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# **Model vessel** drops anchor at home port

Piece by piece, shattered schooner reassembled

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) Finding safe harbor inside the Ocean Pines Yacht Club once again, a masterfully re-



Mark Hordeman

stored nearly halfcentury old nine-foot model schooner is being dedicated today by the 50th Anniversary Committee.

Pines Point Marina Dock Master Mark Hordeman,

who invested significant time and money to repair the ship after it took a tumble and shattered years ago, said the labor of love was always focused on returning to home port.

"There really wasn't anything nautical in the yacht club," he said. "It's put a yacht in the yacht club."

In light of that effort, 50th Anniversary Committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper Rines said the group followed up by financing the See SHATTERED Page 5



After being, essentially, lost at sea for a half-dozen years, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club is now prominently displaying a hand-built nine-foot model schooner that was fully restored by Pines Point Marina Dock Master Mark Hordeman.

# **OPA finances** maintain solid growth trend

GM report shows another good month against budget

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) With progress being made on a multitude of capital projects and year-to-date budget numbers

remaining positive, General manager John Viola told the board of directors Saturday that the end of the year looked solid.



the next few days. "During the course of November,

you'll see the framing," he said. "It should be enclosed ... by the first of the year."

Viola said the project could wrap up ahead of schedule, weather permitting, and in time for links activities to blossom in May. He also said the cost of the job would come in within the \$1.6 million estimate.

"That's the number you've all heard from the beginning from this See GM Page 4

# Berlin replacement generator money OK'd

\$13,000 will cover balance of cost to buy and install natural gas-burning engine

#### By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Berlin Town Council on Monday authorized spending a little more than \$13,000 from the electric utility contingency fund to cover the balance of the cost of a replacement generator.

"The ... thing I think everybody



**Tim Lawrence** 

needs to know right now [is] we are down a generator," Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood told the council, referring to the major failure of one of the engines in July.

Berlin's Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence said at the time that a piston connecting rod failed on the 16-cylinder engine at the William Street plant "and knocked a hole in the side plate of the engine."

Town officials have been working with insurance agents, who have been investigating the cause of the dam-

Fleetwood said the town received a \$15,000 claim from the Land Government Trust Insurance company and issued another claim for about \$1.29 million.

Fleetwood added that the department plans to change the previous diesel engine to a new natural gas en-

It would cost roughly \$1.44 million to cover the cost and installation of a CATG3520 Natural Gas Engine, according to the Berlin Town Council

There was \$125,000 in the fiscal year 2020 budget for "power plant engine No. 2 No.4," which leaves a balance of \$13,600. That will be taken from the Electric Utility Department's contingency or "rainy day fund," according to the Berlin Town Council packet.

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# Bylaws defines election validation process

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee last Friday moved closer to finalizing the definitions that would be used in the association's election validation process.

The revised language could be incorporated with other proposed tweaks to association resolution M-06 that governs elections and referendums.

Committee chairman Jim Trummel said the matter of validation was raised by OPA President Doug Parks in an email before the group's October meeting. Subsequent recommendations were vetted during the committee meeting last Friday.

Committee member Jeff Knepper worked to establish the wording after last months' committee gathering.

"What we thought was needed was the definition of validate," he said.

Also in attendance last Friday was Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger.

"I thought it was a belt and suspenders approach when they made a motion to validate," he said.

Knepper said the proposed language clearly establishes the process of announcing results is the validation.

"There's more than enough sunshine on this process that we don't need a separate work effort to validate or accept results," he said. Resolution M-o6 outlines two validation processes, with the deed accomplished at the homeowners annual meeting, assuming a quorum is present, or, in the absence of a quorum, require the board to hold a special meeting to validate the results.

Regardless of the path, Knepper said the goal is accomplished when the election committee chair, at this time Habeger, presents the results to board and association members.

"When he stands up and gives the results, that's it," he said.

Knepper also noted by that point in the election process a tremendous amount of effort has been expended to confirm accurate poll numbers.

"It's not a matter that the association is taking a single member's word," he said. "That's about as much sunshine as you're ever going to get on that."

Committee member Audrey Wahl said earlier discussions indicate there was no relevancy for the board to vote on accepting the final election results.

Knepper agreed with the assertion but also noted the board did take that step during the most recent election contest.

