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Comcast deal gives OP two cable outfits

Company will compete with Mediacom for customers

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Market competition for Ocean Pines internet and cable TV service became a reality this week when the OPA finalized a deal to bring an additional service provider to the area.

OPA President Doug Parks said following Tuesday's contract signing with Comcast that the roster of internet and cable providers would be doubled.

"This is not a replacement," he said. "They will be in addition to the incumbent vendor which is Mediacom."

Parks said OPA Attorney Jeremy Tucker and former Board member Tom Terry assisted during the contract negotiations with Comcast.

"Comcast is being offered the same kind of contract as Mediacom has been offered," he said. "That is the ability to use our rights of way in

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Park clean-up costly project

Estimates put total bill in \$280K range as work continues

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) The bills associated with the clean-up of a caustic chemical at Heron Park continue to pile up.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said during Monday evening's Town Council meeting that the town has spent \$244,433 so far on "clean-up costs and related

expenses," and that the total bill will be between \$282,000 and \$283,000 when all work is completed.

The mayor and council have authorized several invoices to Chesapeake Environmental Services in the two months since the spill of an undetermined amount of sodium hydroxide 50 percent (caustic soda or lye). The chemical has a pH level of 13, which is higher than a neutral pH level of 7.

To pay for it, the town will draw from the contingency fund in the fiscal year 2020

general budget, Williams said during an interview last Friday. He also said that the \$150,000 previously set aside for park improvements was reallocated to pay for clean-up efforts.

"Certainly this isn't what we had in mind. That eliminated all that," Williams said.

He added that other capital expenses might need to be postponed.

Town officials said they learned of the spill around 11:45 a.m. on June 26.

The spill was located "ad-
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Petition battle looms over validation issue

Now both sides have lawyers, suggesting court a possibility

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) The possibility of a legal battle over the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors' rejection of a petition seeking to reduce its unapproved spending authority to \$1 million has increased, with opponents to the board's denial



Slobodan Trendic

obtaining counsel of their own.

Former Board member Slobodan Trendic introduced two petition

drives during the homeowners annual meeting on Aug. 10 — to limit the board's spending authority and to force a referendum vote for a Golf Course Club House project.

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Golf course review planned in fall

Board of directors member Frank Daly says potential turf issues to be examined

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) With the fall golf season about to begin, assessing turf conditions and ascertaining upcoming maintenance needs at the Ocean Pines Golf Course is on the agenda for Board of Directors member Frank Daly and members of the Golf Committee.

Speaking from the road on Wednesday, Daly said he last hit the links about a month earlier but plans on scheduling a “working,” round upon his return east.

“When it’s cold is not a good time to go out ... but in the shoulder season is a good time to go on the course and

talk about improvements that we think ... should be looked at in terms of the course itself and any conditions we find,” he said.

Daly, who serves as board liaison for the Golf Committee, said he plans to solicit those members, OPA management and fellow Board members to play a round and examine course conditions.

“Just go around and, first of all, play the course because a couple of us are golfers,” he said. “Then just talk about things that have to be done for the upcoming budget.”

To prepare for what is anticipated to be a memorable season on the links in 2020, Daly said nailing down costs for repairs and maintenance would begin



Frank Daly

shortly.
“Actually, very soon the board will be giving budget guidance to the management team and that will, in a way, direct what kind of improvements [or] maintenance [are completed] for next year,” he said.

Daly said both the new golf club house and revamped Tern Grille are expected to open by next spring.

“That’s where we expect that thing to be operating as well as possible,” he said.

Addressing the current turf conditions, Daly admitted he saw a few spots of brown grass during his last outing.

“In my discussions with the various people that deal with the course, it’s kind of a situation of when you have extremely hot weather that can stress out the course and all that grass will

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Lining up for long shot with expansions of link amenities

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come back,” he said.

Further study is required to confirm what actions can be taken during warm weather to maintain the course, Daly said.

“When you have grass and it starts browning out, what you do is typically throw water on it, ... put fertilizer down, and it turns green,” he said.

Unlike a personal residence, Daly said the OPA is restricted by the state regarding fertilizer use.

“Those chemicals have to be really approved by the state,” he said. “If we put chemicals on too early without state approval, we’re subject to some serious fines.”

Additional research is needed to confirm what state limitations apply to applying fertilizer at the golf course, Daly said.

“We have to make sure if there’s any condition on the course that can be preventable, that we prevent it,” he said.



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Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors member Frank Daly is planning to convene a contingency of OPA officials to play, and simultaneously inspect, the Ocean Pines Golf Course for any conditions requiring attention during the upcoming winter season.

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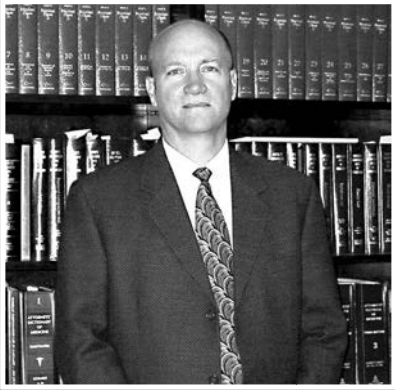
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Pines Bylaws Committee talks resolution procedures

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Finalizing possible updates to resolution procedures left dormant for half a dozen years dominated the discussion during the Ocean Pines Association Bylaws and Resolutions Committee meeting on Friday.

OPA President Doug Parks attended the meeting as an association member.

Bylaws Chairman Jim Trummel welcomed his predecessor Jeff Knepper, who stepped aside for health reasons but was previously tasked with updating the resolution procedures.

Referencing changes in the resolution procedures language proposed in July, committee member Audrey Wahl said while the original focus was on advisory committees, the guidelines could be applicable for departments seeking changes.

"This procedure could be followed for any changes that are made in the bylaws by any entity," she said.

Wahl said an ideal means to refresh advisory committee members about resolution processes would be to incorporate the topic while annual reports are being prepared for submission in October.

Parks said he is on the brink of scheduling an executive council meeting and could distribute any proposed procedural language revisions at that time.

Knepper said he deemed his earlier efforts as vital to maintain the Bylaws Committee's objectivity.

"I don't want to see this committee weaponized in a fight over some principle that directors have had in the past," he said.

Avoiding repeat instances of people using the Bylaws Committee to promote a personal agenda is the goal, Knepper said.

"A nice, clear set of procedures that talk about what you can do," he said.

Parks stressed the importance of using established lines of communication for resolution procedures, which involve advisory committees using a designated liaison to discuss matters with the board.

"I draw a very thick line in the sand between board responsibilities and operational responsibilities," he said.

Trummel proposed altering the verbiage to define, "resolution change procedures."

Wahl questioned if it is appropriate for advisory committees to suggest changes.

Parks said advisory committees could originate changes to bylaws and procedures.

"That's one of their functions if they see something that needs to be brought to the attention of the board for consideration," he said. "It's an advisory committee to the board, it's not just the board's lapdog."

Trummel said the resolution procedures, with the exception of an inconsequential amendment in 2015, date back to 2009.

"That was part of a resolution review started in 2008," he said. "It is a combination of several different resolutions that had existed."

Trummel said a principal reason for ongoing hesitation by many to undertake a resolution review process is the issue of outside use of association facilities.

"That is at least a below-the-surface issue," he said.

Knepper said the non-exclusivity is tied to the association's tax-exempt status.

"If we close it off to the public, one of the risks is our tax-exempt status might be lost," he said.

The potential fiscal impact needs to be closely analyzed, Knepper said.

"The people that complain, 'we pay and it's open to the public,' the answer is yes we do, but we do that to preserve our tax-exempt status, which we think is kind of important."

Trummel suggested a presentation on the associations' tax-exempt status would be appropriate in the near future.

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Renderings for a one-story building on William Street show plans for a redevelopment project. The renovations include a genuine brick exterior and a nautical blue-colored door with two windows on either side. Members of Berlin's Historic District Committee unanimously approved plans for the project during a meeting last Wednesday.

Berlin's HDC approves plans for commercial space project

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) A vacant one-story building on William Street is in line for a facelift, following the Berlin Historic District Commission's approval last Wednesday of its exterior remodeling plans.

Samantha Pielstick, who represented property owner Jack Burbage, said plans for the property include an authentic brick front exterior and a nautical blue front door in the center with windows on either side.

"I'm trying to go with a real classic look," she said.

Additionally, Pielstick said Burbage wants to rent the building to a commercial tenant. The space would have a larger room and a smaller room that could be used for a variety of purposes.

She said potential artists could use the smaller space as a workshop and feature his or her pieces in the larger space. Alternatively, a business could house supplies or a copier in the smaller room and use the larger space for workspace.

"We've had a great amount of interest, so it's very exciting for us to be able to do that, and be able to move forward with those changes," Pielstick said.

Commission member Laura Stearns praised Pielstick for using real brick.

"I love it. I think even though this is small, it's such a cute little building," Stearns said. "It adds a lot of character to what's around it."

However, Stearns said she noticed a transom, or a horizontal crossbar over the door or window.

"The only detail that I think that's omitted is the transoms that were over all the other doorways and I just think that ... it's the details that make historic buildings what they are, and I would just ask that you consider the transom just over the doorway and raise the windows a little bit," Stearns said.

Vice chairman Robert Poli had a differing opinion.

"The design is good," he said. "As long as we add the arch-bricked headers, I think that's fine."

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said other nearby buildings have designs that mimic a transom.

Stearns clarified that she'd still vote in favor of the project.

"It's just a detail," Stearns said. "I like the details of a transom because transom's say 'old historic building' to me."

Poli moved to approve the project's plans, which Commission member Norman Bunting seconded.

Pielstick also said she hopes to start construction by the end of the month.



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Members of Berlin's Historic District Commission unanimously approved plans for a project on 15 William Street during a meeting last Monday evening.



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Campground gets unfavorable recommendation from comm.

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Full-time residents of White Horse Park campground subdivision in Ocean Pines lost step one of their battle to continue living at the park year round, as the Worcester County Planning Commission last Thursday voted to give an unfavorable recommendation to a proposed zoning code amendment that would permit the practice.

Sue Naplachowski and Sally Connolly, represented by attorney Hugh Cropper, have advocated for a text amendment to allow full-time residents as of June 2018 to continue living at White Horse Park until they discontinue full-time residency, die or sell the unit. Connolly could not be present at the Planning Commission meeting.

The amendment and the commission's unfavorable recommendation will go next to the Worcester County Commissioners, who will make the final vote.

Residents of White Horse Park reported that they received a letter in June 2018 that stated they had to abide by the seasonal occupancy regulations under which the park is supposed to operate.

Under Worcester County zoning law, White Horse Park is classified as a campground where lots may be occupied by recreational vehicles, park trailers and manufactured homes.

