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. A free, hands-on learning program that gets kids excited about physical activity. Open to students in 3rd to 8th grades. Register: runjumpthrow.usatf.org. Myro Small, msmall@co.worcester.md.us, 410-632-2144, Ext. 2512

MD CHIP PROGRAM OFFERED

Evergreen Lodge #153, 109 N. Main St., 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This program can be used for children and vulnerable adults. Trained volunteers collect all vital statistics of participants and seal them in an envelope and then give them to parents or caregivers for safekeeping. Participants are photographed, digital fingerprints are taken, a video recording of the participant speaking and DNA are collected with a cheek swab. A military sweep is done of the information after each participant. This is a free service. Pete Jones, gjones21811@verizon.net, 410-726-3269

BEACH CLEAN UP

Just show up at 11:00 AM at 135th Street and ocean and join the Surfrider Chapter of Ocean City in collecting litter on the beach.

EASTER/SPRING CELEBRATION

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Enjoy face painting, bounce houses, pony rides, games, arts & crafts, food, goodies, an Easter bonnet parade and egg hunts. Easter egg hunts will be held during the event for children up to age 10 as follows: 11:30 a.m. for ages 1-3, 12 p.m. for ages 4-6, 1 p.m. for ages 7-10. The Easter bonnet parade and contest, which is open to children up to age 10, will begin at 12:30 p.m. <http://www.oceanpines.org>

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carry-out available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

EASTER BUNNY FUN SHOP

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. For children 2-10 years and their families. Activities include an egg hunt, arts and crafts, face painting, entertainment, game booths, egg dyeing, refreshments and the Easter Bunny. Pre-registration required: 410-250-0125.

SHORE MIXX BAND & SPAGHETTI DINNER

American Legion Berlin Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., 3:00 PM - 7:00

PM. Dinner includes spaghetti and meat sauce or marinara sauce, salad and dinner roll. Cost is \$8. Public is welcome.

EXTREME ILLUSIONS & ESCAPES MAGIC SHOW

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM. Tickets cost \$35, \$40 and \$45 Tickets available at Ticketmaster and at the Convention Center Box Office.

\$5 FILM NIGHT

Art League of Ocean City Ocean City, 502 94TH STREET BAYSIDE, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Join us for another screening brought to you by the Ocean City Film Festival featuring the winner of the 2019 Ocean City Film Festival's Pink Flamingo Award (Audience Choice): "End the Silence" by Javenna and Eric Myrieckes. A powerful story from the local film production team that is Urban Vision Works. Art League of Ocean City, megan@artleagueofoceancity.org, 4105249433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/5-film-night-16/>

Sun., April 21

20TH ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 6:00 AM. Seating will be provided. If inclement weather, the service will be held at Showell Elementary School. In addition, a 9 a.m. service will be held at the school.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

On the beach at N. Division Street, 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM. Sponsored by Ocean City Christian Ministers Association. Open to all. Sean Davis, ocbenacl@hotmail.com, 410-289-6573

EASTER OUTDOOR SUNRISE SERVICE

Assateague State Park, 6915 Stephen Decatur Highway, 6:30 AM. Take lawn chairs and dress warmly. Easter breakfast will take place immediately after at Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 410-641-2186. Donations requested. Easter Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Mon., April 22

STEAM STORY TME 'KINDNESS CRAFTS'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. Stories and crafts of young children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

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

BUILDERNOON 'KEVA'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Buildernoon is all about unstructured building fun. Drop

in anytime during the event. For ages 2 years and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

OP COMMUNITY MEETING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM. Open to all members of the Ocean Pines community. By bringing together a variety of community participants the information and opinions will be shared, resources and volunteers will be identified and goals and action will be established.

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., April 23

BEN FRANKLIN LIVING HISTORY PRESENTATION

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Actor Brian Patrick Mulligan portrays Ben Franklin as he lived by exemplifying 13 virtues of civility. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME 'EARTH DAY'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Featuring Earth Day inspired crafts and activities. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of the course. Cost is \$15 for all three evenings, April 23-25. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

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

Wed., April 24

WITTY KNITTERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crochet enthusiasts and needle artists of all skill levels are encouraged to join this casual morning of sharing. Work on your favorite patterns and exchange ideas. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME 'BABY ANIMALS'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal High-

way, 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MAKERSPACE

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Use the 3D printer and learn about StudioOC, a digital media lab. Explore virtual reality, podcasting, stop motion animation and green screen video presentation. Some of the equipment is for ages 13 years and older and require parental permission. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FREE PROSTATE SCREENING EVENT

Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Free for men at increased risk for prostate cancer. A radiation oncologist and urologist will be on-hand to provide education and conduct digital rectal exams; blood draws will be available to test PSA, or prostate-specific antigen levels. Pre-registration required: 410-629-6288.

