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Spending cuts lead to lower budget at intro

Fifteen percent reduction included in first reading

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) The Berlin mayor and Town Council introduced a \$15.6 million budget for fiscal year 2020 during its Monday night meeting, revealing a spending package that is substantially less than its immediate predecessor.

"This has been a challenging budget cycle – that's an understatement," said Mayor Gee Williams, referring to the need to raise revenue and lower costs to restore the town's financial reserves.

Williams said the proposed budget shows a 15 percent cut in spending, taking roughly \$2.6 million off 2019's \$18.2 million budget.

Williams added that items were cut throughout the budgeting process. See PUBLIC Page 7

OPA BOD candidate Perrone touts financial experience

Budget and finance cmte. chairman praises current leadership for oversight

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) Larry Perrone, 63, who has made a home for himself in Ocean Pines for 36 years, and has decided to run for the board of directors.

Perrone, who moved to this area from Pennsylvania, is a retired insurance claims adjuster whose work has led him to travel ranging from Baltimore, New York and Boston. Perrone earned a degree in criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and went into the military after college. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division



Larry Perrone

sion as an air defense officer for four years. He also served four years in the reserves.

Perrone said he hopes to use his financial experiences to improve the quality of services and amenities for the community.

"If you're going to run for the board, you need to understand the finances here because this is a \$14 million operation on a yearly basis," Perrone said. "You need to understand where the money goes and how

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Rogers brings background as nurse, lawyer to election

Political newcomer pledges honest, forthright approach to governing Ocean Pines

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) Camilla Rogers, 65, has lived in Ocean Pines for just over a year, but that hasn't stopped her from deciding to run for the Board of Directors.

Rogers, a native Marylander, has lived in a lot of places traveling with her husband. She earned her degree as a registered nurse from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. She received her masters in nursing at the University of Maryland and received her Nurse Practitioner's certification.



Camilla Rogers

tion. She is a licensed pediatric nurse practitioner.

She taught nursing in several universities and then went into hospital administration. Rogers was a hospital administrator at several hospitals, and her last position in nursing was in an executive position at Sheppard Pratt Health in Towson, Maryland. At age 50, she decided to change her career and went to law school.

Using her expertise in law, health and medicine, Rogers wants to bring a new perspective to the board. See ROGERS Page 2

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Rogers pledges more meeting transparency

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ter represent children, nurses and physicians as well as bring more transparency to the board.

“I have a keen interest in representing those people as well and try to be honest and forthright with the board because we can’t have public safety compromised,” Rogers said. “There’s been a lot of consternation between the board and the general public.”

Despite these concerns, Rogers believes the current board has done very well in the year she has lived in the association.

“Some of these people are really, really, really smart people, and I think that they have moved some agendas forward like getting the management company in here,” Rogers said. “That was a brilliant

move as far as I’m concerned. It is wonderful to see that they have allocated resources, for instance, to the yacht club. It’s always thrilling to me to go up there and see how well subscribed to that is.”

Rogers wants to continue moving things in the right direction for the community by bringing more transparency to board meetings.

“This community has a lot going for it and I think it’s very important for the board to maintain a transparent relationship with the people that are here,” Rogers said. “This is their forever homes, and they I think if we had some more forums [where] we had some involvement, it really would help people understand what the board is trying to achieve so that the general public feels that they have more input.”

Following transparency, she also believes communication with the association members is just as important.

“I think good communication with those that you serve is always important,” Rogers said. “I just kind of wonder from time to time when I hear these stories, if those that are involved in this can’t be doing a little bit more mediation, or someone within the board can do a little bit more mediation so that they become more effective in their activities and don’t try to align forces one against the other.”

“It just seems to me that there seems to be some problem when people are dropping off and there are vacancies in the board,” she continued. “I think people should be excited about this and clamoring for positions.”

Above all, Rogers is excited to assist her community, which has welcomed her so warmly last year.

“When we made the decision to move down here, I thought, ‘Oh my God, I’ll never have any friends, I’ve got this tight knit social of friends,’” Rogers said. “We moved in Jan. 17, 2018. By Christmas, I had a Christmas party in our house and I had 47 people here that I didn’t know in January that have all become friends. This is a really, really wonderful community.”

Perrone believes golf, police bldg. spends necessary

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it’s being spent.”

Having spent two years on the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee and currently the presiding chair, Perrone knows association’s budget, reserves and expenses.

“Being involved with the budget and finance committee, I’ve learned where the money goes in Ocean Pines and, more importantly, got a clear understanding of what our expenses are and our reserves,” Perrone said. “We have the money in our reserves to do the building that we’re talking about building this this year.”

Some residents have expressed concern about the budget this year after the board approved spending \$3.185 million for three major projects: expanding the police and administration building, rebuilding the country club, and building a new golf cart barn.

Perrone, however, believes these projects are necessary to help improve Ocean Pines as a community, and would like to continue pushing the association in the right direction.

“The current board of directors as it stands now has done a tremendous job moving the community forward with the [projects] that’s going to occur here,” Perrone said. “All this progress that has been made this year by the current board, I would like to assist and continue ... there are some groups out there that are not very happy that we’re spending the money.”

“The buildings that we have now are a result of not spending the money to keep the buildings maintained,” he continued. “We’re working on the important projects. From the financial situation ... when we spend that money, it will bring our reserve level down to a level that we’re not comfortable with. We’ll still have several million dollars in the bank in the reserves.”

While other candidates in the past have said they will fight to lower as-
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Controlling expenses key, says OPA candidate Perrone

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essments, Perrone says he will not ... because it is a feat that cannot be done.

“I’m not one of these guys who is going to say, ‘We’re not going to raise assessments,’” Perrone said. “Everybody that has said that hasn’t done it. You can’t. When you go through the budget process, you don’t know what you’re going to look at. I’m not going to make that promise because I, having seen it ... it goes up.

“The issue is controlling those expenses and making sure it goes up at a respectable rate, and making sure we are building the reserves back to where we need to be and we’re getting all the services done that we need to get in Ocean Pines,” he continued. “It’s a complicated balancing act but the Budget and Finance Committee understands it, the treasurer understands it, the finance lead understands it, I think we’re in good hands at this point.”



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Esther Diller resigns from OP Board, position may be filled

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) With less than three months before the Ocean Pines Board of Director's election, director Esther Diller has announced her resignation.

Diller, who was elected to a one-year term last August, cited personal and health reasons for stepping down.

"I would like to take this time to say I think our board, did a lot of great things," Diller said in a press release. "The right decisions are usually the hardest and after several years of 'kicking it down the road,' this board made those difficult decisions. I was able to gain a better understanding of the ins and outs of our community and have walked away from this experience better schooled and with a whole new appreciation for public service and governing of a community.

"Governing isn't easy. Volunteering isn't easy," she continued. "Everyone who serves on this board should be applauded for the time and effort it takes not to mention the personal attacks we must endure. This decision to leave the board has been difficult one for me and my family. I never like to start something I can't finish but has now become necessary."

Diller thanked her fellow board members for the time she has spent with them and her plans to volunteer for Ocean Pines in the future.



Esther Diller

"It has been an honor to work with all of you and I hope to again in the future be able to serve the community in a positive manner," Diller said. "I intend to continue to work with several committees in our community and will be here to show support to the board."

With Diller stepping down within 90 days of the upcoming election, the Ocean Pines bylaws allows the board to choose whether it wants to appoint a director to fill the vacancy.

"Since we just received Esther's resignation, the board will need to discuss and determine whether or not we fill the position," Association President Doug Parks said.

Diller and former director Ted Moroney earned one-year terms on the board last year and were up for reelection. Moroney finished third and Diller fourth in last year's contest to be elected to the unexpired portions of the terms of Pat Supik and Brett Hill, both of whom resigned. Moroney resigned his seat in March.

As of filing deadline last Friday, eight residents had signed up as candidates for three spots on the board. The association bylaws require two more candidates than there are seats up for election.

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Oversight caused lack of annual mtg. notice

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) Members of the Ocean Pines Association apparently have not been receiving proper notification of the annual meeting for the past few years, and the Elections Committee intends to correct that immediately.

During the Election’s Committee meeting last Friday, Chairman Steve Habeger brought it to the committee’s attention that there had been a misstep sending out the notification about the annual public meeting, which will be held on Aug. 10 this year.

“A review of the OPA Bylaws reveals in Section 4 that all members be officially informed of the annual meeting,” Habeger said. “Over the past several years — I’m not sure how long but certainly for at least two or three years I’ve been involved in this process — we have gone into our database and deleted those people who are not in good standing. Therefore [not] everyone gets an announcement of the annual meeting and a ballot.

“Those people who are not eligible to vote do not get that package,” he continued. “That does not comply with the bylaws.”

Last year, 7,614 packets with ballots were sent out last year, Habeger

said.
According to the bylaws, Section 4.04, “At the direction of the President or the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall provide written notice of the annual or a special meeting of the members to all members not less than 15 nor more than 50 days prior to the meeting. Adequate notice of a meeting shall be deemed to have been given to any member if mailed or sent electronically to the address provided by the member for this purpose.”

To comply with the bylaws and amend this mistake, Habeger said two mailings would be sent this year. The notifications may also be distributed electronically.

“One mailing will be our standard mailing with the material about the candidates, which has on the back of the front page the official announcement of the annual meeting, along with a ballot,” Habeger said. “Everyone in good standing will receive the full package. Other people will receive a letter from the association explaining why there is no ballot in that package.”

Members in good standing means they have remained up to date on their payments for all the amenities and fees associated with Ocean Pines.

The Elections Committee approved of the suggestion. If for any



Committee members Ginger Sutula, left, and Brenda Wasack ask about ways to comply with the bylaws and ensure every resident receives notice about the annual meeting during the Elections Committee meeting in the Administration Building on Friday, May 10. (Left) Committee member Bob Windsor discusses the importance of complying with the bylaws during the Elections Committee meeting in the Administration Building on Friday, May 10.

MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

reason, a member does not receive a notification this year, he or she is advised to contact member services. Questions should be directed to 410-641-7717 ext. 3031 or email member@oceanpines.org.

As of May 10, last Friday, which was the deadline to file for the board,

eight people have filed for the board, fulfilling the five-seat minimum required for an election. Of those eight, Bayside Gazette has confirmed that Larry Perrone, 63, Paula Gray, 72, Camilla Rogers, 65, and Tom Janacek, 53, are running for election.



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Site plan approved for Berlin bldg.

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) A site plan for a proposed industrial complex building on Washington Street was unanimously approved during a Berlin Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday.

Owner Duane Maddy received unanimous approval for a conditional use exception for the 13,512-square-foot property on 305 Washington St. from the Berlin Board of Zoning Appeals at an April 3 meeting.

“He’s good to go with the Board of Zoning Appeals for the use, and now he’s here to present his site plan to you,” said Planning Director Dave Engelhart.

Maddy proposed demolishing the structure on the existing foundation and building a two-story, mixed-use building, according to the site plan. The first floor would have dedicated storage, and the second floor would include dedicated living space.

Maddy also said he plans to rent the three two-and-three-bedroom units on the second floor.

Additionally, the property proposed having designated space for a 2-by-4 sign, a 3-by-6 mailbox, a four-foot fence for a dumpster enclosure, a 4-foot fence for the side of the property, and eight parking spots – with one handicapped parking spot, according to the site plan.



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Property owner Duane Maddy addresses members of the Berlin Planning Commission during a meeting last Wednesday evening. His site plan for the property on Washington Street received unanimous approval.

As for the building’s aesthetics, Maddy opted for a sage green exterior and white trim.

When discussing the foliage surrounding the property, Planning Commission member Ron Cascio had a specific opinion.

“Can we not do Leyland [Cypress]?” Cascio asked.

Maddy appeared to be agreeable to his suggestion, and said he wanted a tree that would grow fast.

“[Eastern] Red cedar? You won’t have any problems [with Eastern] red cedar,” Cascio said.

When asked about the roof, Maddy

said he planned to use a more traditional vinyl shingle.

“So it’s not a metal roof with a weird angle?” Cascio said.

The property also has a 30-foot wide common element access easement, according to the site plan.

“It’s important to have that fence along that easement,” Maddy said.

Planning Commission member Phyllis Purnell moved to approve the site plan, and member John Barrett seconded it.

Planning Commission member Barb Stack was absent from last Wednesday’s meeting.



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Public hearing for budget adoption scheduled June 10

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process, including raises for town employees, a one-time payment at Thanksgiving as well as BJ's Wholesale Club and Sam's Club memberships (which, according to the budget printout, saved \$90).

However, one holiday-themed item Williams said he wouldn't cut.

"It [the budget] retains the one-time \$50 gift certificate to employees at Thanksgiving, a longstanding town tradition, which I would like to continue," he said.

Town officials said while no raises were given, cost-of-living adjustments were included in the budget.

The property tax rate was set at \$.80 per \$100 of assessed value for the upcoming fiscal year.

Property tax contributed \$2.7 million in revenue 2018-19 general fund budget, and officials proposed increasing it by 26.27 percent to \$3.4 million, according to budget reports.

The town proposed setting the impact residential fees at \$30,000 for fiscal year 2020, which is a decrease of \$70,000 from the previous year. The commercial fee, previously set at \$15,000 also decreased by \$5,000 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Despite in the higher property tax rate and the subsequent revenue that will produce, the town's general fund in the 2019-20 fiscal year will be not quite \$838,500 less than the budgeted total for the current year.

Altogether, the general fund showed \$7.1 million in revenue for FY19, and \$6.3 million under the new plan. The difference between the two is that the town's general fund revenue in FY19 included a \$1.5 million transfer from the town's reserves and the new fiscal year does not.

Williams also proposed several initiatives he'd like council members to consider once the fiscal year 2020 budget is adopted:

- Reserve balance policies.
- Quarterly budget reports for departments during a January, May, August, and October regular session council meetings
- Comprehensive reports on sewer fees and debt service.

"Council should review all fees on a regular basis to ensure they cover the cost of the services provided," Williams said.

Williams also suggested the introduction of the real property tax rate for fiscal year 2021 in January, with the adoption in March.

He added the earlier time frame would give "all town departments [time] to prepare expenses."

A public hearing for the fiscal year 2020 budget and its adoption is scheduled for June 10 at Town Hall on William Street.

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Berlin's real property tax rate set

Property owners will pay 12 cents more, based on new 80 cent per \$100 structure

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) It's going to cost 12 cents more per \$100 of assessed value to own property in Berlin, after the Berlin Town Council on Monday adopted the real property tax rate for the fiscal year 2020 budget.

The rate was set at \$.80 per \$100 of assessed value after being introduced at an April 29 work session. Setting the new rate was a months-long process that included nearly a dozen public meetings and no small amount of debate for residents and council members.

Mayor Gee Williams said during last week's work session that the rate for fiscal year 2021 is "to be determined."

On a home assessed at \$200,000, the new rate would work out to

\$1,640 a year or a \$240 increase, Williams said last week. He added that it would cost \$3,280 per year for homes assessed at \$400,000, which is a \$480 increase or \$40 more per month.

As for the utility fees, the water fee will increase by 5 percent and the sewer fee will increase by 25 percent, according to reports.

"No doubt about [it], the wastewater rate has got to break even," Councilman Troy Purnell said last week.

Williams allowed several community members to voice their concerns during a public hearing.

Resident Jeff Smith told members of the town's mayor and council he was "impressed with the way [the] council handled [the] work session" last week.

However, he said he felt the outcome wasn't ideal.

"I think at this point the compromise that you guys have reached is probably unacceptable to the major-

ity of us, but we understand that at some point something has to be done, and you have a hard decision to make," Smith said.

Fifty businesses cosigned a letter last month criticizing a proposed 29 percent rate increase to \$.88 from the current \$.68 levy. Homeowners and organizations also expressed their opposition to the tax hike.

For resident Tracy Albright, the rollback to 80 cents didn't appear to be enough.

"You've got the coolest town. Well guess what? It's not you guys that are doing it, it's us," she said.

"So if you have a town with homes and people that take care of it like we do, you're going to turn around to us and you're going to say we're going to overtax you because we messed up," she said. "We're going to continue to tax you because we messed up."

Conversely, resident Donald Fletcher said he understood the need

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Council reflects on budget process

Members appreciate input, participation from public, call for increased civility

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) After all was said and done, members of Berlin's Mayor and Council reflected on the journey of the real property tax rate for fiscal year 2020's budget.

Councilmen Elroy Brittingham and Dean Burrell observed there was much deliberation during an April 29 work session.

"We've discussed this, and we've settled on this rate, so I'm ready to vote on it," Brittingham said.

Councilman Zack Tyndall opposed the real property tax increase from \$.60 to \$.80 per \$100 of assessed value on Monday evening and urged

residents to continue providing their input.

"I encourage those of you that have become active during this budget cycle to remain active now and into the future," Tyndall said in a statement sent to the Bayside Gazette. "The fate of Berlin depends on it."

Burrell said appreciated the constructive feedback from the public throughout the process.

"But you have provided an invaluable service to us as your town leaders, and to your community in general, just by coming here and saying what you think, [and] what you would like to see," Burrell said.

Councilman Thom Gulyas said his fifth budget cycle has been unlike those of past years.

"We encourage the input, but to sit up here some nights for three or four hours and have people screaming at

you, to be threatened on the street, that's just uncalled for," he said.

Gulyas was absent from last Monday's work session because of personal circumstances, but still had some interruption Monday night, as he spoke about the difficulties he faced.

"It's not easy sitting up here and looking at all of you trying to make a decision like this," he said. "It's — hang on," he said to a member of the audience who interrupted him, "you've had four months, I'm asking for three minutes, that's it. That's it."

Gulyas' displeasure with some of the tactics employed by tax increase opponents also included what he said was a false allegation that a councilmember "made backroom deals on a piece of property."

"It's insulting guys," he said.

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‘Do better’: Residents voice opinions at public hearing

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for expansion and annexation in the area.

“The town has to grow,” Fletcher said. “If it doesn’t, we’re going to get stuck, simple as that.”

After Williams closed the public hearing, Albright interjected from the audience on her way out.

“I’m sorry, one more thing before we go: Do better,” she said. “All of you do better.”

“Thank you for coming,” Williams replied.

Councilman Dean Burrell moved to approve the tax rate. The vote was 4-1 with Councilman Zack Tyndall dissenting.

“Listening to you [the townspeople] and voting ‘no’ to this unnecessary and unprecedented tax increase is my vote for a bright financial future for Berlin,” Tyndall said in a statement sent to the Bayside Gazette. That future isn’t lost tonight, despite four of my colleagues voting to increase our taxes by [roughly 18 percent].”

Later in the meeting, Williams asked council members to consider several initiatives after the fiscal year 2021 budget was set. One of which was proposing to introduce the real property tax rate for fiscal year 2021’s in January, and plan to adopt it in March.

Town officials clarified the fiscal year 2021 budget would be introduced around mid-May as usually scheduled.

Berlin officials welcoming public’s participation, ideas

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Gulyas also spoke with area residents about various infrastructure projects they deemed necessary, but said there can be mounting expenses for repairing aging roads the right way.

“But you guys are gonna want those things done, we just can’t not do it,” Gulyas said. “We have to do something.”


He also called for civility and reminded the audience that elected officials are also Berlin residents.

“We live here too. We do,” Gulyas said. “We have to feel the same pain that you do, so believe me I am open for any other suggestions going from this date forward, but for the love of God just give us a little respect too.”

“We are not trying to shortchange you,” Gulyas continued. “We are not trying to put you out of your homes, but if you guys have a great idea, by God we want to hear it. We really do want to hear it.”

Additionally, Burrell said he was touched by the public’s enthusiasm throughout the process. He vowed to continue listening and welcomed their participation.

“I think ... you’re input, and your concern, and your comments, and your genuine interest has made me a better council person, and for that I want to thank you, and I encourage your continued participation, and your continued input because it can only make us better and make us a better town in general,” Burrell said.



