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Chocolate lab Finster, 2, leaps into the water while his owner, Jeff Leonard, of Rutland, Vermont, watches during the Ultimate Air Dogs competition during Pooch Palooza at Frontier Town in Berlin, on Saturday.

Geese control action not needed

Small population negates plan for spring patrols by flock-harassing collies

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) The steep decline in the resident goose population at Ocean Pines' ponds, following the eradication of a large year-round flock last June, has negated the need for another round-up and removal this spring.

Canada geese, once a protected species, has taken up residence in the state in overwhelming numbers in recent decades, electing not to migrate north. The result has been that resident geese are considered as invasive

by some people and organizations, and a nuisance species by many more.

Last June, the Ocean Pines Association announced it had "contracted with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for the removal of resident Canada geese as a part of the USDA's wildlife damage management project."

The subsequent euthanizing of hundreds of Canada geese caused an outcry by some residents in the community, despite the problems the birds created.

Last fall, the board of directors brought in the Maryland Geese Control. The company prevented geese from returning by using border col-

lies to patrol the two ponds by the north and south gates.

Plans to employ the company's services again this spring were abandoned by the board of directors because the resident goose population has remained so small, Director Steve Tuttle said.

"We had planned to have this company return this spring, but there did not seem to be any need as the goose population was small enough that it was felt no further action was required at this time," Tuttle said. "OPA has done nothing this spring to impact the goose population in any way. Signs were also posted last fall asking people not to feed the geese. This may have helped some

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Berlin tax rate proposal falls a few notches

Mayor, council present plan to go from 68 to 80 cents

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) After months of debate and presentations, members of the Berlin Town Council now appear to favor a tax increase much lower than the harshly criticized 30 percent.

When next year's budget was introduced last week, Mayor Gee Williams presented what amounted to a 29 percent property tax increase. During a work session on Monday, however, Williams and councilmembers instead discussed raising the 68-cent rate by 17.6 percent.

The newly proposed rate would come out to \$.80 per \$100 of assessed value for the upcoming fiscal year, according to Mayor Gee Williams. Fiscal year 2021's rate it "to be determined."

For \$200,000 of assessed value, the new rate would figure \$1,640 total per year and a \$240 increase, which represents a \$20-per-month increase, he said.

For properties assessed at \$400,000, Williams said the tax bill would be \$3,280 per year, which is a \$480 increase or \$40 more per month.

They agreed the 29 percent tax rate, or \$.88 per \$100 of assessed value, introduced during an April 22 council meeting was too high.

"It was a good place to start and got everybody to pay attention," Williams said.

Fifty businesses cosigned a letter read by Salt Water Media owner Stephanie Fowler, and numerous residents expressed their frustrations with the proposed 29 percent increase dur-

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'I apologize for not raising taxes more often'
Mayor Gee Williams

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Directors consider survey results

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) A 15 percent return on Ocean Pines' community survey conducted last summer has members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors considering how to address the concerns listed by the respondents.

The survey was issued by the Communications Advisory Committee to all 8,452 property owners in Ocean Pines, and the results showed that their greatest concerns were related to infrastructure.

"As liaison to the communication committee I observed the process, [while] the communications committee analyzed the results, and they went over it with a pretty fine-tooth comb," board member Dr. Colette Horn said.

According to the survey results, 1,773 property owners, or roughly 15 percent of property owners, filled out the questionnaire with. Sixty-six percent of the respondents were between 55-75 years old, 24 percent were over 75 and eight percent were between 40 and 54 years of age. Just two percent

were between 25-39 and no one under 25 completed the survey.

Residents were asked to rate development priorities on a scale of 1-5. The top answers earning a 5, or highest priority, were drainage (64 percent), other (49 percent), road paving (35 percent), lighting of intersections (32 percent), police/administration building (31 percent), general community landscaping (29 percent), beach club building (28 percent), and mailboxes (26 percent).

"I think with our new organiza-

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Volunteers needed for Ambassador Program in Berlin

(May 2, 2019) America's Coolest Small Town is looking for volunteers to help with the Town of Berlin's Ambassador Program.

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Berlin council reveals revised tax rate plan

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ing a three-hour meeting last Monday night.

Councilman Zack Tyndall then im-
plored his fellow elected officials to
schedule another work session.

“Because I mean, honestly, I think
it’s a good foot forward, but I can’t vote
for it in the way that it is right at this
moment,” Tyndall said in April.

John Stern, managing partner of
PKS & Company accountants said
Monday night “it was unforgivable”
that there hadn’t been a tax increase in
12 years.

“I apologize for not raising taxes
more often,” Williams replied.

Before reaching a compromise, the
mayor and council reviewed several
property tax rate scenarios:

- A 30 percent increase, or \$.88 per
\$100 of assessed value for fiscal year
2020
- A 20 percent increase, or \$.82 per
\$100 of assessed value for fiscal year
2020 and a 7 percent increase or \$.88
per \$100 of assessed value for fiscal
year 2021
- A 15 percent increase, or \$.78 per
\$100 of assessed value for fiscal year
2020 and a 7 percent increase or \$.83
per \$100 of assessed value for fiscal
year 2021



Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, left, Councilmen Dean Burrell and Troy Purnell, as well as Town Administrator Laura Allen, converse during a work session Monday evening.

• A 7 percent increase, or \$.73 per
\$100 of assessed value for fiscal year
2020

The variation of the new proposed
rate comes from the second option,
which was lowered from the 20 per-
cent increase.

“This has to be a collective deci-
sion,” Williams said.

Additionally, members of the mayor
and council concurred that an aggres-
sive approach to covering the sewer
service expense would work best, going
to a 25 percent increase as opposed to
the recently proposed 20 percent.

“This stops further borrowing from
the general fund,” Williams said.

The water utility fee would increase
by 5 percent.

“No doubt about [it], the waste-
water rate has got to break even,” said

Councilman Troy Purnell.

Town Administrator Laura Allen
also said having an expert assess the
water and wastewater utility and re-
structure to account for equivalent
dwelling units, debt service repayment
and building capital is crucial.

“There is no doubt we need an ex-
pert on this,” Purnell said.

Williams said the restructuring
would begin for fiscal year 2021.

Williams briefly allowed public
comment from the floor, and resident
Jim Meckly urged the members of the
mayor and council not to impose a 30
percent tax increase. However, there
appeared to be a miscommunication
between the two as Williams had al-
ready clarified they didn’t want to do
that.

“I think your mind is made up,”

Meckly said.

Williams then pounded his fist on
the desk in anger.

“I am damn tired of people telling
me what I think,” Williams said. “I
have to put out the word there of what
our situation is financially. I think we
[are] trying to come up with the best
possible solution we can, and we’re not
considering that proposed rate. We’ve
heard the votes, we’ve said it’s got to
come down. Now we’re trying to figure
out what is the lowest rate actually that
we can have and still meet obliga-
tions.”

Councilmen Purnell and Elroy Brit-
tingham told Meckly they’ve listened
to the public’s concerns.

“Don’t think we haven’t heard you,”
Purnell said. “We’re making the best
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JUL 30 – AUG 29	Mumford's Landing	10

INSTRUCTOR: Edith Vogl, Certified Water Arts Instructor
FEE: Swim Member \$34; OP Resident \$42; Non-Resident \$52;
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Dates	Pool	# of Classes
APR 17 – MAY 24	Sports Core	12 (6 weeks)
JUN 5 – JUL 12	Sports Core	12 (6 weeks)
JUL 24 – AUG 30	Yacht Club	12 (6 weeks)
SEP 11 – OCT 18	Sports Core	12 (6 weeks)

INSTRUCTOR: Chrissy Ehrhart, Certified Yoga Instructor
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Tyndall proposes cuts, but budget already has them

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decision we can with the information we got.”

Tyndall said he had combed through the budget looking for things to cut from several departments, including BJ’s and Sam’s Club memberships, cell phone and travel expenses.

Other council members opposed the work cell phone expense because they felt the reimbursement was necessary.

“I think the cell phone thing would seriously impact services ... I would hate to see that cut because when stuff breaks, it’s the staff that we have to contact and get up with and we pretty much require that they have a cell phone in those cases. So if we’re going to require, I would have to support it,” Councilman Dean Burrell said.

Tyndall also proposed ridding himself personally of a BJ’s and Sam’s Club membership, a cell phone and travel obligations.

“We already cut it, just so you know,” Williams responded.

That then prompted back-and-forth between Williams and Tyndall.

“It’s not just one council[person], we’re gonna treat everybody the same, and it’s already been done,” Williams said.

Tyndall still said he wanted to cover his own expenses.

“No, no, you are trying to be some sort of sacrifice when we’ve already made that cut in the proposed budget that’s being considered,” Williams said.

Williams said a first reading of the tax rate ordinance as well as a public hearing for the proposed budget is set for 7 p.m. on May 13 in Town Hall on William Street in Berlin.

Councilman Thom Gulyas was not present during Monday’s work session because of personal circumstances.

Dead fish not cause for alarm

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geese to move on to more fruitful areas.”

Residents also were alarmed by the sight of dead fish in the water recently, leading some to suggest a poison might have been used to eliminate the geese and affected the aquatic life instead. Tuttle said that is not the case.

“As to the dead fish ... I have heard the same report and seen some pictures,” Tuttle said. “My understanding is this is related to algae growth and a reduction of oxygen in the water causing some fish to die. I am confident that OPA has done nothing that would cause the death of the fish.”

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Interim GM and directors disband management team

Viola and board decide new leadership working well enough after month

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Ocean Pines interim General Manager John Viola announced Friday that he and the OPA board of directors have disbanded the transition management team put in place following the departure of General Manager John Bailey in February.

The group, comprised of the board of directors and Viola, was created to assist in overseeing the management of the community as the board looked to fill the leadership position.

“Because there was no general manager in place, the board put this temporary management team into place to work with the department heads to help Ocean Pines,” Viola said. “When they filled the position with me on the temporary basis, we decided to leave the temporary management team in place until I could evaluate further on what was needed.”

For roughly a month after taking on the responsibilities as interim general manager, Viola appointed Recreation Director Colby Phillips operations manager and oversaw the advisory committees. Finance Director Steve Phillips continued to oversee the business side of the association.

That combination worked well enough quickly enough to prompt Viola to recommend the team’s dissolution.

“I spoke to Doug Parks and the board, made a recommendation and the board agreed to disband the transition management team because we had a lot of success over the last month and we felt that it was not needed,” Viola said. There was a lot of participation, a lot of communication on the way I handled the advisory teams and other meetings.”

President Doug Parks released a statement on Friday to make the end of the management team official.