"The board this past year did actually vote on it," he said.

Committee member Bob Hillegass said regardless of board sentiments, the mission is accomplished without their additional confirmation.



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The Ocean Pines Bylaws and Resolutions Committee considered what precisely constitutes validation of election results during last Friday's meeting. Pictured, from left, are Bylaws Chairman Jim Trummel, Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger and Bylaws member Bob Hillegass.

"Validation is just simply putting it in the minutes of the meeting," he said.

Habeger concurred with the committee's opinion, while suggesting another slight change to resolution M-06.

"At the current time, M-o6 requires when we do a candidate forum that we seat the candidates in ballot order, and we call on them in ballot order," he said.

In practice, Habeger said there have been two candidate forums, with a random questioning method used in one of the instances.

"It seems to be more satisfying to the candidates and to the audience," he said.

Habeger said the intent would be to modify the resolution to permit the election committee to select the order of questions and responses.

"As long as it's equitable and everybody gets a fair chance at the same questions," he said.

Habeger suggested both language alterations could be undertaken simultaneously.

Trummel said the issues need to be reported to Parks and board members, with the committee agreeing to revisit the topics during its next meeting to finalize a response.

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# **Berlin Fire Company gives quarterly report**

#### By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) Representatives from the Berlin Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services presented a quarterly report to Berlin's Town Council last Monday evening.

Dave Fitzgerald, president of the Berlin Fire Company, said there were 44 in town fire rescue calls from July 1 to Sept. 30. The busiest times were from 3-4 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. He added that the town's fire company saw the greatest number of calls between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Fitzgerald referred to several areas of funding that resulted in budget revenues including county, state and town funding. He added that a donation drive was mailed in July 2019.

As for expenses, Fitzgerald highlighted several areas of financial interest, including fire equipment, uniforms for new cadets, building improvements to the lounge and dayroom, and pager purchases.

On for the emergency medical services side, Capt. John Holloway said there were 270 calls between July 1 and Sept. 30. Of those calls, he specified that

185 people were taken to area hospitals while 85 were not transported.

The busiest times were reportedly 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Friday, and Saturday, according to Holloway's presentation.

Councilman Zack Tyndall said he appreciated the inclusion of Gull Creek and the Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in the report.

To account for revenues, Holloway said donation pamphlets were expected to be mailed this month. He added that emergency medical services received funding from Worcester County and the Town of Berlin.

Office supplies as well as medical supplies and equipment contributed to expenses for this quarter, Holloway said in his presentation. Holloway added the department had to buy a new ambulance.

The fire company and emergency medical services also reporter higher costs for fuel than expected.

Fitzgerald said he would assemble a "progress report" for the Town Council by Dec. 31 per the agreement between the Town of Berlin and the Berlin Fire Company.

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# **GM** report shows another month of beating budget

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board," he said. "We are on track for that number.'

Building the golf course replacement cart barn should be completed by January at the latest, Viola said.

'The material is there," he said. "If you're down there, you'll see that they are, as we speak, taking down the old cart barn."

To this point, the cart barn project, which was budgeted at \$400,000, appears to be coming in under estimates, Viola said.

The new craft building, budgeted at \$85,000, also looks to be completed within cost and likely during

"Today, they're working on the roof," he said.

Work is getting underway for the expansion of the police and administration building, at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million, Viola said.

"The trailer is on site and we'll start to see some work on that," he said. Turning to internal initiatives,

Viola noted the transition to North-Star accounting software is nearly completed.

"November is the first time we will go live with the financials," he said. 'So far, I'm being told everything is looking ok.'

Work is also winding down on a wage and benefit compensation study for OPA staff being completed by consultants with the Sibson Group.

Viola said a report would be presented to the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee in early Novem-

"I met with them the other morning and will review information this weekend," he said.

To this point, feedback from the consultants is in line with related discussions over the past few months, Viola said.

"It will be totally transparent," he said.

While not intended to limit residents' remote access to board meetings, Viola said recent technical

problems that have affected live streaming the sessions, which costs roughly \$17,000 annually, have led to the abandonment of the practice in favor of posting videos within 24

"This decision should both save money and improve the audio and video quality," he said.

The broadcasts on Channel 78 will occur each Monday, Wednesday and Friday following meetings at noon and 7 p.m.