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Davis to head up OPA marketing, PR

Veteran journalist, editor to take over role recently vacated by Denise Sawyer

(May 16, 2019) The Ocean Pines Association has announced that Josh Davis has been hired as its new director of marketing and public relations.

Davis will fill the role currently held by Denise Sawyer, whose last day with the Association will be Friday, May 17.

“Josh will be an invaluable addition to the Ocean Pines Association,” said interim General Manager John Viola. “His wealth of knowledge about the organization and his integrity as a journalist will be vital as we work to enhance our communication with the membership.”

Davis, who has worked for the *Ocean City Today* and *Bayside Gazette* newspapers for the past five years, most recently serving as the news editor, has close to two decades of experience writing, reporting and editing with local and national publications. He is the author of three novels, including “Vanishing is the Last Art.”

“I’m excited to join the Ocean Pines team, which I think is the strongest they’ve had in years,” Davis said. “My top priority is providing a new layer of transparency for the membership.”

During his time with *Ocean City Today* and *Bayside Gazette*, Davis was the only reporter in Worcester County

to be recognized five times by the Maryland, Delaware, D.C. Press Association for excellence in journalism. He received awards for investigate reporting, feature writing and photography.

“I’ve spent my career learning how to communicate effectively with people and I hope to continue doing that, and doing it well, in this new role,” Davis

‘I’ve spent my career learning how to communicate effectively with people and I hope to continue doing that, and doing it well, in this new role.’

Josh Davis

said. “My goal is to provide the membership with timely and accurate information, from how and why board members voted during the last regular meeting, to what the specials are next weekend at the Yacht Club.”

In his position with Ocean Pines, Davis will oversee and coordinate the Association’s internal and external communications systems, procedures and activities. He will be responsible for the dissemination of information to property owners, visitors and the media, including advertisement and promotion of the Association’s public amenities.

Sawyer enjoyed her time with the Association and said she grew personally and professionally.

“From greeting local vendors and customers at the ever-growing Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market, spearheading the inaugural National Night Out for the Ocean Pines Police Department, playing a fun game of platform tennis with zero racquet ball talent or understanding, making a splash as a participant of the popular hydrocycle spin class at the Sports Core Pool, to ‘rocking out’ at the Yacht Club as I videotaped the infectious live entertainment experience for our social media audience, I have not only captured #PinesPride but I have lived it,” she said. “Sure, I am moving on to the next chapter in life, but know that the chapter titled ‘The Pines’ is filled with fond memories. Thank you for welcoming me into your community and for allowing me to showcase Ocean Pines on the local, state and national level.”

“Denise has done a great job,” Viola said. “Under her leadership, the Association was featured in Forbes Magazine twice and has been a recipient of several marketing awards. I am sure that I am not alone when I say Ocean Pines appreciates her passion, ingenuity and creativity.”

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Residents claim they never received surveys last year

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) A handful of residents told the Board of Directors last Saturday they never received the association-wide survey sent last fall, leading the directors to wonder how many surveys might not have been delivered. During the board session, former director Slobodan Trendic remarked how members of the community had a high opinion of the local crabbing pier, even though the survey results revealed last fall showed it rated it as the amenity of the lowest importance.

“Recent survey results related to the question of the crabbing pier, about 21 percent of homeowners responded to that survey,” Trendic said. “Of those that responded, about 58 percent said the following about the crabbing pier: fairly important, very important, extremely important. That’s the voice of the community.”

The survey, conducted by the general manager’s office, was supposed to be distributed to all 8,453 property owners last summer, with results to be evaluated later in the fall.

Apparently, that was not the case. Not long after Trendic brought up the survey, a few other residents said they did not share that opinion. Moreover, they had not received the survey in the first place.

“Today is the first day I’ve heard of the survey,” Resident Cheryl Bissell said. “I never saw notice of it, and I also manage affairs for my mother, who lives in another part of Ocean Pines. She didn’t get the survey either.”

Some members were concerned about Trendic’s comments about the crabbing pier, saying their opinions were not included as a result.

“I was not given a survey,” another resident at the meeting said. “I’m directly in front of the [pier] ... no survey.”

Some were also wondering where the survey results were and how accurate that made them.

“None of us have even seen the survey results,” one member said. “We know people that haven’t received a survey. So there’s some things in statistics you make somebody hear, but I would caution the board to ... look for supporting facts.”



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The intersection for Route 589 and the north gate entrance to Ocean Pines is being considered by the Maryland Department of Transportation for a conceptual traffic circle, which would require two half acres of land on either side of the bridge to complete the design. The design is only a concept and is not yet an approved future project.

Residents do not like traffic circle concept, citing safety

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) A majority of residents of Ocean Pines believe that a traffic circle proposed by the Maryland Department of Transportation at the intersection of Route 589 and Ocean Parkway at Ocean Pines’ north

gate is more than a bad idea, it’s a safety concern.

That appears to be the leading sentiment, according to an collection of comments Board of Directors Vice President Steve Tuttle compiled two weeks ago.

“I’m collecting comments from residents with their views about the concept of the circle,” Tuttle said. “I’m getting that information and I’m passing that on to a representative at

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Tuttle invites MDOT to join meetings, answer questions

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MDOT so they can understand what the concerns and thoughts are of our community related to this circle.”

The Ocean Pines directors have been asked to donate roughly a half-acre of land on either side of the north gate bridge in order to complete the project, which could involve expanding that section of the road into a four-lane situation.

During the May 4 board of directors’ meeting, some residents registered their concerns about the safety problems the traffic circle could cause.

“This would be a true catastrophe for anybody that uses the north gate,” one resident said during the meeting. The board needs to step up and tell these people, “This is a disaster waiting to happen.”

Others brought up their concerns through emails to Tuttle, who says he has collected around 35 emails on the subject.

“Probably 70 percent [of the emails] are opposed to the concept,” Tuttle said. “People are concerned whether it’s safe for traffic because of all the traffic on 589.”

Bob Rager, Maryland State Highway Administration district community liaison, said says those concerns

are misguided, as traffic circles are used to minimize the risk of accidents and improve traffic flow.

“Like any other traffic-control device, they are very effective when used in the right circumstances,” Rager said. “They also are very good at maintaining an efficient traffic flow.”

In the meantime, the board is discussing options that could include modifications to improve travel through the north gate entrance. One option would be to remove the bridge entirely and expand it and to install culverts underneath.

“You could have it just like a bridge, but you wouldn’t have the cost of the bridge,” Tuttle said. “You could widen it, and then anybody coming out that wants to turn right wouldn’t have to wait at all, they could just come out.”

While this would be an advantage for some residents, the cost of the operation would be entirely on Ocean Pines to pay, he added.

The concept is not a design that is set to begin construction, and Tuttle invited transportation department representatives to attend the next board meeting to answer any questions residents might have about the design.



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Council adopts business license ordinance

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) An ordinance imposing harsher penalties on Berlin businesses that have not paid or renewed their license fee was adopted at the Berlin mayor and Town Council meeting Monday night.

Town Administrator Laura Allen, who told the council that 14 businesses have yet to pay for their licenses, proposed the measure at the council's April 8 session. The license costs \$75 for businesses and \$150 for banks.

One of the legislation's stipulations requires publication of the names and businesses that have failed to pay up.

"I'm not big on public shaming anyone," said Councilman Thom Gulyas. "You're asking for a pint of blood and a pound of flesh."

Gulyas gave his two cents seated at the table across from the other members of Berlin's Mayor and Council.

Gulyas, owner of Ace Printing & Mailing, said it's imperative to "keep the town business friendly."

Councilman Dean Burrell interjected with a differing opinion.

"Is it business friendly to have staff repeatedly send a business invoice[s], call them on the phone, literally begging them to pay the \$75?" he asked. "That works both ways."

Gulyas agreed.
"And if we're going to be business-

friendly, business has to be friendly to us, and I think by honoring your obligation to pay the \$75 within a timely measure is just being a good neighbor," Burrell continued. "But if you're not being a good neighbor, there needs to be ramifications, and you call it public shaming, I'll call it motivation."

Gulyas opted for another approach and volunteered to speak with the violators personally.

"Give me the word — I'll be happy to go and do it," Gulyas said.

As for the fines themselves, the ordinance states they would gradually increase:

- If the bill is not paid within 30 days, there will be a 5 percent increase in the fee.

- 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.

Additionally, the ordinance would permit the code enforcement officer to 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."

During the public hearing, resident Jeff Smith questioned the placement of the citation in the ordinance.

"Why are we adding the teeth so late?" Smith asked.



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Berlin resident Jeff Smith addresses Town Attorney David Gaskill during a Berlin Mayor and Council meeting Monday evening about an ordinance imposing harsher penalties for Berlin businesses that have not yet paid or renewed their license fee.

Mayor Gee Williams replied, "There's no teeth in it because it was not acceptable [for] the people in this town to put teeth in," Williams said. "And now we're saying there has to be. There has to be some recourse..."

"It's a simple question, you don't need to get mad at me," Smith said.

"My simple answer is it wasn't done because it wasn't acceptable to this community," Williams said.

Smith then asked Williams what in the code applies to proprietries running a business without the proper paperwork.

"Nothing. That's why we're addressing this," Williams said.

Councilman Zack Tyndall agreed

with Smith, and suggested a motion to amend the ordinance, separating the citation from the fines.









However, his idea appeared to leave many in the room puzzled.

"I still don't understand," said Town Attorney David Gaskill.

Gaskill later recommended adding the citation to Section 8-22, which moves it closer to the front to a section that covers the license required, fee and transferability portion of the ordinance as opposed to the financial fees.

"I could live with that," Tyndall replied.

Burrell moved to adopt the ordinance as amended, and it was unanimously approved.



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Berlin Parks Commission Briefs

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) The Berlin Parks Commission discussed the following items last Tuesday:

Spring, summer programs

Two organizations inquired about access to the recreational courts at Stephen Decatur Park and Dr. William Henry Park in Berlin.