Residents also said Worcester County Commissioner Jim Bunting attended the White Horse annual board of directors meeting to make the announcement.

According to Naplachowski, 60 out of the 465 units are owned or rented by full-time residents. Most, if not all, residents claim they did not know they could not live in the park full time. Some report receiving a thick book about the park but claim the book did not state they could not live there full time.

Melissa Peters, the acting president of the White Horse Park board of di-

rectors, countered that assertion and said this week that every resident receives a copy of the bylaws and rules and regulations. These rules state, that the campground is to be a seasonal residence, not year-round, she said.

Nevertheless, Naplachowski said she has been a full-time resident in the park for over 30 years.

"It's never been an issue. I'm pretty sure the county knew about it and the board of directors definitely knew about it because they would always like having people here full time for the security of the park."

According to Naplachowski, the White Horse board of directors would not meet with her to come up with a solution. Meanwhile, Peters said that none of the full-time residents have sought a meeting with her. She added that the board cannot change park declarations without a two-thirds majority vote from residents.

Naplachowski said her biggest worry now is the safety and health of the full-time residents.

"We have elderly, windowed, handicapped, veterans and disabled that do live in the park and feel secure here," Naplachowski said. "The majority of the full-timers are 70-years old and older."

Full-time resident Roxanne Wahtel bought property in White Horse with her husband in November 2016. She said that the White Horse Park office and a real estate company said they could live there full time.

According to Wahtel, she discovered she couldn't live at the park full time when she attended a board meeting in February 2017. Wahtel's husband had a massive heart attack six months later.

"I feel that's due to all the stress because he's trying to figure out what we're going to do because we invested everything we had into our home," Wahtel said. "And now here I am, wondering what I'm going to do myself."

Wahtel has no plans to move if
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Chemical’s discovery led to major challenge

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jacent to two ponds,” according to a July statement from Williams. He said tests were done and “no chemicals were found” in the ponds.

Williams added that a chain link fence, silt fencing and an absorbent buffer were installed around the spill site following the chemical removal.

Chesapeake Environmental Services and the Worcester County Fire Marshal’s Office advised the town to close the park during the clean-up process that lasted roughly six weeks. The park reopened last Wednesday morning.

Maryland Department of the Environment and Environmental Protection Agency are handling the investigation of the spill at the facility on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Williams said he has yet to receive any findings, but hopes to by this fall.

“So as far as I’m concerned, I’d be happy to have it [the investigation] all done today ... but realistically it may be weeks or months,” he said.

When asked about the circumstances leading up to the situation, Williams declined to comment.

“Not at this time, and that’s because I don’t want to put anybody who is related to this in any kind of legal jeopardy. Potential legal jeopardy,” he said.

However, Williams did appear to take ownership of the incident.

“It doesn’t matter if we knew or not,” Williams said. “We’re still responsible for cleaning it up and suffering the consequences.”

Williams acknowledged that had the town conducted a building-by-building investigation, they might have found the chemicals before the incident occurred and removed them for a fraction of the cost.

“I mean there’s just no comparison,” Williams said.

While the circumstances of the spill are unclear and are still pending results of an investigation, Williams did confirm the spill happened at some point during the building’s demolition process.

He also said the town was made aware of the incident when the liquid “found its way into the soil” and “gathered into a small pool.”

Williams said called the clean-up process “discouraging” and said that its somewhat uncharted territory for the Town of Berlin.

“We’ve never handled anything like this before,” he said. “It’s not like it’s something we do all the time or even regularly.”

Nevertheless, Williams said it’s crucial that the town presses on.

“Now we’re going to learn from it,”



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Straw covers a patch of land following the completion clean-up efforts of a caustic chemical spill at Heron Park on Old Ocean City Boulevard earlier this summer in Berlin. The park reopened last Wednesday morning.

he said. “This is something, cleaning up a former poultry processing plant is not something you go to workshop. You learn by doing.”

Although this incident appeared to be a setback for the property, Williams said he plans to apply for state grants to continue with the demolition process.

“The timeline is pushed back, and I really can’t project until we get

through this what comes next,” he said. “You can’t even get there.”

Williams said he also relies heavily on the opinions of the advisory committee and the public. He added that he hopes to find effective ways to use the park for public, private or collaborative purposes.

“I think ... this has been more complicated a bigger challenge than any of us foresaw,” he said.

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The proposed buildings D and E will join the already existing Manklin Station commercial development, located on the south side of Manklin Creek Road.

County Planning Commission approves commercial project

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) The completion of the Manklin Station commercial development cleared another step at the Worcester County Planning Commission last Thursday in Snow Hill.

Two more office/retail buildings, each 6,000 square feet, will be added to the complex south of Manklin Creek Road and east of Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

The proposal included an amendment to the number of required loading spaces, which is currently four. Steve Engel, one of the principles of Vista Design, said that the proposal asked to eliminate one loading space and relocate another.

He told the commission not all the current buildings at Manklin Station need a loading space. There will be one loading space north of building D and another at the front of the building.

The number of required parking spaces has already been met. There are 81 equivalent dwelling units for the development as a whole, with three additional needed for the new buildings.

Commissioner Jay Knerr moved to approve the two buildings and the loading space waiver and Commissioner Betty Smith seconded. Vista Design hopes to begin construction this fall.

Decatur Park to be used for adult drop-in tennis program

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Worcester County Recreation and Parks will be permitted to use the tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park following unanimous approval from the Berlin Town Council Monday.

Program Manager Myro Small of the county recreation department told the mayor and council that a clinic will be offered to acquaint play-

ers with certain tennis strokes.


Fellow Recreation Manager Kelly Buchanan said Bruzz Truitt, head tennis professional at the Ocean City Tennis Center, will teach the clinic.

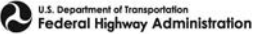
People ages 14 years and older are eligible for the clinic. Small said six residents from Decatur Farms, a community in Berlin, participated during the clinics last spring.

Councilman Dean Burrell suggested.

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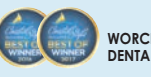
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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and council members permitted Worcester County Recreation and Parks to use the tennis courts at Stephen Decatur Park for an adult drop-in tennis program following a unanimous vote during Monday night's meeting.

Town allows use of Decatur Park

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gested that residents living across Route 113 should have help to cross the highway safely.

Councilman Zack Tyndall agreed and asked if it would be possible to communicate with the Berlin Police Department.

Small said that he'd "look into it," and would offer an additional teen tennis group if participation levels warrant it.

The adult drop-in tennis program will run on Tuesdays from Sept. 24 to Oct. 15. Admission will be \$3 per session.

For more information about the adult drop-in tennis program, contact Small at 410-632-2144 ext. 2532 or visit worcesterrecandparks.org.

Councilman Troy Purnell was absent from Monday's meeting.

County, residents react to issue

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the commissioners decide the full-timers have to move. As a result of residents' fear, Naplachowski and Connolly decided to try and have the residents "grandfathered in."

However, the county department of review and permitting concluded that it could not make the text amendment within zoning. Ed Tudor and Jennifer Keener, director of review and permitting and zoning administrator, reported that "grandfathering" in a regulation would not work in this case because living full time at the park was never legal. They also expressed concerns that "full-time" was never defined in the proposed amendment and that regulating full-time residents would be too difficult.

Director of Environmental Programs Bob Mitchell said the park's equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) are allocated based on seasonal occupancy and that full-time residents would be pose a health and safety risk. To allow for full-time use, the park would need an additional 54 units for water and sewer at \$15,218 per EDU.

Residents would have to take on the additional cost. They claimed that they have never had issues with utilities or overuse. Mitchell said that the issue is more complicated.

"Overuse does not have to be actual overflows and sewer main breaks," Mitchell said. "It can also arise from the residents' use of contracted water and sewer services that are not in compliance with the park's service agreements and under-payment for same."

Commissioner Jay Knerr moved to forward an unfavorable recommendation of the proposed amendment to the Worcester County Commissioners. Knerr said although he hated to see anyone displaced from his or her home, he could not endorse the amendment because of vague language, unenforceable regulations and the lack of park infrastructure.

"There's so much anger and hatred," Knerr said. "This community has truly been torn apart."

Commissioner Gerard Barbierri seconded the motion, citing the same reasons as Knerr. In the meantime, Naplachowski said that she will continue gathering residents to fight for an amendment with the county commissioners. Seasonal resident Tina Miller felt that the commissioners have not been properly representing residents of White Horse.

"I've invested all this money," Miller said. "And then he [Bunting] comes up with this 33-year-old unenforced law and tell us 'You won't be able to come down for four months or more.'"

Commissioner Jim Bunting did not respond to request for comment. Commissioner Bud Church did not respond to request for comment. Commissioner Chip Bertino declined to comment until the issue reaches the commissioner meeting.




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Trendic, Clarke gear up to challenge board

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ect.

Trendic, who resigned his board post after abstaining from a vote in April to approve building an expanded club house and cart barn, subsequently formed the advocacy group, START (Strategic planning, Transparency, Accountability, Respect and Trust).

Despite the petitions as submitted containing 880 and 810 signatures respectively, with the required 10 percent of association members eligible to vote earlier estimated at 845, OPA attorney Jeremy Tucker said the language in the first did not meet association governing guidelines, while the second failed to reach qualification thresholds.

Regardless of how the 10 percent mandate is calculated, with ongoing debate over the precise number of Association members qualified to vote, Trendic said the community sentiment is undeniable.

"The fact that 880 members signed the petition, I think, speaks volumes," he said.

During the board meeting on Aug. 31, Trendic said OPA Vice President Steve Tuttle responded to the spending limit petition by introducing a motion to reduce spending authority from the current 20 percent of annual



Marty Clarke

assessments to 12 percent, which would establish roughly the same dollar mark for capital expenditures to trigger a referendum requiring a majority vote of members.

"It's important to note even Steve Tuttle, who is a current director, has tried to respond to my petition in an indirect way by submitting his own motion," he said. "The fact that the board rejected his motion 6-1 says they're just not interested at this point to entertain changing the budget spending authority."

Former Board member Marty Clarke, who is START treasurer, said the specific expenditure details is of less concern than the appearance of rejecting resident's sentiments.

"As far as I'm concerned, this has nothing to do with the spending limit," he said. "The spending limit is just what the petition of referendum was to address. It's the petition of referendum that I'm having a problem with."

Stretching back 15 years, Clarke said this is the third time the board of directors has rejected petition drives.

"In 2005ish, the board was wanting to build a big marina at the Swim

and Racquet Club," he said. "They were seven-zip, they wanted that thing bad, but the neighbors didn't."

Helping to champion resident's concerns, Clarke said despite gathering about 1,600 members signatures, the petition for referendum was stymied.

"That's staggering," he said.

Clarke said board members at that time "absolutely ignored," the effort and without state officials intervening by refusing to issue permits without a referendum approval, "we'd be looking at that new marina today."