“With John Viola in the role of interim general manager for the past several weeks, he and his team have done an extremely effective job in managing the operations of OPA,” Parks said in the release. “Given the current conditions and based on John’s recommendation that the transition management team is no longer required, the transition management team will be officially disbanded as of Friday, April 26. We congratulate John and the OPA staff for their efforts during this time and look forward to their continued success in the daily management of the Association.”

Viola also has released an updated organizational chart that shows the structure of the association and the relationships, functions and relative ranks of its departments. The chart has been reviewed and approved by Viola, Finance Director Steve Phillips and Operations Director Colby Phillips.

The chart can be viewed at www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Ocean_Pines_Association_Organizational_Chart_2019.pdf.



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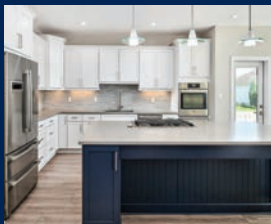
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i.g. Burton talks expansion plans for Berlin

Car retailer outlines ideas for renovations to Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep, creation of new Chevrolet dealerships

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Start your engines: Berlin has a new car dealership, and its ownership has plans to revamp it.

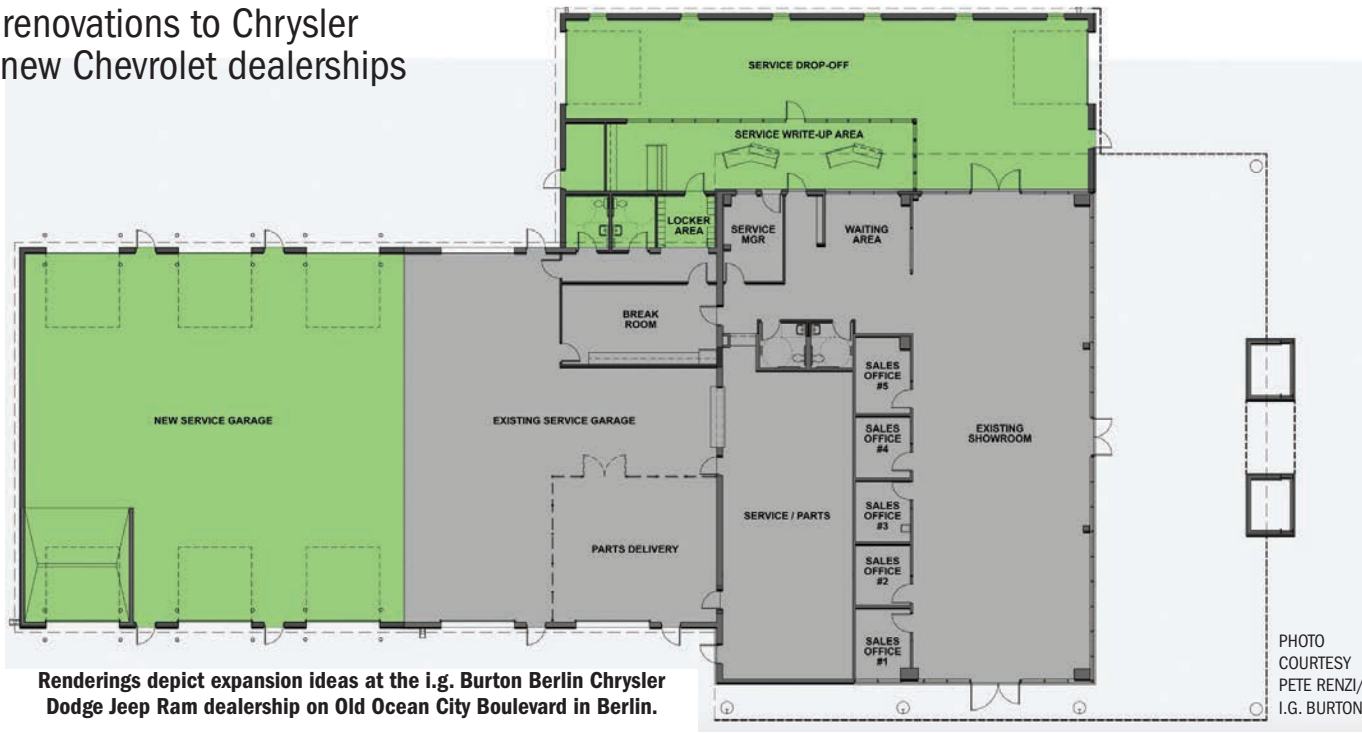


Charles Burton

The multi-dealer-ship company i.g. Bur-ton, based in Milford, Delaware, celebrated its acquisition of the former Barrett family business last summer with a reception last Wednesday, during which company presi-dent Charles Burton outlined plans for the expansion of the Old Ocean City Boulevard properties. The company also operates dealerships in Milford, Lewes, Smyrna and Seaford, Delaware.

“We’re going to be making a signif-icant investment in Berlin, and we feel the people in the town are great and deserve such an investment,” Burton said Monday. “They’re nice people. They’re good people, and we really like the community, we really do. We think it’s a good market and we’re happy to be in it.”

Pete Renzi, director of operations at i.g. Burton, said the exact figures for



the venture are unclear, but added that “it’s a considerable expense.”

He estimated that the work at the Chrysler dealership would cost roughly \$1.5 million, and the Chevro-let project would be “somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$5 million.”

Renzi said the expansion comes in two parts: one shop at a time.

The Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep shop

is expected to increase by approxi-mately 8,000 square feet to include a shop with eight work stalls and a drive-thru. Renzi added these plans come as “part of [Chrysler Fiat Amer-ica’s] millennium branding image for facilities.”

Across the street, the retailer has plans to demolish the current struc-ture and rebuild the dealership. Renzi

also said the company hopes to annex the property into the Town of Berlin.

Mayor Gee Williams said he’s look-ing forward to having i.g. Burton within the town limits.

“I think their plans are very much in character with what I hoped for ... when we extended the sewer along old Ocean City Boulevard,” Williams said. “I think that they have a reputation for

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Bids for the renovation projects at the Chrysler Dodge Ram Jeep store are due Friday, according to Renzi, who said he’d like to begin construction by June and finish by the end of the year.

As for the Chevrolet shop, Renzi said the annexation process takes about three months, and he anticipates construction starting before the end of 2020 and finishing by 2021.

When the dealership’s undertaking



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is complete, Renzi said he hopes it will improve the customer service experience.

“It’s important that the facility is able to service our customers, I mean that’s the biggest advantage,” Renzi said. “By separating out the service and sales, it gives us focus on those particular brands and for those customers.”

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Paula Gray to run for OP board again

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Paula Gray, 72, who came within a couple of dozen votes of gaining a seat on the Ocean Pines Board of Directors last year, will try again this election, and plans to file for office on Monday.

Gray grew up in Baltimore City, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, worked for the federal government as a contractual employee for nine years and worked as a railroad yard master for 31 years. She moved to Ocean Pines with her husband of 40 years three years ago.

The 1,526 votes she received in last year's contest, was 23 votes short of the 1,549 collected by Esther Diller in her successful campaign.

"[We] need more people on the board who realize they are responsible to the people here in Ocean Pines," Gray said. "They're supposed to know what's going on and they're supposed to do this. We don't know why Bailey left," she said of the February departure of General Manager



Paula Gray

John Bailey. The reason given publicly was that it was mutual decision between Bailey and the board.

Gray plans to run with three objectives for her campaign: provide "true transparency" for residents, promote voter confidence in younger residents and offer residents a chance to receive answers during board meetings.

"We have a board meeting where you can't ask a question. That's obscene," Gray said. "You can make a comment, but if you make the comment in the form of a question they don't answer. I just wanted to have people start to think. You're not getting answers ... you can go to meetings, you can say things, you can ask things ... they'll tell you to send an email.

"A board is nothing more than an arm of the people who live here," she continued.

To combat this, Gray suggested the

installation of an ombudsman group, which could be two to five people who would collect questions from residents, compile them and present them to the board.

Gray also pointed out the low response rate from residents regarding a communitywide survey mailed last August, noting that the majority of people who did respond were 55 or older.

"[My younger neighbors] don't participate in anything because they don't believe, first, that they're going to have an impact," Gray said. "Second, with all the brouhaha about the budget these days, it was done mostly by people who were well over 60."

A lack of interest in the association's operations will have a negative impact, Gray said.

"If we don't do anything to stop this stagnation of participating, we're not going to have a Pines," Gray said. "We only pay \$987 (in assessments). The Pines will fail because we are not attending to what needs to be done."

The last day for file for candidacy is May 10.

Bertino to host town meeting at Pines library, Sat.

(May 2, 2019) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county. Commissioner Bertino's guest speakers include Worcester County Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli, Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser and Lynne Barton, principal of Stephen Decatur Middle School.

Sheriff Crisafulli will discuss his views on law enforcement efforts within the county and his tenure since taking office last December.

Heiser will share developments and initiatives in her office since being sworn in this past January.

Barton will present her experiences and perspectives as principal the middle school.

For more information, contact Bertino at cbertino@co.worcester.md.us.