SNOW HILL BOOK OF THE MONTH

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:30 PM. This month's selection is The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende. Copies of the book are available at the library in advance. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - LIFE AFTER LOSS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. A supportive and safe place for members to share stories confidentially and spend time with others who understand. No sign-ins and no special advanced requirements to attend. Gail Mansell, gmansell@atlantic-general.org, 410-641-9725

ORIGINALS ONLY

Art League of Ocean City Ocean City, 502 94th Street, bayside, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Free! Live music and stand-up comedy by local up-and-coming artists in an alcohol-free, coffeehouse setting. Free coffee by Coastal Coffee Roasting. Art League of Ocean City, megan@artleagueofoceancity.org, 4105249433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/originals-only-23/>

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. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

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Wednesdays - Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. 302-540-2127

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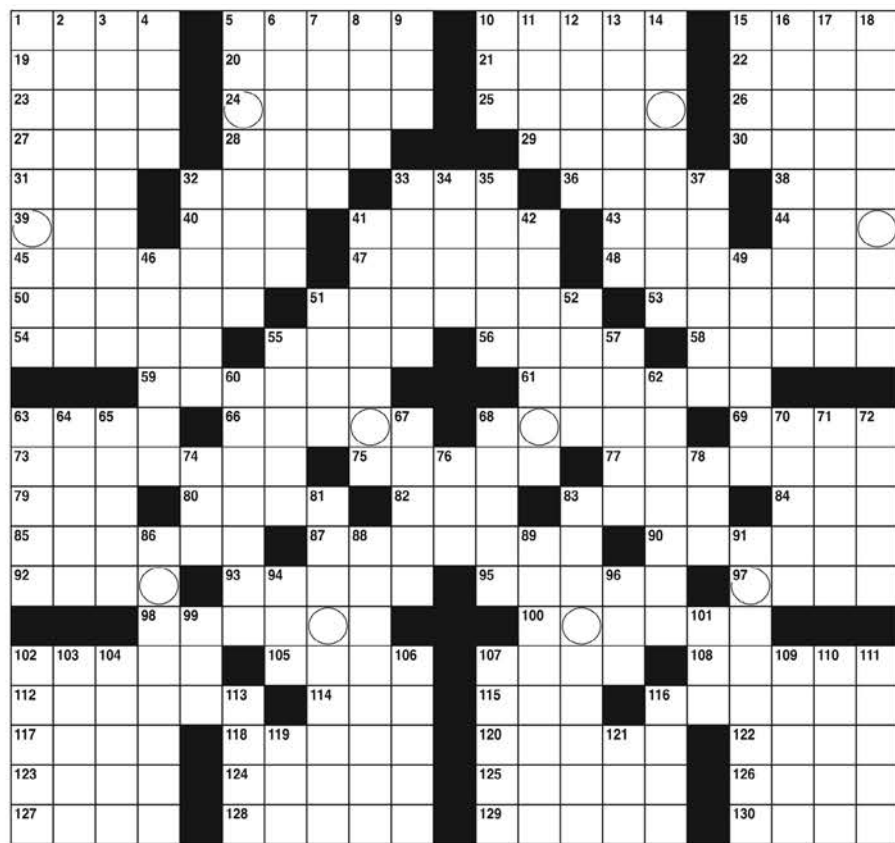
LEFT/RIGHT SYMMETRY

BY WILL NEDIGER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Will Nediger, of London, Ontario, has a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Michigan. These days he makes his living by constructing crosswords and writing trivia questions. His quiz-bowl team won the 2016 A.C.F. Nationals and the 2017 Intercollegiate Championship Tournament. The reason for this puzzle's unusual grid pattern with left-right symmetry will soon be clear. — W.S.

