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Reserve fund consideration needs work

More discussion required before board goes further

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) With Ocean Pines Association leadership in general agreement that further work is required before a new capital reserve fund can be established, newly elected director Larry Perrone withdrew a related motion during the board of directors' meeting on Saturday.

Perrone had proposed creating a new reserve stream, drawn from up to 10 percent of annual replacement reserves, beginning in fiscal 2020/2021. The fund would not exceed \$1 million.

Funding for new capital requests is currently derived from the operating budget, Perrone said. Since the effect of new capital costs are directly added to annual assessments, Perrone said numerous projects were stymied in the past to avoid boosting costs for property owners.

New capital is defined as assets
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Restructuring rates requires intensive study

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Should the Town of Berlin decide to change restructure its water and sewer rates someday, the mayor and town council will have a good idea of how to begin, following a presentation last Monday by representative of an organization that helps small governments through the process.

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CENTER STAGE

Actors with the Brown Box Theatre perform Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" on stage Saturday evening on Pitts Street in Berlin. The company will have other shows this month throughout Worcester County.

Bay Day educates entertainingly

Coastal Bays program will focus on how native plants make waterways healthier

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Earth-conscious individuals can learn how to help area waterways by growing native plants, while also learning about the efforts of dozens of area environmentalist organizations, along with the prerequisite music, food and drinks, during the second annual Bay Day at Ocean Pines in White Horse Park on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The event is being produced by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program in conjunction with the Ocean Pines Association and other partners.

Maryland Coastal Bays Education Coordinator Liz Wist said after the inaugural gathering last year gained traction it has grown this year to include nearly three-dozen nonprofit organizations and local agencies that will offer demonstrations, hands-on activities, interactive art displays, and educational boat rides.

"It's a conservation campaign we began last year with the Ocean Pines Association," she said. "This year, it's the same overarching goal to educate

residents about our coastal bays watershed and specifically highlighting the St. Martin River."

The event, subtitled "Roll up your sleeves for backyard habitats," will provide residents of Ocean Pines and the surrounding area tips on bay-friendly management practices and on native plants that attract and support pollinating insects and birds.

"We're giving away 100 native plants to help encourage people to put them into their yard," she said.

Initiated to further the Maryland Coastal Bays' campaign to heighten the importance of native pollinator

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OPA mtg. recaps drainage, roads, bulkhead plans

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Colby Phillips, Ocean Pines Association operations manager, reviewed plans to address drainage issues, ditch cleaning, road maintenance, bulkhead repairs and dredging requests during the board of directors meeting on Saturday.

Solving the long-standing drainage issue in Ocean Pines is not feasible, Phillips said.

“Unfortunately, the drainage problem isn’t something that we are able to fix, but we are working really hard to try and improve it,” she said. “We’re going to continue to educate the public along the way on pieces we’re going to be working on and what things [they]



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Colby Phillips, Ocean Pines Association operations manager, reviews plans to address drainage issues near Bainbridge Pond, among other locations, while General Manager John Viola drinks in the presentation during the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday.

can do to help.”

In addition to the completed pipe replacements on Mumfords Landing

and Boston Drive, other work scheduled for the current fiscal year include

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Pines amenities transitioning with fall here

Beach Club shuttered this week; Mumford's Landing, other outdoor pools closed

(Sept. 5, 2019) Several of Ocean Pines' amenities have closed for the season or are transitioning to fall hours. The Ocean Pines Beach Club and Beach Club Pool closed for the season as of Tuesday. The Beach Club Parking lot will remain open but will be unstaffed for the rest of the year. The indoor bathrooms will not be available, although Ocean

Pines will supply portable toilets through the end of the month. "The bathrooms will not be open because of the lack of staff, as well as the swipe system not working," Operations Director Colby Phillips said. "However, we have already taken preparations to have porta pots brought there, as we have done each fall in the past." Beach Club Parking members are encouraged to display permits when using the lot. The Mumford's Landing and Swim and Racquet Club outdoor pools have also closed for the season, although

Mumford's Landing will be open for the annual Doggie Swim on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Yacht Club Pool will remain open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., through Sept. 22. Pool members may use the pool starting at 9:45 a.m. "I'd like to thank everybody for another great season in Ocean Pines," Phillips said. "Our dedicated team of pool staff and lifeguards worked hard to ensure it was a successful season and, most importantly, that it was another safe season for all of our pool patrons."

The indoor Sport Core Pool, on 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, is open year-round, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. "All of our indoor pool exercise classes start next week at the Sports Core," Phillips said. "We have some new classes starting and a lot of returning classes getting ready to start the week of Sept. 9, so there should be something for everyone to enjoy." For more information on Ocean Pines' pools, visit www.oceanpines.org/amenities/pools.

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Phillips reviews upcoming work on roads, bulkheads

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the Watertown Road, Borderlinks Resort and smaller neighborhood pipes at an estimated cost of \$443,000.

Phillips said an annual plan, in addition to the public education element, would also renew the focus on maintaining clear, unobstructed ditches along roadways and yards.

“We’re going to continue to address the failing pipes and we’re also going to create a ditch maintenance list,” she said.

The goal is to compile a list of ditches located beside and behind homes that require clearing and to schedule return visits once these issues are addressed.

Turning to pipe replacements slated for fiscal 2020/2021, Phillips said four each on Pinehurst Road and Sandyhook Road are estimated to cost roughly \$167,000 per location.

Two pipes on Beaconhill Road are included at an estimated cost of more than \$83,000, with inlet/outlet piping to Bainbridge [Park] being handled in-house.

Phillips said cost estimates are being sought to install a “weir” structure, or low-head dam, at the outfall of Bainbridge Pond, as well as constructing a large berm along the western edge bordering Beaconhill Road.

“We’re looking to work our way backwards to Bainbridge Pond and get a weir structure put in at the dam,” she said. “That will help us when getting ready to get a large storm; we can control the outflow of the water.”

Phillips said the berm improvements, in addition to gaining control of water flow, should help the adjacent properties.

“The homes that sit on [the Beaconhill Road] side get really flooded when the pond raises up,” she said.

The fiscal 2020/2021 pond maintenance work represents the first phase planned, she said, adding that the cost estimates received just a day earlier were in line with initial cost estimates of roughly \$354,000.

“It doesn’t mean we’re not looking

in other areas,” Phillips said. “This is just the first section that we need to start in based on all the studies ... and what we’ve evaluated.”

Work slated for this fall includes Alendale Court, Bimini Lane, Brookton Lane, Burr Hill Drive, Clubhouse Road east/west, Laport Court, Newport Drive and the Sports Core parking lot.

Phillips said work on Clubhouse Road would be completed in the spring in conjunction with the corresponding capital project.

The second phase of road repairs, estimated to cost roughly \$324,000, is slated to include Admiral Avenue, Beach Court, Drawbridge Road, Fosse Grange, Garrett Drive, Ivanhoe Court, Juneway Lane, Raft Road, Weeping Willow Court and Willow Way.

The first phase of bulkhead repairs is set to begin in October and should be wrapped up by the end of April 2020, Phillips said.

Letters have been mailed to affected homeowners, with individual meetings planned this month, Phillips said.

The original schedule of homes requiring bulkhead repairs was slightly altered due to unforeseen circumstances.

“The worm damage to these homes’ (bulkheads) is so bad we had to jump around and re-order where we are on the bulkheads,” she said.

In the future, vinyl will be used for bulkheads because of their longevity, Phillips said.

Work completion dates depend on the weather, with final phase one costs being presented to the OPA Board of Directors when obtained, Phillips said.

Winding down with an update on spot dredging permits obtained through the Army Corps of Engineers, Phillips said 18 of 20 annual requests have been submitted, with an Oct. 15 cutoff for evaluation quickly approaching prior to the submission deadline of Nov. 1.

Turnaround time through the Army Corps of Engineers usually takes at least six months with work anticipated to begin in October 2020.



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Berlin Little League praised by town's mayor and council

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Mayor Gee Williams took a moment to acknowledge the success of Berlin Little League during the Town Council meeting last Monday evening.

"This is unprecedented," Williams said. "I don't think this kind of achievement ... continuing level of success has ever been experienced by a town of our size."

Out of 1,500 U.S. Junior Little League teams, the Junior Berlin Little League All Stars team was ranked fourth nationally, and ranked eighth internationally, according to Head Coach Kris Mandley. The team returned from the World Series in Taylor, Michigan, on Aug. 19. A police procession and the Maryland Red Knights Motorcycle Club escorted them home.

Additionally, Williams said that three boy's little league baseball teams and the girl's little league softball

team also won Maryland state championships. He added that the last time more than one team won a state championship was in 2011. Little League in Berlin began in the 1950s.

"So this is an unprecedented accomplishment in the 50-year history of Berlin Little League, and on behalf of the mayor and council and the citizens of Berlin, we wish every player on the Berlin Little League teams to know that you brought pride and honor to yourselves, your families and your community," Williams said.

Berlin's Little League has several divisions, including major, intermediate and junior leagues. Each group varies in ages. For more information, visit the club's website at berlinlittleleague.org/.

Williams said that the Town of Berlin would also participate in upcoming festivities scheduled to celebrate the children's accomplishments. However, the specifics behind the event are unclear.

Ocean Pines named one of safest communities in state

(Sept. 5, 2019) Ocean Pines has named one of the safest communities in Maryland, again, according to Background Checks.org.

According to the online site, "Although it's overall violent and property crime rates are marred by the high crime in Baltimore, by far Maryland's largest city, the Old Line State is home to many very safe communities. In fact, six Maryland cities scored a 0.6 or higher on our Safety Index, which rates the safety of U.S. cities on a variety of factors, including crime rates and the concentration of law enforcement."