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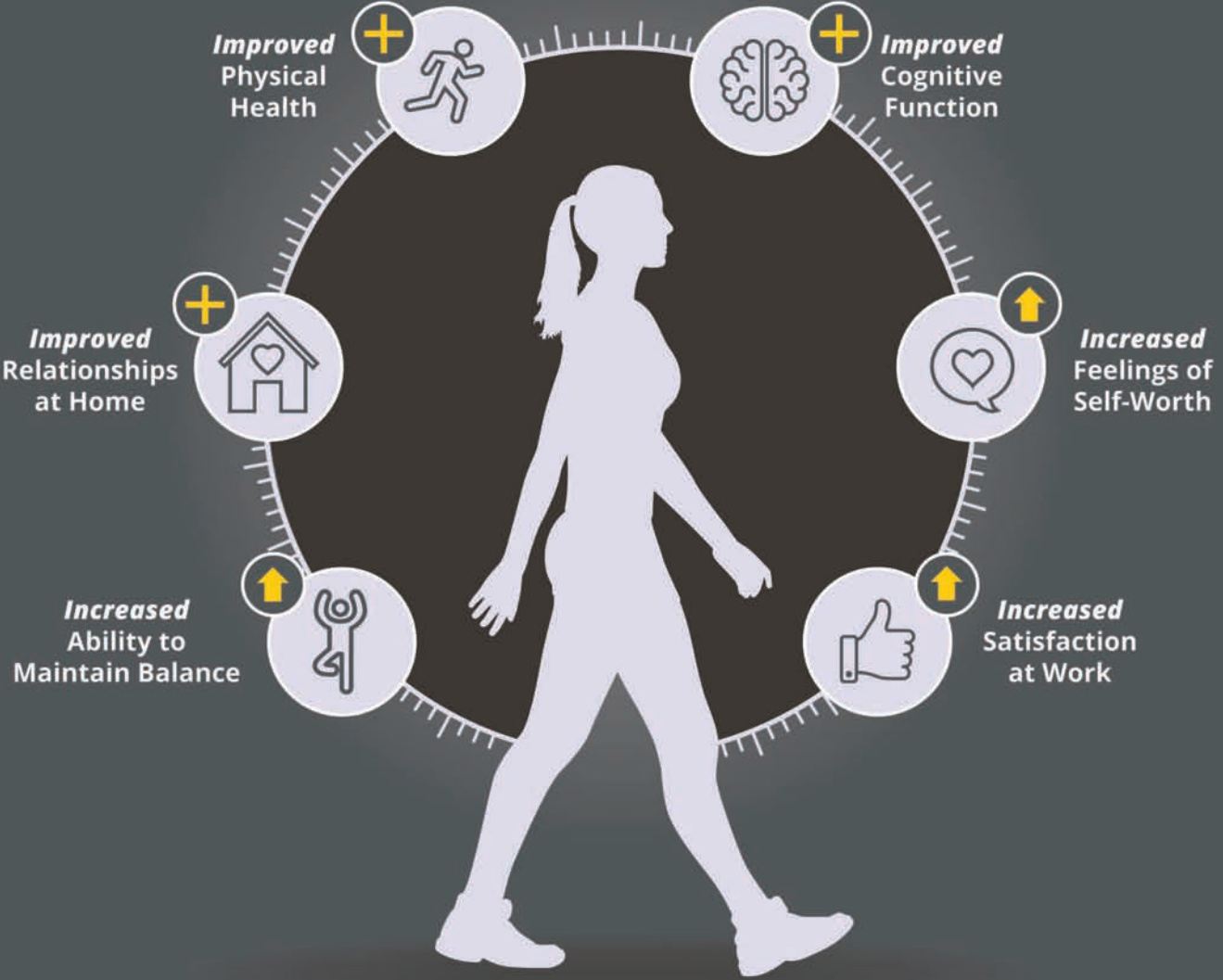
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Business license ordinance gets first reading in council

Legislation would increase penalty fees for proprietors who have not paid, pay late

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) A new ordinance imposing penalties on Berlin businesses that have failed to pay their business license fees or have not renewed their licenses is working its way through the hearing process.

Town Administrator Laura Allen introduced the idea of assessing an extra charge on business license scofflaws at the April 8 town council meeting. The first reading of an ordinance that would empower the government to do that took place at the mayor and council’s April 22 meeting.

“At this time, staff is not recommending an increase to the business license fee,” Allen said in a staff report. “However, the planning director will be checking businesses this fall to ensure their business license is posted as required, a step provided in the code, which the town has not historically taken.”

Town officials launched a Business License Process Committee last year. Serving on it are the town’s finance director, planning director, economic and community development director, administrative services director, and town administrator.

The committee was directed to assess the situation, brainstorm and determine “what changes need to be made to ensure businesses obtain and promptly renew their licenses,” according to the staff report.

Allen said businesses must have a license — \$75 for businesses and \$150 for banks — to operate in the town.

According to Allen, 28 establish-

ments, or 12 percent of the business community, have not paid their license fees as of March 1. She also said between 40 and 67 businesses, or 20 to 25 percent of businesses, send their payments late.

“The finance department spends a lot of time chasing late payments, typically sending three or four invoices and making multiple calls,” she said.

Allen clarified “we’re not trying to make money off anybody here,” but the department wants to “create enough of an incent[ive] to pay on time.”

Allen said the penalties would be gradually increased:

- If the bill is not paid within 30 days, there will be a 5 percent increase in the fee and publication of the names and businesses.
- If the bill is not paid within 60 days, there will be a 12 percent increase in the fee.
- If the bill is not paid within 90 days, there will be a 24 percent increase in the fee.

Town officials also proposed transferring the fee and penalties to a proprietor’s water bill, but only if “the business and property owner are the same.”

Additionally, Allen said a code enforcement officer could issue a citation to the business owner, “the penalty for which shall not exceed a fine of \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months.”

However, she emphasized that jail time would be “extremely unlikely” and was included as an “absolute last resort.”

“I think it will have the intended results [and] encourage people to get business licenses,” Allen said.

A public hearing on the measure is scheduled for May 13.



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2019 Berlin Farmers Market to commence season, Sunday

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Residents and visitors can get fresh produce and baked goods this summer at the Berlin Farmers Market, which will begin its second season Sunday morning.

The market will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Pitts Street in the Calvin B. Taylor Bank lot behind J&M Meat Market every Sunday May through September, said Ivy Wells, Berlin economic and community development director. Wells also said Pitts Street would be closed to traffic.

About 20 twenty vendors are expected each week, selling vegetables, fruits, meat, seafood, baked goods, and flowers, she said.

Wells emphasized how the farmers market — and its local products — are part of the town's charm.

“It tastes better, its better for you and we support each other here,” Wells said. “I think that a farmers market is essential to build community.”

Farmers markets have been in Berlin for the past several years, although their leadership and locations have changed hands a couple of times. At one point, it was in the parking lot near Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, and



Masterpiece Flowers' floral creations are showcased during the Berlin Farmers Market last year.

then in parking lot next to the Berlin Fire Company, until what Wells said was a lack of participation led to its demise.

Wells, however, believed the market had a place in town.

"I could not see Berlin without a farmers market," she said.

Wells said Calvin B. Taylor Bank President Raymond Thompson permitted the town to use its lot for free, and the bank is sponsoring the farmer's market, which moved from Artisan's Way.

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A large, stylized banner for a sale. The words "Incredible Spring Savings" are written in a decorative, cursive script in a golden-yellow color with a textured, slightly distressed appearance. Below this, the word "SALE" is written in large, bold, block letters in a dark red or maroon color, also with a textured, slightly distressed appearance. The background of the banner is a light gray with white, swirling, smoke-like or cloud-like patterns.

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Pitts Street new location for Berlin Farmers Market

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“There was a substantial rental fee that we had to pay [property owners] Bay Four LLC. and the Mariner family to rent that property,” Wells said in a March interview. “With everything going on with the budget right now, we’re trying to cut back on expenditures.”

Wells also said the market would happen rain or shine, although as of Wednesday morning, the forecast calls for a high of 68 degrees, with a 90 percent chance of thunderstorms on Sunday, according to weather.com.

Wells said many patrons could find parking in any of the lots, walk or ride their bikes, to the Pitts Street



Baywater Farms produce was among the many offerings available last year at the Berlin Farmers Market. The market will reopen on May 5 in a new location, downtown.

location.

Shoppers also can take advantage of live music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. free kids crafts and a petting zoo. Participants will also be eligible to participate in a raffle.

For more information on the farmer’s market, visit “The Berlin Farmers Market” page on Facebook, or www.BerlinMainStreet.com/farmersmarket.

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Input sought for name of ‘Berlin Falls Park’

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Residents and visitors can have their say in the naming of a former Tysons chicken processing plant turned “Berlin Falls Park.”

The Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee created a survey to gauge public opinion on what to name the park on Old Ocean City Boulevard across from Burley Oak Brewing Company.

At the committee’s April 18 meeting, committee members, including Councilman Zack Tyndall, discussed when to publish the survey and Tyndall said he was



questionnaire also provides the following suggested names: Berlin Falls Park, Legacy Park, Adventure Park, Heron Park, Pride Park and Boulevard Park. Survey-takers also can submit their own suggestions.

Tyndall advocated publishing the sur-

vey online and to provide a quick response code that, once respondents scanned it, would take them to the survey’s location.

Other committee members elected to have paper copies of the survey available.

“I just wouldn’t want any demographic to feel they’re not being represented,” Committee Vice Chairman Jack Orris said.

Orris then moved to publish the online survey and have hard copies available at the customer service department in Town Hall. Committee member Amy Barra seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The survey will be available until June

14.

“We’re trying to get as much input as possible from the community and it doesn’t matter if you’re a resident or visitor,” Tyndall said. “We want to hear from everyone.”

Tyndall said the QR code would be available at Berlin Falls Park, on the bulletin in front of Town Hall and the Visitors Center. He added area businesses are also permitted to post the survey.

The online version of the survey can be found at [surveymonkey.com/r/VWDNVH6](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VWDNVH6). Participants also can use their cell phones to scan the QR code to take the survey digitally.

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Lawrence leads Berlin's electric utility dept.

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Tim Lawrence, director of Berlin's Electric Utility, received a certification from the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C. at last Monday's meeting of the mayor and Town Council.

The electric department was ranked in top 14 percent in the public power industry for six consecutive years. Lawrence said the department was certified in 2016. He added that each certification lasts three years, and Berlin's utility was again certified for 2019-2022.

Among several council members to sing Lawrence's praises, Councilman Dean Burrell "echo[ed] a congratulations to Tim for the outstanding achievement."

However, Lawrence said he couldn't take all the credit.

"It's not just me, it's a team effort," Lawrence said.

As town officials discuss struggles associated with the water, stormwater and sewer utilities, Lawrence noted his department does not rely on the general fund.

"Well, [the] electric department is totally funded by the rate payers," Lawrence said. "Our revenue, our expenses, our benefits, our vehicles, and all [of] that is supported by the amount of electricity that is sold and demanded."

Lawrence said the electric utility services about 2,850 customers, and is a "nonprofit entity governed by the Public Service Commission."

Lawrence began working for the town's electric utility in 2010, and said "we had some of the highest rates in the state of Maryland."

He added he'd often receive "calls every day and [would] even get stopped on the street ... because I mean it was a ... big problem when I first got here. And after about, I think it was 2014 somewhere in there, I stopped getting those calls."

Lawrence said customers were paying roughly \$77 per megawatt from 2009-2010, and currently pay about \$56 per megawatt.

"It's a big decrease," Lawrence said.

"We are actually lower than Choptank [Electric Cooperative] and Delmarva Power."

Lawrence said kilowatt-hours is the measurement of energy consumption and that a home could use between 1,000-2,300-kilowatt hours per month.

In 2018, Lawrence said for using 1,000-kilowatt hours, a monthly bill for a Berlin resident was \$125.79. Delmarva Power charged \$139.42 and Choptank Electric Cooperative cost \$144.48.

He said the effort involves working with the department personnel, town officials and a consulting firm out of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Lawrence also reflected on a time nearly five years ago when the department joined the American Municipal Power Association, an organization out of Columbus, Ohio.