Switching to fiscal 2020/2021 budget preparations, Viola said initial numbers should be completed by late December and that the process has been eased because of increased prof-

"As it stands right now, compared to prior years, I have a budget," he said. "We're ahead of last year by two months."

Turning to year-to-date and September 2019 financials, Viola had more good news.

"Revenue is favorable this year, but expenses are also favorable to budget [and] that's the big one to me," he said. "Compared to the prior year, an increase of \$422,000, that's a big number."

September numbers were also markedly improved over the prior year, Viola said.

"We were favorable \$26,000 last year for the month [of September],"

Despite the strong trend during September 2018, Viola said this year the end-of-month numbers beat the \$57,000. "We were over \$31,000 from a good month last year," he said.

Viola said he and Director of Finance Steve Phillips are in the midst of completing the budget forecasts, which could provide a healthy sum to address previous shortfalls.

"We will make a recommendation that surplus — hopefully we still have it —go against the deficit and help with the assessment presented," he

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# **Shattered schooner model** shipshape and back in port

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cost for Joe Costello to build a display case that now serves as a dining area anchor display piece.

"This is our final act as the 50th Anniversary Committee," she said.

Hordeman said the model vessel was salvaged from a dumpster a halfdozen years ago, and that he spent a year returning it to its former glory.

"That's what I wanted it to be like years ago," he said.

The 1940s-era hand-built replica had been donated to Ocean Pines by developer Boise Cascade as part of the yacht club's grand opening ceremony in 1975.

Anchored there for nearly four decades, the ship was virtually destroyed after falling from a display case in 2013, just before the yacht club was shuttered for renovations,.

After the accident occurred. Hordeman sprang into action upon learning the ship's pieces had been thrown in the trash.

"When I pulled it out of the dumpster, me and Marty Clarke brought it back to my shop in the Pines Point Marina," he said.

Hordeman said salvaging the vessel's parts and pieces from the garbage was not an experience for the squeamish.

"I was in that dumpster, in grease and stuff from the kitchen and picking out all the parts," he said. "There were a lot of pieces missing. I got as much as I could."

Uncertain what the schooner scraps might yield, Hordeman relocated the broken bits for future consideration.

"It sat on a woodpile all summer," he said.

After entering offseason at the marina, Hordeman said the lighter schedule allowed inspiration to take

"I looked at the boat and said, 'I'm going to rebuild this thing," he said.

Hordeman then charted a restoration course that ran longer than anticipated.

"I decided to rebuild the thing and I got to the point where I had about 1,700 hours in it," he said. "I had about \$900 and change out of my own pocket from rebuilding it."

The project launched against serious headwinds.

"It was busted up, delaminated and all that," he said. "It didn't even have sails on it at the time."

Hordeman admitted shipbuilding is not a skill listed on his resume.

"I started looking up the history of schooners and found some had two, one or three masts," he said. "You know me, I went big [and] I put three.

Researching and located the proper restoration materials morphed into a borderline obsessive hobby.

"Sometimes I'd wake up in the middle of the night and come out here in the shop and work on it," he

Hordeman said the detailed restoration incorporated architectural salvage items such as, "really old trim you just can't buy at a store.'

"I kind of rebuilt the whole ship and made it look good," he said. "I put on all the ropes, masts, sails [and] made it functional.'

True-to-life specifics, such as life preservers, failed to escape Hordeman's eye for authentic details.

"I put Ocean Pines, OP, on the life preservers," he said. "Just little detailed things.'

Matching the original hues and wood veneers was taxing, Hordeman said.

"It is really true to its original color," he said.

Perhaps tied to the model ship's extended absence, Hordeman noted one other crucial upgrade.

"There was no rudder on it [so] I put a rudder on it," he said.

While perhaps not as vital for functionality, other inclusions carried personal significance.

"There's one piece on there, it's an air vent into the cabin," he said. "That



Berlin Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood and Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence discuss plans for a replacement generator at the power plant during a Town Council meeting. A generator suffered a "major failure" in July 2019.

# Temporary generator will fill gap until September

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Fleetwood said that the temporary generator is expected to be delivered by Thursday, and is estimated to be installed and running by Dec. 1. He added that the temporary generator will stay "in place until August into September" because that's when the new generator is expected to be delivered.