Ocean Pines ranked as the fourth-safest city in Maryland, trailing only Easton, Havre de Grace and Bel Air.

"Ocean Pines is the final Maryland city to score above a 0.3 on the Safety Index (it scored a 0.33), which it did by managing very impressive crime rates compared to the state, at large: a violent crime rate below 2 per 1,000

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Annual ‘Big Truck Day’ in Ocean Pines this Saturday

(Sept. 5, 2019) Fire trucks, dump trucks, tractors, tow trucks and more are slated to roll into Ocean Pines on Saturday, Sept. 7 during the annual “Big Truck Day.”

Children will be able to see, touch and sit in all the oversized vehicles during the free event, scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park on 11144 Cathell Road. They will also be able to meet police and firefighters, as well as all manner of “big truck” operators.

“We get a lot of people with younger kids, and younger kids just think it’s the greatest thing,” Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue said of the event. “They get to climb on, get in and mess with all these big trucks.”

Ocean Pines Police, Public Works and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department will take part in the event, along with Maryland Natural Resources Police, the U.S. Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, Harkin’s Ready Mix, Seaside Plumbing, and Republic Services.

“What makes up a community is not the bylaws or the regulations, it’s the people,” Republic Services Division Manager Anthony Spirito said. “What I love about Ocean Pines are all these different community events

that are hosted throughout the year, from Music in the Park, to Bay Day, to Big Truck Day. These events cater to the everyone in our community, big and small.

“For me and Republic Services, we love to show off our trucks, especially to the children,” he continued. “Almost every child is amazed by a large truck, especially garbage trucks. We love to let the communities we service know that we are more than just a company that picks up your garbage. We are company that cares about the communities we service and love to help out in any way possible.”

Concessions will be available for sale during the event, and Donahue said many of the participants hand out promotional items, including hard hats for children.

“It’s just a fun, free day,” she said. “It’s really geared toward smaller children, because they just think those trucks are just the greatest thing to get on and to play with.”

For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. For information on recreation programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, visit www.oceanpines.org/recreation-and-parks.

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Online site checks out crime rates to determine ranking

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and a property crime below 7 per 1,000,” the site said.

Background Checks.org uses the most-recent FBI crime statistics to create rankings for 2,929 cities in the United States with populations of 10,000 or higher.

“We are proud that Ocean Pines is once again one of Maryland’s Safest Communities,” Police Chief David Massey said. “The efforts of our citizens and police officers to keep us safe is continual. Keeping Ocean Pines safe ensures property values and makes us attractive to future residents.”

To read the full report, visit <https://backgroundchecks.org/safest-cities-in-maryland.html>.

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Ocean Pines financial picture illuminated

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Positive financial trends were highlighted by OPA General Manager John Viola and Treasurer Larry Perrone during the board of directors meeting Saturday.

Viola opened his report with a status update on a multitude of current projects.

Viola said the upgrade to NorthStar financial systems is moving forward.

“The update we received this week is that we are still on track, give or take a week or two,” he said.

The project to replace the Golf Course Club House is also on track, Viola said.

“We will probably see some activity there in September,” he said. “The police building and cart barn [projects] should begin in October.”

Viola also commented on the recently completed food and beverage contract to retain the services of the Matt Ort Company, and then moved to the efforts to cross-train OPA employees.

“We will be more efficient and that will definitely help as far as our budget and expenses moving forward,” he said.

Viola said OPA Secretary Michelle Bennett is taking the lead for the team working on a compensation study.

“We are doing a lot of the work on the compensation study ourselves,” he said.

Viola said site work would commence



OPA General Manager John Viola, seated between Operations Manager Colby Phillips, left, and OPA Secretary Michelle Bennett, provides updates on the financial picture and in-progress projects during the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday.

this month on the new craft building.

Plans are also underway to provide Wi-Fi at the Yacht Club Plaza.

“The last update I received is they are waiting on Comcast,” he said. “Once we have all that in place, we should have guest Wi-Fi.”

Viola said a request for proposal to select an accounting firm is nearly completed.

Upcoming fiscal 2020/2021 plans are also developing.

“We’re already working to begin the

fiscal 2020/2021 budget process and are putting together capital schedules now,” he said.

Focusing on financial changes through the end of July, Viola said three months into the current fiscal year the OPA net operating budget is favorable by about \$308,000.

Treasurer Larry Perrone’s report compared the revenue balance at the end of last fiscal year on April 30 to the current levels as of July 31.

Perrone said reserve funds were

about \$8.8 million to open the current fiscal year. That number included \$5.2 million in replacement reserves, \$2.5 million for bulkheads and \$1.1 million for road repairs.

“Remember, we’ve got four major projects going on right now and our total replacement reserve spend is about \$4.3 million as we move through the year for projects scheduled.

Since April replacement reserves have grown to \$6.4 million, with the

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AGH Warfield Memorial golf tournament set for Sept. 26

(Sept. 5, 2019) The Atlantic General Hospital Foundation announces the 2019 Robert E. Warfield Memorial Tournament to benefit Atlantic General Hospital will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, rain or shine, at Ocean City Golf Club.

The AGH Fall Golf Classic, celebrating its 26th year, was renamed in 2016 in recognition of the generous commitment and loyal service of the late Robert E. Warfield, Sr.

Warfield dedicated his busy life to giving to others in service and in spirit. He was an integral member of the AGH Fall Golf Classic Committee since he joined the Foundation's Board of Directors in 1999.

A founding member of the hospital's Board of Trustees, former chairman of the Board of Directors for the AGH Foundation, he was also a member and served on the board of directors for the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club and on the board of directors for the Maryland Economic Development Corporation and Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund.

For local golfers, this tournament has become an annual tradition, with last year's event raising \$105,000 to expand health care services and programs for the community through the local hospital.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$1,000 per foursome.

Player entry fee includes cart and greens fees, boxed lunch and buffet dinner as well as snacks and beverages/cocktails on the course.

Deluxe giveaways, tournament awards, and team photograph are also included. In addition, there will be a variety of on-the-course challenges with prizes and Harbor-side's famous orange crush bar.

Each team will again be able to choose their course/format - Newport Bay/Best Ball or Seaside/Scramble.

Team reservations can be submitted via www.atlanticgeneral.org/golf and must be received by Sept. 19. Space is limited and earliest entries are accommodated first.

Non-golfers can still join the fun—dinner and awards will begin at 5 p.m. This year's lunch will be provided by Buxy's Dry Dock Catering, the reception sponsored by Shenanigan's Irish Pub & Grille, and dinner sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital Medical Staff and an anonymous sponsor.

Tournament Co-Chairs are Terry Wright and Steven Sweigert. Legacy Sponsor, The Carousel Group, has served as title sponsor for 20 consecutive years.

For more information about the tournament, how to become a sponsor or register a team, visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/golf, text WARFIELD to 41444 on a mobile phone, or contact Joy Stokes, event coordinator, at 410-641-9671 or jstokes@atlanticgeneral.org.

Viola, Perrone reports positive

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total available for bulkhead repairs up to \$2.8 million.

"Basically our bulkhead program has been shut down for two years, but now it's up and running again," he said.

Perrone said funds for road repairs also grew to around \$1.4 million by the end of July.

"We haven't done roads in a couple of years," he said.

Looking at upcoming expenses, Perrone said cost estimates for the Golf Course Club House project are currently about \$1.6 million, with expanding the police/administration building slated to run about \$1.3 million.

"By the end of the year we're projecting that our total reserve account should be just under \$5.2 million," he said.

Perrone also said investment income has been excelling lately, with approximately \$15.8 in cash as of July 31 divided into \$4.8 million invested in CDARs and \$11 million invested in money markets.

"Through July, because of some good decisions in regard to CDARs and money markets we're averaging a 2.5 percent return," he said.

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OP Board votes spending referendum down

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Pointing to a legal opinion issued by Ocean Pines Association Attorney Jeremy Tucker, the Board of Directors voted 6-1 to invalidate a petition seeking a referendum to reduce the maximum spending limit from 20 percent to 12 percent of annual income.

OPA Vice President Steve Tuttle cast the sole vote in favor of a referendum based on a petition containing 808 signatures that was submitted to OPA Secretary Michelle Bennett on Aug. 12.

Tuttle said extensive discussions have occurred among OPA members over the spending limit for individual capital expenditures, which require a simple majority vote of board members.

While in disagreement with Tucker's opinion that the more than 800 signatures does not represent the required 10 percent of membership eligible to vote, Tuttle argued community sentiment in favor of amending the spending limit probably runs higher.

"The interest in the level of expenditure, in my opinion, is higher than what is reflected by the number of signatories through the petition," he said. "The referendum would put the decision in the hands of OPA membership."

Tuttle said the result of reducing the expenditure limit for capital purchases would be to provide direction to current and future boards on spending parameters.

Board member Dr. Colette Horn said she opted against signing the petition when given the opportunity.

"I think what we're really concerned with here is not ... what the spending threshold is," she said. "What we're really concerned about is a fear of runaway spending by any board."

Horn said the issue provides a case study in the amount of time it takes the board to conclude what is the best solution for dealing with community assets.

"I don't think the dollar figure is really the issue," she said.

To address community concerns about potentially wasteful spending on projects that may not be needed, Horn said a strategic planning approach should be adopted for new capital and also replacement spending.

"That will help put the reins on any unfettered spending that we've been concerned about in the past," she said.

Board member Larry Perrone said the present 20 percent limit seems reasonable.

"I would echo Colette's comments that it's not the number, it's the process," he said.