"The minute they knew that they had to do a referendum, they just tabled it," he said.

Just a few years later board members tried to break ground on a new community center at the Sports Core Complex, which was initially approved by a referendum vote, Clarke said.

"It barely passed the initial referendum for \$3.5 million," he said.

Before the ink was dry on project blueprints, the proposal was already nearly \$2 million over budget, Clarke said.

"So we said, [an additional] '\$1.8 million requires a referendum,' and they said, 'stick it in your ear.'"

Clarke said a subsequent petition submitted with 890 signatures was invalidated after the board eliminated sufficient numbers to reduce the tally to just below the required amount.

"What they did, and I'll say this with no fear of contradiction or liability, they cheated it," he said.

After pursuing legal action against the board, Clarke said he faced a countersuit.

"They, in turn, sued me personally," he said.

Clarke said the subsequent show-

down in Worcester County Circuit Court ended with a stop-work order being issued for a referendum vote to be held.

"The board had to have that referendum, which passed 70 to 30 opposed to the new community center," he said.

Participating in both campaigns earned Clarke the support of many residents who helped bolster his first election to the board a short time later.

"Again, we weren't saying we don't need a community center, we were saying the bylaws say if 10 percent of the membership requests a referendum, you've got to do it," he said. "It's not a matter of whether you want to do it ... you've got to do it."

Shifting to brewing legal battles, Clarke said he advised Trendic to obtain legal counsel when he founded START to begin the petition drives this spring.

"He didn't have the money ... I get that," he said.

Although willing to sign the petition, Clarke said he initially hesitated to become involved.

Reviving their earlier discussion after the petition was invalidate, Clarke said he reiterated his advice to Trendic.

"He came to me now and said, 'what do we do,' and I said, 'I'll give you the same advice I gave you four months ago, get an attorney,'" he said. "I helped him obtain counsel."

From his purview, Trendic said the larger issue now is protecting the means for membership to influence how the association is managed, through both elections and petition.

Trendic said if majority sentiment sides with reducing board spending authority, that is what should transpire.

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Pines becomes rare entity with two cable providers

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order to provide services to Ocean Pines."

Parks stressed the arrangement would not affect current Mediacom customers.

"Mediacom is a service provider to Ocean Pines for cable and internet services," he said. "Mediacom is already there and has been there for a long time."

In a "History of Ocean Pines, Maryland," author E.A. Rogers said the OPA cable franchise, which was initially granted in 1978, was taken over by Simmons Cable TV after it purchased Triad CATV in 1987.

In 1992, Simmons was sold to American Cable TV Investors 5 Ltd. In 1997, Mediacom bought out ACTV and has been the sole provider since that time.

"Comcast understands that they're already competing in a market that has a single service provider," he said. "It's up to them to make sure the services they have are something that the clientele within Ocean Pines really wants."

As for implementation schedules,

Parks said service launch dates would be forthcoming.

"We asked ... and [Comcast] said they want to make sure, number one, the agreement was signed, and number two that they coordinate with all the resources they have at corporate before they provide a schedule as to how they're going to roll things out," he said.

Parks said inking the contract on Tuesday was the culmination of extensive consultations, with both residents and board members concerns aired during public meetings.

"Behind the scenes all along, the information has been going back and forth [and] the parties have been sharing information regarding the contract," he said.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPA President Doug Parks adds his vote to unanimous consensus among Board of Directors members Camilla Rogers, Larry Perrone and Steve Tuttle to allow Comcast to service Ocean Pines.

Board has until Oct. 9 to respond to petition appeal

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"The fact that my petition at this point is being declared as not meeting the requirements, and the fact that the board voted down Steve Tuttle's motion 6-1, ... is really not a reflection about how the community feels," he said.

Trendic said the window for the board to respond to petitions is 60 days from submission, or in this instance roughly Oct. 9.

"Maybe the board will reconsider ... their formal stance on this and ... it's going to be different from the way things are looking," he said. "The Board ... ultimately is the deciding body [and] they have a right to reject legal opinion."

Clarke said his involvement is because of concern for the community, not a personal agenda.

"I'm hoping that we can get this thing settled quick," he said. "If we go to court, we're going to need to raise about \$12,000."

Despite the potential legal bills, Trendic said resolving the issues at hand would help to establish clear legal precedent.

"We need to ensure that we ... preserve the ability as a member to take action when we feel it is needed," he said. "We should not put a price tag on that."

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Date: September 18, 2019
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Annual Worcester County Fair this weekend

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) The 67th annual Worcester County Fair returns to Byrd Park in Snow Hill this weekend.

Dancing, games, animals and various activities will be featured, with more than 125 exhibitors in attendance and over 1,400 entries to be judged.

“We want to be able to share the heritage of agriculture and youth development and all of those things that we just try to celebrate at this fair,” Kathy Decker, correspondent for the Worcester County Fair, said. “We want to be able to share that with the community.”

The fair opens on Friday, at 11 a.m. with a Safe Kids Celebration and an interactive story time set in a hay wagon.

Smoky Bear will be on hand, and the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office will put on a K-9 demonstration. Many agencies will be offering giveaways and providing activities for the children.

In addition, Buster Douglas, the Mini Horse Wonder, will transform into a unicorn over the weekend.

Families can visit the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation Ag Showcase, sponsored by M&T Bank, for hands-on learning and crafts.

Exhibits available at the fair include arts and crafts, photography, scrapbooks, seashells, posters, flowers, wood work, clothing, cakes, fruits, vegetables, meats and other baked goods.

Friday evening features the much-anticipated auction of prize-winning

cakes and closes with the musical sounds of God’s Country Crossroads.

“This is for all of Worcester County and really all of the surrounding area,” Decker said. “It’s not a big blown up fair with lots of rides ... [but] there’s something going on all the time. It’s just one of those family friendly, free events that everybody can just come down and enjoy on a nice afternoon in an absolutely beautiful setting right here in the county seat.”

Last year’s fair was canceled because of bad weather and damp fields, but Decker is confident this year’s event will have plenty of good weather.

A highlight of this year’s fair will be the Dunking Booth to benefit Operation We Care, a local grassroots organization that has supported mil-



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Live animals will be on display during the 67th Worcester County Fair in Snow Hill.

itary men and women and first responders for 12 years.

Operation We Care packs over 2,000 care packages a year, which are sent to deployed troops. The organization strives to support both active duty and veteran military through care packages, events and a variety of assistance outlets.

Operation We Care also makes donations to local law enforcement and fire departments in addition to many support and appreciation causes.

“It’s something that is near and dear to everybody’s heart,” Decker said. “These troops are very far away from home, some of whom don’t get care packages. They see these beautifully decorated boxes with letters from school children and wishes, and they’re filled with supplies that [the children] actually determined that they needed. We’re very proud to be able to support [Operation We Care] this way.”

Sheriff Matt Crisafulli will be among the first to take the plunge on Friday at 11 a.m.

Del. Wayne Hartman will sit in the booth on Saturday at 1 p.m. along with Operation We Care founder, Jeff Merritt, Snow Hill postal clerk Steven Zelechowski and John Foxwell from Worcester County Public Works as well as others volunteering throughout the weekend. Local legislators, educators, businesses and community leaders are encouraged to partic-

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Schedule of Events:

FRIDAY

- 8-10 a.m.** – Vendor check-in
- 11 a.m.** – Fair opens
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Worcester Celebrates Safe Kids Day
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Interactive Story Time in the Park
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Appearance of Buster Douglas, mini wonder horse
- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** – Operation We Care dunking booth
- 1 p.m.** – Rangoli demonstration
- 2 p.m.** – K-9 demonstration, Worcester County Sheriff’s Office
- 6 p.m.** – Benefit cake auction and County Crossroads
- 8 p.m.** – Fair closes for the day

SATURDAY

- 8 a.m.** – Fair opens
- 8-9 a.m.** – Registration for horse show
- 9 a.m.** – Horse show
- 9 a.m.** – Rabbit show
- 10 a.m.** – Rangoli demonstration
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Classic Car and Truck Show
- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** – Operation We

- Care dunking booth
- 11 a.m.** – Children’s limbo contest
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – Crochet circle
- 11:30 a.m.** – Tug of War: Children vs. Parents
- Noon** – Chicken scratch for children
- Noon** – drums around the world with Ted Nichols
- 12:30 p.m.** – Children’s watermelon-eating contest
- 1-2:30 p.m.** – Salsa dancing
- 1 p.m.** – Poultry show
- 1 p.m.** – Antique tractor demonstration
- 1 p.m.** – Pine Steppers of Ocean Pines
- 1:30 p.m.** – Children’s pedal tractors
- 2-3 p.m.** – John “Laughing Wolf” from the Great Cherokee Nation
- 2 p.m.** – Children’s pie-eating contest
- 2 p.m.** – Pocomoke karate demo with Diana Martin
- 2:30 p.m.** – Children’s egg toss
- 3 p.m.** – Children’s hula hoop contest
- 3 p.m.** – All about dance academy from Pocomoke

- 3 p.m.** – Meat goat show
- 3:30 p.m.** – Children’s extra large Kool pop-eating contest
- 4 p.m.** – Children’s sack race
- 4:30 p.m.** – Children’s bubble fun
- 6 p.m.** – Sheep show
- 6 p.m.** – Adult and youth Talent Show
- 8 p.m.** – Fair closes for the day

SUNDAY

- 8 a.m.** – Fair opens
- 10 a.m.** – Rangoli demonstration
- 11 a.m. to noon** – Church service by Bayside Community Church
- 11 a.m.** – Dairy show
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.** – Lego building and fun contest
- 1 p.m.** – Twisters
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.** – Paint Day in the Park
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.** – Arts and crafts for children
- 3:30 p.m.** – Dog training demonstrations by Kira Knappenberger
- 4 p.m.** – Haydyn Ryan performance, classic rock and country
- 5 p.m.** – Awards ceremony
- 5:30 p.m.** – Fair closes

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Golf site plans denied modification

Planning Commission says loading space cannot be smaller than code requires

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Site plans for the new Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse will have to be adjusted before they can advance in the county government approval process.

The Worcester County Planning Commission last Thursday denied an Ocean Pines Association request to provide a smaller loading space than what the county code requires.

The site plan entails a 9,479-square-foot clubhouse with a restau-

rant, outdoor seating, pro shop and meeting room at 100 Clubhouse Drive in Ocean Pines. Davis, Bowen, and Friedel Inc. are the architects and The Whayland Company will manage the construction.

The county code requires the operation to provide a loading space 10 feet wide and 65 feet deep with a 14-foot clearance, but the OPA asked for a loading zone area of 11 feet wide and 28 feet deep.

Zoning Administrator Jennifer Keener advised the Planning Commission that it can modify the provision for the loading space, and that the space would be at the end of Clubhouse Drive, where there are no other structures.