Mary Bohlen, administrative services director for the town, said Worcester County Recreation and Parks wanted to hold an after-school tennis camp until July 28 and requested using the courts at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street, off Route 113, in Berlin.

Bohlen added that the Ocean City Baptist Church wanted to have a basketball camp from July 15-19 at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street in Berlin.

However, Bohlen identified a potential snafu that may increase the cost for the church because “they can’t seem to verify that they’re actually a certified non-profit.”

Bohlen said she’s been communicating with both agencies about their requests, and commission members offered unanimous support to the initiatives.

“The most important thing is that the facilities get used, and if more organization are using [them] to serve the kids, amen,” said commission member Patricia Dufendach.

The matters will then go before the mayor and council, but it’s unclear when that will happen.

Clean Up Day results

Bohlen informed the other members of the commission 72 volunteers were present at Clean Up Day on April 27.



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Members of the Berlin Parks Committee discuss several matters of importance during a meeting last Tuesday evening in the conference room at Town Hall on William Street in downtown Berlin.

While Bohlen was pleased with the participation, she said the turnout was almost too good.

“We had so many volunteers that we ran out of stuff for them to do,” Bohlen said.

The Town of Berlin also worked with Comcast on Comcast Cares Day, which she previously said contributed to the increase in volunteers. Bohlen added the company will be making donations in the fall, and she plans to stay in touch with organizers.

Spring Just Walk

Spring Just Walk in Berlin had roughly 30 participants at Stephen Decatur Park on May 4, Bohlen said.

The Berlin Parks Commission and the Worcester County Health Department sponsored the event.

Participants had the opportunity to walk on one, two, and three-mile paths.

Bohlen reported that a section of the scrap tire path facing the tennis courts, near the rain garden, had fallen into disrepair.

She said the stretch “wasn’t meant to be installed quite this far north,” and safety concerns had resulted.

“So, it’s unfortunate,” Bohlen said. “They patch it where they can but that

particular spot was such a low spot that it just a waste of material effort to keep patching it so they went ahead and took that out.”

Basketball funding denied

The Berlin Parks Commission was denied a grant to provide lighting to the basketball courts at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street in Berlin.

Bohlen said she filled out a community parks and playground grant application through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition and Planning’s Program Open Space.

Bohlen said the project cost was projected to be \$114,500 and that the grant would have paid for \$105,500 of it.

National Night Out

Members of the Berlin Parks Commission brainstormed ideas for the 2019 National Night Out.

National Night Out aims to strengthen relationships between area residents and law enforcement, according to the event’s website. It has been going on for 36 years.

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Purnell Crossing homeowners show up to Planning Comm.

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) Purnell Crossing homeowners continued to express their frustrations over a proposed rental development on an adjacent property at the Berlin Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday.

The item was not listed on the agenda, but Planning Director Dave Engleheart and members of the commission allowed people to speak during public comment section of the meeting.

"We'll be here at every meeting until it's over with," said resident Judy Hudson.

Landowner and Town Councilman Troy Purnell was also in the audience, and said the project's builder Justin White, of Live Oak Builders, needed more time and "didn't feel comfortable submitting" some of the sketches.

"They had postponed it for a month, I thought everybody knew," Purnell said.

Neighborhood residents met with Purnell and White in April to discuss the project off Old Ocean City Boulevard and Sunlight Lane.

At one point, plans for the property were to build a 100-unit assisted living facility and 19 new townhomes, with the townhomes then becoming a part of the Purnell Crossing association.

Five new rental apartment buildings, which included one 30-unit building and four 24-unit buildings, were later proposed.

White said he revised the plans to include two three-story apartment

buildings, consisting of 60 apartment units on the north parcel, and 36 two-story townhomes on the south parcel.

But with one hitch — they would be rentals.

"I understand nobody likes rentals, but if everyone talks over me the whole night, there's no sense of me being here, and I come here at the request to try and work with everyone," White said in April.

Patricia Corson brought that same tenacity to last Wednesday's meeting.

"We don't want renters, that's just our feeling," Corson said.

Planning Commission member John Barrett heard the residents' concerns, but ultimately said the decision wasn't up to them.

"I don't think you have any control over that," Barrett said.

Planning Commission Chairman Chris Denny urged the homeowners to continue following up with Purnell and White.

"It doesn't sound like they're very satisfied," Denny said.

Purnell, White and other residents were also present during the April 17 planning commission meeting. The aforementioned topic of discussion was not on the agenda, but resident Wayne Harrison appreciated their time.

"Thank you for hearing our point of view," Harrison said in April. "Thank you very much."

The plans for the proposed development have yet to go before the Berlin Planning Commission, but Engleheart said the next meeting is slated for June 12.

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While the exact parameters in Berlin are unclear, the date for the nationwide event is Aug. 6.

Parks Commission Sarah Hooper suggested incorporating a purple tablecloth with the festivities to highlight the "Worcester Goes Purple" movement, a countywide initiative to prevent substance abuse in Worcester County.

There was a community interest meeting last Monday at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin to help start a conversation about substance abuse prevention.

"The purple table cloth is a good start," Dufendach said.

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Cruisin' Ocean City returns to resort, Berlin

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) The 29th annual Cruisin' Ocean City event rolled into the resort on Thursday and will continue until Sunday.

This nationally-recognized show attracts more than 3,000 customs, hot rods, street machines, classics and other vehicles from over 20 states, and Canada.

"It's just become a tradition," Event Promoter Meredith Herbert said. "We hear so many families say that they come year after year."

While the main events take place at the inlet parking lot and the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street, there will be various citywide locations as well as events at the US 13 Dragway in Delmar, Delaware.

Scheduled to appear at this year's Cruisin' is Catherine Bach, best known for her role as Daisy Duke from the "Dukes of Hazzard."

"We're excited to have her and she's excited to celebrate the 40th anniversary [of the show]," Herbert said. "It's one of those shows where grandparents can watch with their grandkids and now the grandkids are growing up and showing it to their kids."

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the "Dukes of Hazzard" with Bach and the General Lee show car. Bach will be at the convention center Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the inlet on Saturday during the same time.

Also scheduled to appear, from the hit show "Counting Cars," is Ryan Evans. Evans will be at the inlet on Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and inside the convention center on Saturday at the same time.

Additional entertainment includes live music provided by Mook Jones and Ben Fuller, BINGO, Seaside Jimmy, Cruisin Gold DeeJay, the fifth annual Pin Up Contest, and a neon and LED light car show.

Taking the stage of the Ocean City Performing Arts Center on 40th Street will be Grammy Award winner and country music legend, Joe Diffie, Thursday, May 16 at 8 p.m.

Diffie's greatest hits including

"Home," "Pickup Man," "Third Rock from the Sun" and "John Deere Green." Opening for Diffie will be Maryland native and viral sensation, Jackson Dean, winner of the Maryland Music Award for Best Songwriter and Best New Breakout Artist. Dean recently gained recognition for his rendition of the National Anthem.

All seats are reserved and can be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 1-800-551-SEAT or online at DelmarvaConcerts.com. Tickets cost \$37.50.

The US 13 Dragway, in Delmar, Delaware, is an additional location for activities this year. Events will take place Friday and Saturday and include Jet Dragsters, No Prep racing, burnout contests, test and tunes and car shows.

For more information, visit TakinitotheStrip.com or call 302-846-3911. Gates at the US 13 Dragway open at 4 p.m.

Another new event for Cruisin' 2019 will be the Cruisin' Car Corral, held Friday, inside the convention center, where show cars that are for sale will be on display. For more information, call 410-871-8381 or email info@cruisinclassicauctions.com.

Some of the country's top national names will be showcasing their products in manufacturers midway at the inlet parking lot including Advance Auto Parts, Advantage Lifts, AMSOIL, Barrett-Jackson, Classic Auto Mall, COMP Performance, Covercraft Car Covers, CVF Racing, Detroit Speed, Flaming River, GEICO, Grundy Insurance, Krietz Auto, McQueen Classics, Miller Electric, Mothers Polish, Pinnacle Concrete, QA1, Ride Tech, Ron Francis Wiring, Summit Racing, Sundance Vacations, TREMEC, Truck'n America and Wissel & Walsh.

"Inside the convention center you'll find your automotive parts," Herbert said. "But you also see some craft and jewelry vendors. It's a little bit of everything."

At the convention center there will be Pioneer Pole Buildings and Treasured Motorcar Services as well vendors both inside and outside selling automotive merchandise along with arts and crafts, jewelry and T-shirts.

There will also be a Swap Meet, Friday and Saturday inside the convention

center. Additional vendors will be at the US 13 Dragway location.

Inside the convention center check out the Artwork Contender Showcase where select cars will compete to be on the artwork for the 30th anniversary Cruisin' 2020. Spectators can vote for their favorite vehicle.

On display inside the convention center will be the General Lee Show Car and the wild custom '73 Buick Riviera featured on the hit show "Counting Cars." Both vehicles will be on display Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional Cruisin' Ocean City highlights are the special Boardwalk parades that will take place Friday and Saturday mornings. Cars will cruise south from 26th Street along the Boardwalk and into the inlet parking lot starting at 8 a.m.

"It's just neat to see it continue and to see it be that family friendly event that kicks off this summer," Herbert said.

On Sunday, the Grand Finale Awards will take place at the inlet at 2 p.m. Before Cruisin' comes to an end there will be more than 500 trophies, plaques and awards presented, plus over 3,000 giveaways.

Spectator tickets cost \$10 a day on Sunday and \$15 a day for Friday and Saturday, good at the inlet and convention center. Children under 14 get in free with an adult.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday at both the inlet and convention center and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the inlet location only with the Grand Finale Awards starting at 2 p.m. on the stage.

For additional information, visit www.cruisinoceancity.com or call 410-798-6304.

Cruisin OC and US 13 Dragway have teamed up for Takin' It to the Strip, May 17 and 18 at the U.S. 13 Dragway.