Perrone said community concern over upcoming capital projects to replace the Golf Course Club House and expand the Administration Building is unfounded.

"I think what went on with the club house ... and the other buildings that we're in the process of doing, the process has been open, and the community has been involved," he said.

Perrone praised the efforts of the work team compiled by General Manager John Viola to find solutions that provide an economic benefit.

"The petition drive that was done, as our attorney stated, my own reading of the petition really does not comply with what is required," he said. "If the group that did the petition feels that our attorney's opinion is wrong, they are perfectly welcome to redo their petition and submit it again."

Perrone also cited the estimated \$10,000 cost of conducting a referendum and noted that the voting percentage in the recent board of directors election was just 40 percent.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
OPA Vice President Steve Tuttle cast the sole vote in favor of a referendum on expenditure limits during the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday.

"In my mind, this is another area where money would be wasted," he said.

Board member Tom Janasek, while noting his election platform centered on fiscal conservatism, said he had discussed the situation with elected officials and community members.

"We spend money on the attorney and he gave us his opinion," he said.

Janasek said he would accept Tucker's opinion as valid.

"I don't think the spend [limit] at 20 percent is too high for projects," he said. "I think it's a trust issue. Boards in the past have spent extravagantly and the public hasn't been informed."

Board member Frank Daly questioned whether the referendum approach would settle the discussion of capital expenditures.

"I am sure if we have a problem, neither this resolution or the [Slobodan] Trendic petition will solve it," he said.

Tuttle, while acknowledging the motion would likely fail, wanted the community to understand his rationale for presenting it.

"I think a significant number of

Ocean Pines residents have expressed a desire to see a referendum on the issue," he said. "The petition presented on Aug. 12 has the required verified signatures to warrant consideration. They had 808 signatures and that is enough to require a referendum."

Tuttle reiterated that the question is if the cost of a single capital expenditure exceeds \$1 million should approval by OPA members through referendum be required.

"Tucker's argument hinges on the word, 'shall,'" he said. "In his interpretation, the petition question asks if the bylaws should be amended but does not propose a specific amendment to the bylaws."

Tucker issued a legal opinion that stated, "As the petition seeks no referendum to amend the bylaws and does not require motion by the board of directors, the petition does not meet the requirement for an action appropriate for submission to the members on a referendum."

Tuttle said while the petition could be worded more precisely, it does, from his interpretation, ask that the bylaws be amended to reduce the single capital expenditure limit, which would not require a referendum.

"If this board of directors, or any board, envisions a project that would require an expansion above the threshold, they would have to carefully plan the project, demonstrate the need and importance of the expenditure, and present a referendum to the community," he said. "This approach demands a strategic plan and careful consultation with the reserve study."

Tuttle said the associated cost to conduct the referendum could be incorporated into the project.

OPA President Doug Parks said board members discussed the topic prior to Saturday's meeting.

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Berlin’s Small Town Throw Down to return to Main St.

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Berlin will take on the flavor of Nashville Saturday, with live country music bands performing during the Small Town Throw Down on Main Street from 1-6 p.m.

Taking the stage at the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street during this third annual event will be Boy in Black, a Johnny Cash tribute band, Jason Morton and the Chesapeake Sons and Ruthie and the Wranglers.

Laura Stearns, the hotel’s general

manager, said a trip to Nashville by the business’s owners John and Michelle Fager inspired the idea for the country music festival in 2017.

“The first year it was a great success, and then the second year ... was rained out,” she said.

The Town of Berlin will close Main Street during the concert, as event organizers anticipate that approximately 1,000 people will attend the Small Town Throw Down, weather permitting.

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Tuttle stands alone in support

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“As a new board, it’s interesting to watch our interaction on a pretty important topic,” he said. “We expressed opinions that differed and feed off each other’s ... perspectives.”

Parks said the exercise illustrates the current board’s ability to address

challenging issues and share information while embracing varying opinions.

“I want to send a message to the membership that we didn’t just say, ‘Oh good, we can dismiss this petition on a wording technicality,’ he said. “We could have taken that approach because that’s what our attorney said.”

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Reserve fund process needs more homework

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with functionality not previously owned by the OPA and also includes increases in design capacity.
Perrone said the proposal would restrict using the new capital reserve fund for other expenditures without unanimous board approval and in-

cludes an annual spending limit of \$500,000.
"This would allow for better financial planning and control without directly impacting the Associations' yearly assessments," he said.
Board member Dr. Colette Horn voiced hesitation with the concept as presented.
"I would be a lot more comfortable with a lower maximum spend and ... total," she said. "I think these are excessive based on previous spending patterns."
OPA Vice President Steve Tuttle echoed those sentiments, while not-

ing the need for capital reserve funding was valid but would require proper vetting.
OPA President Doug Parks said before pursuing the proposal it should be confirmed the approach does not violate legal guidelines or established accounting procedures.
"I understand the intent, but I think we absolutely have to go back through and look at the process because this isn't the way to do it," he said. "We do need to follow established rules on how to address ... setting up a new fund."
Parks also said the proposition should be reworded to establish a "capital expense," fund.
"Part of me says we're just creating a fund to do stuff that we don't know what we want to do with," he said. "I'd much rather have a group of folks get together with input from the community to say what are the areas that we should consider."
Parks, while not backing the proposal as presented, did express support for the general concept.
"We have to do some homework to go back and get things right," he said. "Put it in line with our bylaws and have a target for spending over the next 1-3 years."
Perrone said although new capital costs were only around \$27,000 this past fiscal year because of having to address a previous deficit of roughly \$1,000,000, over the past five years the figure has averaged about \$117,000.
"What these numbers do not entail were the projects brought forward by the department heads ... that were discussed and not approved because of attempts to control the assessment," he said. "The reality of it is we're spending between \$125,000 to \$150,000 a year on new capital."
Perrone said lowering either the fund maximum balance or annual spending limit could be examined.
"There should be a method to fund our new capital without having to directly impact our profit/loss statement," he said.
Speaking by phone, board member Frank Daly cautioned that establishing the fund through resolution leaves open the potential for future boards to bypass and rescind the order.
"If we need something for new capital ... as much as it might be distasteful, we may have to go to referendum to ... lock down the way we collect ... and the way we preserve it," he said.
Instead of tabling the matter, Parks suggested that Perrone withdraw the motion.
"I think this is a good start," he said. "It proves it isn't a simple transaction [and] requires a lot of thought and future proofing so we understand how this money will be used."

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Agency outlines rate restructuring process

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Jean Holloway, state manager of Delaware and eastern Maryland for the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, provided an overview of her approach to restructuring rates.

“This is kind of a condensation of what I present for mayors and councils,” she said.

Berlin’s Town Administrator Laura Allen said Holloway was asked to share her approach with the public and the council she was recommended by Public Works Director Jamey Latchum.

Allen said she asked Latchum if he knew of anyone able to undertake a rate structure project, and he put her in touch with Holloway.

Holloway works for a nonprofit regional agency that receives financial assistance from several federal and state organizations, including the United States Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency, so it can provide free services to communities of 10,000 residents or less.

Holloway’s first piece of advice was that any rate structure alteration had to be grounded on legality, efficiency, practicality, equity, and fairness.

“Revenues should not be used to

pay for unrelated services (or visa versa),” she said.

She also said rates should be easy to understand and based on a well-planned budget.

Holloway also said it’s important to adjust rates because “the faster expenses rise, the sooner you start to lose.”

She illustrated this point through an analogy she called, “slicing the ‘pie.’” The pie demonstrated the “cost of operations” and the “source of cost recovery” through commercial industrial and residential factors.

“I can help to re-slice the pie, but I can’t change its size,” Holloway said.

Holloway also said transparency is key.

“[The] public should be informed of how rates are calculated,” she said.

Before increasing rates, Holloway said it’s crucial to “get a handle on unaccounted for water.” It’s mathematical calculation that she said involves subtracting the total production from the total billed. Once that is determined, one would need to subtract the unaccounted for water from the known losses/system uses to get the non-revenue water.

Holloway said it should be less than 10 to 15 percent.

“If I can get a small town below 15 percent, I feel like I’ve done something,” she said.

Additionally, she said it’s important to reassess existing meters to weed out “any meters over 10 years old” that “are probably unregistered.” Holloway clarified “under-registration means providing water you don’t get paid for.”

Holloway also said public works officials should be wary of “meters that only register in whole thousands [because that] can mean lost water, and that means lost revenue.”

Holloway also said it’s important to “get a handle on collections” and “make sure gallons in [a minimum] bill are optimal. This involves ensuring at least 95 percent of fees are collected and setting them “high enough to discourage repeat offenders.”

As for gallons, Holloway said they should they “should be high enough to protect low-end users” including senior citizens and single residents, but “know enough to avoid ‘giving away’ water that should be paid for by the usage unit.”

She also recommended no more than 3,000 gallons per month.

Holloway said there are three types of rates: a uniform or flat rate, which is the “same amount per period for everyone,” a metered minimum plus volume charge, which is a “minimum bill, with or without gallons included” and a block volume charge, which uses “different rates for different blocks or amounts used.”

Of those choices, Holloway tended to lean towards the second option.

“A consumer minimum plus volume rate is more equitable than [a] flat rate [because] customers pay only for what they use,” Holloway said.

After receiving data from town officials, Holloway said it would take roughly 40 hours to conduct the water study, and another 10 to 20 hours for the sewer study.

Assuming the council approves, Holloway is expected to begin surveying in October and provide recommendations by early 2020.

Once the study is complete, Holloway said she plans discuss her findings with a management team and determine if any revisions need to be made before bringing it to elected officials. She will present her findings to the public, as well as the mayor and council during an upcoming meeting.