The significant difference in the required depth and the proposed depth of the loading zone, however, caused the commissioners to wonder if delivery trucks would have enough room to maneuver.

Commissioner Mike Diffendal added that the proposed site plan did not present enough details for the Planning Commission to make a decision.

Commissioner Gerard Barbierri moved to deny the request and Commissioner Jay Knerr seconded the motion.

The old clubhouse was demolished this May. Golf operations are currently held in a trailer until clubhouse construction is completed.

Several activities set for weekend

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ipate.

Friday's events will finish off at 6 p.m. with the benefit cake auction and a performance by Country Crossroads.

Saturday has a full slate of activities including kid's games, pie- and watermelon-eating contests, tug-of-war contests, livestock shows, salsa and square dancing, karate demonstration and Drums Around the World with Ted Nichols.

Kicking off Saturday's events will be the Horse Show at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 p.m. for \$5 per class or \$25 for ride-all-afternoon. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded for each class. Classes include grooming and showing, walking, trotting, a relay and jumping over fences.

Also taking place on Saturday, John "Laughing Wolf" from the Great Cherokee Nation will put on a demonstration of horsemanship and tricks with Sokie, his trained apaloosa, an American horse breed, at 2 p.m.

"John trains horses and has [performed] in several movies as well as the show 'The Walking Dead,'"

Decker said. "He is going to bring Sophie down to the fairgrounds and show people how to make horses do things that they don't normally do, like dancing and bowing and things like that. He's very, very talented and he's a very popular person here locally, so we're happy to have 'Laughing Wolf' here."

Saturday also features the Classic Car and Truck Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration for the event takes place from 9-10 a.m. There is no cost to participate.

Dash plaques will be given the first 50 participants. Fair goers can vote for their favorites to receive one of the sponsor trophies.

The Peninsula Tractor Organization will also be on hand with an antique tractor demonstration at 1 p.m.

On Saturday evening come out for the annual talent show, which will take place at 6 p.m.

Age groups include: 7 and under, 8-10, 11-13, 14-18 and 19 and up. Participants must be on the stage by 5:30 p.m. First, second and third place in each category will receive \$50, \$30 and \$10, respectively.

"You always marvel at the creative

talents of some of these folks," Decker said.

A non-denominational church service by Bayside Community Church will be held Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Sunday also features Lego Building contests, arts and crafts for kids, Rangoli, and Paint Day in the Park.

Kira Knappenberger, a member of the Voyagers 4-H Club, will display her two Dobermans with a demonstration of dog training and agility skills.

Then, spectators are invited back to the main tent to listen to classic rock and country sounds provided by Haydyn Ryan, a local performer, before the fair closes out with its awards ceremony at 5 p.m.

There is no cost to attend the fair. The Worcester County Fair will take place Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Table game revenue grant talks postponed

By Elizabeth Bonin
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) The governments of Snow Hill and Pocomoke may get an indirect slice of the gambling revenue from Ocean Downs Casino, but they won't know until the county commissioners begin their budgeting for the next fiscal year.

The commissioners last Tuesday postponed until May consideration of a request from Commissioner Josh Nordstrom that southern Worcester municipalities be cut in for a piece of the gambling proceeds.

Nordstrom, who represents the Pocomoke district, is seeking an unrestricted grant based on 10 percent of table game revenues.

Nordstrom has championed the idea as a way to repair infrastructure, promote tourism and to beautify the two communities that were excluded from the state legislation in 2009 to build support for gambling in the coastal area.

The state law that legalized gambling in Maryland contained a provision that allocated a percentage of casino revenue as local impact grants for the county and the communities that might feel the effects of gambling's presence.

But Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, at 19 and 32 miles away, respectively, were deemed too far removed from the casino to experience any impact.

Nordstrom, however, said the two towns have good shot at benefitting from



An unrestricted grant for Pocomoke City and Snow Hill could be based on 10 percent of table game revenue from Ocean Downs Casino in Berlin.

the casino's success in next May's budget deliberations.

"We have an excellent chance of making this happen," said Nordstrom, who looked at the postponed discussion as a positive sign. Had his request been discussed and denied at the commissioner's meeting, he said, it would not have moved on to the budget discussions. Even then, if the commissioners had approved cutting southern Worcester in for a share, that decision would have been nonbinding, he said.

"The potential revenue will stay the same," Nordstrom said. "We would have to discuss and vote on it at that time as well."

He said that though the commissioners were generally supportive of the grant, they were worried about the tim-

ing. They did not want to commit to a 2020/21 budget idea in August or September when full budget discussions are not scheduled for several more months.

"That was the big win for today," Nordstrom said. "Everyone seems to be listening to each other."

Commissioner Joseph Mitrecic was one of those who advised waiting on the vote.

"It would have had to be voted on again at budget time," Mitrecic said. "Had it passed the other day and be voted down during budget time, it would've been very discouraging. It's better to vote one time."

Table game revenue began flowing in the budget in December 2018. For FY18, the total revenue was \$167,486.44 and then shot up to \$428,542.42 for the full

FY19. If the grant were in place in 2019, Pocomoke and Snow Hill would have received an approximately \$42,854.24 unrestricted grant.

It would not directly take money from the table game revenue, which, per state statute, is distributed to Ocean City, Berlin and Ocean Pines.

Mitrecic has supported the idea of using the extra income Worcester County will receive from the room tax increase for the grant. He said the county could receive an approximately extra \$110,000. Nordstrom had considered voting against the room tax increase because he felt that Pocomoke and Snow Hill were not receiving enough financial support.

"All of the county can reap the benefits of that increase," Mitrecic said.



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Berlin Historic District Commission Briefs

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Members of Berlin's Historic District Commission approved several requests during a meeting last Wednesday evening.

New porch

The Berlin Historic District Commission permitted residents Joe and Pat Pylypczuk to add a porch to the back of their home on 303 S. Main St.

The addition would be 23 feet long and 20 feet wide, according to construction plans.

"It's a no-brainer. It looks nice," Commission member Laura Stearns said of the plans.

Vice Chairman Robert Poli moved to approve the Pylypczuk's request,

which Stearns seconded.

New business

Members of Berlin's Historic District Commission unanimously approved a new sign for a shop on 12 Artisans Way.

Property owner Erin Bilenki said that the new business, Health Freedom, would focus on selling medicinal herbs and other items typically found in an apothecary.

The store was formerly an organic grocery market.

She added the aesthetic of the existing structure would stay the same, but the name would change.

Commission member Norman Bunting moved to approve the request, which Poli seconded.



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Berlin's Historic District Commission unanimously approved a new sign for a medicinal herbs shop on 12 Artisans Way in downtown Berlin.

Bertino to host town meeting in Pines, Sept. 21

(Sept. 12, 2019) Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino will host a town meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines library.

He will discuss issues and developments impacting the Ocean Pines district and the county.

Commissioner Bertino's guest speakers include Stacey Norton, director of Human Resources for the county; Dr. Michael Browne, principal of Pocomoke Elementary School; and Mike McClung, Worcester County Recycling manager.

Norton will discuss the county's efforts to attract, hire and retain qualified employees in a tight employment market. She will also talk about the county's efforts to reign in healthcare costs, saving county taxpayers millions of dollars.

Dr. Browne, a Maryland 2017 National Distinguished Elementary Principal, will give an overview on the work he and his elementary school teachers are doing in the southern part of the county, which has high levels of poverty.

McClung will discuss the county's recycling efforts, its cost and how a weakening recycling market is impacting local collection.

Commissioner Jim Bunting will join the meeting as well.

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Berlin to experience farm-to-table with dinner

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Residents can experience the true farm-to-table experience during a dinner next Thursday at the Atlantic Hotel in downtown Berlin.

“I just think it shows what Berlin is about. It builds community,” said Ivy Wells, Berlin’s community and economic development director. “Who doesn’t like to eat outside with your friends and neighbors under the stars?”

The farm-to-table dinner will start with happy hour with drinks and hors d’oeuvres from 5-6 p.m. Dinner will start at 6:15 p.m. at the hotel on 2 S. Main St.

Admission costs \$50, and includes an appetizer, a salad course, a main course, a dessert, a non-alcoholic beverage, and a free carriage ride around town. Only 100 tickets are available, and sales end this Friday, Sept. 13. Interested parties can visit the “Berlin Farm to Table Dinner” event on Facebook and buy tickets at berlinmainstreet.com.

George and Pat Bilenki will also perform that evening.

Wells said that the dinner will be held outside of the Atlantic Hotel, weather permitting, and will be moved to the hotel’s ballroom should the weather not cooperate.

“I’m looking forward [to] having dinner with all of my friends, and just being able to eat some delicious food that I didn’t cook myself,” Wells said.

Wells said she approached food suppliers who have participated in this year’s Berlin Farmers Market about the dinner, and they were receptive to the idea. Event proceeds will benefit the Berlin Farmers Market.

“I’ve wanted to do a farm-to-table event here,” Wells said.

Wells said the following farms agreed to contribute food for the upcoming dinner: Baywater Farms in Salisbury, Bratten Farms Produce in Pittsville, Chesterfield Heirlooms in Pittsville, and Cross Farms in Berlin.

Wells added additional ingredients would come from J&M Meat Market and Grille as well as the Atlantic Hotel. Additionally, DeVecchio’s Bakery would provide dessert and Gilbert’s Provisions will provide molasses sourdough bread. She also said that Masterpiece Flower and Bluebird farms would donate flowers for the evening.

Atlantic Hotel Chef Leo D’Aleo and Gilbert’s Provisions Owner Toby Gilbert will prepare the food.

“Any event when people are out and about and eating is good for Berlin,” Gilbert said. “It’s a small community, so it’s always good when people get together.”

As for the menu, guests can look forward to a quartet of culinary flavor:

The appetizer course will feature an early fall vegetable bruschetta, fresh herbed goat cheese with french bread, pickled asparagus and brussels sprouts,



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(Left) Stefanie Barfield, co-owner of Chesterfield Heirlooms in Pittsville, shows off ripe tomatoes during a Berlin Farmer’s Market earlier this season. Barfield will contribute produce to the Farm-to-Table Dinner next week at the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street in downtown Berlin. (Right) Toby Gilbert, owner of Gilbert’s Provisions in Berlin, features his signature sourdough bread during a recent Berlin Farmer’s Market. Gilbert will bring molasses sourdough bread to the Farm-to-Table Dinner next Wednesday at the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street. Gilbert will also prepare an appetizer for the meal.

dilly beans and pickles, as well as sweet and spicy jalapenos.

A salad of mixed greens, heirloom tomatoes and Gilbert’s fermented garlic ranch dressing will serve as the second course with a side of sourdough bread.