This event will feature a "No Prep Shootout" on Friday, "King of the Strip" Showdown on Saturday, plus burnout contests, Jet Dragsters from Larsen's Motorsports, vendors and car shows both nights. Friday night meet Evans and Saturday night see Bach.

Events are open to vehicles of all years and makes. Gates open at 4 p.m. each day. Spectator tickets cost \$20 and will be

sold at the US 13 Dragway. Children under 14 get in free with an adult.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit takinitotheStrip.com or call 302-846-3911.

Another evening event added to Cruisin' is a Party Under the Stars, Friday night at the Ocean Downs Casino. Golden Touch will take the stage from 7-10 p.m. playing 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. The fifth annual Pin-Up Pageant will take place at 8 p.m.

Saturday night check out the Trimper Amusement's Family Fun Night on the Boardwalk from 8-10 p.m. There will be a deejay, select rides will be open, a neon and LED car show, plus giveaways.

Boy Scout Troop 261 will be at the Family Fun Night for the "Dollar Makes a Difference Car Show" where attendees can vote for their favorite vehicle with all donations going to the organization.

For more information, visit www.cruisinoceancity.com.

Also, stop by Berlin's Spring Cruisers event, which will take place on Main Street between Jefferson and West streets, Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration runs from 7-10 a.m. with a cost of \$10 per vehicle, payable to the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

The event is a smaller version of OC Cruisin' with dozens of classic cars from the 50's, 60's and 70's parked along the street in downtown Berlin. Judges will score the different vehicles in a number of categories and trophies will be handed out at 2 p.m. to the winners.

No pre-registration is required. The first 50 registrants will receive a commemorative dash plaque. There is no fee for spectators. For more information, call the Chamber at 410-641-4775.

Finally, check out the car show taking place at the Ocean City Outlets in West Ocean City, Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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Argh mateys: Pirate Party returns

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) Roughly 20 pirates of a sort will don their finest gear for a good cause this Friday during the Pirate Party fundraiser.

Steve Taylor, executive director of Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, said event guests could expect to see a ship's complement of buccaneers at the 11th annual event.

"The pirates themselves go all out, and many of them are ordering their outfits online, [which] typically comes with a hat, and a patch, and a jacket, and pants, and boots, and the whole thing," Taylor said. "Others make their own costumes – blue jeans with a red bandana or something like that. Maybe a gold

hoop earring, so there's quite a variety of outfits, which is what makes it fun."

Taylor expects about 150 people to attend Friday's affair, which will take place from 6-9 p.m. Sunset Grille on 12933 Sunset Ave. in West Ocean City.

While it's not required, event organizers encouraged guests to dress in pirate attire.

Tickets can be purchased for \$49 at the Sunset Grille or at the Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services' office on 124 North Main St. in downtown Berlin. Event proceeds help fund the organization's programs.

"It's our largest fundraiser of the year," Taylor said.

The event's fundraising has varied in recent years, according to Taylor, who

said the event has raised \$201,083 since 2013. The proceeds peaked in 2017 with \$49,581, according to Taylor.

In addition to the entertainment, the price of admission allows guests access to a buffet and one free drink ticket.

Guests also will be offered live music, raffles, and a silent auction, according to organization officials.

The pirates may not have to walk the plank, but will be aboard the Duckaneer Pirate Ship, which Taylor said would be docked outside of Sunset Grille.

"Seeing people dressed up as pirates and walking around and behaving like pirates and having the Duckaneer pirate ship there is ... just a fun-filled event," he said.

Taylor said the nonprofit's pirates have committed to raising at least \$500 for the fundraiser.

Those interested in donating to help the pirates' cause can also visit gowoyo.org/donate.

Additionally, Taylor expressed his gratitude to businesses sponsoring the event.

In the event of inclement weather, organization officials said the event would be rescheduled for May 31.

Early week forecasts show a high of 65 degrees with a 40 percent chance of morning showers.

For more information, call the organization's office 410-641-4598, or visit the website www.gowoyo.org.

OP Chamber to host car show

(May 16, 2019) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host its sixth annual Car Show on Sunday, May 26 at Veterans Memorial Park, located on the corner of Cathell and Racetrack roads.

Attendees can expect food, business vendors, music, and a live radio remote.

The car show will begin around 11 a.m. and trophies will be awarded at 1 p.m. in categories including Classic, Antique, Hot Rod, Modern, Customs, Jeep and People's Choice.

Pre-registration is available online for \$12. Registration will be at Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 10 a.m. for \$15.

All cars must be registered by noon to participate in the car show. Register online at www.OceanPinesChamber.org.

For more information, to register for the car show or to become a vendor, call the Ocean Pines Chamber at 410-641-5306, email info@OceanPinesChamber.org, or stop in the office at 11031 Cathell Road Berlin, Maryland 21811.

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Worcester Tech students honored in ceremony

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) For the students attending Worcester Technical High School, last Wednesday's 2019 National Signing Day was more than just a ceremony.

"An event like this is important because it's good for kids to get recognition for their skills, and it makes them feel like they're appreciated," said Di-Mond Lockwood, a Stephen Decatur High School senior and Worcester Technical High School cosmetology student.

Forty students from Pocomoke, Snow Hill and Stephen Decatur High schools were acknowledged for completing vocational classes during the ceremony held on Worcester Technical High School's campus. In addition to a certificate, students also received a chord to wear at their graduation ceremonies.

Event organizers likened the Worcester Tech ceremony to that of an athlete college-bound to play sports.

"The students who are signing have completed a WTHS program, and now have a pathway to the chosen profession," event organizers said. The school offers 25 career and technology programs.

Tom Zimmer has advocated for vocational careers during his first year as Worcester Tech's principal.



Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38), staff and students pose for a photo during the 2019 National Signing Day ceremony, last Wednesday at Worcester Technical High School.

"I think we have to realize that not every student is going to college, and so many of them in this building are learning skills [so] that they can go directly into the workforce, and then charge somebody like me \$100 an hour to fix my ceiling fan, my air conditioning ... things like that," Zimmer said.

Zimmer added that "there's been too much of a stigma put on workers," and felt there needed to be a change.

"I think it's finally time that we recognize these kids," Zimmer said.

Jakob Salandanan, a Stephen Decatur High School senior and heating,

ventilation, and air conditioning student at Worcester Technical High School, agreed.

"It's a good feeling, you know," Salandanan said. "It makes you feel welcome because all the college students ... I feel they're more higher up than trade people ... [so] it makes us feel good."

Rick Stephens, a welding teacher at Worcester Tech praised keynote speaker alumna Colby Macomber.

"Colby is definitely an example of ... what takes place in this school," Stephens said during the ceremony.

Macomber attended Pennsylvania

College of Technology, and now owns Pirate Fabrication and Mobile Welding. He also said he has four employees.

His advice for the soon-to-be graduates in the audience: never give up.

"Work hard," Macomber said during the ceremony. "Just keep doing it ... [and] be as useful as you can."

Several students appear to have plans to do just that, with jobs and education plans lined up after graduation.

Salandanan has a job with Amos Plumbing and Heating after high school. He said he's most looking forward to the experience he'll gain in the workforce.

Lockwood plans to work at Creative Day Spa in Ocean City, and enroll in business management classes at Worcester Community College.

"I'm most looking forward to building my own business and clientele," Lockwood said. "... It's my passion, so that way I can take care of people. I love making them look good [and] I love doing their hair."

Tanner Mayhue, a senior at Stephen Decatur High School, studied carpentry during his time at Worcester Technical High School, and will go onto work as a general contractor for M.J. Services in Berlin.

"I just love [carpentry]," Mayhue said. "It's one of my passions and I like it, so I want to get it through the rest of my life and keep doing it."

Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) also attended last Wednesday's event and brought with her a proclamation signed by Gov. Larry Hogan.

Last week's event was the brainchild of Tracy Lewis, who said he hopes the students' futures are bright.

"I just hope they're inspired to look," Lewis said. "A lot of our industry partners and businesses [came] here to support them so they (the students) can say, 'That could be me in 10 years, maybe I could own this business.'"

Zimmer also said he plans to continue the National Signing Day tradition for years to come.

As for the students' next chapter, Zimmer said he "hope[s] they take away a feeling of pride in what they do."

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Opinion

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Berlin at crossroads of preservation and cost

Letter writer Jeff Smith makes a good point this week: no one wants to see a repeat of the money scramble Berlin officials and residents experienced during this year’s budget process.

It’s certain that the mayor and council don’t want to go through that mess again, and property owners, who never like tax surprises, will side with them in that regard.

But exactly what to do, other than to establish a lean and mean budgeting approach and a property tax schedule that will cover the town’s obligations and put money aside for future improvements, isn’t all that apparent.

Planning for the future is easier said than done, as it entails envisioning a specific future, and many residents don’t agree on what that should be.

Balancing the desire to preserve the small-town charm that makes the town a highly regarded residential community with the need for growth to help pay the rising costs of maintaining that quality of life is the dilemma townspeople and elected officials face.

It’s unrealistic — and unfair — for property owners to insist that the cost of government and its employees remain in financial stasis for years on end, just as opening the town to developmental sprawl and garish commerciality could ruin the historical appeal the town has nurtured.

Entreating people to fight back against tax increases is not the answer, because such opposition ought to offer a real solution to the problem instead of insisting it’s all government’s fault. It isn’t.

The town is at a crossroads and its government needs to know which way to go and what price townspeople are prepared to pay to get there.



Letter

Time is now to start planning for future

Editor,

I would like to applaud the mayor and council for their open and honest discussion at the work session on April 29.

Passions were ignited, and it was refreshing to hear some opinions expressed that reflected the will of the people: no to a 30 percent tax increase, proposals to spread the repayment burden out over a number of years, and across-the-board budget cuts.

Councilman Tyndall proposed some specific cuts, and Councilman Burrell earned new fans when he pointed out that the town’s reserves were higher than they seemed, and might be more than enough to keep the town afloat.

Our elected officials made a start at digging the town out of the financial morass that years of neglect and mismanagement produced.

As hard as the decision is to increase taxes, along with water and stormwater fees, that is the easy part of a process that the town has needed to begin for some time.