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Bay Day focuses on native plants

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plants, Wist said the environmentally oriented afternoon would provide other information as well.

“The more that we can educate our community and our neighbors, the healthier our bays can become,” she said. “If we can have an event that’s geared towards engaging ... individuals, then we can see positive impacts.”

Wist said Ocean Pines was selected for the undertaking because of its many waterfront properties and proximity to the St. Martin River.

“We release an annual report card where we give an A to F rating of our coastal bays,” she said. “For years, the St. Martin River has been one of our unhealthier ones, but it is steadily increasing.”

Although the academic year is just beginning, Wist said Bay Day is not intended as a classroom exercise where scores of booths offer a sea of brochures to peruse.

“The idea is when you go up, you can engage with the people that are representing their organizations,” she said. “In addition to that, people can hang out and eat food.”

Wist said about 35 groups are collaborating on Bay Day this Sunday.

“They vary from nonprofit organizations to Assateague State Park and Pocomoke River State Park,” she said. “We try to target local organizations, but we even have some coming from further away.”

“Our National Aquarium [in Baltimore] representatives are going to be down here,” she said. “They have a 56-foot inflatable whale they’re going to be putting inside the community center.”

Free guided boat rides along the St. Martin River will be provided by Capt. Danny McDorman and OC Swim Crawl.

“It’s kind of like a party barge [and] the beauty of it is that it’s big,” she said. “It’s an old research vessel so they have a ton of standing and sitting room.”

Wist said the boat would go out on three excursions each lasting about 30 minutes.

“We’ll have one of our staff members on board to answer questions and to give a little talk about the St. Martin River.”

The aquatically curious can register for a boat tour that day at the Ocean Pines Marina, where kayaks will also be provided for free use by Ayres Creek Adventures.

The list of partners on site for Bay Day includes: The Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, the Delmarva Discovery Center, the Ward Museum, Assateague Coastal Trust, the Lower Shore Land Trust and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Not to overlook farmers and watermen, Wist said the Atlantic Coast Sports Fishing Association and Assateague Farm will also have booths at Bay Day.

‘It came out of a concept called, ‘guerilla gardening,’ where people can literally toss something and a plant will grow.’
Liz Wist

“We work hand-in-hand with our fishing community and our farmers,” she said. “We wanted everybody to be a bit represented from all realms of the watershed.”

Visitors to the event also will be able to unleash their inner Picassos with two interactive art pieces sponsored by the Art League of Ocean City and the Ocean City Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation.

Wist said Coastal Bays is working with the Art League of Ocean City to convert a mound of discarded plastic bottle caps into a more creative purpose instead of polluting the planet.

“We’ve been collecting bottle caps from either beach cleanup or individuals that have dropped them off,” she said. “We’re going to be making a mural out of those bottle caps.”

Wist said the Surf Riders are pursuing an equivalent artistic vision.

“We’re going to doing separate murals, but they actually have that

idea too,” she said. “They’ll be two opportunities to engage in one of those interactive art pieces.”

For added festivity, Wist said radio station 97.1 The Wave will be simulcasting onsite to open the event followed by a live performance from the George and Pat Bilenki Duo.

Wist said food vendors will include Street Kitchen, Kona Ice, Eastern Shore Kettle Korn and the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

“We have the Burley Oar Beer truck that’s going to be there serving both beer and root beer.”

Other highlights will include an expansion of a pollinator garden planted in White Horse Park this May.

“We’ll give a brief overview of pollinator gardens [and] we’re actually going to put some more plants in the ground that Sunday,” she said. “There’s never been a pollinator garden demonstration in White Horse Park.”

Saving the biggest bang for last, Bay Day will feature a workshop pavilion “where people can come and do everything from building a birdhouse, bat home, bee home [or making] a fish print T-shirt,” Wist said.

Among the event’s more unusual-sounding offerings are “seed bomb” lessons, Wist said.

“It came out of a concept called, ‘guerilla gardening,’ where people can literally toss something and a plant will grow,” she said. “It’s just air-dried clay that will break down with organic soil and seeds.”

Wist said related educational opportunities already occurred, as organizers worked with area school children who made hand-painted canvas bags to give attendees to discourage use of plastics.

“We have a big thank-you to Worcester County Schools and also homeschoolers who painted 400 canvas bags,” she said. “They turned it into an opportunity to learn screen printing or different processes in order to paint on the bags. It was thrilling to engage hundreds of kids before Bay Day.”

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Our teams and families travelled all Summer throughout Maryland and on to New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Michigan to represent our organization and the wonderful town of Berlin. None of this would have been possible without the overwhelming support from the community.

Our teams wish to sincerely thank the many businesses and fans who generously donated to us financially and watched our journey cheering all of us along the way – it meant a lot as we felt the love from near and far, your support was invaluable in allowing us to make the journey.

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Concert on the Lawn series to wrap up, Sun.

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Music lovers can take in a free performance by the Folk Heroes with Charlie Stegman and Robin Cockey during the final Concert on the Lawn this Sunday evening at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum.

The group will play a mixture of Celtic and Cajun music starting at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the museum's lawn on 208 N. Main St. in Berlin.

"It's a great opportunity for people to come and listen to some free music on this beautiful, beautiful lawn that is just such a huge asset to the museum, and a huge asset to the town," said Melissa Reid, president of the museum's board of directors.

Reid said the free concerts usually draw between 100 to 150 people.

"It's been going really well," Reid said. "We've had good turnout for them."

Reid added she's been pleased with this year's series overall.

"It's a great feeling to sit there sort of on the sidelines of the event, and look at all the people coming with their chairs or lawn chairs to come and sit and watch music, and to see people clapping," she said.

While bluegrass band John O'Dell and Windy Ridge was scheduled to perform for the first show of the 2019 season, the event was canceled due to inclement weather. The High and

Wides, a bluegrass band, and Old School O.C., a classic rock and rhythm and blues group, have also played in this year's series.

"The weather is usually the biggest obstacle, but ... we've pretty lucky this year [because] only [the] first one had to be canceled," Reid said.

Reid praised the efforts of fellow board member Bonnie Luna, who is responsible for scouting and booking bands for the annual event.

"She [Luna] tries to reach out to sort of a variety of different bands," Reid said. "Sometimes new ones and sometimes old favorites."

Reid said the museum, which pioneered the idea of free concerts in Berlin, has been holding the roughly hour-long concerts for two decades. She added she understand it can be difficult for an organization to keep an event going for that long.

"Things grow stale, or the people that run them [there's] not always continuity, but I am really proud of the museum for continuing something that we have been doing for 20 years," Reid said. "We were one of the first actual spaces in Berlin to provide free outside entertainment, so it's nice that we're able to continue that tradition."

While Reid applauded the museum's ability to keep with tradition with the 20th annual Concert on the Lawn, she said event organizers mixed things up this year by having a mer-



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Charlie Stegman, left, and Robin Cockey, of the Folk Heroes will perform at the final Concert on the Lawn this Sunday at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on 208 N. Main St. in Berlin.

chandise and peach slushies available for purchase.

"Even though it has been a mainstay, we're always trying different

things," she said.

For more information, call 410-641-1019 or visit the museum's website at taylorhousemuseum.org.

Country music bands to perform

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"If it's a beautiful day, it's going to be packed," she said.

In addition to hearing the aforementioned performers, visitors to the

event can also take advantage of several types food and beverages for sale. Some of the selections include barbecue, kettle corn, crab cakes, and hot-dogs.

Proceeds from Burley Oak Brewing Company's beer truck will go to Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee, according to event organizers.

Stearns said the free music festival should be memorable.

"I just think it's an opportunity to come out, and see a show that's world-class for no cost, and be able to take in the delicious foods and charm that the Town of Berlin has to offer," Stearns said.

For more information, visit the event's Facebook page, "Berlin Small Town Throw Down" at facebook.com/events/town-of-berlin-maryland/berlin-small-town-throw-down/1807624256006766/.



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National Folk Festival takes place in Salisbury this week

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) The 79th annual National Folk Festival will take place Friday through Sunday in downtown Salisbury, featuring more than 350 traditional musicians, dancers, craftspeople, regional and ethnic cuisines and craft brews, storytelling and parades.

Since it was first presented in St. Louis in 1934, the National Folk Festival has celebrated the roots, richness and variety of American culture. Championed in its early years by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the folk festival was the first event of national stature to present the arts of many nations, races, and languages on equal footing.

Last year, approximately 63,000 people attended the first Salisbury Folk Festival despite the rainy conditions.

“It was just amazing to see our community come together, welcome new visitors, and celebrate –rain or shine,” Salisbury Folk Festival Director Caroline O’Hare said in a press release. “We’re a strong city with a big heart, and we will continue to shine into years two, three and beyond.”

This is the second consecutive year the event, one of America’s largest, most prestigious and longest-running

celebrations of arts, culture and heritage, will be held in Salisbury. The 80th annual National Folk Festival will also be held in Salisbury in 2020.

The festival embraces the heritage and traditions of all Americans, from those whose families have been here for centuries or millennia, to those who have more recently arrived. Musicians and craftspeople from every state and most U.S. territories have participated in this event.

The festival was the first to present to the public musical forms such as the blues, Cajun music, polka bands, Tex-Mex conjunto, Peking Opera, and many others.

While the event takes place in Salisbury, the event draws in people to stay in the resort as well.

“There are some hotels that have extended group rates to the National Folk Festival and the Town of Ocean City is a sponsor of the event, so we have been getting exposure from our sponsorship,” said Susan Jones, Executive Director for the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association. “Surely, there aren’t that many hotel rooms in Salisbury, so we’ll get some as a result.”