Lawrence cited cost and energy efficiency as reasons to switch from diesel to natural gas. He also said diesel fuel costs \$2.30 while natural gas costs \$1.80 per gallon.

"So you're saving that amount of money in fuel, plus it burns a lot cleaner than a diesel engine,' Lawrence said.

belonged to my dad, it was a piece off of one of his machineries."

The family connections went beyond the strictly human.

'There's a bell on there that used to belong to my cat," he said.

Upon completing his mission, Hordeman was left with a quandary.

"I had people that wanted to give me \$5,000 for it," he said. "I decided, no, it needs to go back to the new vacht club."

Regardless of the job's costs,

Hordeman said the intangibles were of far greater value.

"I've never done anything like that before, but I just looked up the history of those old boats [and] I had a good time doing it," he said. "It was about a year in my spare time."

Rines said the homecoming, of sorts, was the original intent of the 50th Anniversary Committee.

'So now it's at the yacht club," she said. "It's safe and it's somewhere where people can see it."

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# **OPA** board votes 6-1 for new capital reserve

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors has agreed to create a new capital reserve account that will be capped at a maximum balance of \$1 million with annual spending limited to half that amount.

The board voted 6-1, with Steve Tuttle opposed, to approve on second reading a motion to amend resolution F-03 for financial reserves during Saturday's meeting.

Board member Larry Perrone introduced the proposal for first reading during the board meeting on Oct.2 after withdrawing the motion a month earlier.

On Saturday, Perrone addressed two areas of concern, the most notable of which is that the proposal would establish a "slush fund."

"We already have a slush fund, which is our replacement reserve fund [that] has been used in the past sometimes appropriately, sometimes not appropriately," he said.

After rescinding the motion in September, Perrone consulted with Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chairman Jim Trummel to review F-03 and create revisions to establish the new account.

"This is a much smaller fund with limits put on," he said.

Perrone said that with funding for



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President Doug Parks, left, makes the case to Vice President Steve Tuttle, who cast the only vote opposed to creating a new capital reserve account, during the Ocean Pines Board of Directors meeting on Saturday.

new capital requests provided through the operational budget, approved costs are directly added to the annual assessment.

"As I've mentioned before, that does not include the projects that were not approved because we didn't want to raise the assessment," he said.

Highlighting recent bottom line figures, Perrone said new capital expenses have averaged \$150,000 annually.

"The discussion seems to be this

money could be used for some grandiose project," he said. "If you look at the numbers we're talking about, that's impractical at this point."

While acknowledging future association leadership could abuse the account, Perrone said the cap on the balance and restrictions on spending would make that possibility less likely.

"From a financial standpoint, this is appropriate and provides for better planning and financial control by this board," he said. "I don't think we should limit doing what we're supposed to do for sound financial reasons because we're afraid in 10 years a board will be here and do the wrong thing."

Board member Frank Daly, while noting the proposal presents a dilemma, offered general support.

"I've become reluctantly more comfortable with this," he said.

Daly said there is merit to the criticism that new capital purchases have often been neglected to avoid boosting the assessment.

"It's also absolutely true that there are things that should have been done, in terms of maintaining our facilities, that haven't been done to keep the assessment artificially low that have cost us a lot more money," he said.

After consulting with legal counsel, Daly said the new capital reserve account is justified, but still prime for abuse.

"There's no easy way to create this fund with proper controls to prevent misuse," he said.

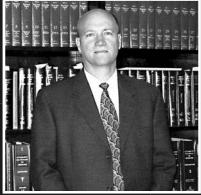
Despite these misgivings, Daly expressed confidence that the current board and General Manager John Viola would continue to exercise fiscal prudence.

"I would just caution everybody that there are potential risks in doing this and downsides that are significant," he See TUTTLE Page 7

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# Drainage issues being examined with state

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) In addition to updating the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on current efforts to remedy storm water drainage issues, Operations Director Colby Phillips reported last week that potential long-term solutions are being examined with state officials.

Phillips said on Saturday that exploratory conversations were held the previous Monday with Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Department of the Environment officials, along with a representative from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Extension Office.

The topics covered included the possibility of expanding Bainbridge Pond, ecological improvements at Wood Duck Park and holding community educational seminars regarding flooding preparations and resources.