"Basically you're joining a larger

group of municipalities that let a company ... handle their purchase power agreements," he said.

Lawrence said having that backing allows for more choices when vendors bid on contracts.

Lawrence went on to say how it's all about finding solutions to help save money.

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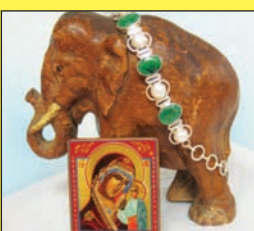
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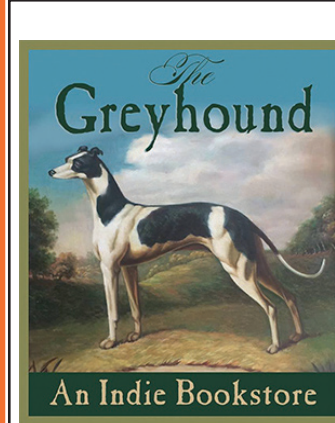
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Community welcome for Starr Restaurant

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) River Run, the community on Beauchamp Road next to Ocean Pines, is giving its restaurant a new name and menu makeover.

Starr Restaurant at River Run, previously known as The Players Club because of its location near the greens, has been serving the community for nearly 15 years. The new name comes from the owner's middle name, Starr.

This season, restaurant managers want to put Starr Restaurant on the map for area residents and tourists and not just the golfers nearby.

"We really want to welcome and encourage the members of this community to come back and utilize this as sort of a home restaurant for them," Rebekah Link, front-of-house coordinator, said. "We want them to feel welcome here, in addition to the golfers."

The restaurant is now providing dining activities like wine tastings, luncheons, catering and is planning for its first wedding reception this summer.

"There have been a lot of activities that have been extremely well received that have helped tie this restaurant to the community," Link said. "Not just our internal community, but to Ocean Pines, Berlin and the surrounding



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The newly reopened Starr Restaurant is located in River Run at 11605 Masters Lane, near Ocean Pines.

areas."

The reception for the restaurant has been positive, Link said.

"The menu was a big change for Starr Restaurant to sort of adapt away from the Players Club," Link said. "I think we've come to a really good core that is working."

The restaurant is small and intimate, seating 125 people overall. Offer-

ing everything from breakfast sandwiches from 8-10 a.m. to lunch and dinner specials, Starr Restaurant has been remarketed to be an "elevated causal" dining affair.

Each week, the restaurant offers a weekly feature. There is no specific cuisine that the restaurant covers, as its fare ranges from fine dining to Mediterranean, Italian and other pop-

ular choices.

The makeover has been made possible with the recruitment of Executive Chef Dacha Perez-Haney, a classically trained chef who hails from Denver.

Perez-Haney credits her love of cooking to her mother, who could do anything but.

"She couldn't cook to save her life ... basically the only thing she could make was a dinner reservation," Perez-Haney said. "That's where I learned to cook for myself and really found that I enjoyed it. I grew up in restaurants, started when I was 14 years old as a hostess and then just kind of worked every position throughout the restaurants growing up."

Perez-Haney studied three years at the Brown Palace Hotel and worked her way up to becoming the creative culinary chef, whose job was to design the menus whenever a new restaurant opened.

She arrived in Worcester County two years ago to stay with some family members who live in Ocean Pines, bringing with her a variety of culinary skills that were featured on Chopped, a Food Network cooking competition where chefs must cook with four random ingredients for three rounds under the scrutiny of well-known chefs and food critics.

Perez-Haney competed in the "Wings and Whiskey" episode and made it into the dessert round.

"It was an experience of a lifetime and was my first time out in New York, so that was fantastic," Perez-Haney said.

This will be Perez-Haney's second season with the restaurant. The chef soon grew accustomed to the slower pace that comes from living in Worcester County. Being "an outsider," Perez-Haney said, she enjoys bringing a new take on cuisine than is typically found in Berlin or Ocean Pines.

"I think it's nice to bring some culture," Perez-Haney said. "That's the

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The inside of the Starr Restaurant has been updated to include a veranda, which will be open for the season.

Chef has cooked on ‘Chopped’ show

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one thing that I’ve noticed lacks here is a lot a culture and ethnicity. So for me, if I can bring that and show and teach that to the guests, I think it inspires me and makes me feel like I’ve successfully taught something new.”

The restaurant offers happy hour from 3-6 p.m. every day. Dinner services typically begin at 5 p.m. and end around 8 p.m.


For more information call 410-641-6500 or visit the restaurant’s Facebook page at Starr Restaurant at River Run.



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Executive Chef Dacha Sanchez-Haney prepares some green beans at the Starr Restaurant in River Run, Berlin, on Monday, April 29.

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Earl Beardsley and the Heritage Dixieland Jazz Band performs for a crowd during the 2018 Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash. About 3,000 people are expected to attend the festival this Saturday, May 4, with the new name, Jazz & Blues, Wine & Brews.

Jazz and Blues, Wine and Brews festival in Berlin

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Downtown Berlin is expected get jazzed up with wine, beer and live music this weekend at the 13th annual Jazz and Blues, Wine and Blues Festival.

Presented by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, the festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday on Main Street.

In the words of chamber President Steve Frene, the event will be “an awesome time, thank you very much.”

The festival will have two stages: one sponsored by Fins Ale House and Raw Bar in front of the restaurant on North Main Street, and the other sponsored by The Globe on Main Street near the Atlantic Hotel.

The festival will feature six bands whose styles will include Latin jazz, Dixieland and electric blues. Among the performers will be the Snow Hill High School’s Jazz Band, the-18 piece big band U.S. Navy Jazz Band Commodores. Each act will play a 90-minute set.

In addition to the “local and regional” entertainment, the festival will offer for sale fine art and festival food. Burley Oak and Big Oyster

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Food, drink and music: what to expect for Saturday event

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breweries will provide craft beer, according to event organizers.

“We are encouraging our restaurants to offer ‘grab and go’ carryout food selections for folks who don’t want to miss any entertainment,” Frene said.

Roughly 3,000 people are expected to attend Saturday’s event, although that’s contingent on the weather. Early week predictions forecast a Saturday high of 75 degrees with scattered thunderstorms.

The festival will happen rain or shine, and the entertainment will be moved to an indoor location the day of the event if necessary, Frene said.

A free shuttle service is available to and from the festival at Berlin Intermediate School on Franklin Avenue and Route 113, and parking Stephen Decatur Park off Route 113 is another option, he said.

Additionally, more than 60 international wines chosen by National Republic Distributing Company will be available for people to sample from during the event, according to event organizers. The wine comes from a variety of places, including Spain, Italy, Argentina, California and Washington State.

Chad Newberger, a representative

for the National Republic Distributing Company, the types available the even would include chianti, pinot noir, malbec, rosé, chardonnay, pinot grigio, and prosecco.

“We have something for everyone at this event,” Newberger said. “Even the non-wine drinker will surely find something they like.”

Frene said wine-tasting participants would receive a wine glass and lanyard. He added they could purchase bottles and cases at the Atlantic Hotel.

“People [are] encouraged to walk throughout town ... shop and eat, buy art, listen to music, [and] sample wine,” Frene said.

Tickets for the wine tasting can be purchased in advanced for \$35 or \$40 the day of the festival. To purchase tickets, visit the chamber website at berlinchamber.org.

The Jazz and Blues, Wine and Blues Festival is sponsored by Merrill Lynch, The Globe, Bank of Ocean City, Fins Ale House and Raw Bar, I.G. Burton, WESM, WBOC and the Bayside Gazette.

To learn more about the upcoming event, visit the Berlin Chamber of Commerce’s website, call 410-641-4775, or reach the chamber via email at chamberinfo@berlinchamber.org.

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Eastern Shore organization gets \$107K grant

Funding to support several causes, including health, homelessness, environment

(May 2, 2019) A total of \$107,713 has been granted by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore to 30 local nonprofits.

Twice a year, nonprofits serving Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties apply for Community Needs grants to help fund programs designed to address a variety of needs on the lower shore.

This spring, the grants will support underserved youth, health, homelessness, addictions recovery, hunger, and environmental issues, among others.

“Our Community Needs Grants serve a wide array of programs that impact the lower shore community,” said Erica Joseph, CFES president. “This truly captures the spirit of grants made by the community, for the community, and allows so many nonprofits to grow their services.”

The following nonprofits received program funding:

- 4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program – to teach life and career skills to individuals with disabilities through interaction with horses.
- Assateague Island Alliance Inc. – Aid for the growth and sustainability of this wildlife and natural resources-focused

- organization.
- Believe in Tomorrow Children’s Foundation – Structural improvements to the Children’s House by the Sea, which provides respite care for critically ill children in Ocean City.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore, Inc. – to pair boys facing adversity with positive role models for mentoring.
- Brown Box Theatre Project – to purchase improved lighting equipment.
- Child & Family Foundation Inc. – “Boutique Nights,” a personal enrichment program for middle and high school girls.
- Christian Shelter Inc. – Retrofitting the second-floor housing space of the homeless shelter.
- City of Salisbury SWIFT Program – Transportation assistance for the Salisbury Wicomico Integrated First Care Team (SWIFT) program, which provides mobile community health assistance.
- Delmarva Public Radio – Online and broadcast programming of the 2019 National Folk Festival.
- Epoch Dream Center – to enhance a mentoring program which pairs at-risk youth with individual mentors.
- Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake – One Water Partnership program, which builds regional groups working to heal local watersheds, improve water quality, and bolster local environmental stewardship.
- Islamic Society of Princess Anne – to pilot an Arabic Language and Culture summer school program in partnership with UMES.
- Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, Inc. – Support for the JA Philanthropy program, which teaches students about the importance of philanthropy and the roles of nonprofits.
- Moveable Feast, Inc. – to provide healthy home-delivered meals to Eastern Shore residents with chronic illnesses.
- Recovery Resource Center – to pilot life skills classes for persons in addictions recovery.
- Salisbury Arts & Entertainment District Inc. – Support for the free, multi-day Downtown Salisbury Festival in Summer 2019.
- Salisbury University – for the annual Children & Young Adult Festival, which promotes children’s literature and writing.
- Salisbury Urban Ministries – Support for the Lazarus Food Pantry, which serves food to citizens in need in Wicomico County.
- Somerset Committee for the Homeless – to provide life and career skills training to residents of the Lower Shore Homeless Shelter.
- Somerset County Judy Center Partnership – to create a tri-county accreditation program for early child care providers.
- Somerset County Library – for the

- Rock Out While School’s Out teen program activities at the Princess Anne branch.
- St. James A.M.E. Zion Church – to provide educational field trips to Pemberton Elementary school students.
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- Wicomico County Free Library – Books and supplies for Project READ, a literacy program for adult learners.
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- Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services Inc. – to purchase bedding for homeless and disadvantaged children.
- Word of Life Center – to equip a new immigration office in Salisbury which helps immigrants become established in the community.
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Low approval rates impacting elections

When most people in Ocean Pines rate the current board of directors' performance as between fair and poor, it's no wonder candidates aren't lining up to vie for one of the three seats up for election this year.