For years Berlin has relied on initial EDU hookups to

pay for its stormwater system. Development money was dropped in the coffers when deals were signed, creating what looked like a budget surplus. But in the long term, those big numbers masked larger potential financial problems.

The Ocean’s East EDU payment several years ago hid huge annual losses in the stormwater fund. New development looks pretty at first when big numbers are proposed, but the long-term costs have been ignored for too long.

I have written before about Berlin’s need to plan for its future, and now is a good time to kick that process into high gear. We need the mayor and council, and the town’s finance people, to start looking at long-term costs, not just short-term gains.

When Berlin expands its borders through annexation, we face a slew of expenses that are not reflected in our budgets: wear and tear on town vehicles, personnel, utility costs, expanded road repair, greater trash and recycling expenses, just to name a few. As has become painfully obvious, the money received at the beginning of a

development does not meet the expenses incurred by that development over the long term.

Now is the time for the mayor and council to start the more difficult and daunting task of planning for Berlin’s future, not just the next fiscal year, which seems to be locked in place, but the year after that and the year after that and the year after that.

Now is the time to start understanding and planning for Berlin’s long-term stability and economic growth. Now is the time to put in place practical policies for where and how Berlin will grow.

Do we want new business or residential development? If so, where does it go? And how will Berlin pay for the inevitable economic cost that comes with growth?

Now is the time for financial policies that reflect Berlin’s long-term needs.

To be sure, there are difficult choices ahead, with tough questions that need to be both asked and answered. Now is the time to ask them. Now is the time for the mayor and council to start planning.

Jeff Smith
Berlin

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The Maryland Coastal Bays is looking for volunteers to participate in the annual Diamondback Terrapin count from May 28 through June 1.

MCBP seeks volunteers for annual Terrapin Turtle Count

(May 16, 2019) The Maryland Coastal Bays is looking for volunteers to participate in the annual Diamondback Terrapin count from May 28 through June 1.

The diamondback terrapin may be Maryland's state reptile and the mascot for the University of Maryland, but its current population status in the Coastal Bays is poorly understood. In an effort to better understand its status, both organizations coordinate annual counts.

Trained volunteers will conduct these surveys throughout the week of May 28 through June 1.

Those interested in becoming a volunteer to conduct surveys, training classes will be held on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. and Wednesday, May 22, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. RSVP to Katherine Phillips at kphillips@mdcoastalbays.org to attend.

The classes will take place at the Maryland Coastal Bays Program office, located at 8219 Stephen Decatur

Highway in Berlin.

The surveys will take place in the Coastal Bays including brackish-water creeks throughout the designated week. Counts take place both on water and on land. From motorboats to kayaks and SUPs, all are encouraged to participate.

Terrapins are the only turtle occupying brackish water, but other turtles, such as snapping turtles, may venture into more brackish water, so it's important that volunteers are trained to identify the correct species.

Locations of surveys will depend on the number of crews that are available and may take place in all of Maryland's Coastal Bays.

To participate in the survey, contact Phillips at kphillips@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297, ext. 109.

MCBP is a 501 (c)(3) consensus nonprofit dedicated to working with the public to protect the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

Atlantic General Hospital to host free health fair in lobby

(May 16, 2019) Atlantic General Hospital will offer a free Integrative Health Fair for the community on Tuesday, May 21, from noon to 3 p.m. in the main lobby in Berlin.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about Atlantic General Hospital's Integrative Health Program and its preferred provider partners in the community who offer integrative therapies such as tai chi, acupuncture, aroma therapy, neurobiofeedback, massage, meditation, nutrition counseling, OMT, reflexology, yoga, sound therapy and reiki.

All participants will have the opportunity to be entered to win one of several door prizes.

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Allen gets four months for defrauding OPA residents

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) A 47-year-old man will spend four months in prison for defrauding Ocean Pines residents, the Tuesday, the Worcester County State’s Attorney’s Office reported following his sentencing in circuit court Tuesday.

Pasco “Patrick” Allen, of Berlin, was initially sentenced to 18 months in prison by Judge W. Newton Jackson, however, all but four months were suspended.

Allen was charged with a host of offenses, and was convicted of obtaining property by deception of a vulnerable adult up to \$1,500 and three counts of failure to perform a contract. He pleaded guilty to the charges in February.

Ocean Pines homeowners reported complaints referencing Allen to the Ocean Pines Police Department from October 2017 to June 2018, the state’s attorney’s office said.

Homeowners said they hired Allen for landscaping jobs and general home improvement work, and that he accepted their money but did not complete the jobs.

Allen also was not licensed with the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, according to investiga-



Pasco Allen

tion findings. He faced several other charges including acting as a contractor without a license and theft of \$100 to under \$1,500, according to the District Court of Maryland’s CaseSearch website. Of the 29 charges, 25 counts were not prosecuted.

State’s Attorney Kristin Heiser urged people to take advantage of online services to protect themselves against criminals.

“Empowering our citizens to educate themselves on an individual’s criminal history and licensing status is an important part of the mission of the State’s Attorney’s Office,” Heiser said. “We are working every day to raise awareness about these types of financial crimes and predators so that we can prevent citizens from becoming future victims.”

Anyone interested in searching criminal records can visit the Maryland Judiciary Case Search’s website at mdcourts.gov.

To check if a person is licensed to do home improvement work, visit the Maryland Home Improvement Commission’s website at dllr.state.md.us/license/mhic.

Man sentenced for distribution

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(May 16, 2019) A 41-year-old man will serve five years behind bars after being found guilty of cocaine possession and distribution charges, the state’s attorney’s office said last Thursday.

Monqual Sturgis of Berlin was sentenced last Tuesday to 12 years in prison, with all but five years were suspended, according to the state’s attorney’s office. Sturgis will be on supervised probation following his release.

Sturgis was charged with possession of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute a narcotic. He had entered not guilty pleas on both counts.

Members of the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team executed a search warrant on May 30, 2018 at Sturgis’ apartment on Bay



Monqual Sturgis

Street in Berlin, according to police. Detectives seized three baggies of powder and crack cocaine, as well as more than \$1,000 in cash in his bedroom.

The powder cocaine weighed approximately 12 grams, and the crack cocaine weighed more than eight grams, according to the state’s attorney’s office.

Following his arrest, Sturgis posted a \$45,000 bond on May 31, 2018.

The investigative team was made up of the members of the Maryland State Police, the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office, the Pocomoke Police Department, and the Ocean City Police Department, according to the state’s attorney’s office.



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ROARING GOOD TIME

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CLUB INDUCTEES

Twenty-four students were inducted to the Pablo Picasso Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica during the Worcester Prep Spanish Honor Society and French Honor Society Induction Ceremony on March 28. Spanish Honor Society Inductees, in front, from left, are Sydney Stebenne and Carly Young; row two, Brugh Moore, Grace Hopkins, Bryn Elliott, Waverly Choy/, Vishnu Mohan and Kaden Mault; row three, Vincent Petrera, Connor Carpenter, Ava Gerachis, C.C. Lizas, Caroline Anderson, Marika Vasilikos and Graham McColgan; and in back, Joseph Schwartz, Ben Brandt, Mason Brown, Maddy Warren, Aly Matha, Ally Elerding, Ryan Brafman, Chipper Becker and Basil Christian.



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HONOR SOCIETIES

Twelve students were inducted into the Societe Honoraire de Francais Chapitre Bastille during the Worcester Prep Spanish Honor Society and French Honor Society Induction Ceremony on March 28. French Honor Society Inductees, in front, from left, are Sophia Ludt, Anna Dashiell, Kat McCormick and Hannah Perdue, center, Lexi Willey, Millie Cammack, Summer Walker and WPS French teacher Debbie Speier, and in back, Will Mears, Daniel Chen, Cole Lamson-Reich, Eli Prushansky and Ethan Scheiber.



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EXCELLENCE AWARD

Cailey Mitchell of Ocean City, a senior majoring hospitality-tourism management at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, was presented with an Award of Excellence by her department chair, Dr. Ernest Boger and Dr. Kate Brown, acting dean of UMES’ business and technology school, during the 2019 spring honors convocation. The award recognizes a recipient’s academic performance as well as leadership reputation.



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May 17: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Cuisine

Kalua pork brings home taste of Hawaii

The trade winds swiftly blow past my face as I sit on the outside patio of a Hawaiian BBQ joint. There is a saltiness to the air, despite the fact that we are a few miles from the ocean. As the trades on the windward side of the island draw in the moisture from the Pacific, it creates this amazing little rain system that seems to carry the salty sea water along and you can't help but know that you are in Hawaii. There is something so singular about things here.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I have traveled to quite a few places, and bar none this is the most stunning place yet. Unfortunately, the 16-hour trip is costly and hasn't happened in years, so I must write this in a tense that could confuse you as to whether I am in Hawaii or home. I will leave you to decide.

Anyone who travels abroad, or more to the point who adores traveling abroad, knows the joys of exploring cuisines. And yes, I do know that Hawaii is not technically "abroad," but life is quite different from the mainland on this US territory.

Back to the ono grinds (Hawaiian for really good grub), there are few things as telling of a culture than food, and I always make an effort to dive in and try whatever the locals are eating. As an aside, it numbs me when I see people travel to new places, only to eat at the same fast food joints or chain restaurants that they have in their little towns in the Midwest.

Hopefully, I have given this wanderlust to my children, as evidenced by the multiple Sodas (Costa Rican restaurants) my girls and I ate in last year. They seemed to like them a great deal and to watch them eat fish off of the bone was a revelation. I never thought that I'd see the day.

On our first trip to Hawaii, the kids were hesitant to try new things (almost 10 years ago), but once they tried it, they understood. Chicken Katsu, Pork Lau Lau, Loco Moco and, of course, the Kalua Pork were all big hits. And it was cheap; a win-win for us, I would say.

My personal favorite was the Kalua pork, which I sampled in the chain restaurant on the islands as well as some smaller places. While they were delicious, I couldn't help but notice that many places use liquid smoke, an af-



front to traditional meat smokers anywhere.