Guests will have a choice of pasta with peppers and butternut squash as a vegetarian option, or a roasted and rubbed herb New York strip steak with a shitake mushroom demi glaze and roasted potatoes.

For dessert, guests can choose from a variety of baked goods, kettle corn and

fresh fruit.

“It’s just a really great way to kind of bridge the gap between those two worlds,” said Stefanie Barfield, co-owner of Chesterfield Heirlooms in Pittsville. “It’s just a nice way to get to know people that are actually consuming what you grow.”

Tim Fields, manager of Baywater Farms in Salisbury, said he loves when different producers get to work together during events like this one.

“It’s always great to see other people’s products at work and see that good cohesion happen,” Fields said.

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Berlin jewelry store to help Dorian victims

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) The public can help victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas by purchasing a simple bracelet at Beach Memories Jewelry on Main Street in Berlin.

Michele Krempa, owner of Beach Memories Jewelry and Seachelle Designs, began offering the \$10 bracelets last week as a way to donate to “Lend a Hand Bahamas,” an organization that helps Bahamian children as well as residents of the Dorian-battered communities.

“I think whenever we can help people in need, we need to,” she said.

“We felt that they would be a worthwhile charity to contribute to,” she said. “We’re donating all profits, so I’m just

taking the cost out of the bracelet, and sending the rest to them, so we’re not making anything on this.”

The Category 5 storm battered the islands with wind speeds of up to 185 mph and hovered over portions of the Bahamas for about two days.

Krempa said the bracelets are blue, black and yellow, which reflect the colors of the Bahamian flag. There is also sand from Nassau inside the beads themselves.

Krempa said her company used this type of fundraiser for victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Maria.

“We have retailers all over the world, and when these people are in need, we’re certainly there to help them,” she said. “It’s just a necessary thing, you know, because they’d do it for us. I’m

sure.

“We put these out the other morning, two days ago, I had 11 of them on there, and they were sold before lunchtime,” she said last Friday.

Krempa said since she expects there will be a long road to recovery in the Bahamas, she said she has no plans to stop selling the bracelets.

“I think it’s going to be for a while, be-

cause this is going to be a very big project down there because it’s so bad,” Krempa said. “Just devastating. I mean it looks like they got hit by an H-bomb or something.”

Beach Memories Jewelry is on 106 N. Main St. and its web address is beachmemoriesjewelry.com. More information on the aid organization can be found at www.lendahandbahamas.org.



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Michele Krempa, owner of Seachelle Designs and Beach Memories Jewelry in Berlin, features specialty bracelets for \$10 in her store on 303 N. Main St. in Berlin. Proceeds will benefit the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

Berlin community helps out neighbor burned in June fire

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) The Berlin community continues to raise money to help resident John Maxwell, who is recovering from injuries suffered in a June 13 fire that destroyed his home.

Members of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, a local historical organization, presented a \$1,712 check on Aug. 28 in front of the Calvin B. Taylor Bank in Berlin to assist with Maxwell’s medical and financial bills.

Barbara Purnell, of the German-town School Community Heritage Center, said people sold chicken and pulled pork sandwiches and platters during an Aug. 24 fundraiser. She added that community churches also helped to organize the event.

“As a community, I just thought it would be good to help him out,” Purnell said.

People from Berlin, Ocean Pines, Ocean City, and Snow Hill participated in the benefit, which sold out of food by 5:30 p.m.

“A lot of people knew John,” she said.

Purnell added that her organization initially wanted to raise \$1,000, but surpassed that goal by more than \$700.

“It was overwhelming,” she said.

Maxwell’s Bethel Road two-story home was destroyed in the blaze, which he discovered after awakening to the smell of smoke. He was able to get out of the home before firefighters arrived, but not without injury.

Purnell recalled seeing the flames from her home on Germantown Road.

“It was really devastating,” she said. “I could see the blaze from where I live.”

Firefighters from several areas, in-

cluding Berlin, Showell, Bishopville, and Ocean Pines volunteer fire departments, assisted in extinguishing the flames. It took more than an hour to put the fire out.

“His house was just burnt to the
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Give these two towns money the right way

If the Worcester County Commissioners agree to increase the county’s fiscal contributions to the Town of Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, as has been requested by Commissioner Josh Nordstrom of Pocomoke, the amount should not be tied to proceeds generated by the Casino at Ocean Downs.

It is a fact that the Town of Snow Hill and Pocomoke City desperately need whatever money they can get, but there’s no financial connection between them and casino gambling. Both the costs and benefits of gambling on Worcester’s seaside are experienced by the seaside communities exclusively.

Were that not the case, the state legislation that led to gambling in Worcester County almost a decade ago would have included Snow Hill and Pocomoke City when lawmakers agreed that communities affected by the casino’s presence — increased infrastructure needs, redirected disposable income, and public safety demands — should receive local impact grants. But they did not.

Even so, while the annual distribution of county funds to Worcester’s communities might be fair on paper, it is less so in practice, since the distinction between need and want isn’t as great a factor as it should be.

The need of these two communities is obvious. The census bureau survey in 2017 estimated that 34 percent of Pocomoke’s population and 21 percent of Snow Hill’s residents lived below the poverty level.

By comparison, the percentages on the coast were: Ocean City, 6.5 percent, Ocean Pines, 6.7 percent, and Berlin, 11 percent. Additionally, the median household in northern Worcester is at least \$20,000 more than it is in the south.

Poverty and economic disadvantage are the only justification the commissioners need to increase the county’s contributions in southern Worcester. County Commissioner Joe Mitrecic seems to be aware of that, as last week he mentioned the room tax income as a possible source.

That’s the way to go about it. Give these towns more money because they need it, rather than try to prove a connection that doesn’t exist.



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Piazza fundraiser benefits Grace Center

(Sept. 12, 2019) Piazza Pizza in Berlin will host the “Eat Out and Make a Difference” event to benefit the Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Stop by the restaurant anytime between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. Piazza is located at 11436 Samuel Bowen Boulevard, in front of Walmart.

When ordering, guests should tell the waitstaff that they are there for the fundraiser.

The Grace Center provides services that bring hope and help to many women in the community who have needed assistance with an unplanned or unexpected pregnancy or are in need of help following the birth of their child or children.

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AGH Fall Golf Classic set for Sept. 26

(Sept. 12, 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 four-some.

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 Harborside’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 See RESERVATION Page 23



Members of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center display a check outside of the Calvin B. Taylor Bank on Main Street in Berlin.

Fundraiser helps fellow citizen


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ground,” Purnell said.
It’s unclear how the fire happened, and it’s still under investigation.
Maxwell was taken to Atlantic General Hospital for burns and smoke inhalation, according to the fire

marshal’s office.
Purnell said Maxwell was then transferred to Salisbury Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.
Purnell said contributions can be made at the Calvin B. Taylor Bank on Main Street in Berlin.

Ocean Pines Players slated to perform shows this fall

(Sept. 12, 2019) Live theater lovers in Ocean City, Berlin and surrounding areas can look forward to an ambitious and versatile fall season by the Ocean Pines Players, with a new production each month, September through December.
Some of the productions will be seen for the first time in this area.
Up first is a tribute “Salute to Elton John.” The final show is on Monday, Sept. 16 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church on 103rd Street in Ocean City at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door.
In October, the company will perform “Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks,” the first staging of this poignant work in the Ocean City area.
That will be followed in November by the zany “Assisted Living, the Musical.” Then, in December, in its first joint production with Pocomoke’s historic Mar-VA Theater, Ocean Pines Players will stage the comedy, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.”
Again, this will be the first time this magical holiday play will be performed in in the area.
In “Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks,” by American playwright Richard Alferi, Delaware residents Victoria Cook and Thom Harris play Lily Harrison, a self-described “old biddy” who lives alone, and Michael Minetti, her dance instructor who was forced to leave his life as a chorus boy on Broadway behind.
The witty dialogue supports the moving relationship that develops between the two. Six Dances will be performed Oct. 4, 5 and 7 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church on 103rd Street in Ocean City at 7 p.m.; Oct. 6 at St. Peter’s for a 2 p.m.

matinee; and in a first for Ocean Pines Players, a performance at the Mar-VA Theater in Pocomoke on Oct. 13 at 2 p.m.
The November production of “Assisted Living the Musical” by Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett is an ambitious project for the Players.
It is a vaudeville-style show of songs and skits for as many as 18 characters. For 90 minutes, the audience will be entertained by the residents of Pelican Roost, a “full-service retirement home for those drifting into their twilight years, but further away from sanity.”
Pelican Roost is home to colorful characters, a place where buffoonery lives next door to screwball, just across the way from cockamamie.
The play will be performed at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Nov. 22 and 25 at 7 p.m., Nov. 24 at 2 p.m., and again at St. Peter’s at 7 p.m. for a full evening performance the same day.
In December, the Ocean Pines Players and the Mar-VA Theater of Pocomoke will present their first joint production, “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” by Ken Ludwig, in which a mouse, an elf, and a spunky girl, Emily, who won’t take no for an answer, go on a quest to find out why Santa missed their house last year.
The play is a joyful tribute to the holiday season. Performances will take place on the weekend of Dec. 7-8, only at the Mar-VA Theater Performing Arts Center.
For more details on these productions and information on the Ocean Pines Players, follow the group on Facebook or visit www.oceanpinestheaters.com.



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DONATION
The Delmarva Hand Dance Club presented a \$2,000 donation to “Operation Seas the Day” on July 10. This is a beach week event for soldiers and veterans recovering from injuries sustained while serving, and their families. The beach week was held Sept. 3-8 in Bethany Beach. Pictured, from left, are Delmarva Hand Dance Club Board Members Clarence Emmons, sergeant-at-arms; Joan McHale, recording secretary; Howard Simons, second vice president; Joanne Arter, chairperson events and donations; Kevin Mathews, exalted ruler Elks 2645; Judy Martin, treasurer; and Mac Smith, third vice president; and in back, Barbara McArdle, first vice president; Annette Reeping, of Operation Seas the Day; and Eileen Smith, club president.
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RECOGNITION
Pat Arata, Historic Preservation committee chair for the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, right, recently presented a DAR Historic Preservation Recognition award to Edward P. Phillips, Jr. for his long-standing dedication to historic preservation and volunteer work at the community level. General Levin Winder Chapter Vice Regent Janet Simpson is also pictured.
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
DAR members Carol Evans, left, and Ruth Briggs King attend the Memorial Day Service in Georgetown, Delaware.
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VOLUNTEERS
Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City held its annual Summer Pancake Fundraiser on July 13. Members of the Stephen Decatur Key Club volunteered. Pictured, from left, are Macy Dill, Gabrielle Izzett, Madison Birkett, Erin Trask, and Ireland Poorbaugh, cousin of Izzett who was visiting from Frostburg. They are joined by Roy Foreman, Kiwanis advisor to the SDHS Key Club.
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AWARDED
Outgoing Ocean City-Berlin Rotary Club President Margaret Mudron, left, presents Sonia and Frank Baker with an Outstanding New Rotarian Award for their efforts, contributions and dedication to the club in their first two years as members.
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Local author releases sequel to ‘Murder in Ocean Pines’

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) Part-time Ocean Pines resident Dana Phipps recently released her sequel to “Murder in Ocean Pines” called “Pursuit in Ocean Pines.”