"One of the things we discussed is additional funds would have to go through [Worcester] county since we're not a government agency," she said.

On working with the University of Maryland Extension office, Phillips said, "They look for ways to provide solutions to the community issues that

# Tuttle casts sole vote opposed to creating account

Continued from Page 6 said.

Backing Daly's view was board member Dr. Colette Horn, who suggested the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee could provide oversight.

Association President Doug Parks endorsed Horn's pitch.

"I think that's a great idea to use the Strategic Planning Committee as a conduit for information for understanding what needs to be done from a capital expense perspective in the community," he said.

Viola said the issue has already been taken under advisement.

"[Operations Director] Colby [Phillips] and I have spoken about this the last couple weeks and we are going to engage with the Strategic Planning Committee and it will be part of the budget process," he said.

Regardless of those assurances, Tuttle voiced opposition.

"I don't like putting all this money aside and not having a real plan and understanding how we might spend it," he said.

From Tuttle's perspective, if new capital items were genuinely required, then an assessment charge is appropriate

"If we need to do it, bite the bullet and change the assessment," he said.



**Colby Phillips** 

we're having on water drainage and storm water."

Phillips said discussions with state environmental experts led to possible longterm solutions that would not affect the

first phase of drainage pipe replacements slated for next year.

"They had actually mentioned expanding Bainbridge Pond and making it larger because it holds so much water from that area," she said.

Improvements at Wood Duck Park were also on the agenda during last week's meeting.

"It's starting to corrode and deteriorate from the erosion over time," she said. "They had talked about planting some vegetation that would absorb

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and help in that area."

Educating residents about flood hazards was another area explored with state officials.

Phillips said plans are underway to offer a community workshop next year about hazard mitigation options.

"There are homes where [the association] doesn't have property to help but people might be in areas where they can actually receive grants," she said.

Switching to the immediate, Phillips also reviewed the present fiscal year cost of pipe replacements, which is estimated at roughly \$482,000 from a budgeted total of \$620,000.

"The Watertown Road pipe is getting ready to start," she said. "Bids are going out for the Borderlinks [Resort] pipe replacement that will look to begin after January."

Smaller neighborhood pipe replacements requests will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, Phillips said.

Among the pipe work already completed were problem sections on Boston Street and Mumford Landing Road, with the latter being completed in house for a savings of about \$250,000, Phillips said.

Work to tackle a ditch maintenance list is also underway.

"We're starting at the south end of Ocean Parkway and working our way north" she said.

Brush is being cut back and cleared from intersections along Ocean Parkway

"We've gotten a lot of people reaching out to us that when they're coming out with buses ... they can't see," she said.

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# **OPA** board opts for attorney review of violation changes

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) Stressing accuracy over speed, the Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Saturday opted to seek a legal review of several proposed changes in how the association can remedy noncompliance violations of the OPA Declaration of Restrictions.

Board member Frank Daly revived discussions of a proposal to replace resolution M-01 with the new M-10 for more timely enforcement of violations, along with revising resolutions M-04 and C-02, during the board meeting last week

After exploring the topic during the board meeting on Oct. 2, Daly sent the matter to the Ocean Pines By-Laws and Resolutions Committee for additional vetting.

"Now, M-01 does incorporate comments from the committee," he said.

The bylaws review also garnered several questions.

"This is a very complex change in the way that we handle violations of our Declaration of Restrictions," he said.

Daly said both bylaws and the Ocean Pines Architectural Review Committee should examine the proposals further.

"I think each of you as a board member needs to take a look at it," he said.

While not standard operating procedure, Daly concurred with a suggestion to have Ocean Pines Association attorney Jeremy Tucker inspect the latest draft revisions.

"The [bylaws] committee feels this one should be sent to the attorney and I think we should do so," he said.

Daly said another issue of contention involves authorized entry onto private property.

"Do we as a board still want to give the general manager the option of going on the property?" he said.

In the overwhelming number of cases, when violations are reported, compliance is achieved within the 30-day window provided, with the option to confer with architectural review also offered, Daly said.

"We can amend this procedure to say

the architectural review committee can give the option to the violator of us going on the property with their permission and billing them," he said.