I know a great many chefs who use liquid smoke, so I won't bash on them too much, but for me, I would much rather slow-smoke my pork for hours for that amazing crust and delicious hickory flavor.

So, as my kids and I travel this little globe of ours, we will try new foods. We will sample the wares of other cultures and, for the most part, will enjoy the vast majority of them.

Oh, trade winds, take me back to the islands once again.

Kalua Pork & Sticky Rice

serves 4

- 3# pork shoulder
- 1 1/2 c. Dry rub (recipe follows)
- 6 c. Sticky rice (recipe follows)
- Hawaiian BBQ Sauce (optional)
- Nori and Seaweed salad as garnish
- 1. Set the smoker to 205F and fill wood tray with hickory chips.
- 2. Smoke pork shoulder for thirteen hours, or until a fork goes easily through the thickest part.
- 3. Pull from the smoker and allow to cool until you can handle it, but do not let it get too cold, lest it becomes too

difficult to pull.

4. Pull the pork, removing any bone and excess fat and sinew that might be in there. Make sure that you save some of the crust and that fat, as that will have a crackling texture to it and absolutely amazing flavor!

5. When ready to serve, simply pile up the pork and serve with sticky rice, garnish with seaweed salad and nori and drizzle over that beautiful Hawaiian BBQ sauce if you're using that.

6. Eat with eyes closed, smelling the salty air as the trade winds whip past your face

Dry Rub

makes 1 quart

- 2 c. Steak seasoning
- 1 c. Cocoa powder
- 1 c. Barbecue spice
- 1. Pick your seasonings wisely. For example, I would not use a smoked barbecue sauce, since this is a spice blend typically best suited for potato chips, if that makes sense.
- 2. Blend the spices well, making sure that you do not breathe in while mixing. It can be quite noxious.

Sticky Rice

makes 6 cups

*Since all sushi rice packers have different instructions, make sure that you follow the package instructions, referencing this more as a guideline

- 2 c. Sushi rice
- 1 1/2 c. Water
- 1/2 c. Rice wine vinegar
- 3 Tbsp. Sugar
- 1 2-inch piece Kombu or 1/4 sheet Nori, whole

1. Some sushi rice packers insist on washing their rice, while others have been refined to the point that it does not need it, so follow the instructions on the package.

2. Combine the ingredients, using the cooking guidelines on the package, and when the rice is cooked through, remove to a large bowl to allow cooling.

3. With a fan in one hand, carefully spread (don't mash) the rice around, folding it to cool it down. It will be sticky and should be perfect at this point.

4. Set aside until ready to serve

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

Puzzles

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

BY VICTOR BAROCAS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Victor Barocas is a professor of biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota. He is married with two teenage children. He says that crossword constructing “reminds me of the research I do for my day job, because I’m trying to do something that I don’t know is possible. The constraints that my idea places on the puzzle may be too much. That uncertainty is somehow gratifying.” This puzzle, whose many circled letters appear in words across, down and diagonally (not easy to do!), must have been especially satisfying to create. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Whole lot
4 Recalcitrant child's cry
9 Early-20th-century author who foresaw TV and wireless telephones
13 Moved surreptitiously
18 Squabbling
20 Multitask command
21 As well
22 Assailed
23 What's measured by [circled letters]
26 States as fact
27 Some group dinners
28 Employ cajolery on
29 In the indeterminate future
31 Wan
32 Have nothing to do with
33 Take place
34 Coveted Scrabble tile
35 What's measured by [circled letters]
39 D.C. nine
43 2006 novel for which Cormac McCarthy won a Pulitzer Prize
45 In the least
47 Org. with Sharks and Penguins
48 Parts of reviews you might not want to read
50 Philosophy
52 Follow-up shot

DOWN
54 Besmirch
55 ____ colada
56 Grad
57 "I said enough!"
58 Chemical compound
60 One side of an argument
61 "Ora pro ____"
63 Grab quickly
65 Q-V link
66 What's measured by [circled letters]
69 Nascar ____ (demographic group)
70 Puncture
73 Brand pitched as "Always Comfortable"
74 Contented sound
76 Heroic poetry
77 Hatfield haters
79 Small dam
80 Clubs, e.g. ... or entry requirement for some clubs
82 Work on a wall, maybe
83 Pitched over
84 Not fast
85 Kitchen wraps
87 Ballerina's support
88 Tundra's lack
90 Ticket information
91 They may be bitter or defensive
93 What's measured by [circled letters]
96 Lousy newspaper
99 Home of Sinbad Island
101 Bee or Em
102 Outfit
104 Communicates

ACROSS
107 Pushback
108 Coffee-flavored liqueur
111 Coffin supports
112 Adjusted to some index — or how 23-, 35-, 66- and 93-Across are measured per this puzzle?
115 El primer mes
116 Time to knock off work, maybe
117 Twilled fabric
118 Online search metric
119 Gas whose name comes from the Greek for "strange"

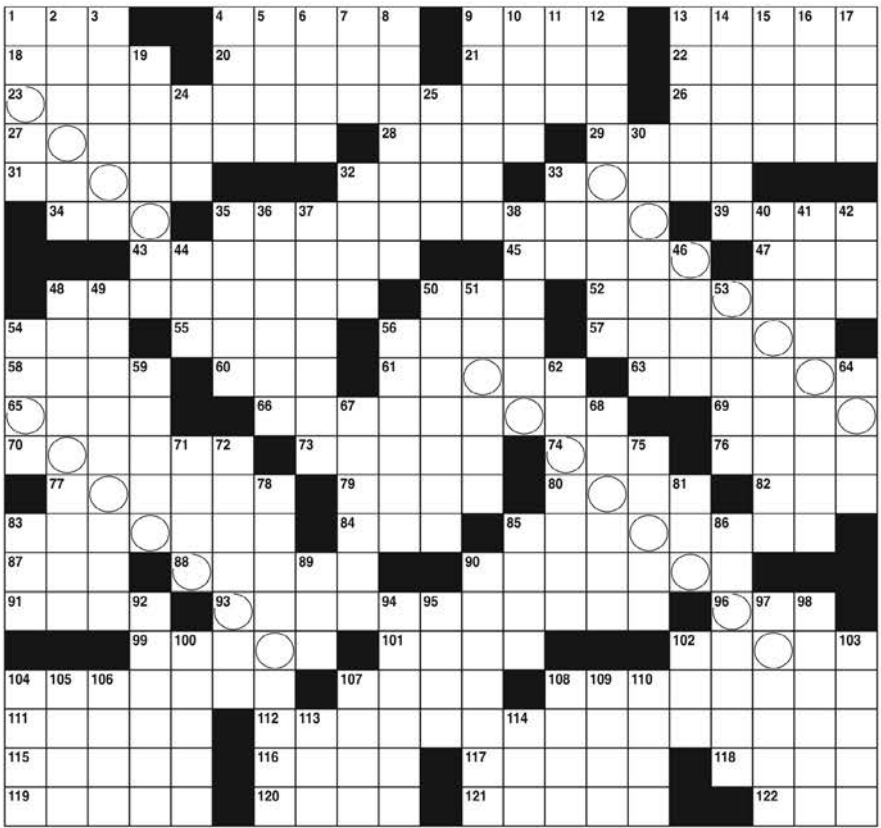
DOWN
120 Whip
121 Overcoat material
122 Nevada's largest county by area

ACROSS
13 Performing whale, once
14 Establishment frequented by Falstaff
15 Really binged, briefly
16 Yuri Zhivago's love
17 Competitor of Amazon Handmade
19 Moon of Saturn named after a Greek Oceanid
24 Hightail it
25 Gloomy
30 Predators of armadillos and rabbits
32 Places where cucumber slices are not for salad
33 Openly gay
35 Tending toward an outcome
36 Before, old-style
37 Rick of "Ghostbusters"
38 Nickname for Thomasina
40 Like Henry VIII, religiously
41 Former Showtime series about Henry VIII
42 Camera inits.
44 Cool
46 Symbol of craziness
48 Home of Hearst Castle
49 Alee, at sea
50 Dubious excuse for not turning in homework
51 Poor

DOWN
53 Powerful queen, in hearts
54 Maryland athlete, for short
56 Singer Bocelli
59 Bad thing to be left in, with "the"
62 Feeling unsettled, in a way
64 "Hey, over here!"
67 Like Indiana Dunes among the U.S.'s 61 national parks
68 Three-time Pro Bowler Culpepper
71 Actor Bud of "Harold and Maude"
72 Break from screen viewing
75 45 things
78 Gives up for good
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83 Line on a map: Abbr.
85 Nipple
86 Attainable
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102 Roster builders, briefly
103 Bel ____ cheese
104 Wild goat
105 Word before and after "all"
106 Round part of a tool
107 ____ bean
108 Lose steam
109 "Bus Stop" playwright
110 Like bourbon
113 Zip
114 Morning coat

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54 Maryland athlete, for short

56 Singer Bocelli

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HARD - 99

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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UPSTARTS FETOR FORBID
OOMPH ORDO SLANTS
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TATTOO UNDO FIRS CRAB
ETHERNET FEELS WOOLS
REUEL SETAFINEEXAMPLE
TUMMY PRETEND SORTIES
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Calendar

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

Thurs., May 16

29TH ANNUAL CRUISIN' OC
Featuring more than 2,000 hot rods, customs, classics and trucks participating in events at the Ocean City convention center, Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, US 13 Dragway and various car shows throughout town. **9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday through Saturday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday.** Admission tickets, which include the convention center and the inlet parking lot, costs are as follows: \$10 per day for Thursday and Sunday; \$15 per day for Friday and Saturday; and \$35 for the weekend. Children under 14 years are admitted free with an adult. 410-798-6304.

IPAD CHICKS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men are welcome. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STEAM STORY TIME 'CONSTRUCTION ZONE'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Building activities for young children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

WCG JOB FAIR
Worcester County Government Center, Human Resources Office, 1 W. Market St., Room 1103, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. For a complete list of Worcester County Government job opportunities, visit www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/hr/jobs. Info: Ann Hankins, 410-632-0090.