Phipps, who spends her time between her vacation home in Ocean Pines and her main residence in Timonium, Maryland, released the sequel one year after her first murder mystery book debuted.

“Quite a few people asked me ‘when am I going to write the next book,’ and I wasn’t [planning] to write a next book,” Phipps said. “After finishing ‘Murder in Ocean Pines’ for fun, I thought, ‘Well wait a minute ... they keep asking me when I’m going to write the next book.’ So, I wrote this book and it picks up where ‘Murder in Ocean Pines’ ends.”

Her first book, “Murder in Ocean Pines,” takes place in 2013, as the community celebrates its 45th anniversary. The main characters – a husband and wife duo – become the center of a horrific crime.

In the first book, Cici King lives happily with her husband, Greg, in the scenic resort community of Ocean Pines, or so she thought. What the unsuspecting housewife does not know is her husband despises her, and is planning something so horrific, it will shock the entire community.

In the second book, which came out on Aug. 2, the focus is not on Cici, but on Amie McCombe, her best friend, two years later in 2015.

“This time I wanted Amie McCombe to be the main character and include her ex-boyfriend, Paul Simmons, ... he is obsessed with winning Amy back into his life, even though she’s married to Patrick,” Phipps said. “He becomes a nuisance and Amie is uncomfortable and annoyed because he repeatedly gives her a lot of attention, which is very unwanted, and eventually the behavior becomes a bit threatening and she fears for her safety.”

Several characters from the first book have returned for the sequel, including Cici, Amie’s husband, Patrick, Joe Crabbe and Hulk.

The story focuses on obsession, stalkers and the imminent dangers of being harassed by an unwanted suitor.

“There are probably many people who are being harassed or have been harassed and it’s more than I realized,” Phipps



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“Pursuit in Ocean Pines” is Dana Phipps’ sequel to “Murder in Ocean Pines. The book was released on Aug. 2.

said. “According to my sources, 7.5 million are harassed in the United States in one year and 66 percent of females are stalked or harassed by their former lover or current partner. That was quite shocking, but what is good to know is the status of stalking as a criminal offense is relatively new but is being made aware.”

“Pursuit in Ocean Pines” will be available in local bookstores and is also available on Amazon and Barnes and Nobles for \$15.99 or \$9.99 for the Kindle version.

Phipps will have two book signings in the area this month, with her first one taking place at Pam’s Hallmark Store at the Ocean City Outlets in West Ocean City on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next signing will be at Greyhound Indie Bookstore in Berlin on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Phipps was a former teacher of special and elementary education in Baltimore. She served as director and owner of a Sylvan Learning Center in Westminster, Maryland.

As an education specialist at Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Baltimore, she was a liaison between the schools and the hospital where she advocated for obtaining the appropriate educational placements and programs to meet the specific needs of emotionally handicapped adolescents.

Phipps is also the author of two children’s books, “Emily and Hurricane Isabelle” and “Emily and Her Pouting Puffer Fish.”

To learn more about “Pursuit in Ocean Pines,” contact Phipps at tdbeachnut@aol.com.

Reservation deadline Sept. 19

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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

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RECEPTION

Members of the Democratic Central Committee Worcester County attended the Democratic Municipal Officials Summer Reception as guests of Pocomoke City Council Member Todd J. Nock. Democratic Municipal Officials advocate on the issues that matter to cities and towns, both locally and on the national level. Picture, in front, from left, are Joan Roache, Dr. Roxie Dennis Acholonu, DCCWC chair, Jackie Ward, Vicky Wallace and Laurie Brittingham, DCCWC members; and in back, Judy Davis, DCCWC member, Tom Wallace and Cyril Acholonu, Nock, Vincent Leef and Patti Lockett, DCCWC member.



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RECOGNIZED

John Paulus for 10 years performed the most Vessel Safety Check Examinations (VSC) each year than anyone in Ocean City Power Squadron and has been awarded the "VSC Examiner of the Year" trophy. Vessel Safety Checks are performed by trained and certified VSC examiners to ensure boaters meet federal, state and local safety regulations. Paulus has completed 1,538 safety checks. During the past nine years he has also received awards for being among the top VSC examiners in all the squadrons in District 5.



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TOP ESSAY

Chairman of the Worcester County Garden Club, Joanne Kirby, presents Worcester Preparatory School student, 16-year-old Hannah Perdue of Salisbury, a first-place winner award for her entry in the National Garden Clubs Inc. Essay Contest. The annual contest is sponsored by the Worcester County Garden Club, District I, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.



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CELEBRATION

The Democratic Women's Club celebrated summer at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City with a luncheon and fashion show, featuring clothing from Crazy Ladyz on June 20. The DWC will resume regular meetings on Sept. 16, at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m., meeting begins at 10 a.m.



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DONATION

Rick Rico, creator of the Facebook group "Ocean City Cool VIP Club," recently presented the Worcester County Humane Society with a check for over \$200. The group raised money by selling club T-shirts to members. So far, the group has donated over \$500 to the no-kill Berlin shelter. He is pictured with Jessica Summers, WCHS shelter manager.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Ocean City Elks #2645 awarded scholarships to 12 senior graduates this year – nine from Stephen Decatur and three from Worcester Prep. Two students were presented \$6,000 (\$1,500 for four years), two \$4,000 (\$1,000 for four years), two \$2,000 (\$500 for four years) and six received \$1,000 (\$500 per year for two years). Pictured are Kevin Mathews exalted ruler; David Poore, scholarship chairman; scholarship recipients Sierra Payne, Kaitlyn Peters, Danielle Munn, Logan Townsend, Jack Walinskis, Matt Durkin and Ethan Shelber; Pat Flynn, scholarship chair; and John Loftus, state president. Scholarship recipients not pictured: Zain Brady, Jude Al-Hamad, Samantha Short, Alyvia Ciurca and Noparat Puntakarn.

County's Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting held Sept. 16

(Sept. 13, 2019) Worcester County Emergency Services officials are updating the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan and invite citizens to a Monday, Sept. 16 meeting to voice their concerns about natural and manmade emergencies that have the potential to impact the Lower Eastern Shore.

The meeting is free, open to all residents, and will take place at the Pocomoke City Department of Emergency Medical Services, located at 137 8th Street in Pocomoke City, from 10 a.m. to noon.

"Public input helps us to better identify hazards and to take steps to reduce their impact, which makes Worcester County a more resilient community," WCES Planner Tina Vickers said.

Residents are also encouraged to share their insights about potential local hazards by completing a 12-question survey online at www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/emergency.

The survey should take no longer than seven minutes, and results will be included in the updated plan. After completing the survey, residents may provide contact information to receive additional information regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The purpose of the plan is to ensure the county is prepared to face diverse natural and manmade hazards, and WCES is placing special emphasis on understanding citizens' concerns regarding hazards.

WCES officials extend their thanks to the stakeholders who attended the Hazard Mitigation Plan update meeting in July and identified power outages as a major impact of storm events and emphasized the importance of maintaining power at such times.

Local business owners in particular can be adversely impacted by power disruptions, which can lead to potential closures. Being prepared for a power outage not only helps area businesses remain open, but also helps the people who depend on those local businesses.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency offers a Ready Business Toolkit to help business owners and their staff prepare for and respond to a variety of hazards that can impact Worcester County.

The FEMA toolkit is available at www.ready.gov/business.

For more information about the Hazardous Mitigation Plan development process and how to participate, call Vickers at 410-632-1315.



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75th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-7575 / www.bjsonthewater.com
Sept. 13: Full Circle, 9 p.m.
Sept. 14: Reform School, 9 p.m.
Sept. 18: Monkee Paw, 6 p.m.
Sept. 19: Gene & Nikki, 8 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH
116th Street, Ocean City, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
443-664-2896 / www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Sept. 13: Randy Lee Ashcraft & Jimmy Rowbottom, 4-7 p.m.; Dave Sherman, 8 p.m.
Sept. 14: Chris Button & Friends, 7 p.m.; Staff Infection, 8 p.m.
Sept. 15: Jack Worthington, 6 p.m.
Sept. 16: Just Jay, 4 p.m.
Sept. 17: Jack Worthington, 6 p.m.
Sept. 18: Open Mic, 9 p.m.
Sept. 19: Chris Button, 7-11 p.m.

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Sept. 15: Nate McCormick, noon to 3 p.m.; Old School, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 16: Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 17: Aaron Howell Duo, 4-8 p.m.
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Sept. 15: Jade Davis, 8 p.m.
Sept. 16: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
Sept. 17: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.
Sept. 18: Dock Party w/DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.; Trivia w/DJ Bigler, 8 p.m.
Sept. 19: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS
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Sept. 13: First Class, 7-10 p.m.
Sept. 14: Power Play, 6-10 p.m.

PICKLES
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Sept. 13: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m.; Side Project, 10 p.m.
Sept. 14: Jason Morton and the Chesapeake Son, 1 p.m.; Chainbreak, 5:30 p.m.; Dust N' Bones, 10 p.m.
Sept. 15: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Sept. 17: Beats by Adam Dutch, 9 p.m.
Sept. 19: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

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Sept. 16: CK the VJ/DJ, 9 p.m.
Sept. 17-18: DJ Mazi, 9 p.m.
Sept. 19: CK the VJ/DJ, 9 p.m.

SEACRETS
49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
Sept. 13: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Triple Rail Turn, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Live Wire, 10 p.m. to midnight; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 14: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Lunasea Full Moon Glow Party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Kevin Miller's Smashed, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 15: Whiskeyhickon Boys, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 19: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.

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Sept. 13-14: Colliders, 9 p.m.

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Sept. 14: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m.

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443-614-4119
Sept. 13: Lower Case Blues, 2 p.m.; Bird Dog & The Road Kings, 6 p.m.; JB Aaron, 9 p.m.
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Sept. 15: Walking With Lions & Silence No More, 9 p.m.

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Sept. 13: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Small plane crash being investigated by Maryland police

(Sept. 12, 2019) Maryland State Police at midweek were continuing to investigate a small plane crash that occurred Sunday afternoon in Worcester County.

Shortly after 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, troopers from the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack received notification of a plane crash in a corn field off of Tall Timber Road near Makin Lane in Berlin.

According to a preliminary investigation, the pilot, Robert Bunting, 62, of Berlin, told troopers that he had engine trouble and landed his plane in the field.