That's according to the results of the community survey conducted last summer by the Communications Advisory Committee. The poll, which elicited a respectable 15 percent rate of response out of the 8,452 property owners who received the questionnaire, found that 38 percent of the respondents believed the board was doing just a "fair" job and 29 percent ranked its performance as "poor."

That take on a board that has dealt with — and cleared up — some serious problems this past year, suggests that serving as a director truly is a thankless job that probably isn't worth pursuing.

Another notable aspect of the survey's results, however, is how many people apparently don't care one way or the other, especially in the lower age brackets.

Just 10 percent of the respondents were under 55 years of age, which means either these people are too busy with home or business obligations to bother with a survey — or to run for office — or they're not as involved in the community as are older people who might have more free time.

Either way, it's not conducive to building a bulging ballot for this year's board contest.

Add this to the apparent absence of enthusiasm to serve on the candidate Search Committee, and what you have is a typical small town situation, in which it's easier to complain about the job others are doing than it is to try to do something about it.



Letters

Board needs to rethink renovations

Editor,

I just finished reading your latest edition of the *Bayside Gazette* dated April 25.

As I always do, I read it from cover to cover, as I get much information and enjoyment from its contents. There were two articles in this week's issue that I read with particular interest.

The first was entitled "Trendic proposes referendum during town hall meeting." The second was "Golf committee refutes many town hall claims."

Since I was at the town hall meeting, I can testify to the accuracy of the reporting. The facts presented are easily verifiable and available through public records.

Mr. Trendic outlined the considerable costs to OPA residents regarding the operation of the course, as well as questioning how so much more of the membership's money should continue to be spent without a referendum.

This project was broken down in such a way as to prevent to total expenditure

to exceed the referendum threshold. The board was clearly NOT transparent with its constituents, in spite of their many claims to the contrary.

The attending crowd, there mainly because of their genuine concern for the way OPA spends our money so profligately, virtually all agreed with the fact that the project cost breakdowns and the bidding process were a sham, designed to push through the project as quickly as possible without public input.

Then I read the article reporting on the Golf Committee's comments.

Olga Novy was quoted as saying, "All of this misinformation is getting out there." However in that article there was not a single cost factor disputed.

None of Mr. Trendic's numbers were questioned or said to be inaccurate. No facts were presented at all. To answer concerns about dwindling membership and course usage one answer from Frank Viola suggested weather was to blame.

Another suggestion to the cause of declining usage was

that several years ago someone sprayed improper chemicals on the greens. Someone was quoted as saying "we're doing better."

I guess they were referencing last year's \$5,000 operating profit (a very rare profitable year).

Come on now, \$5K couldn't buy two golf carts or 1/5 the price of a golf course mower.

They mentioned that the cost to members was "not that high" with fees of \$12-\$15 per round. No mention was made of the OPA Reserve funds that have been used year after year for capital expense and to keep the course afloat, and that fact that the replacement of those reserves is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$100 per assessment.

In recent polls the residents of OPA, when asked about how important the golf course was to them, responded with an almost 80 percent overwhelming total indicating that the course was of little or no importance. Yet our golf committee seems fine with the rest of us supporting their 100 or

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Buckingham teacher to hold fundraiser in OC

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) After all the support she received while battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, April Eichelberger wanted to give back.

She will co-host a fundraiser this Friday at Buxy's Salty Dog Saloon on 28th Street in Ocean City, beginning at 8 p.m.

Eichelberger was first diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in April 2018. The second grade teacher at Buckingham Elementary School is now in remission, and she hopes the event will serve as a reminder of her courageous battle and help others in their fight with the disease.

"It's because of the research that they're doing that myself and other people in my position have a chance," Eichelberger said.

Eichelberger said a portion of food and drink sales would benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which is dedicated to finding a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's Disease and myeloma.

The organization also works to "improve the quality of life of patients and their families."

Prior to her diagnosis, Eichelberger began experiencing skin rashes, allergies and felt tired. She later found out they "were precursors to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma," she said.

She started exercising more as a way to get healthier and even participated in

the St. Patrick's Day 5K race last year.

In the days leading up to her diagnosis, she said she often "had to sit down to teach" because she was tired.

Eichelberger reflected on the day she, her husband and son were driving to his lacrosse game.

"I had pain down my arm, in my chest, trouble breathing, I was hot, nauseous and in tears," Eichelberger said in her fundraising post. "I told my husband, Jeff, I thought I was having a heart attack and he took me straight to the closet hospital, Beebe Healthcare in Delaware."

A doctor told Eichelberger she had a 10-centimeter mass on her heart.

Eichelberger said she started R-CHOP, a standard of care and was treated in Baltimore with six rounds of chemotherapy between May 8 and Aug. 21, 2018.

During her health journey, Eichelberger said faith and religion was paramount.

"We have prayed throughout the entire process," she said.

She learned she was in remission in September 2018, and "everything seemed fine." A few months later, in December, she said she had a pet scan that "lit up," and there was "99 percent certainty [that] it was back."

This prompted doctors to do a biopsy, which Eichelberger said came back inconclusive. She then had a second biopsy done, and she said her doctors told her, "OK you're in the 1 percent. It's not there.



April Eichelberger, 43, poses for a photo with her family, from left, Chassidy, Jeff, Collin and Jeffrey. April was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in April 2018, and is now in remission. PHOTO COURTESY APRIL EICHELBERGER

We can't explain it, but it's not there."

She was overjoyed.

"I feel like it's a blessing, and I'm just grateful, and we'll call it a miracle, and I'm totally fine with that," Eichelberger said.

Eichelberger, 43, said she is grateful for the work being done to treat the diseases like hers, and referenced a clinical trial called CAR T-cell therapy for lymphoma, that has a success rate of more than 80 percent, according to the Cleveland Clinic.

"If it weren't for the new science that is taking place right now, and it had come back, it would have been a very grim outlook," she said.

Eichelberger said she took a leave of absence from her teaching job for eight

weeks from January to March, and has been back at school for about a month.

Eichelberger and her husband created an online fundraising campaign, and she said she is "hoping to grow the fundraiser."

As of Tuesday afternoon, the site has raised \$725. The goal is \$10,000. Six people have contributed over the last eight days.

To donate, visit crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/attack-cancer-with-ape?utm_campaign=oc&utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=crowdrise&fbclid=IwAR363WZ7SojGdsIgZWnbAM-pRBr7guajDcxi-704uBopcgd5Fn9ybVBz64g.

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(May 2, 2019) Atlantic General Hospital, the Town of Ocean City, and AARP Ocean City Chapter #1917, are co-sponsoring a free health fair for the community on Tuesday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

The health fair is free and open to the public. The event will feature free health screenings, including carotid, respiratory, bone density, hearing, blood pressure and skin cancer, Brown Bag Review of meds by AGHRx RediScripts pharmacists; lab draws for cholesterol panel and glucose (a 12-hour fast is required), and special appearance by Pets on Wheels of Delmarva.

The Blood Bank of Delmarva will hold a blood drive during the event as well. To make an appointment with the Blood Bank call, 888-8BLOOD (888-825-6638) or schedule online to donate blood at www.delmarvablood.org.

The opening ceremonies will begin at 7:55 a.m. with a presentation of the colors by the American Legion Post #166 followed by a ribbon cutting at the ballroom doors by the Ocean City, Atlantic General Hospital and AARP officials.

For more information, call the Atlantic General Hospital Population Health office at 410-629-6820 or email dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org or docmelvin121@gmail.com

Letters

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so members.

Individual rounds, which they claim are on the rise, are predominantly golfers from outside OPA. The committee cried that they “were being vilified.” I heard no such criticism of the golfers.

The criticism I heard was of the board who wants to continually spend good money bad.

One might argue the merits of this project many ways. However, it is hard for me to image a cart shed costing almost \$500,000. I can have a mansion built for less.

Typical Amish built sheds cost between \$40 and \$60 per square foot. A 3,000-square-foot facility would be \$150,000. Add another \$80,000 for lighting and electric and you’re under half of what we bid this

process out for.

I’m not advocating for an Amish Shed. I’m just saying there are numerous alternatives that could have and should have been explored.

Having said all this, in my opinion the golf course isn’t going anywhere. The board will never allow that to happen in the foreseeable future.

Before the Ocean Pines Golf Course is shut down or converted to a park or some other combination of amenities one of two things will need to happen: a.) The Ocean Pines Association will have to go completely bankrupt (unlikely), or b.) the number of people actually playing golf becomes so embarrassingly small that there will remain no choice but to close.

I think the latter will occur at some point in the future and the course will

die under its own weight. In the meantime, the third of Mr. Trendic’s proposed referendum is the most important.

Limit future spending by lowering the threshold for project cost without going to the community at large for approval.

Golf course aside, if we can accomplish this we can avoid a lot of future careless spending and perhaps really achieve the transparency that so many directors claimed they supported.

Mark D. Mitchell
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 - Community Action Project – Candy Anderson and Sydney Kremer
 - Extemporaneous Speaking - Josse-lyne Maza-Chavez
 - Mobile Robotics – Rusty Warren and Daniel Juarez
 - Occupational Health and Safety – Trevor Hudson, Michael Brittingham and Kaleb Steele
 - Pin Design (Middle School) – Piper Gooding
 - Power Equipment Technology – Lucas Layton
 - Team Engineering Challenge (Snow Hill Middle School) – Brandon Anderson, Ethan Gell and Justin Hur-ney
 - 2019 – 2020 SkillsUSA Maryland State Parliamentarian – Nicole Sal-dana-Aldazabal
 - 2019 – 2020 SkillsUSA Maryland State President – Jazmine E. Gar-cia
 - 2019 SkillsUSA National Voting Delegate – Josselyne Maza-Chavez and Alexis Duvall
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 - Career Pathways Human Services – Jasmine Garcia, Noam Katna and Jacob Shoup
 - Mobile Robotics – Ben Johnson and Sam Woodley
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 - Welding Sculpture – Trevor Hudson

Third place:

- Building Maintenance – Joshua Moore
- Culinary Arts – Brandon Juarez
- Job Skills Demonstration – Noah Selt
- Mobile Robotics – Michael Kerns and Ryan Smith
- Pin Design (Middle School) – Sa-vannah Chisholm
- Power Equipment – Jeremiah Brin-son
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- Team Engineering Challenge (Mid-dle School) – Parker Ryne, Ryan Timmons and Mathew Beck
- Tee Shirt Design – Nadia Bullock
- Welding Fabrication – Hunter, Pow-ell, Nathaniel Custer and Ezekiel Dennis

Second place:

- Action Skills – Ryan Halter
- American Spirit – Ja’bria Lewis, Alexis Molnar and Robyn Hurley
- Building Maintenance – Isaiah Fore-

Chapter of Excellence awarded

Worcester Technical High School brought 100 students to compete in 38 different events ranging from extempo-raneous speaking to welding.