While in theory this would authorize the general manager to send public works onto the parcel if agreed to by the homeowner, in practice, the minor language tweak would be unlikely to take care of the most egregious violations, Daly said.

"The majority of the people on that chart, the violations that go back for years, simply ignore what they're being asked to do," he said. "That's why we need the court order to force that issue."

Association President Doug Parks responded that many legal issues need more research.

"I'll go back to what my dad told me a long time ago," he said, "If you don't have time to do it right, when are you going to have time to do it over."

Parks backed the suggestion to forward the matter to Tucker for review.

"There's a lot of interconnectivity, not only with the Declaration of Restrictions, but the bylaws and also some of the resolutions," he said.

While acknowledging sending association employees onto private property presents some risk, Parks asked if existing authorizations might suffice.

"The stringent letter of the law side of me says the Declaration of Restrictions allows us to go onto the properties," he said. "We're paying to get a court order to do what we're already legally allowed to do."

Parks also confirmed with General Manager John Viola that slightly delaying a decision on the amendments would not have little effect.

"We have the luxury of time [and] we're not holding up anything operationally," he said.

Daly suggested having Tucker offer his opinion on the bylaws committee's recent comments.

"The [bylaws] committee has already advised to have an attorney review," he said.

The goal is to enhance enforcement of See RESOLUTION Page 9



# **OP receives Coastal Bays accolade**

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Ocean Pines Association recently received a Gold Star Award from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program for its role in cohosting the annual Bay Day event.

Maryland Coastal Bays is a nonprofit National Estuary Program established to protect and enhance the watershed, which includes more than 189,000 acres of land, 71,000 acres of water, 248 miles of shoreline, and nearly 35,000 acres of wetlands.

The award reads: "Maryland Coastal Bays Program Gratefully Acknowledges Ocean Pines Association for its partnership with the MCBP in hosting the first annual Bay Day at Ocean Pines. Bay Day was created to emphasize the health of the St. Martin River and engage residents to make a difference."

Ocean Pines and Maryland Coastal Bays Program jointly held the inaugural Bay Day on May 20, 2018, and the event this year moved to September, because of rain.

The nonprofit presented the award to Ocean Pines during a ceremony last month.

"We are thankful to be partnering with Maryland Coastal Bays Program in

bringing awareness to Ocean Pines and surrounding areas of the grade level of the St. Martins River, and all that we can do to help stop the pollution to the river," Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue said.

"The Bay Day event, held in Ocean Pines in May, is just a great day of fun and information," she continued. "The third annual Bay Day event will be held May 17, 2020. Please join us! The event is free and tons of fun."

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# Resolution package further vetted

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Declaration of Restrictions violations, especially long-term abuses.

"The past boards have taken the position, when they're put in that situation, they back down and that's why we have violations going back to 2005," he said.

Parks proposed sending Tucker's

Parks proposed sending Tucker's forthcoming comments to the bylaws committee for additional inspection before the board resumes its consideration.

Daly said he could send the latest revisions to Tucker within a few days.

"I would say within the next ... 10

days, we can have this finalized in the committees' hands with the changes and input from the attorney," he said.

Board member Larry Perrone suggested that brisk pace might not work.

"I don't think the attorneys are going to get this back to us in ten days," he said. "Lets' take our time and do it right."

Daly said regardless of timing parameters, the issue needs to move forward, while simultaneously acknowledging pursuing court action for violations would only be appropriate in a small number of instances.

"You can't legislate common sense and compassion," he said. "If somebody has a pile of leaves in their front yard and we go down to court, I would hope that the [judge] would call us into chambers and ask us to discuss some things regarding our relative sanity and what we're doing wasting court time."

Parks closed the discussion by noting the next related action would involve looping in Tucker for a legal review.

"Based on when we get that feedback, we'll take the next appropriate steps," he





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# Pines Chamber to hold event Nov. 14

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will install four new directors to its board and honor several community leaders on Nov. 14, from 5:30-9 p.m., at the Ocean Downs Casino during "A Las Vegas Extravaganza" event.

Andrea Hastings, Michael Burrier, Ashley Sloan and Derrick Elzey will join the board that evening.

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The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce is a 501 (c) (6) nonprofit corporation comprised of area businesses organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper.