The festival is free and hours are Friday, 6-10:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10:30 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to



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DANCE PARTY

Joyful siblings, Willow, 3, and Julian Young, 2, of Berlin, find their groove during the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market on Saturday in White Horse Park.

6:30 p.m. Food vendors and the Festival Marketplace will open at 5 p.m. on Friday, and at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Free parking and free shuttles are available from the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

For more information about the Folk Festival, visit www.nationalfolk-festival.com, call Caroline O’Hare at 410-677-1917 or email cohare@salisbury.md.

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Staying informed best bet to avoid bad calls

As Ocean Pines Association members and the board of directors consider the possibility of requiring an up-or-down communitywide vote on proposed capital expenditures of \$1 million or more, there is one sticking point that can't be addressed by any bylaws amendment.

That issue is whether people will vote with their hearts or their heads, or, to put it another way, whether they will educate themselves about a proposal or go with their instincts.

It is easy, for instance, to oppose any expenditure that might affect assessments and to justify that stance by assuming that the directors either don't know what they're doing or, worse, do know but aren't sharing all the information.

Much more difficult for potential voters, both year-round and seasonal property owners, is to follow the discussion from beginning to end, take part in it at appropriate times, and to do their homework before coming down on one side or the other of a proposal.

That's a considerable responsibility, but it's one citizens need to assume if their decision-making ability for the community overall is going to be as good as or better than that of their elected representatives.

The level of the public's understanding, however, will depend on a board's willingness to share as much information as it can, and to explain it, repeatedly if necessary.

With or without a referendum requirement on major expenditures, an electorate that pays attention and officials who oblige its desire for honest information are the keys to good decision-making.

Otherwise, a bad decision by the board or a bad decision by the public through a referendum is still a bad decision. Having done the latter democratically won't make it better.



OP Players tackle Elton John legacy

(Sept. 5, 2019) With a successful eight-week run of an original play on the Ocean City Boardwalk behind them, where they paid tribute to the women pioneers who all but made Ocean City the thriving resort town it is today, the Ocean Pines Players will highlight their versatility with a “Salute to Elton John” in another tribute.

The show, co-produced by Amy Morgan and Ocean Pines Players President Karen McClure, will be performed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 103rd Street in Ocean City on successive Mondays, Sept. 9 and 16, starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

Morgan said the Ocean Pines Players decided to pay tribute to Elton John because “this year is the 50th anniversary of his first album, ‘Empty Sky,’ released in 1969 in the United Kingdom, and because of the release of ‘Rocket Man,’ the highly popular movie of his life released earlier this year.

“We knew the timing was right for this, and if our rehearsals are any indication, we were right,” she continued. “They have been mega fun and very productive. Our goal is to be highly electric and a little over the top in true Elton John style. We are especially delighted about the addition of two new, young cast members, Zander Jett and Will Devokees. They bring a fresh outlook and energy to the show, making it truly multi-generational and a show meant for the entire family.”

The program of almost two dozen songs includes the 1995 Academy Award winning “Can you Feel the Love Tonight,” from the hit movie “The Lion King,” as well as Academy Award nominated songs from the same movie, “Hakuna Matata” and “Circle of Life.”

Other Elton John favorites on the program are “Rocket Man,” “Goodbye Yellow Brick Road” and “Don't Go Breakin' My Heart.”

In addition to producers Morgan and McClure, Jett and Devokees, the other cast members also are local performers: Dan Carney, Jerry Gietka, Brenda Golden, Dorothy Shelton and Sharon Sorrentino.

The Ocean Pines Players is a local community theater group that has been entertaining audiences in this area for more than 40 years. Membership in the organization is open to all area residents of all ages.

For further information, call Ed Pinto at 703-901-5544. Follow on Facebook or visit www.oceanpinesplayers.com.

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Wine making long family tradition

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on the dry side, especially for a Rosé. You get a little bit of the floral tones in it as well, and my two reds the fruit comes from Western Maryland and they're medium bodied. One has a little bit of a mocha cherry flavor to it and the other one is similar to a Pinot Noir," she continued.

Brittany already has plans to grow her wine selection in the years to come.

"We're going to be expanding the list year by year. Next year I'm looking at bringing in some heavier reds and build up my red list and then also bringing in another white," she said. "Everybody in the family loves the dry wine and there's a whole lot of sweet wines in Maryland so we're trying to set ourselves apart. There's nothing wrong with sweet wines ... we'll eventually have it on our menu, but for

now, we want to stick with something that's going to separate us."

The reception for the wines has been praised by visitors to the area.

"The tourists seem to find us first because they're Googling things to do when they're in Ocean City, so they find us really easily," Jeanie said. "But in the last two months, we're seeing huge growth and in attendance of our evening events."

In addition to selling wine, Windmill Creek farm offers several wine tastings. The cost is \$5 per tasting sample. The Mariners can also hosts parties, luncheons and weddings and provide children friendly activities. Animals are also welcome to the farm.

Every Friday and Sunday, from 5-8 p.m., there is live music on the lawn.

"It's just such a unique experience," Brittany said. "We do the live music on

the lawn. You can bring your family and your dogs. There's not really a place here where every type of person in every age group is welcomed at all times. We have kid's rooms in the farmhouse just for the parents and they can sip on their wines and the kids can play and not have to worry about breaking anything. It's just unique for our area."

The winery stays open 11 out of 12 months of the year, closing down in January to preform maintenance and check on the progress of the vines.

Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

For more information about events at Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery, visit www.windmillcreekvineyard.com or call 410-251-6122.

AGH celebrating fifth anniversary of RediScripts

(Sept. 5, 2019) Atlantic General Hospital will hold an open house and ribbon-cutting for the community on Tuesday, Sept. 10, to celebrate AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy's fifth anniversary.

In recognition of this milestone, RediScripts will make a donation to Atlantic General's indigent patient fund equal to the total register sales at RediScripts on Sept. 10.

The pharmacy started small in 2014, and its evolution has been dramatic.

In addition to handling the prescription needs of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System employees, medical staff and volunteers, RediScripts was there to fill the first supply of medication ordered for patients discharged from the hospital.

The primary goal was to get the necessary medication in the hands of patients before they left the hospital, thereby increasing the odds that they would remain adherent with their physician's treatment plan and continue on the path to recovery.

The retail pharmacy's scope of business expanded quickly as Atlantic General layered on new services to further improve medication adherence and reduce barriers to improved health for the community at large.

RediScripts was soon filling prescriptions for all Atlantic General Hospital and Health System patients, and then for any community members with medication needs.

The pharmacy began a discharge concierge program, offering advice and education about prescribed medications as well as the purchase of first-fill prescriptions right at the bedside for patients scheduled to go home.

It also launched an award-winning medication therapy management program that helps individuals with complex medication needs to better understand their medications and keep them organized to ensure safe and effective use.

Consultations and education are offered at the pharmacy or directly in the home, to ensure a complete review of all medications and supplements. Compliance packaging, which organizes multiple medications by dosage time, is provided at no additional charge to these patients.

To increase prescription fills among patients who might typically forego their medication due to cost, the pharmacy instituted a co-pay support program as well as an indigent fund.

A financial counseling function is baked into the medication filling process for pharmacy staff members, who are constantly on the lookout for cost savings for their patients.

In addition to the typical offerings
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Youth get free haircuts and styles

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Ten youth apparently got more than just a haircut Sunday in Berlin, they also received boost in confidence before heading back to school.

“Hair is a cultural thing, so for the kids to be able to have a nice hairstyle to go back to school year, it’s starts the school year off really good,” said Tiffany Scott, youth program director at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. “It gives them a sense of pride and boosts their confidence.”

Scott organized the free event at D-stinct D-signs Barbershop on Flower Street with the help of hair stylist Keyanda Williams and barber Emanuel Fletcher.

Scott said Williams is her personal hair stylist at Loc-Nation, a salon in Salisbury.

“We’re always brainstorming different ideas to come up with for the kids, because I like doing extra curricular activities too. So we’re always here brainstorming ways to make the Worcester county community better,” Williams said.

Williams, and her assistant, Mikaylah Wilson, gave six girls new looks for back to school. They could choose from several styles, including braids, a natural press, which is when a girl’s hair is flat-ironed, and sew-ins, which involves sewing hair into a braid on a head.

Fletcher, who works at D-stinct D-signs Barbershop, gave fades, tape ups and all-even cuts to four boys.



Hair stylist Keyanda Williams puts the finishing touches on a girl's hair this past Sunday at D-stinct D-signs Barbershop in Berlin. Youth took advantage of free haircuts and hairstyles before heading back to school.

Fletcher said his daughter participates in Berlin Youth Club and he spoke with Scott about the idea of donating his time to provide free services to the children.

“I’m always [trying] to give back as much as I can, how I can,” Fletcher said. “This is just one way I feel I can do it for the kids that are underprivileged and ... parents already spending a whole lot for all the school shopping season, so it’s just one small way I figured I could help.”

Williams said she was grateful for the opportunity.

“I’m very thankful and grateful to be able to give back to the kids,”

Williams said. “Not a lot of people are able to do it or even have the time to do it, but ... I’ll always squeeze in time for the kids.”

Scott said that for some of the children who participated on Sunday, it was their first time in a barbershop.

“So it just wasn’t about the style, it was about their experience as well,” Scott said. “A barbershop within the

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of a retail pharmacy, RediScripts coordinates fulfillment of oral chemotherapy needs for patients of the Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center and stocks bariatric and wound care specialty products.