Stephens added there were 1,200 stu-dents competing in Maryland, and 60 Worcester Technical High School students that placed in the top three in the state.

Zimmer said these types of competi-tions help students in vocational training gain practical experience because “there are jobs to be had where students don’t necessarily have to go to college and can avoid massive amounts of college stu-dent loan debt and come out on their feet with a good job pretty quickly in their young life and be very successful.”

For Stephens, working with Skills USA is a win-win for students.

“Well one of the good things about competing is that they can put it on a re-sume ... and colleges do recognize this what SkillsUSA is because SkillsUSA is in post-secondary schools compete in,” Stephens said. “It really gives them a leg up, and also the kids that are going to go right out of school and into the trade ob-viously if they’ve competed in skills USA that’s gonna be a great talking point for them when they go to get hired.”

What’s next for the SkillsUSA partic-

ipants? 30 students from Worcester Technical High School, and staff will head to Kentucky to compete at the na-tional level from June 23-29.

Stephens said they are currently working on fundraising for the approxi-mate \$58,000 expense.

There are two events on Saturday that people can participate in:

The Worcester Tech 5K run starts at 10 a.m. at the school on 6290 Worcester Highway in Newark. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and is happening rain or shine, according to event organizers. It costs \$10 for students, \$30 for adults and \$20 per person for groups with five or more participants.

Runners can also preregister at wths.booktix.com/pal/4/cc84edf42fe7cd22

In addition to the 5K, Worcester Technical High School will be holding a Spring Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be food, a car show, games and prizes, an FFA flower sale, as well as a yard sale and vendors.

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SDHS works to improve teaching practices

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Stephen Decatur High School teachers have changed their teaching practices over the nearly two years they have been working with Learning Sciences International. Tom Sites, principal at Stephen Decatur High School, said the school has used the consulting firm since May 2017. Sites discussed the school's developments during an April Board of Education meeting. "The traditional classrooms of yesterday are long gone," Sites said earlier this week. "Lecturing in the front of the room for an entire period has gone by the wayside. It's now about great learning and that only takes place when you allow students to collaborate and work together to solve problems."

Learning Sciences International "empowers schools and districts to transform core instruction and leadership practices, resulting in rapid gains in student learning." The Center for Educational Leadership at the University of Washington's College of Education has the "Five Dimensions of Teaching and Learning" using the following components: Purpose, Student Engagement, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Assessment for Student and Learning, Classroom Environment and Culture. Sites said Stephen Decatur High School introduced the program six years ago, and "the rubric is very large and covers so much of what we are trying to do in a classroom." There was also some difficulty with experience levels associated with the Five Dimensions approach. "With a staff of over 100 teachers, we had to be understanding of the idea that people are in different places with regards to implementation and progress," Sites said. "Some teachers are using learning targets and success criteria throughout instruction, tying it all together with student performance and even having students create their own success criteria." For instructors such as April Kenton, who teaches math, it hasn't always been easy. "Some students struggle with self-reflection," Kenton said in a PowerPoint presentation. "Some teachers are still struggling with the best way to write learning targets and success criteria." Since working with Learning Sciences International, Sites said his

teachers have seen results. "We are now giving them more tools in their toolbox to help our students succeed," Sites said. Teachers at Stephen Decatur High School agreed, and said students have benefited as well. "Students are more aware of the focus of the lesson. They know what they should be learning and how it will be assessed," Math teacher Jamie Culver said in a PowerPoint presentation. "The learning is more intentional. They are able to critique and evaluate themselves." Sites added how students can get practical experience for the real world. "This really mirrors what the workplace environment looks like today when teams work together to accomplish goals," he said.

Snapshots



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100TH ANNIVERSARY

Korean War veterans are lauded during an American Legion 100th anniversary celebration at the Duncan-Showell Post #231 on March 31. Pictured, seated from left, are Herbert Brittingham and Lorenzo Bowen, and standing, Osie Henry, Upshur Coard, Sr., William Whaley, Sr., Commander Michael Foreman, Wallace Purnell, Kenneth Carter, John Dale Smack, Preston Foreman, Jr., (representing his father) and Gregory Purnell, post historian.



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AWARD PRESENTED

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City presented Lynne McAllorum, membership chair, Kiwanis of the Month for March. She is pictured with Kiwanis Club President Dick Clagett.



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VISION SCREENING

President Norm Cathell of the OC Lions Club presents new vision screening equipment to Chairman Mike Hooper of the Vision Screening Committee. Equipment was purchased with donations from the OC Lions club, Berlin Lions Club, Lions 22B Charitable Foundation and Lions Savings Kids Sight Foundation.



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D.A.R. CONFERENCE

The Maryland State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently held its 114th State Conference in Ellicott City. Pictured, from left, are State Historic Preservation Co-Chair's Pat Arata and Barbara May and General Levin Winder Chapter member's, Maryland State Regent Maureen Dougherty Tipton and Chapter Regent Gail Weldin.

Therapy dog Gordon brings smiles to students

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Gordon, a 10-year-old Italian greyhound, is running in a different direction these days. As a therapy dog in county schools, Gordon's job is to be a calming influence on everyone around him.

"Gordon has become part of the staff. The teachers love him," said Gordon's owner, Jill Dillon, a school psychologist at Pocomoke area schools. She rescued him two years ago, and he has since been certified countywide through Pets on Wheels.

Gordon's new assignment began last September, when Dillon started bringing him to Pocomoke elementary, middle and high schools.

"He's just, he's so calming, so a lot of what I do as a school psychologist is a lot of testing, and a lot of meetings, and it gets kind of mundane, and I really want to be pro-active with kids mental health."

However, Gordon isn't the only therapy dog in the Worcester County Public Schools district.

Carrie Sterrs, coordinator of public relations and special programs, confirmed that Berlin Intermediate School also receives a canine visitor whose mission is similar to Gordon's.

Dillon said therapy dogs provide numerous benefits in schools, including lowering students' (and teachers') blood pressure, stress and anxiety.

"... Just having something comforting there I think really helps them as well,

and I've just seen a lot of kids blossom just from having him," Dillon said.

Dillon also saw children gain confidence by "read[ing] to the dogs because they don't feel like they're being judged."

She added that students having behavior challenges now ask for him to calm themselves down or as a reward, she said.

For the sixth graders who recently took the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program state testing, some dog down time reduced the tension.

"They were all just like, 'we need a Gordon break,' and it just helps them decompress from their day," Dillon said.

Teachers, too, find some relief from the day with a visit from Gordon, she said.

As for liability concerns, Dillon said Pets on Wheel insures the certified volunteer.

"Gordon has a health certificate and is up to date on all vaccinations," Dillon said.

While Dillon acknowledged some



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Jill Dillon, a school psychologist for Pocomoke area schools, holds her 10-year-old therapy dog Gordon, an Italian greyhound that's certified in Worcester through Pets on Wheels of Delmarva.

students could have allergies or fears associated with dogs, Gordon has won over some of them.

"We've had a couple that were afraid at the elementary school, and now they're not," Dillon said.

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May 9: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

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May 9: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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Ocean City
410-289-6953
www.purplemoosesaloon.com
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May 4: CK the VJ/DJ, 2 p.m.; Fantasm, 10 p.m.

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May 4: John McNutt Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Anthem, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
May 5: Cherry Crush, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
May 6: Cherry Crush, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
May 7: JJ Rupp Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
May 8: JJ Rupp Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
May 9: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

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May 3-4: Marty McKerran, 8 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE
66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
May 3: Marky Shaw, 4-8 p.m.
May 4: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m.

TRADER LEE'S LIVE
9935 Stephen Decatur Highway
West Ocean City
443-614-4119
May 5: Sunday Jam Sess, 7 p.m.
May 8: Open Mic Night, 7 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL
11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922
www.whiskersbar.com
May 3: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

MD Coastal Bays, OPA team up for ‘Bay Day’ event, Sun.

(May 2, 2019) Maryland Coastal Bays Program has teamed up with the Ocean Pines Association to show homeowners how to improve backyard habitat by planting native pollinator plants; build bat boxes, bird houses and bee homes and construct seed bombs at the annual Bay Day in Ocean Pines.

“By taking simple steps toward a bay-friendly backyard, homeowners can reduce time and effort maintaining their yards, and, at the same time, help to improve the health of the Coastal Bays,” said Liz Wist, education coordinator at Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

Bay Day is set for Sunday, May 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at White Horse Park, located at 235 Ocean Parkway.

“We hope to showcase what local homeowners can do to improve backyard habit for wildlife and to improve local water quality,” said Frank Piorko, executive director of Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

A small pollinator garden project, one of several at Ocean Pines to be established this year, will be completed during the Bay Day event. Homeowners additionally can receive a Maryland native plant to take home.

An interactive art piece that highlights the issue of single-use plastics will also be on display.

In addition, the event will showcase food from local vendors such as Street Kitchen, Eastern Shore Kettle Korn and the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City and local beverages from Burley Oak.

From free boat tours and kayaking to educational exhibits, this public event will be a day of fun, hands-on activities and educational talks.

For more information, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

Atlantic General to help with Berlin A&E Committee mural

(May 2, 2019) From Tuesday, May 7 to Thursday, May 9 Atlantic General Hospital will be painting the fourth and final section of a community mural that will be installed in Berlin later this spring.

For the last three years, the mural has been developed and painted section by section by local school children and staff, community organizations, and Berlin citizens. The mural has been painted at many locations around town.

The final section will be painted by Atlantic General Hospital associates, medical staff, volunteers and patients under the supervision of lead project artist John Donato.

The artwork will demonstrate the importance of the hospital and health system in the community.

Donato is a professional mural artist who specializes in managing and creating community murals collaboratively with all age groups and skill levels. The painting sessions do not require any previous artist experience.