THIRD THURSDAY THROWBACK THEATRE
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:30 PM. Classic movies on the big screen. Full surround sound experience. <http://www.worceseterlibrary.org>

AGH FOUNDATION'S 26TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Hosted at the waterfront home of Hugh and JL Cropper of Berlin, 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM. Features of this outdoor event include an abundance of sophisticated hors d'oeuvres, an array of stylish cocktails and live music by Lil Harper and Panama Rex. Event sponsorships and admissions can be purchased by texting AGH26 to 41444 or by visiting www.atlanticgeneral.org/anniversary.

NAACP MAY MEETING
Worcester County MAC Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Road, 7:00 PM. Executive Board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Mark Paddock, Ocean City council member, retired Ocean City police officer and Boy Scout Leader, is the guest speaker. 443-944-6701

JOE DIFFIE CONCERT WITH JACKSON DEAN

Ocean City Performing Arts Center, in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8:00 PM. Grammy Award winner and Country Music legend Joe Diffie is coming to Ocean City. With his 12 #1 hits including Home, Pick-up Man, Third Rock from the Sun and John Deere Green this is a show country fans won't want to miss. Maryland native and viral sensation Jackson Dean will be opening. Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketmaster, by calling 800-551-SEAT or by visiting the OC Box Office. <http://DelmarvaConcerts.com>

Fri., May 17

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>

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. This month's selection is "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. For homeschool children reading at middle-grade level. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BINGO AT THE LIBRARY
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Play for your chance to win a prize. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

CAT AND DOG ADOPTION EVENT
PetSmart, 11330 Samuel Bowen Blvd., Unit 100, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. There will be many adoptable cats and dogs from Town Cats of Ocean City, Worcester County Humane Society and Forgotten Cats.

FISH FRY
Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, MD, 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Platters cost \$10 and include flounder filet, macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn bread and dessert. Beverages included for those who eat in.

11TH ANNUAL PIRATE PARTY FUNDRAISER
Sunset Grille, 12933 Sunset Ave., 6:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed in pirate garb. A \$49 donation includes a light fare buffet, a drink ticket, live entertainment, raffles and a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Worcester Youth and Family office in Berlin. Rain date is May 31. 410-641-4598, <http://www.gowoyo.org>

Sat., May 18

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

THE PARKS GARAGE SALE
The Parke residents are selling their treasures including clothes, lamps, artwork, household items, electronics, furniture and more, 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Maps will be available at the main entrance of the Parke located at Central Parke West, located off of Ocean Parkway at the south entrance of Ocean Pines. 410-208-4994

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring live music, chef demos, children, activities and other special events. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE & TAKE 'PIZZA DAY'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

WALK WITH A DOC
Meet at the Berlin Town Hall, 10 Willam Street, 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk at your own pace. Michelle McGowan, 410-641-9268, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/walkwithadoc>

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 AM. Megan Outten, Outreach Coordinator for the Skipjack Wind Farm, will explain the current status of the project. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

SPRING CRUISERS
Downtown Berlin, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. With music in the streets, boutiques, antique stores, a wine bar, a brewery and art galleries, this is the place to stroll around while enjoying hundreds of 50's, 60's and 70's classic cars of all types. [http://berlinechamber.org/events/s\[romg-fall-cruisers-2018/](http://berlinechamber.org/events/s[romg-fall-cruisers-2018/)

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. Learn how to make a marble vase. The cost is \$6. Reservations: Carol Quinto, 410-208-4317.

ART WEEKEND: 2 DAYS, 4 CLASSES, \$100
Art League of Ocean City Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Be inspired by our talented art instructors and create four unique and beautiful works of art. Paint in acrylics, create a mixed media piece, get your hands into clay, and work with glass. Perfect for those who want to get started in the arts but don't know where to start. No ex-

perience necessary, all materials provided. For adults and teens ages 13 and up. Cost for all four classes: \$100. Art League of Ocean City Ocean City, megan@artleagueofoceancity.org, 4105249433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org/event/art-weekend-2-days-4-classes-100-spring-is-here-come-and-try-different-mediums-for-a-100-flat-fee-for-the-whole-weekend/>

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave., 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The museum will be holding an open house with free admission for all and discounts in the Museum Store. Visitors will have an opportunity to write their Ocean City traditions in the museum's story log book, which will be archived and preserved in the museum. The museum is committed to preserving the culture and traditions that lie within Ocean City and the Worcester County coastal region. 410-289-4991, <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

SATURDAY STORY TIME 'MOMMY AND ME TEA'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Featuring books, singing and dancing. A tea for all kids and accompanying guardian. Stuffed animals welcome too. Iced beverages and refreshments will be served. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

CAT AND DOG ADOPTION EVENT
PetSmart, 11330 Samuel Bowen Blvd., Unit 100, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There will be many adoptable cats and dogs from Town Cats of Ocean City, Worcester County Humane Society and Forgotten Cats.

BBQ CHICKEN FUNDRAISER
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., 11:00 AM. Cost is \$8 for 1/2 BBQ chicken and a roll. Sponsored by St. Paul United Methodist Church Men's Ministry. Patrick Henry, 443-880-4746

HANDS ACROSS THE SAND
Beach at 146th Street, 11:30 AM. A large group of citizens and surfers with signs, holding hands along the shore. The group will paddle out immediately afterwards to show they're against offshore drilling. Info: Jane Robinson, 443-859-1616 (Ocean City Surfrider), Micah Sklut, 302-588-6241 (Delaware Surfrider).

COMMUNITY BBQ FUNDRAISER
Hope 4 Recovery, 10266 Old Ocean City Blvd., 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Featuring a cornhole tournament, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, dunking booth and moon bounce. Food including hot dogs, burgers, chips, watermelon, snow cones and various desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and younger. Sponsored by Maryland Title.

FLAGS FOR HEROES
Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean
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Calendar

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Pines, MD, 12:00 PM. Dedication ceremony sponsored by Rotary Club of Ocean City/Berlin and Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation. Flags will be displayed from Armed Services Day thru Flag Day. Honorable Mary Beth Carozza will be keynote speaker.

BOOK SIGNING
The Greyhound - An Indie Bookstore, 9 N. Main St., 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Barbara Witherow will be signing her newly released sequel, *The Tether*, written under the pen name Julia Ash. This is the second installment to her dark fantasy series: *The ELI Chronicles*. <https://juliaashbooks.wordpress.com>

Sun., May 19

GOSPEL CONCERT
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Award-Winning Hyssong family Christ-centered family music trio will appear at three services, 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 410-641-5433

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING EVENT
Held at the West Ocean City boat ramp off Sunset Avenue, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The public will be able to tour a Coast Guard Vessel, learn about water safety and get a free vessel safety check. Coastie will be there as well. Barry Cohen, CGAUXOC@gmail.com, 410-935-4807

BISHOPVILLE FIRE DEPT. CRAB CAKE DINNER
Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be holding a Crab Cake Platter Dinner. \$12 for 1 crab cake on a roll, coleslaw, bag of chips, 1 beverage (water/soda). Pre-orders are recommended as there are only 100 platters available. Call or text 443-880-6966 to reserve your dinners.

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MCBP SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
Maryland Coastal Bays Program office, 8219 Stephen Decatur Highway, 2:00 PM. Training held for volunteers who wish to participate in the Annual Diamondback Terrapin count from May 28 through June 1. Those interested in becoming a trained volunteer, RSVP to Katherine Phillips at kphillips@mdcoastalbays.org.

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET
Sundays through Sept. 29 - Located on Pitts Street and Main Street, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 Well and Allison Early at the Berlin Wel-

come Center, 410-973-2051.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8-11 a.m. Menu includes pancakes and toppings, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 6-10 years. Bake sale and raffle basket. Reservations: MaryAnnMDSweetheart@gmail.com or 443-614-0903. Help MaryAnn Catherine, the 2019 Preteen Maryland Sweetheart for Pure International, go to the National competition in Orlando, Florida.

Mon., May 20

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, 12:00 AM. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Speaker will be Wendy Myers, Executive Director of the Cricket Center of Worcester County. Food donations for local food banks are always welcome.

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. A thirty-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. Children will be introduced to songs, stories, games and finger plays. For children under 2 years old. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BUILDERNOON 'BOXES'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Buildernoon is all about unstructured building fun. Drop-in anytime during the event. For ages 2 years and older., <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. Group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, <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

S.A.L.T. SURFERS AWARENESS IN LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES
Assateague Island, 7206 National Seashore Lane, 6:30 PM. Presented by Greater Ocean City U.S.L.A. The program is designed to teach surfers how to safely help others in

the ocean environment. This is a free training for all ages. Youths under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Register: <https://surfers-awareness-gocusla.eventbrite.com>.

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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 21

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

INTEGRATIVE HEALTH FAIR
Atlantic General Hospital, Main Lobby, 9733 Healthway Drive, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free and open to the public. Learn more about Atlantic General Hospital's Integrative Health Program and their preferred provider partners in the community. mmcgowan@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-629-6520

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM. Tom Dempsey will guide participants through the world of family research and give tips on how to find that long lost ancestor. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SOAP MAKING
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Learn to make soup free of harsh chemicals. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

COLOR ME CALM
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Monthly adult coloring session. Bring your own coloring pages or use those provided. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips available, along with coffee and cookies. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME 'CRAFTS'
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Crafts and activities for family time. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

CLOTHESPIN PHOTO HOLDERS
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 PM. Create a photo holder plate to display pictures. For ages 10 years and older. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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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

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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

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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>

ESTATE PLANNING
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Andrea Hastings will tell participants who they need to know in regards to wills, trusts and other estate planning. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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John H. 'Jack' Burbage Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: 410-548-7880.

MCBP SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
Maryland Coastal Bays Program office, 8219 Stephen Decatur Highway, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. Training held for volunteers who wish to participate in the Annual Diamondback Terrapin count from May 28 through June 1. Those interested in becoming a trained volunteer, RSVP to Katherine Phillips at kphillips@mdcoastalbays.org.

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