“What helps set RediScripts apart is our passion for tackling the tough challenges with medication for our patients to help support them on their path to wellness,” said Jeff Kukel, manager of RediScripts pharmacy. “Rising prescription drug costs are nothing short of a national crisis. While our donation to the indigent fund is by no means the solution for the larger problem at hand with prescription drug prices, we hope that by continuing to help sustain this indigent fund we can make a difference for families in our area who would have otherwise walked away from a pharmacy counter untreated. Our goal is that every patient we serve gets the medications they need at a price they can afford. While certainly no easy task, the staff at AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy is always up for the challenge.”

The event will take place from 3-5 p.m., with the ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. in Atlantic General Hospital’s main lobby.

Refreshments will be offered.

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Sept. 6: Opposite Directions, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 7: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, noon to 4 p.m.; Zion Reggae, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 8: Keri Anthony, noon to 3 p.m.; Identity Crisis, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 9: Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 10: Bettenroo Duo, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 11: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 12: Kevin Poole & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.

COWBOY COAST COUNTRY SALOON AND STEAKHOUSE
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Sept. 6: TBA, acoustic, 6 p.m.; DJ Tops Cut Off Team, 9 p.m.



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Seacrets: Friday, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

Sept. 7: TBA, acoustic, 6 p.m.; DJ Tops Cut Off Team, 9 p.m.
Sept. 12: Bike Week Kickoff Party w/Fuel, doors open 5 p.m.

DUFFY'S TAVERN
130th Street, Ocean City, Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449 / www.duffysoc.com
Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 5-8 p.m.
Every Saturday: Karaoke w/DJ Chuck D, 8 p.m. to midnight

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL
12841 S. Harbor Road, West Ocean City
410-213-1846 / www.ocharborside.com
Sept. 6: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 7: Chris Button, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Sept. 8: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.
Sept. 9: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
Sept. 10: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.
Sept. 11: Dock Party w/DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.; Trivia w/DJ Bigler, 8 p.m.
Sept. 12: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS
12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City
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Sept. 7: Classic Vibe, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 12: DJ BK, 3-7 p.m.

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Sept. 6: Johnny Seaton, 5 p.m.
Sept. 7: Johnny Bling, 4 p.m.
Sept. 8: Landmark, 3 p.m.
Sept. 11: Dust N' Bones, 4 p.m.
Sept. 12: Tranzfusion, 4 p.m.

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OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB
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410-641-7501 / www.oceanpines.org
Sept. 6: Diamond Alley, 6-10 p.m.
Sept. 7: No Byscuyts, 6-10 p.m.

PICKLES
706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City
410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com
Sept. 6: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Sept. 7: Sean Loomis, 9 p.m.
Sept. 8: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Sept. 10: Beats by Adam Dutch, 9 p.m.
Sept. 12: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

PURPLE MOOSE SALOON
108 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City
410-289-6953 / www.purplemoosesaloon.com
Sept. 6-7: Doc Marten & the Flannels (AKA Dirt), 10 p.m.
Sept. 8-9: CK the VJ/DJ, 9 p.m.
Sept. 10-11: DJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Sept. 12: High Voltage (AC/DC Tribute), 10 p.m.

SEACRETS
49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
Sept. 6: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Kristen & the Noise, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 7: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Lost In Paris, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 8: Bobby-O on De Bay, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 9-10: Flowers for Taco, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 11: Triple Rail Turn, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 12: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Triple Rail Turn, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Tuesday's Gone - The Ultimate Tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd, 10 p.m. to midnight

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Sept. 7: Test Kitchen, 4 p.m.

TRADER LEE'S LIVE
9935 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City
443-614-4119
Sept. 8: Jam Sess, 5 p.m.
Sept. 11: Live Acoustic Taco Night, 5-8 p.m.
Sept. 12: Swell Fellas, 5 p.m.; Muskrat Lightning, 9 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL
11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922 / www.whiskersbar.com
Sept. 6: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Berlin police officer commended

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Lt. JD Lawson of the Berlin Police Department was recognized at the Town Council meeting last week for saving an infant's life.

"On behalf of the mayor and council, and the citizens of Berlin, thank you," said Mayor Gee Williams. "We appreciate you and this very commendable act."

Lawson went to the lobby of the police department on 129 Decatur St. on Aug. 8 to assist with an unresponsive 3-month-old infant. Lawson said the parents had called 911, but "brought the child here to get immediate help."

Lawson examined the infant, who he described as "limp" and "non-responsive."

"So the first thing I did was turn the child over, at which time an abnormal amount of liquid came out of its mouth through my fingers and onto the ground," Lawson said. "And I turned the child back over, opened its mouth, used my fingers to sweep some more out, and then the child started crying and breathing normally."

Williams said the child was taken to a local hospital and is now doing well.

Because of privacy laws, the infant's identity could not be disclosed.

Lawson said he was grateful he was able to help save the child's life.

"It's a nice change, and unfortunately in my career, I've been handed other children in the same type of circumstances where there was not a good outcome, and this time it was good that there was a positive outcome and the child is well," he said.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing also praised Lawson's efforts, but reminded many of the people in the council chambers that it's also part of the job.

"So a lot of times we are faceless and thankless, and this is a true honor to go ahead and have an opportunity to go ahead and acknowledge his actions...," Downing said.

Lawson accepted the commendation from Williams and appeared thankful for this recognition.

"Well it's good that the public gets to see the very positive things that po-



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams presents a commendation to Lt. JD Lawson, of the Berlin Police Department, during a Town Council meeting last Monday evening. Lawson preformed life-saving measures on an infant while responding to a call for service earlier this month.

lice officers accomplish," Lawson said.

Lawson also said he's noticed a shift in the relationship between the public and police during his 31-year tenure in law enforcement.

"Most of the time when we come somewhere to some type of call, it's all-negative," Lawson said.

Nevertheless, Downing added that it's important to continue working to foster the bond between area residents and law enforcement officers.

"If we don't have the community, we cant [do] our jobs effectively," Downing said.

New looks, boost in self confidence

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African-American community, or a hair salon, is a place where people go to connect as well."

Scott said children enrolled in Worcester Youth programs, Berlin Youth Club or a family member of a child involved were eligible to take advantage of the free services.

Scott said the children also learned a lesson in accountability. She said they had to choose an appointment time, and needed to be prompt on Sunday.

"So it got them started on how to maintain a schedule, how to arrive on time, how to keep your word, so it was a lot of different skills that went into this," she said.

Additionally, Scott said that Jami Smith, a member of the Young Professionals of Ocean City, owns Doll Society, an online hair product business, and donated supplies for the events.

Scott praised Smith and Williams for their efforts and wanted the children taking advantage of programs in Worcester Youth to understand that their futures are bright.

"I wanted to inspire them," Scott said. "Here are these young professionals and they're really doing good in their field. So, just letting them know that anything is possible."

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Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra to perform

Concerts for 22nd season scheduled to take place in Ocean City, other locations

(Sept. 5, 2019) The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra (MSO) will mark its 22nd season this year with concerts in the region ranging from Easton to Ocean City, and returning this year to Lewes, Delaware.

The orchestra's 2019-2020 season will feature an American premiere, iconic masterworks and a number of world-class soloists.

Mandolinist Vincent Beer-Demander will be featured in September's opening concerts in Wye Mills, Washington, D.C. and Ocean City.

He will be performing the American premiere of Lalo Schiffrin's "Mandolin Concerto," followed by

Beethoven's Symphony No. 7."

Other highlights of the season be November concerts in Easton, Ocean View, Delaware and Ocean Pines, featuring Haydn's "Piano Concerto in D Major" with French pianist Dider Castell-Jacomin, along with a performance of Copland's "Appalachian Spring."

The Holiday Joy concerts in Easton, Lewes and Ocean City will feature bass baritone, Kevin Short and students from the University of Maryland's Opera Studio, in a jazz and popular music program that will pay tribute to the great Pops Orchestras of America.

On New Year's Eve in Easton, soprano Rochelle Bard and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra principal trumpeter Andrew Balio will ring in the new year in a highly energetic con-

cert. January will feature the MSO's inaugural Elizabeth Loker Concerto Competition, which will be open to the public.

The competition's winner will receive \$2,000 and be the featured soloist at the symphony's March concerts in Easton, Ocean View and Ocean Pines. The March concert will also include Mozart's "Symphony No. 33."

Finally, in April, the orchestra will feature Russian-born pianist Boris Slutsky in a performance of Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1," and conclude the season with Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." Performances will be held in Wye Mills and Ocean City.

"This year's season includes an incredible mix of new music, iconic masterworks and amazing soloists,"

said Maestro Julien Benichou. "Like every season, the MSO continues to break new ground and introduce new repertoire. We can't wait to share our 22nd season with our patrons."

The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Talbot County Arts Council, the Worcester County Arts Council, Sussex County, Delaware, the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc, Delmarva Public Radio, Whats Up? Media, and Coastal Style Magazine.

Season subscriptions and individual tickets for the MSO's 2019-2020 season are available online at midatlanticsymphony.org or by telephone at 888-846-8600. For further information, visit midatlanticsymphony.org.

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Heron Park reopens months after spill of caustic chemical

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 5, 2019) Heron Park in Berlin has reopened after taking several months to clean up a caustic chemical at the site on Old Ocean City Boulevard, Mayor Gee Williams reported Wednesday morning.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen informed members of the Berlin Parks Commission at its Tuesday evening meeting that the park's opening was likely.

"It is supposed to be open tomorrow," Bohlen said. "I'm not sure if they opened it at the end of the day today, but it is supposed to be open tomorrow."