The final piece will be unveiled during the Atlantic General Hospital 26th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, May 16 prior to its installation on Main Street in Berlin. A portion of the mural will also be donated back to the hospital for all to enjoy.

To join in painting this piece, contact Toni Keiser, AGH vice president of public relations, at 410-641-9678.

Berlin community mural painting sessions are: Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.; Wednesday, May 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Atlantic General Hospital main lobby in Berlin; and Thursday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., John H. “Jack” Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center in Berlin.

For more information, visit www.agh.care/mural.



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‘THE PAJAMA GAME’ MUSICAL

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OPEN HOUSES MAY 2 - MAY 10

DAY/TIME	ADDRESS	BR/BA	STYLE	PRICE	AGENCY/AGENT
Daily	Assateague Point., Berlin	1BR/2BR/3BR	Mobile	From \$100,000	Tony Matrona/Resort Homes
Sat-Mon, 11-4pm	Heron Harbour, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	—	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
Thurs-Mon 11-5pm	9800 Mooring View Lane, Unit 32, OC	3BR/2.5BA	Duplex/Townhouse	From \$299,900	Kathleen Clark/Monogram Realty
Sunday 11-1	38 Alton Point, Ocean Pines	5BR/5FB/2HB	Single Family	\$1,590,000	The Britts Team/KellerWilliams
Sat 11-1 & Sun 12-2	1 Freeport Ln., The Parke – OP	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$316,900	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Saturday 10-2	207 Windward #303, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$185,000	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Friday 2-4	11309 River Run Lane	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$449,900	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Friday 2-4	310 Oyster Lane, Montego Bay	2BR/1BA	Mobile Home + Dock	\$235,000	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Sat 10-3 & Sun 1-1	8 Watertown Rd., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$284,900	Sandy Dougan/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Sat 10-2 & Sun 12-2	2 Cannon Dr., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$239,900	Sandy Dougan/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Saturday 10-2	14402 Tunnell Ave., #11904 – OC	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$132,000	Ann Holtz/EXIT Realty at the Beach
Saturday 11-2	48th St. Gateway Grand #1707	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$925,000	Monica McNamara/Coldwell Banker Res. Brokerage
Saturday 10:30-12:30	44 Castle Dr., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$204,900	Rosie Beaclair/Shamrock Realty
Saturday 12-2	12804 Kings Ct., West OC	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$475,000	Matt James/Coldwell Banker Res. Brokerage
Thurs. thru Sun. 11-3	13060 Old Bridge Rd.	4BR/4.5BA	Single Family	\$1,395,000	Edie Brennan/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Saturday 11-1	12233 Collins Rd., Bishopville	3BR/3BA	Home on 5 Acres	\$449,900	Lauren Bunting/Bunting Realty
Saturday 2-4	106 Upshur Lane, Berlin	4BR/2BA	Single Family	\$314,900	Lauren Bunting/Bunting Realty
Sunday 10-Noon	2301 Philadelphia Ave., Westward Ho 307	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$119,900	Nicola Boehm/Century 21 New Horizon
Sunday 10-12	162 Winter Harbor Dr., Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$539,900	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Friday 12-2	47th St. OC, Wight Bay 344 & 446	2BR/2BA		From \$269,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Saturday 10-1	502 Lark Lane, Ocean City	3BR/2FB/2HB	Townhome	\$419,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Sat. & Sun. 1-4	Sunset Beach 4603 Coastal Hwy., Unit 309	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$371,900	Gail Crosby/Resort Real Estate
Sunday 10-1	61 Windjammer Rd., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$274,900	Power of 2/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 10-1	10925 Player La., River Run	5BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$535,000	Power of 2/Hileman Real Estate
Saturday 10-1	10211 Hammond Rd., Bishopville	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$399,900	Power of 2/Hileman Real Estate
Sat. & Sun. 11-2	144 Camelot Crl., Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$289,000	LaTerra Wise/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Saturday 11-2	132 Park Side Crl., Berlin	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$416,900	Carole Spurrier/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Saturday 11-2	710 94th St. OC, Unit #106	3BR/2BA	Townhome	\$289,000	Dan O'Hare/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Sunday 12-3	325 Yacht Club Dr., Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$269,900	Mark Decker/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Sunday 11-1	48th St., Gateway Grand #1103	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$799,900	Lauren Britt Hudson/Keller Williams
Sunday 11-1	5 93rd St., #8	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$230,000	Lauren Britt Hudson/Keller Williams
Sunday 2-4	10300 Coastal Hwy., Atlantis - 2 Units		Condo	From \$259,900	Karen Oass/Long & Foster

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Equestrians celebrate wins

Worcester teens get second, fourth place

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) Olivia Brown, 16, and Lilly Paquette, 13, performed well during the Interscholastic Equestrian Association Nationals at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, last weekend.

Brown, a sophomore at Stephen Decatur High School, took home the reserve champion title in the Varsity Open Championship.

“I was really nervous when they were announcing the placements last to first,” Brown said. “So when it came down to just two of us left, I couldn’t believe that I had made it to the top two. I was really happy to be reserve champion. It took a while to sink in, but it feels pretty good.”

Brown’s second-place performance was judged on the

ability to jump over fences and on the flat class, comprised of walking, trotting and cantering, which means how wells she could get the horse to move where she wanted it to go.

“The judge excused all but five riders in the ring to ‘test’ on the flat and I was one of the five remaining, so we had to do a lot of riding with no stirrups,” Brown said. “It basically shows your ability to ride with or without stirrups.”

Brown is proud of her achievements and owes her success to the people closest to her.

“I’d like to thank my coaches who have trained me and my mom for taking me to all of these shows,” Brown said. “I’m hoping I qualify next year, since finals will be in Los Angeles and I’ve never been there.”

Paquette, a seventh grader at Stephen Decatur Middle School, came in fourth in the Future Novice Over Fences

Class.

“I’m pretty proud. I thought it took a lot of work to get there,” Paquette said. “I can’t believe I got that far from riding all this time and now I finally proved that I can be that great of a rider.”

During the competition, Paquette was judged on her ability to maneuver her horse over seven fences. As riders were provided a horse at the show, the seventh grader attributed her success to getting accustomed to riding different horses last year.

“My pony was in rehab, so I’ve been riding a lot of other horses lately,” Paquette said. “I made it so far this year because I have been forced to ride different ponies all the time.”

Above all, Paquette appreciates the support of those who encouraged her.

“I want to thank my trainers, Kristy Naughton and Kirstin Marzbanian,” Paquette said.



Stephen Decatur Middle School student Lilly Paquette, 13, and her coach Kristy Naughton show off her fourth-place ribbon, which she earned at the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Finals at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, last weekend.
PHOTO COURTESY JILL PAQUETTE



Stephen Decatur High School sophomore Olivia Brown, 16, earns second place at the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Finals at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, last weekend. Pictured, from left, are Coach Hilary Gibbons-Neff, Olivia Brown and Coach Marianne Roth.
PHOTO COURTESY LISA CHALLENGER

WYFCS describes progress

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 2, 2019) It seems there’s always something going on at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

Executive Director Steven Taylor and Youth Programs Coordinator Tiffany Scott shared their progress with the Town of Berlin’s Mayor and Council during a meeting last Monday evening.

Scott said children involved with Worcester Youth have learned tools like courage, resilience and perseverance. They’ve also participated in activities such as a youth-driven job fair, a tour of the Berlin Library, and the town’s recent Spring Celebration.

“I think one of the important messages we want to convey is that a lot of times we’re taking small steps with these kids, but then something like the environmental youth summit comes along and it’s a huge step,” Taylor said.

Scott also praised the seventh and eighth graders

in the Strengthening Adolescent Boys with Education and Resources (SABERS) for their victory in the middle school category for the Environmental Youth Action Summit on April 5 in Salisbury.

The students were awarded a certificate of excellence for creativity and innovation in environmental stewardship and project design.

“They walked away different men after this event, and I’m extremely proud of them for that,” she said.

Scott said \$1,400 in grant funding won during the summit is expected to go toward improvements at Dr. William Henry Park, including installing a trash and recycling center, putting up new signs, and creating a rain garden using plants native to the area.

“They feel like they have a voice and they’re taking ownership of their surroundings,” Scott said.

Taylor agreed.

“They understand the importance of partnership and engaging others, and they learned from their ex-

perience how they can make this community better and stronger than it currently is,” he said. “That’s a valuable lesson that will never be taken away from these kids.”

In addition to the SABERS program, Scott said she’s been working to instill a plethora of skills for the children in her charge, including public speaking, conflict resolution, project planning, team building, and service to others.

As for this summer, Scott said she has plans for children’s involvement in Berlin town events, the Berlin Youth Club, community engagement activities, and a summer basketball league at Henry Park.

Taylor also expressed his gratitude to Berlin business owners for their contributions to children affiliated with Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

“Many of the business owners provide services to our kids at no charge at all,” he said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Worcester Preparatory School senior Virginia Bateman of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, officially committed to play Division III field hockey at Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee. She is pictured with her mother, Ann Bateman and father, Tjark.

Student picks Sewanee

(May 2, 2019) Worcester Preparatory School senior Virginia Bateman of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, officially committed to play Division III field hockey at Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee.

Bateman was honored during a ceremony on April 23, at the Berlin school surrounded by family, coaches and school administrators.

In addition to being a member of the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society, Bateman was a Worcester Prep field hockey team captain and won Coaches

Award this season. She was also named to the All-Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference Team and to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Academic Squad the past two years.

“Virginia has a real, natural talent for field hockey that I saw spark when she was a sophomore,” Prep Field Hockey Coach Katie Oxenreider said. “I think she realized that if she kept working hard she could play at the next level and I was so happy when she decided Sewanee was the right fit for her collegiate playing career.”

Calendar

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

Thurs., May 2

DELMARVA FRIENDSHIP RUGCRAFTERS
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave. The Delmarva Friendship Rugcrafters will demonstrate rug-making and will exhibit their hand-made works of art. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SPRINGFEST
Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Featuring four huge big-top tents with arts and crafts, a variety of food vendors and live entertainment. Admission is free. There is a cost for tickets to the headliner shows. Thursday's headliner is Almost Queen, at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the Convention Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.

CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPETS
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Design your own puppet and perform a puppet show in the puppet theatre. For children ages 3 years and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays - Ropewalk Restaurant, 8203 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. [BeachSingles.org](http://www.BeachSingles.org), <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

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

Fri., May 3

DELMARVA FRIENDSHIP RUGCRAFTERS
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave. The Delmarva Friendship Rugcrafters will demonstrate rug-making and will exhibit their hand-made works of art. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

YARD SALE, BAKE SALE, BOOK SALE AND SILENT AUCTION
Taylorville United Methodist Church, 11252 Adkins Road, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch available.