When troopers arrived, the plane, a 1976 Grumman crop duster was engulfed in flames.

Bunting, who owned the aircraft, was



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Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack troopers say the 1976 Grumman crop duster was engulfed in flames, after it crashed in a cornfield off of Tall Timber Road near Makin Lane in Berlin, Sunday, Sept. 8.

checked by EMS personnel from the Berlin Fire Company on the scene and released. The plane was not carrying any chemicals on board at the time of the crash.

The Berlin Fire Company extinguished the fire. The Federal Aviation Administration also assisted at the scene.

No injuries were reported on the ground as a result of the crash. The incident remains under investigation.

WCSO deputy hurt in Berlin crash

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Sept. 12, 2019) A crash involving a Worcester County Sheriff's Office deputy shut down a portion of Route 113 in Berlin on Friday afternoon.

Lt. Ed Schreier, public information officer for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, said the deputy was on his

way to assist at an accident near Ocean Pines when his car was hit by a driver of another vehicle at the intersection of Route 113 and Old Ocean City Road.

Schreier said the two-vehicle wreck happened around 3 p.m. and "traffic was diverted for about one hour."

The deputy and the driver of the other vehicle were taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, and treated for non-life-threatening injuries, according to the sheriff's office. Both people were treated and released as of Tuesday afternoon.

The circumstances leading up to the wreck are unclear, but it is under investigation.

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Cuisine

Sandwich made in style of Primanti Bros.

Some things never cease to amaze me, and I write this chortling, thinking about sports fandom.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I was born and raised a Redskins fan, so suffice it to say that I could fill a therapist's doodle pad with decades of disappointment. Or rather, if I really cared about it, I could.

As much as I enjoy watching a good football game, I just can't get excited over one team or another. In the old days, the players were from the city, and didn't jump ship for a few extra dollars (perhaps a bit more than a few dollars), but our present sports scene is a den of financial iniquity. Show me the money, as they say.

Regardless, I do like to support sports, namely as a sponsor of the Shorebirds and some local little league teams. Whatever I can do to help out, I am happy to do. But as for taking sports too seriously, it is probably best explained as follows.

I only own two jerseys, and the combined cost for both was \$24. The first was a jersey (my favorite) that was given to me by my old neighbor Ed who couldn't unload it at his yard sale. I wear it when I want to troll people (which is often during football season); yes, it is a Tom Brady jersey, and it is my pride and joy.

The second jersey took me three years to find, as I was not about to spend any more than \$24 for a Gus Frerotte jersey. The former Redskins QB, known for his charity work post-NFL, is a legend in my mind for head-banging a foam wall in celebration and giving himself a concussion. That is dedication to the sport. So yes, this is pretty much how seriously I take professional sports.

Recently, I put some posts up on social media enquiring about sports clubs who might be interested in finding their forever home with us at the restaurant. I lived in downtown Baltimore for eight years, so a Ravens Roost would have been good. A Redskins club would have obviously been great.

But no one answered the call until one day when I received a call from the Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club of Delmarva. They were looking for a new home for gamedays and after a few meetings we were proud to an-



nounce a partnership. And then the backlash began. At once, I was thrilled with the decision. I mean, it really didn't matter which fan club joined us, right? The other team fans would do the same thing; it's all in the good nature of sporting.

As we welcomed the club for their second outing with us, I found it fitting to offer up a sandwich made in the style of the Primanti Brothers, and, no, I will never profess that this is anywhere near as good as theirs. Rather, it is a salute to one of the greatest sandwiches that I have ever eaten.

But just as people sell Delmonico steaks (named after the eponymous famed NYC restaurant) or Buffalo wings, the Primanti as a generic term just kind of works. And it is an honorable testament to a business that has been around for a very long time, something that all of us small business owners strive to be able to say.

A useful part of all of this is that it rekindles memories of Pittsburgh and Cleveland (I had my first in the former and my last in the latter many years ago) which I get to share with students at my real job at the

college. In American Regional Cuisine, we study the Mid-Atlantic, and while I touch on certain foods that might be associated with New York or Baltimore, it is only fitting that I bring this lovely stack of artery-blocking goodness to the table. It is a fine way to round out a table of beautiful food.

And the Steelers fans loved them. We are thrilled to have them in the restaurant, and, of course, anyone can come and hang out. I mean, who wouldn't want a Ravens Roost up there as well? That certainly wouldn't be the guy in the Brady jersey.

Stacked Turkey Sandwich in the Spirit of the Primanti Bros.

- per sandwich*
- 2 pieces thick bread
 - melted butter, as needed
 - 6 oz. Roasted turkey, shaved thin
 - a handful of fries
 - 4 oz. Creamy cole slaw
 - lettuce and tomato, as desired
1. Butter the bread and toast it on a hot pan.
 2. Remove and heat the turkey

with any remaining butter (a small amount), sprinkling with your choice of seasoning. I use a small amount of Redfish Magic by Paul Prudhomme, but don't go too heavy if you purchased deli turkey. That stuff is salty enough.

3. Build the sandwich by placing lettuce on the bottom piece of bread.

4. Top with the cooked turkey, French fries, cole slaw and tomato slices.

5. There is a skill to building these sandwiches without having them topple over. I personally liked to criss-cross my fries just enough to interlock them almost like a Lincoln Log house of yore.

6. When you top the sandwich with the remaining piece of bread, take a lightweight steak knife (a heavy one will simply facilitate the sandwich toppling over) and stake the sandwich so that it stands tall

7. Serve immediately with lots of Iron City beer.

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

Puzzles

THAT'S A TALL ORDER!

BY FINN VIGELAND / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Finn Vigeland graduated in May from the Harvard Graduate School of Design with a master's degree in urban planning. He now works as a transportation planner in Washington. Urban planning and crossword constructing evidence a dual interest in grids. Finn sold his first puzzle to The Times in 2010 when he was 18. This will make 18 puzzles by him for the paper altogether, half of them Sundays. — W.S.

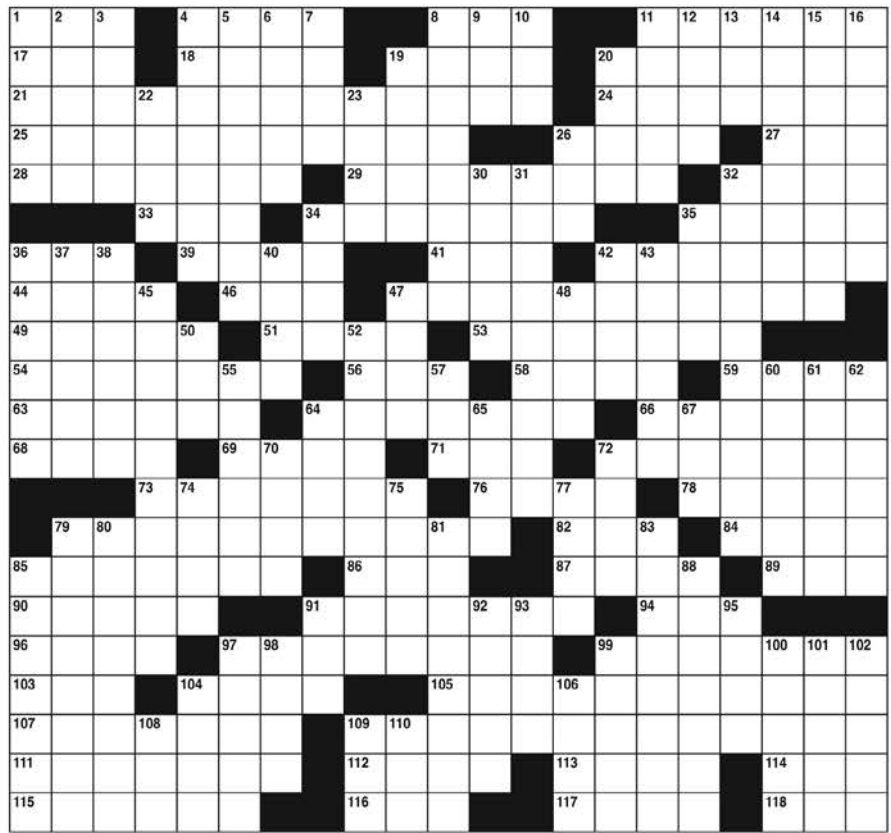
ACROSS
1 Volcanic residue
4 Iraqi, e.g.
8 Not working today
11 Top of the Alps?
17 Singer with the 2016 No. 1 hit "Cheap Thrills"
18 Ancient Iranian
19 Something dogs may pull
20 Only musical to win Best Picture since "Oliver!" in 1968
21 Early encyclopedist credited with coining "Home is where the heart is"
24 Adjusts, as an instrument
25 Reference aids for artists
26 Children's author Lowry
27 Nonkosher sammie
28 Tested
29 Phrase followed by "one two, one two"
32 English channel, with "the"
33 ____ Min Lee, victim in the podcast "Serial"
34 Archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean
35 Stage before pupa
36 Gchat transmissions, briefly
39 Accident-investigating org.

41 Big dealer in outdoor gear
42 Suggestion for a reading circle, informally
44 Fruit with a pit
46 Seek revenge on, in a way
47 Is a straight shooter
49 Some printer hues
51 Word after meal or before school
53 Put forward as a basis of argument
54 Takedown pieces, slangily
56 Charge (through)
58 Dryer residue
59 Dog sound
63 Sunbather in the tropics
64 Sources of weekly N.C.A.A. rankings
66 Looked at lasciviously
68 Work with feet?
69 Pretzel topping
71 Modern cousin of "Yay!"
72 Fear-inducing
73 Spanish phrase meaning "Enough is enough!"
76 "Pencils down!"
78 Huge mix-up
79 Soft-rock singer who received Kennedy Center Honors in 2016
82 Philanthropist Broad
84 Salacious stuff
85 Anonymous female, in court
86 Nurse in a bar
87 Train between N.Y.C. and Montauk

89 Crafty
90 Kind of acid
91 Inherited
94 Muffin ingredient
96 It's rigged
97 Protein in Wheaties
99 Bygone car model that's an anagram of GRANITE
103 Part of a diner display
104 It brings you closer to your subjects
105 "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up"
107 Mythical hunter turned into a stag
109 State bordering the Pacific
111 Establishment such as Crumbs and Whiskers or KitTea (both real!)
112 Avian diver
113 Not much
114 Convent-ional sort
115 Gets ready to pray
116 National Pizza Mo.
117 !
118 Future Ph.D.'s test