The town has spent nearly \$165,000 to dispose of an undetermined amount of sodium hydroxide 50 percent (caustic soda or lye), which has industrial applications, according to an invoice from Chesapeake Environmental Services, a company responsible for handling the clean-up.

Two additional invoices totaling more than \$30,000 were authorized during last Monday's Mayor and Council meeting for the facility formerly known as Berlin Falls Park.

The park officially closed in mid-July, Town Administrator Laura Allen said during a July 18 advisory committee meeting. Williams said during the meeting that he expected the clean-up process was expected to wrap up last week.

When asked about the specifics of the investigation, Bohlen did not comment.

"I can't wait to go in and see it all cleaned up," said Parks Commission member Patricia Dufendach.

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Puzzles

“HOW’S TRICKS?” BY MATT GINSBERG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Matt Ginsberg is a computer scientist and co-founder of Connected Signals, a technology company in Eugene, Ore. He received his doctorate in mathematics at Oxford in 1980 at age 24. In the puzzle world, Matt is noted for creating Dr. Fill, a computer program that solves crosswords using artificial intelligence. Unofficially, Dr. Fill finished 14th out of 742 contestants at this year's American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. This is Matt's 49th puzzle for The Times. - W.S.

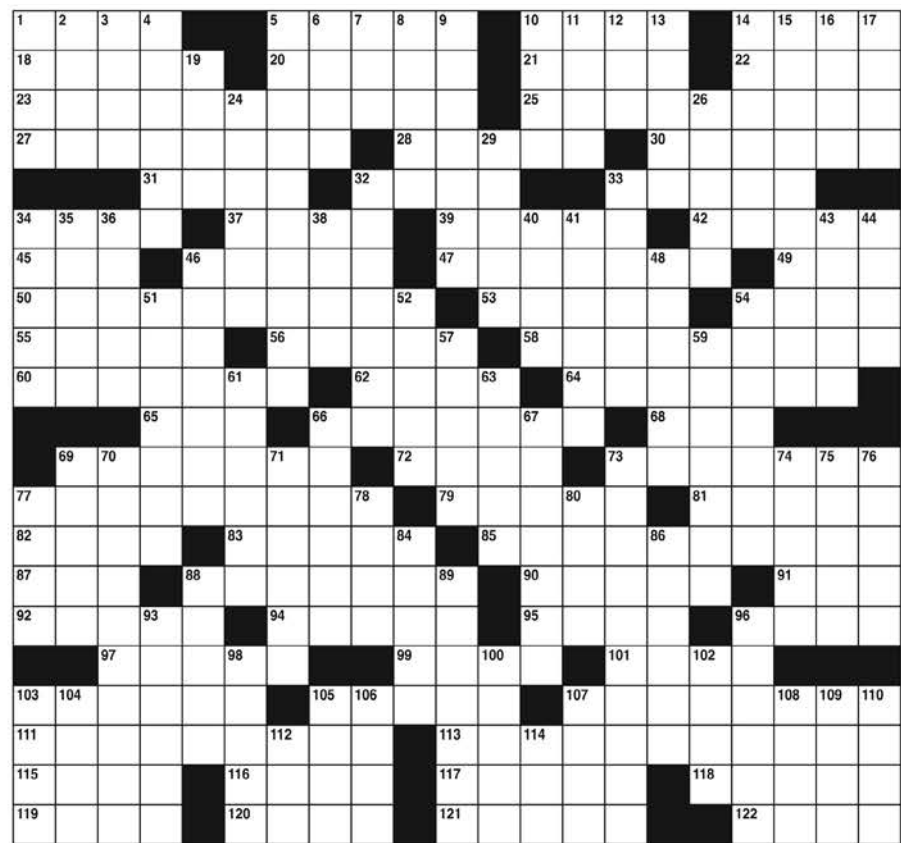
ACROSS
1 Literally, “commander”
5 Sights at Zion National Park
10 Didn’t sink, say
14 Miles away
18 Where to find big bucks?
20 Jack who co-starred with Charlie Chaplin in “The Great Dictator”
21 Tepid greeting
22 Title film villain whose first name is Julius
23 When you can ice skate outside?
25 Poker player in the Old West after being caught with a card up his sleeve?
27 Checks’ counterparts
28 Lamb offering
30 “Whew baby!”
31 “The Wizard of Oz” co-star
32 “Let’s shake on it”
33 Edwin with the 1970 #1 hit “War”
34 Fling
37 Not for
39 Language in which “dd” and “ff” are treated as single letters of the alphabet

ACROSS
42 Interprets
45 ____ glance
46 Like the motion of the ocean
47 Curse
49 One going for big bucks?
50 Bad pun?
53 French greeting
54 Pea picker-upper
55 ____ bottle (topological curiosity)
56 Site of one of the 12 labors of Hercules
58 Manual part of an early printing press?
60 Cellar problem
62 Work with planes, maybe
64 Typically
65 “Westworld” ailer
66 “The ____ of Christ” (classic work in Florence’s Uffizi Gallery)
68 Dull-witted sloth in “Ice Age”
69 Profession since the Bronze Age
72 Leo, for example
73 Jerry, to Tom, in cartoons
77 Need for parents who weren’t expecting twins?
79 One-named singer with the catchphrase “cuchi-cuchi”
81 Like some riyals
82 Barristers’ wear
83 Surfer wannabe
85 Rookeries?
87 Singer Grande, to fans
88 Portuguese wine

DOWN
1 Steed for a sheik
2 “____ Lisa”
3 Rustic poem
4 Bad news from Detroit

DOWN
90 “____, Macduff” (phrase from Shakespeare)
91 Consumes
92 City that becomes another city if you change both its vowels to A’s
94 Perfume part
95 Japanese noodle
96 Suspiciously flattering, say
97 Emulated an Argonaut
99 “Stat”
101 Red letters?
103 Like a sonnet, in a way
105 Chronicler of Troy
107 Emmy-nominated actor for “Westworld”
111 Toothpaste aisle?
113 Illusionist’s phrase illustrated by seven Across answers in this puzzle?
115 Informal negation
116 Pout
117 Wan
118 Famed orange troublemaker
119 D.C. nine
120 Brings up, say
121 ____ of all
122 Location of Cassius, who “has a lean and hungry look”

DOWN
5 Queen Margrethe II, e.g.?
6 Din-din
7 It’s après “après”
8 Grammy-winning songwriter Mann
9 School boards?
10 Many a mixer
11 Fare for Little Miss Muffet
12 Nice crossword experience
13 Thick (of)
14 Stick
15 Arrangement in which you buy three tires but get a whole set?
16 Anecdotal collections
17 Retirement account option, informally
19 “Game of Thrones” actress Chaplin
24 Foreign-language toast
26 Astrologist’s reference
29 Tons
32 Pickle
33 “Dunno” gestures
34 Warmongers
35 Of use
36 Mumbai royal
38 Opinion, informally
40 Ballerina’s cabriole, e.g.
41 Peace, in the Mideast
43 Poet who wrote “To His Mistress Going to Bed”
44 Run for, as office
46 Not ridiculous, as an argument
48 Order before “Fall out!”



- 51 0 0 0

52 Gleans

54 P.M. who took office in 2015

57 Brain area, jocularly

59 Ivy League newspaper name

61 Trick question

63 It's hard to hit

66 Big-circulation magazine originally titled So You're Going to Be Married

67 Get all tangled

69 Feature destroyed in the 2019 Notre Dame fire

70 Visit to baby Jesus?

71 Gradually diminished

73 Illusionist's phrase illustrated by three Down answers in this puzzle?

74 ____ bar

75 Perfect

76 Actress Spacek

77 Big smack

78 Lure

80 Pike

84 An alarm may interrupt it

86 Where Tokyo is

88 Scout's honor

89 Perennial London football powerhouse

93 Some inexpensive brews

96 Model of the solar system

98 PayPal money and the like

100 Stood

102 Onetime MS. accompanier

103 Volunteer's words

104 Donizetti's "Pour mon âme," e.g.

105 Lead

106 Symbols of might

107 Blinkers

108 Major city bisected by I-80

109 Opposite of "Too rich for my blood"

110 Farmer's purchase

112 French way

114 "Huh?"

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

8	3	6			9			5
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Answers to last week's puzzles

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

Calendar

Thurs., Sept. 5

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
The Corn Hole Tournament will be held at the Berlin Lions Club on Sept. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. Register online at Ocean-PinesChamber.org before Sept. 5. Cost is \$30 per team. Cash prizes. Food and beverages will be available for sale on the day of the event.