SPRINGFEST
Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Featuring four huge big-top tents with arts and crafts, a variety of food vendors and live entertainment. Admission is free. There is a cost for tickets to the headliner shows. Friday's headliner is LeAnn Rimes, at 8 p.m. Tickets available at the

Convention Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.

FIBER FRIENDS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcomed to this informal get-together. Bring your lap work. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DEMENTIA SIMULATION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Sessions held at 1 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Register for your preferred session: 410-208-4014. Simulation is ideal for professional and family caregivers, healthcare workers and other who have routine interactions with those suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other cognitive impairments. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MAKE AND TAKE 'DIY BATH BOMBS'
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Providing a variety of essential oils and dyes so that participants can customize their products. Music and light refreshments provided. Adults only. Reserve your spot: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worceterlibrary.org>

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Premiering 5 new art shows featuring painters Pamela and David Lussier, Felines vs. Canines, photographer John Carter, Myrna McGrath and Marisa Longo. All shows will be on display until June 1. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres served. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

Sat., May 4

DELMARVA FRIENDSHIP RUGCRAFTERS
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave. The Delmarva Friendship Rugcrafters will demonstrate rug-making and will exhibit their hand-made works of art. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MAY THE FOURTH
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Crafts and activities inspired by Star Wars. Families are welcome to come dressed in Star Wars attire. StudiOC will be open to take pictures in front of the green screen. Find a galactic background for your picture. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

19TH ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE
Assateague Coastal Trust Office, 9842 Main St., 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Assateague Coastal Trust has launched its online store for pre-sale orders. Offering many new varieties of tomatoes and

peppers, several new native sun and shade plants, a variety of herbs and plant sale packages. There will also be artists and craftspeople who create nature and garden oriented items. Vendors are welcome free of charge but require your own tabling. Contact Billy Weiland, billy@actforbays.org or Nicole Maskell, Nicole@actforbays.org. <http://www.ACTforBays.org/plant-sale>

YARD SALE, BAKE SALE, BOOK SALE AND SILENT AUCTION
Taylorville United Methodist Church, 11252 Adkins Road, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch available.

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Weekly themed craft for all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SPRINGFEST
Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Featuring four huge big-top tents with arts and crafts, a variety of food vendors and live entertainment. Admission is free. There is a cost for tickets to the headliner shows. Saturday's headliner is Night Ranger with Special Guests The Reagan Years, at 8 p.m. Tickets available at the Convention Center Box Office or online at Ticketmaster.

FESTIVAL AND FINE WINE TASTING
Downtown Berlin, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Live music on 2 stages, food, shopping and art. Event itself is free, fine wine tasting tickets cost \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door and include unlimited 1 oz. tastings of more than 60 fine domestic and international fine wines from 10 wineries, souvenir tastings glass and lanyard. Tickets: <https://berlinchamber.org/jazz-blue-bash/>.

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM. Novice and established writers gather to share their writing projects. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-ins welcome. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SATURDAY STORY TIME
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Books, singing, dancing and fun. Stay to do the Saturday Make & Take craft afterwards. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BERTINO TOWN MEETING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county. Guest speakers include Worcester County

Sheriff Matthew Crisafulli, Worcester County State's Attorney Kris Heiser and Lynne Barton, principal of Stephen Decatur Middle School. Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

OBOM FOR AUTISM
Trader Lees, 9935 Stephen Decatur Hwy., 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Staging and registration at Trader Lee's at 11 a.m. KSU for group ride with One Brother One Mission to Kip's Primal Tattoo in Princess Anne at noon. Bike show and tattoo show at Kip's Primal Tattoo, 10806 Market Lane, Princess Anne, from 1-6 p.m. Awards at 5 p.m. Proceeds go to Autism Speaks.

MAY THE FOURTH
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Showing the movie Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope. Refreshments available and families are encouraged to attend. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

Sun., May 5

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET
Sundays through Sept. 29 - Located on Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring more than 20 vendors including fresh fruits and veggies, baked goods, seafood, poultry, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, wood working, beauty products and more. Also enjoy live music, kids crafts, a variety of tutorials and petting zoo. Info: Ivy Wells and Allison Early at the Berlin Welcome Center, 410-973-2051.

SPRINGFEST
Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Featuring four huge big-top tents with arts and crafts, a variety of food vendors and live entertainment. Admission is free.

ANNUAL BAY DAY
White Horse Park, 235 Ocean Parkway, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Homeowners learn how to improve backyard habitat by planting native pollinator plants, build bat boxes, bird houses and bee homes and construct seed bombs. A small pollinator garden project will be completed at the event. Homeowners can receive a Maryland native plant to take home. Also featuring entertainment, food from local vendors, beverages from Burley Oak, free boat tours and kayaking, educational, hands-on activities and educational talks. <http://www.oceanpines.org>

OCEAN PINES BOAT CLUB SPRING FLING DINNER AND DANCE
Golden Sands, 10900 Coastal Highway, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Music by DJ Baltimore Bob. Cost is \$34 for OPBC members and \$37 for non-members. Contact

Calendar

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Candy, 410-641-6082. Open to the public.

Mon., May 6

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., #600, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Michelle, 410-641-9268

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. A 30-minute interactive session that uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to stimulate the learning process of babies and toddlers. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

LAP TIME

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, stories, games and finger plays. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

THE MOBILE MENTOR

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. One-on-one assistance for those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. Explore the wide world of apps and hand-held computers. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

LAP TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 4:30 PM. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, stories, games and finger plays. <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

PINE NEEDLE BASKETS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Learn to make pine needle

baskets from Native American artist, Dawn Manyfeathers. Register: 410-632-3495. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

AGH DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Open to the public and meets the first Monday of each month. Speaker and education related to diabetes is provided. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education, 410-208-9761

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., May 7

FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Featuring free health screenings including carotid, respiratory, bone density, hearing, blood pressure, skin cancer, Brown Bag review of meds, lab draws for cholesterol panel and glucose (a 12 hour fast is required), special appearance by Pets on Wheels of Delmarva and more. The Blood Bank of Delmarva will be holding a blood drive throughout the event as well. For appointments: 888-8BLOOD (888-825-6638). Opening ceremonies begin at 7:55 a.m. Info: Atlantic General Hospital Population Health office at 410-629-6820 or dnordstrom@atlanticgeneral.org or docmervin121@gamil.com.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Informal session to discuss library resources including eBooks, databases and the library catalog. Coffee and donuts provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME 'FRIENDS'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

'ASK A MASTER GARDENER' PLANT CLINIC

Tuesdays through September - Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1-4 p.m. Bring your photos or bagged plant samples by and let expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions. Free service.

BACKYARD CHICKENS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Workshop to learn how to properly care for and raise your chickens. Topics include: brooding chicks, feeds and nutrition, housing, predators and temperature concerns. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME MOVIE 'PRINCESS AND THE FROG'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The movie will

begin at 4:30 p.m. Before, during and after the movie enjoy crafts and activities related to the movie. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

THE COMPLETE DYLAN 'FROM WOODY TO SINATRA'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6:00 PM. Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett will discuss Bob Dylan's career from the early-1960s to the present day. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

Wed., May 8

WITTY KNITTERS

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

STORY TIME 'FAVORITES'

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

OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Book selection is A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. To obtain a copy of the book, call 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

'CHOOSING CIVILITY: THE TWENTY-FIVE RULES OF CONSIDERATE CONDUCT'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Discuss P.M. Forni's book on living a considerate and civil lifestyle. Attend the discussion and then "Pay It Forward" and give the book to someone else to learn from and enjoy. Books are available in advance at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SIMPLE DECOUPAGE AND SUGAR SCRUBS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 PM. Decorate a jar using a decoupage method, mix up a homemade sugar scrub and create a personalized card. For ages 6 years and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

RED DOORS SPRING CABARET 'PAINTING THE STAGE'

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are

available at the Convention Center Box Office or Ticketmaster. Red Doors Community Center, 410-289-5576

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>

ONGOING EVENTS

SPRING RESTAURANT WEEK

Visit participating business in Ocean City for special, fixed-priced menus through May 11. No passes, tickets or coupons needed. <https://oceancityrestaurantweek.com>, 410-289-6733

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Any branch, through May. Need some one-on-one help with your resume, job application, eReader or basic computer skills? Contact your closest library branch to schedule a personal appointment. www.worcesterlibrary.org

FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Free workshops dealing with hypertension, chronic pain self-management, chronic disease self-management, diabetes, fall prevention and cancer. If you would like to register for one of these workshops or you would like more information about bringing any of the workshops to your business or group, contact Jill at MAC, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159.

ITALIAN BUFFET FUNDRAISER

Ocean Pines Chapter AK of P.E.O. will hold an Italian Buffet Fundraiser on May 15 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The cost is \$40 with proceeds benefiting educational projects for women. There will also be a silent auction, gift baskets, mystery wines and gift card boxes. Attendees must respond by May 4. Checks should be made payable to PEO, Chapter AK and mailed to Marian Bickerstaff, 29 Wood Duck Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. Info: 410-201-2508.

14TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The First State Detachment golf tournament will be held June 6 at the Ocean City Golf Club, Newport Bay Course. Deadline for signing up is May 31. The cost is \$90 per player and is tax deductible. Fee includes greens fees with cart, range balls, beverages, lunch and many giveaways. Men's, lady's and mixed teams welcome. Info: John Lowery, 410-206-1551 or Jack Watson, 302-436-8733. www.firststatemarines.org

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BY MONDAY

5 P.M.



MARKETPLACE

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Comfort Inn Gold Coast HOTEL MAINTENANCE
We are seeking to fill a hotel Maintenance position, full time, year round. Experience in hotel or condo maintenance preferred. Competitive pay and excellent benefits.
Please apply in person at The Comfort Inn Gold Coast on 112th Street Ocean City, next to the Gold Coast Mall
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HELP WANTED

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The Castle in the Sand Hotel/Beach House Restaurant
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Seasonal (or) Year Round
We have two busy rental offices. We are looking for someone who can assist in our Ocean Pines and Ocean City office.

- ☐ References required
- ☐ Professional/Friendly
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- ☐ Must work most weekends as needed – No Evenings
- ☐ Administrative skills needed

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- ☐ Professional/Friendly
- ☐ Must travel to properties mostly in Ocean Pines and Ocean City.
- ☐ Must work most weekends as needed. - No Evenings
- ☐ Minor maintenance abilities a plus.
- ☐ Good clear handwriting

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RENTALS

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REAL ESTATE

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COMMERCIAL

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