Contact Kerrie Bunting at kerrie@oceanpineschamber.org or 410-641-5306 for more information

# **Town hall interaction lauded**

(Nov. 7, 2019) Several Ocean Pines homeowners on Saturday, during the first of three town hall meetings scheduled this fiscal year, thanked Ocean Pines leadership for efforts to improve communication and interactivity.

Laura Pangratz, a part-time resident, said she's very involved in the Hartford County community where she lives full-time.

"I would like to first thank you for having these environments where there is interaction and the ability to have a town hall, or your regular meetings," she said. "One thing I think we all need to be appreciative of is that there is interaction, that we can come up here, state a concern, ask a question, and get feedback immediately, right now, from all of you that are present.

"Many boards that I am on, it is not that way ... there is no interaction. This is a very unique situation here [in Ocean Pines]," she added.

Pangratz also offered helpful tips for those wishing to speak and be heard.

"There is a reason why we use the microphone, because those of us who are not here who do re-watch meetings ... need to hear these comments. We cannot hear them [if you don't use the microphone], and it is doing a disservice to the rest of the residents who are not able to be here in person," she said.

"We can all benefit from hearing every comment ... everybody deserves to be heard, and I want to be able to hear all of you," she continued.

"[But] there is a reason why we have the microphones out. There is a reason why we need to speak clearly, respectfully, and keep it concise.

"I do appreciate everyone making this effort to keep us all involved," Pangratz said.

Paula Gray, a former railyard master in Baltimore who has twice run for a seat on the Ocean Pines Board, also thanked officials for improving communication.

Association President Doug Parks in August announced his intention to be more interactive during Board meetings and town halls.

"Four years ago, you couldn't get a question answered if hell froze over," Gray said. "I want to thank Mr. Parks and the concern of the board that you have opened up to this type of thing ... even if we don't agree, the ability to come and to discuss and get it out here, I agree with [Pangratz] wholeheartedly.

"The past couple of months I haven't been here, but I've been able to watch on television and it's made a lot of difference," Gray continued. "I thank you for the opportunity to just bring all of this out into the open, and I hope you find the ability to do it maybe four times a year instead of three."

To view the entire meeting video, visit https://youtu.be/OVDYolLleCY.

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# Nonresident pool fees examined

**By Greg Ellison** 

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) The possibility of charging nonresidents more to use the indoor and outdoor pool facilities was examined during the Ocean Pines Aquatics Committee meeting on Monday.

Ocean Pines Operations Director Colby Phillips broached the topic as part of an early review of upcoming fiscal year 2020/2021 budget figures.

After delving into aquatics usage metrics, Phillips said two swim facilities were most visited by nonresidents.

"The Sports Core and Beach Club are the two pools that are utilized the most by nonresidents," she said.

The data considered were limited to nonresidents paying the daily drop-in fee, while excluding those at-

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tending swim classes.

Phillips proposed raising nonresident daily use rates, currently set at \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, by two dollars each. The current daily use rate for residents would remain at \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

"So it would be a \$4 difference," she said. "It used to only be a dollar, then it was \$2, now I'm suggesting two more dollars."

Phillips said sentiment exists to raise daily use fees at the beach club pool even more.

"I was going to suggest \$15 for adults and leave the kids at \$10," she said.

Since the beach club also offers access to restaurant and restroom facilities, Phillips said the extra cost would be justified by the additional perks.

Committee member John Ensor Jr. inquired about the relative crowd sizes at the beach club pool in the summer months.

Phillips said the nonresident usage at the beach club pool outpaces other swim facilities.

"It's the highest nonresident use out of the outdoor pools," she said.

Committee Chairwoman Kathy Grimes backed the proposed price bike

"I think with everything going up, I support it," she said.

Philips also said costs skew higher at the beach club due to its Ocean City locale.

"Everything over at the beach club is more expensive than here," she

Despite the perception voiced by See AQUATICS Page 14



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# **Berlin joins 2020 Census' Complete Count Committee**

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Town of Berlin has joined other communities on Worcester County's Complete Count Committee in an effort to increase participation in the 2020 census.

"I think people underestimate the importance of their data," said Mary Bohlen, Berlin's deputy town administrator.

The census, which is calculated once every 10 years, aims to count the number of people in the United States. The numbers recorded by the Census Bureau, a part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, are used to determine the amount of federal funding, grants and additional aid that a community is eligible to receive.