MERRY MAKERS - 'T-SHIRT TOTES'
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. This adult craft group meets the first Thursday of each month. This month, bring your own T-shirt(s) to convert into a useful tote. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

CLASSIC MOVIE THURSDAY: 'THE PHILADELPHIA STORY' (1940)
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Snacks will be provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays - Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: 302-436-9577, 410-524-0649 or BeachSingles.org

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

Fri., Sept. 6

FIBER FRIENDS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM. Bring your lap work and join the group as they knit, crochet and embroider. All are welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OCEAN CITY SPORTSMAN EXPO
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Featuring all things hunting, fishing, boating, outdoors and more. General admission cost is \$15 for the weekend or \$12 for the day. Admission cost for children 12 and younger and service men and women is \$10 for the weekend or \$8 for the day. Purchase tickets online for a chance to win a free 2-day hunting trip. Tickets: www.ocmdsportsmanexpo.com/tickets. ocfishhunt@gmail.com, 410-289-2800

CASTING CALL
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The Ocean Pines

Children's Theater is holding auditions for their 2020 production of Legally Blonde. The group is looking for many young men and women (at least 13 years old). Be prepared to perform a Broadway song. Show is scheduled for evening performances on Jan. 17 and 18. Sharon Sorrentino, sharon.sorrentino@yahoo.com

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Six new art exhibitions, including a juried show by members of the Maryland Federation of Art, fill the galleries during September. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and see the new exhibits featuring a variety of local artists. Free and open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

79TH NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL
Downtown Salisbury, 100-110 Circle Ave., 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM. A free, large-scale, three-day outdoor event featuring more than 350 of the nation's finest traditional musicians, dancers, craftspeople and other keepers of culture in performances, workshops and demonstrations, plus children's activities, regional and ethnic cuisines and craft brews, participatory dancing, stoytelling, parade and more. 410-677-1916, <https://nationalfolkfestival.com>

Sat., Sept. 7

O'NEILL EAST COAST GROM TOUR
Ocean City beach at 36th Street. A progressive contest program for surfers want to have fun, meet new friends and win some cool prizes. See website for more details. <http://www.eastcoastgromtour.com>

SQUARE DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS AND LESSONS
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. The Pine Steppers Square Dance Club will perform demonstrations to encourage new dancers to take free lessons. Single and couples welcome. Interested persons can take square dance lessons every Wednesday from October through May 2020. Info: Pine Steppers on Facebook. 302-436-4033 or 970-389-3389

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Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Trophies will be given to the Top 20 and Best in Show. There will be vendors, a silent auction, gospel music and food for purchase including scrapple sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and baked goods. 410-641-0059 or 410-726-0603

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Ocean City Boardwalk at S. Division Street, 9:00 AM. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Walks include 5K and 1K lengths, both fully wheelchair accessible. Featuring music, kids games, purple tent, scavenger hunt and entertainment. Individual walkers who raise \$500 or more will win a special prize, and the top team will be recognized. Snacks and bottled water available before and after the walk. Register: www.walktoendepilepsymd.org. mwontrop@efa.org

ANNUAL BIG TRUCK DAY
Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Children will be able to see, touch and sit in a variety of oversized vehicles provided by the police, fire departments, public works, Maryland Natural Resources Police, U.S. Coast Guard, Republic Services and more. Concessions will be available for sale. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052, <http://www.oceanpines.org/recreation-and-parks>

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

COAST DAY CLEAN-UP
Ocean City Town Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave., 10:00 AM, Held in celebration of the Ocean Conservancy Annual International Coastal Cleanup. Volunteers will receive trash bags, latex gloves, trash tally sheet and a commemorative T-shirt (while supplies last). Show up on the day of the event or register ahead by contacting Sandi Smith, sandis@mdcoastalbays.org, 410-213-2297, Ext. 106; or Effie Cox of the Ocean City Surf Club, ecox3284@gmail.com, 410-600-5953. Event qualifies for community service hours as well as Maryland's Day to Serve.

WEEKEND POP-UP ART EXHIBIT
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Featuring the photography of Ocean City's interna-

tional J1 students. Free and open to the public. Previews at #J1photoshow. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

79TH NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL
Downtown Salisbury, 100-110 Circle Ave., 12:00 PM - 10:30 PM. A free, large-scale, three-day outdoor event featuring more than 350 of the nation's finest traditional musicians, dancers, craftspeople and other keepers of culture in performances, workshops and demonstrations, plus children's activities, regional and ethnic cuisines and craft brews, participatory dancing, stoytelling, parade and more. 410-677-1916, <https://nationalfolkfestival.com>

WALK FOR RECOVERY
Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S Atlantic Ave., 2:00 PM. Registration begins at 1 p.m. Create a team, wear purple and walk to celebrate and advocate for addiction recovery. A \$20 pledge/donation is requested. First 50 registrants will receive a free T-shirt. Register: www.atlanticclubocmd.org. 443-397-5618

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

Sun., Sept. 8

O'NEILL EAST COAST GROM TOUR
Ocean City beach at 36th Street. A progressive contest program for surfers want to have fun, meet new friends and win some cool prizes. See website for more details. <http://www.eastcoastgromtour.com>

14TH ANNUAL FLOUNDER POUNDER
Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way. One-day fishing tournament for flounder. This tournament is great for kids. Fish from your own boat or rent a skiff, skimmer or pontoon from the marina. 410-289-7438, <http://www.bahiamarina.com>

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET
Pitts Street and Main Street, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring more than 20 vendors including fresh fruits and veggies, baked goods, seafood, poultry, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, wood working, beauty products and more. Also enjoy free crafts for kids, a variety of tutorials, a petting zoo and music provided by Bryan Russo. Ivy Wells and Allison Early, 410-973-2051

OCEAN CITY SPORTSMAN EXPO
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

CALENDAR

Featuring all things hunting, fishing, boating, outdoors and more. General admission cost is \$12. Admission cost for children 12 and younger and service men and women is \$8. Purchase tickets online for a chance to win a free 2-day hunting trip. Tickets: www.ocmdsportsmanexpo.com/tickets. ocfishhunt@gmail.com, 410-289-2800

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 9:00 AM. A gathering, after service, with parents. Refreshments served. <https://www.stevensonchurch.org/calendar>

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 10:00 AM. Sunday Worship will return to 10 a.m. beginning Sept. 8. Children will leave worship to attend Sunday school following the children’s message. bethany21811@gmail.com, 410-641-2186

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OCEAN PINES BAY DAY

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM. The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will show homeowners how to improve backyard habitat by planting native pollinator plants, building bat boxes, bird houses, bee homes and constructing seed bombs. Homeowners can receive a Maryland native plant to take home. There will also be food and beverage vendors, live music, free boat tours and kayaking, educational exhibits, hands-on activities and live animals. Liz Wist, lwist@md-coastalbays.org, 410-213-2297, Ext. 110

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SHAKESPEARE’S MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Sunset Park, 700 S. Philadelphia Ave., 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM. The performance is free. Outdoors, lawn seating; blanket or lawn chair welcome. Recommended for ages 13 and older with the advisory of a parent. 410-289-7739, <https://brown-boxtheatre.org>

Mon., Sept. 9

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>

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

THE MOBILE MENTOR

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. One-on-one assistance for those who want to make the most of their tablet or mobile device. <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

‘SALUTE TO ELTON JOHN’ PERFORMANCE

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM. The Ocean Pines Players decided to pay tribute to Elton John since this is the 50th anniversary of his first album, Empty Sky, and because of the release of Rocket Man, a popular movie of his life released earlier this year. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Ed Pinto, oceanpinesplayers@gmail.com, 703-901-5544, <http://www.oceanpinesplayers.com>

DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

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

Tues., Sept. 10

ELAINE FLYNN: A CHAT WITH DOROTHY PARKER

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Elaine Flynn transforms into one of the wittiest women of the 1920s. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING

Atlantic General Hospital, Main Lobby, 9733 Healthway Drive, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. In celebration of AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacy’s fifth anniversary, RediScripts will make a donation to Atlantic General’s indigent patient fund equal to the total register sales for the day. The ribbon cutting will take place at 4 p.m. Refreshments also offered.

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP

Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM. Group provides dis-

cussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765, <http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org>

YOGA WITH SHULI TOR

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 5:00 PM. A class for stretching and relaxation based on yoga and qigong. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

NAMI LOWER SHORE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Free, monthly program offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of individuals with mental illness. No registration or enrollment obligation necessary. Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carole-spurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org, 410-641-9725

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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

‘ASK A MASTER GARDENER’ PLANT CLINIC

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Wed., Sept. 11

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 group for a casual morning of sharing. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STAMPING WITH TRACEY

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. Adult craft class where participants will make two hand stamped cards and envelopes. Supplies provided. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

9/11 PARADE OF BROTHERS

This annual event is a motorcycle ride and memorial service to commemorate 9/11/2001. The parade takes place on the Ocean City Boardwalk from 27th Street to N. Division St., beginning at 11:30 AM.

SELF-DEFENSE BASICS: A TWO PART SERIES

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Two-part course on self-defense held on Sept. 11 and 18. Sign-up: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. This month’s selection is A Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Anthony Marra. To obtain a copy of the book, call 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

PARTY OF THE YEAR: PAINT THE TOWN

Aloft Hotel, 4501 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM. Enjoy heavy hors d’oeuvres, sushi and open bar. Plead the 5th will provide music for dancing. There will be interactive art surprises will be scattered throughout the party, including art being created on the spot. Tickets cost \$125 and are available by calling 410-524-9433 or online at artleagueofoceancity.org/party. Proceeds benefit the Art League of Ocean City.

FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Adults, singles and couples welcome. Square dance lessons are October through May, 2020 on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at a nominal fee.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the ’50s and ’60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

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

ONGOING EVENTS

BUS TRIP TO HARRINGTON CASINO

The bus will leave from the Ocean Pines Yacht Club parking lot at 10 a.m. on Oct. 17 and return at approximately 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes \$15 slot play and \$7 food voucher good towards the lunch buffet. Open to all. Reservations: Tom or Barbara Southwell, 410-641-5456.

BOWLING LEAGUE

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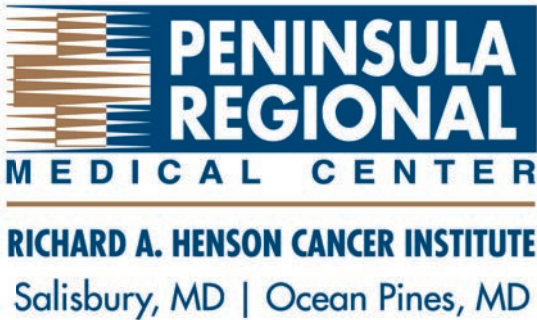
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