DOWN
1 Grp. with a pet project?
2 Buildings often outfitted with ladders
3 Lauds
4 Oscar nominee for "Gone Baby Gone," 2007
5 Measure of virality
6 Ritalin target, for short
7 It's full of hard-to-spell words
8 What a bitter person might try to settle
9 Retainer
10 Prez with the dog Fala
11 4-Across chief
12 All-in-one boxes
13 R.N.'s place
14 Foreign capital designed by two Americans
15 9+ for a game, e.g.
16 Program starting with the fifth year of college, informally
19 Like 100-1 odds
20 Popular gardening shoe
22 Early vintner, in the Bible
23 Music genre associated with the goth look
26 Baudelaire's "____ Fleurs du Mal"
30 Inch along
31 The common folk
32 Picnic side dish
34 Trucker with a transmitter
35 Stuff of legends
36 Futuristic tracking device
37 "Are we done here?," politely
38 Bust, maybe
40 Dines
42 Recycling ____
43 River mammal
45 Flow of one line of a verse to the next without pause

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- 47 Music genre from Asia
48 Term of address from one girlfriend to another
50 IV, to III, e.g.
52 { }
55 Player of many an opera villain
57 Stun
60 Family name on a 1960s sitcom
61 Sorry
62 Bygone military punishment

64 ____ king
65 Fantasy series that inspired "Game of Thrones," briefly
67 What the thumbs-up emoji can mean
70 Took a course?
72 Kosher ____
74 Sleekly designed
75 Flared dress type
77 Spice Girl also known as Sporty Spice
79 Bob Marley, for one
80 Liqueur often mixed with water

81 Vacancy
83 One of the Avengers
85 Fill to absolute capacity
88 For all to see, in a way
91 Koala's tree
92 Marketing tactic
93 Australian band with the 1988 No. 1 hit "Need You Tonight"
95 "Ideas worth spreading" offshoot
97 Mistakes
98 Singular

99 Speck
100 Cleaning for military inspection
101 Happen again
102 In lockstep
104 Fervor
106 Lyft alternative
108 Nickname for a buddy
109 Bronx-born singer, familiarly
110 Bronx-born congresswoman, familiarly

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

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

Thurs., Sept. 12

OC BIKEFEST
Takes place at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and at the Ocean City Inlet from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Featuring vendors, merchandise, food, concerts and entertainment. Tickets are required for admission to the Inlet. Ticket cost for adults are \$45 per day or \$80 for weekend pass. Child passes cost \$15. VIP Passes are also available. Visit the website for tickets, scheduling and more. <https://ocbikefest.com>

O.C. WRITERS' GROUP
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Participants share their poetry/prose and receive encouraging feedback. New members welcome. Bring something you've written, or, participate in a writing prompt/creative exercise. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

COASTKEEPER: WATER FOR ALL
Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 2:00 PM. Kathy Phillips, your current Assateague Coastkeeper, is an on-the-water advocate who protects the Maryland and Northern Virginia Eastern Shore coastal bays. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

'FALL INTO FICTION' READINGS
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Featuring nine members of Berlin's First Saturday Writers group. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments served. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Beach Singles, 45 years and older, meet 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. 13

HORSE TALES
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:00 PM. A presentation about the wild horses on Assateague Island that the whole family can enjoy. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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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>

WORCESTER COUNTY FAIR
Byrd Park, 400 Dighton Ave., 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM. This free event celebrates our agricultural roots highlighting accomplishments of both 4-H and FFA youth with awards for their entries and livestock showing. Many agencies will be offering giveaways and providing activities for the children. Visit the Ag Showcase for hands-on learning and crafts. There will also be a dunking booth to benefit Operation We Care. On Friday, learn the art of Rangoli in the afternoon. The evening features the auction of prize winning cakes and closes with the musical sounds of God's Country Crossroads. For a full schedule and more info: www.worcestercountyfair.com or 410-632-1972.

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. This month's selection is "What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City" by Mono Hannah-Attisha. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014

CAT AND DOG ADOPTION EVENT
PetSmart, 11330 Samuel Bowen Blvd., Unit 100, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Featuring many adoptable cats and a limited number of dogs. Sponsored by Town Cats of OC and Worcester County Humane Society. 410-600-3277

MARYLAND CRAB CAKE DINNER
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Platters include crab cake(s), green beans, baked potato and cole slaw. One crab cake platters cost \$12; two crab cake platters cost \$20 and crab cake sandwiches cost \$8. Carry-outs and bake sale available.

Sat., Sept. 14

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL SPOT TOURNAMENT
Ocean City Fishing Center, 12940 Inlet Isle Lane. Amateurs and pros welcome to come fish from the docks of the OC Fishing Center. 410-213-1121, <https://ocfishing.com>

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on learning and crafts. There will also be a dunking booth to benefit Operation We Care. Saturday's activities include kids's games and contest, livestock shows, salsa and square dancing, karate demonstrations, Drums Around the World and a Crochet Circle. John Laughing Wolf will be putting on a demonstration of horsemanship and tricks (2 p.m.). Also featuring a Classic Car & Truck Show with dash plaques for the first 50 entries and an antique tractor demonstration. The Talent Show begins at 6 p.m. For a full schedule and more info: www.worcestercountyfair.com or 410-632-1972.

BEACH YOGA
Assateague Island National Seashore, 6633 Bayberry Drive, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM. Meet at the Shade Pavilion in North Beach parking lot. Low impact exercise to increase balance, flexibility and reduce stress. Yoga is suitable for all levels. Free but park entrance fees are in effect. Donations benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. Take a beach towel. outreachAIA@gmail.com, <http://www.AssateagueIslandAlliance.org>

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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DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. All interested people are invited to attend. 410-213-1956

CHICKEN BBQ
Willards Volunteer Fire Company, 35356 Regnault St., 11:00 AM. Includes a half chicken, two sides, roll and can of soda. Cost is \$10. 410-430-1135

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT
Snow Hill Fire Department, 4718 Snow Hill Road, 11:00 AM. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Men's and women's brackets with winners receiving a percentage of the registration. Cost is \$10 and includes five tickets to a gift card giveaway. Proceeds benefit S.H. Ladies Auxiliary and Relay For Life. Food, beer, raffles and 50/50s all day. Info: Joyce Larson,

410-632-2115 or Linda Payne, 410-430-6179.

RAISING MONARCHS
Assateague Environmental Education Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, 11:00 AM. Learn what it's like to raise these fascinating insects from egg to adult and the magical transformation that occurs. Donations benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. outreachAIA@gmail.com, <http://www.AssateagueIslandAlliance.org>

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FISH, BARBECUE OR FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS
Rising Sun Lodge #4, 516 Chestnut St., 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. All dinners are \$12 per person. Eat in or take out. Proceeds benefit scholarships. Bruce Duffy, 302-645-5574

SQUARE DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS AND LESSONS
Takes place in Snow Hill at the Worcester County Fair, under the gazebo, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. 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

BEARDS AT THE BEACH
The Grand Hotel, 2100 Baltimore Ave., 2:00 PM. Registration starts at noon. Proceeds go to Diakonia and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

FULL MOON YOGA
Assateague Island National Seashore, 6633 Bayberry Drive, 7:00 PM. Meet at the Shade Pavilion in North Beach parking lot. Breath guided movement next to the ocean and under the moon. Yoga is suitable for all levels. Free but park entrance fees are in effect. Donations benefit Assateague Island National Seashore. Take a beach towel. outreachAIA@gmail.com, <http://www.AssateagueIslandAlliance.org>

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 hand-made artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Sept. 15

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS TO AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CRAB FEAST
The United Methodist Men's fundraiser takes place at Hooper's Crab House in West

Calendar

Ocean City on Sept. 29 from 1-4 p.m. Menu includes all-you-can-eat steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, fried chicken, corn, hush puppies and unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea. Tickets cost \$40 (cash or check) and include gratuity. Tickets are available at The Community Church at Ocean Pines office and after Sunday services. Make checks out to CCaOP and include UMM on the memo line. Larry Walton, 443-831-1791

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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 The Bilenki Duo. Ivy Wells and Allison Early, 410-973-2051

OC BIKEFEST

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‘EAT OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE’ FUNDRAISER
Piazza, 11436 Samuel Bowen Blvd., 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM. Benefiting the Grace Center for Maternal and Women’s Health. When ordering, tell the waitstaff that you are there for the fundraiser. info@gracematernal-health.org, 443-513-4124

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Mon., Sept. 16

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Gee Williams, mayor of Berlin, will discuss environmental issues affecting Worcester County and Berlin. Non-perishable food donations will go to Diakonia. Vicky Wallace, 410-208-2969

WORCESTER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE MEETING
Pocomoke City Department of Emergency Medical Services, 137 8th St., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Citizens are invited to voice their concerns about natural and manmade emergencies that have the potential to impact the Lower Eastern Shore. Residents are also encouraged to share their insights by completing a 12-question survey at <http://www.co.worcester.md.us/departments/emergency>. FEMA’s Ready Business Toolkit is available at <https://www.ready.gov/business>. Tina Vickers, 410-632-1315

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections recommended by the Great Books Foundation. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

IN 3D! ‘HOUSE OF WAX’ (1953) (PG-13)
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 PM. See the Vincent Price horror classic the way it was meant to be seen, in 3D. Limited to 15 patrons. Visit the library or call 410-524-1818 for reservations. <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 Champion, 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 WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS
Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. Come and sing. Drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

Tues., Sept. 17

UNDERSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE
Snow Hill High School, 305 S. Church St., 1:00 PM. A One Maryland One Book and Maryland Humanities Program. Dr. Shane Hall of Salisbury University discusses why

some people are exposed to high levels of pollution or don’t have access to clean water, while other enjoy green spaces and nutritious food. This talk provides a broader critical context for Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha’s What the Eyes Don’t See.

DIY: GLASS PAINTING
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Instructor led painting on wine glass. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 20 people. Go to the library or call 410-524-1818 for reservations. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.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>

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

Wed., Sept. 18

PRMC PARTY IN THE PINES
Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute, Ocean Pines Health Pavilion, 11105 Cathage Road, 4-7 p.m. The event is open to the public and will feature an opportunity for attendees to enjoy food and refreshments while learning more about the healthcare services available at the pavilion.

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>

MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVE
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Representative Michelle Licata is available to offer outreach services to veterans and their families on the third Wednesday of each month. No appointment necessary. 410-713-3482, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. The workshop starts with a 20 minute lesson on genealogy research followed by a question and answer session. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MEET THE MOMS COFFEE
Panera Bread, 12641-300 Ocean Gateway, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Join the group for coffee and get to know what your local Moms

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

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By The Ocean: Flooring • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Renovations, 12021 Hammer Road, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m. Joerg Leinemann and his staff will be firing up the grill and will have collars stocked with adult beverages. Music provided by DJ Rob.

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Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 5:30 PM. Representatives from The Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center will offer resources to anyone who might have questions after experiencing a crime. Stop in to speak with attorneys and victim advocates. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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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.

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