- ACROSS**
1 [I don't believe it!]
5 Time to treat yourself
10 "The Chosen" novelist Potok
15 Vaper's purchase, for short
19 Performer at a canine talent show in "Garfield: The Movie"
20 Water or rust
21 "Au contraire ..."
22 Paul of "There Will Be Blood"
23 "Toodle-oo!"
24 Territories
25 Mascara mishap
26 Sort of
27 Work with a number
28 Just fabulous
29 Guest bed when you don't have an actual guest bed
30 Mr. ____ (fictional sleuth)
31 Grp. that often has its first meeting in the fall
32 Onetime trans-Atlantic fliers, for short
33 Things to skip
36 Major to-do
38 Thanks for waiting
39 Word with "in," "on" or "in on"
- DOWN**
1 What some carefree beachgoers do
2 Got comfortable with
3 Pickle
4 Samosa ingredients
5 Epitome of slowness
6 Some track bets
7 Takes a few courses?
8 Goes on to say
9 "Right you are!"
10 Longtime broadcaster of the Masters golf tournament
11 Runs perfectly
12 Tasted, quaintly
13 Down
14 Quagmires
15 Dutch cheese
16 "Murder, She Wrote" setting
17 In the club
18 Start printing
32 Treat with utter contempt
33 Imitation
34 Homes in the woods
35 Seaside rental
37 Get hitched
41 Like the legs of a daddy longlegs
42 Laundry setting
46 Tex-Mex dish
49 Must
51 Walletfuls
52 Part of a dark cloud
55 Verb with "thou"
- ACROSS**
40 Road safety spot, e.g., for short
41 Blueprint details
43 Cryptanalysis org.
44 Tram part
45 Enlightens
47 Affix with a thumbtack
48 Important address
50 Ermines, in the summer
51 Hits the jackpot
53 They're full of holes
54 Actress Sohn of "The Wire"
55 "Phooey!"
56 Popular girl's name any way you look at it
58 Not just words
59 "Curious ..."
61 Father figure?
63 "Begone!"
66 What "T" may represent commercially
68 Clarinetist Shaw
69 Bout enders, informally
73 Samurai swords
75 Delish
77 Totally apt
79 What you might write to someone you like
80 2016 No. 1 Rihanna album
82 Peeples person?
83 Goddess represented wearing a solar disk
84 Artless nickname?
- DOWN**
85 Wreck site
87 Web user
90 Cousin of a martini
92 Blogger's code
93 Cuzco residents
95 Person with a record
97 Some breads ... or a homophone for what bread loaves do
98 Historical records
100 Flower traditionally used to relieve inflammation
102 Airheaded
105 No-nos in many apartment buildings
107 Hook's helper
108 Junk transporters
112 Get ready for a long auto trip
114 Gaping opening
115 Cook in the news
116 Troy of N.F.L. fame
117 ____ Spumante (wine)
118 Having a high B.M.I., say
120 Seemingly forever
122 Literary character who says, "Cassio's a proper man"
123 TV's "____ Is Us"
124 Object of wishful thinking?
125 Home of the 2016 men's and women's Olympic marathon winners
126 "Begone!"
127 Pricing word
128 Not bottled, say

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- ACROSS**
57 "Ciao!"
60 Sub
62 Roberto of "Life Is Beautiful"
63 Mere smidgen
64 Starfleet Academy attendee
65 Starting lineup
67 Dahlia and Agatha, in the Jeeves novels by P.G. Wodehouse
68 Dazzle
70 ____-face
- DOWN**
71 How a ballerina might be seen
72 Knocks the socks off
74 Not, to a Scot
76 Early millennium year
78 Next-to-last letter
81 Stormy
83 Unit in a bar graph
86 ABC sitcom about the Johnsons
88 Oceania's enemy, in "1984"
- ACROSS**
89 Probes
91 Slightly salty
94 Rip Van Winkle had a long one
96 Liftoff preceder
99 Sch. from which Lady Gaga and Woody Allen were dropouts
101 15-season show set in Vegas
102 Chihuahua, e.g.
103 Ottoman rank
- DOWN**
104 Madcap
106 4-0, e.g.
107 Pump up
109 Poker variety
110 Part of an old train
111 Hair net
113 ____ stick
116 Some prosecutors, for short
119 Michael Jackson's second album
121 Countdown time, for short

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