Worcester County reportedly had a population of 51,454 people during the last census on April 1, 2010, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's

While Bohlen said the Complete Count Committee is a Worcester County initiative, she added that town officials would work to spread awareness about the census' importance by including reminders on the public access channel, Facebook page and monthly online newsletter.

We want to all work together all the communities," Bohlen said.

Bohlen said that several represen-

tatives attended a "preliminary meeting last Tuesday in Snow Hill. Comparticipants representatives from the county, state, area municipalities, and the U.S. Census Bureau, according to Kelly Henry, technical services division manager and the complete count committee coordinator for Worcester

Dave Engelhart, Berlin's planning director, also said the county received a \$20,000 budget for this committee. He also wants to involve organizations, including religious institutions and groups and senior centers in Berlin.

The purpose of the agency is to get more people counted in Worcester County. When referencing participation rates, Berlin Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said the county has the "rock bottom lowest in the state of Maryland.'

"If they're not counted, they don't exist," Fleetwood said.

In 2020, groups are expected to begin implementing their census promotion plans through community mobilization and advertising cam-

In the meantime, Engelhart said committee members will work to develop additional ideas through a series of meetings.

"There's more talking to be done," Engelhart said.

# **Aquatics mulls increasing** pool fee for nonresidents

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some community members that nonresidents are crowding pool facilities, Phillips said the incidences are not as significant as many believe.

The nonresident on the daily cost is not utilized as much as people think, but it's utilized enough that it adds in \$50,000 during that time frame," she said.

Restricting nonresident access would be most difficult when swim classes and instructional courses are involved, since they usually comprise about a third of the participants, Phillips said.

Ensor noted the instructional classes are vital to residents in the

'You're basically one of the few places around this area that teaches lessons," he said.

Ensor also suggested the price increase would have minimal impact on club pool.

attracting nonresidents to the beach When people come down for vacation, they're not going to think

about it," he said. "We're protecting

the people that live here [because] we raised fees, but it was only for nonresidents.'

Newly appointed committee board liaison Frank Daly asked if the nonresident rate applied to all nonhomeowners.

Phillips said anyone that has an Ocean Pines address would qualify for resident rates.

"If your family comes down and stays with you, they get the resident rate," she said.

Committee member John Noonan agreed that the rate hike is justified and would likely have little impact on attendance at the beach club

"You have to balance the planned demand," he said. "There's just such a higher demand over there [that] I don't think the number of attendees will go down."

Phillips said the considerations bandied about would be discussed with General Manager John Viola before going to the board of directors for consideration during fiscal 2020/2021 budget deliberations.



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# Frenes sign off at Victorian Charm By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) Steve and Debbie Frene will soon say goodbye to Victorian Charm as they prepare to sell their shop on Main Street.

"We're one of the few remaining links to old Berlin," Steve said.

Debbie opened Victorian Charm on 100 N. Main St. in the 1990s with the help of her mother, Carole Smith. Debbie said she was the Town of Berlin's treasurer for 15 years before striking out on her own and becoming one of Berlin's downtown merchants.

"We opened it, [and] just the years have flown by from there," Debbie said.

Throughout the Frene's tenure living and working in Berlin, Steve said that "we've seen a tremendous amount of growth in Berlin."

Debbie said she's always held a special place in her heart for Berlin.

"Gosh, I just love Berlin," Debbie said. "I just love the community of Berlin and how everybody knows everybody."

However, she affirmed that it wasn't always the bustling small town that it is today.

"You used to have to almost beg people to come to Berlin, and I mean we did everything we could to just make people aware that Berlin was here," Debbie said.

She said a handful of people in Berlin used to brainstorm ideas for events to bring people to town.

Debbie and Steve pinpointed a moment in Berlin's history where everything changed: a decision to film "Runaway Bride" in 1999.

"Once the movie came, people got curious," Debbie said. "They fell in love with Berlin, and the events helped them fall in love even more."

Over the years, new shops, businesses and restaurants filled the storefronts in downtown Berlin. "It's just a lot of growth. A lot of diversity," Steve said. "A lot of different shops, and probably I would say a 'changing of the guard' if you will from a younger ownership, younger managers, younger stores."



ACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETI

Melissa Stover, future owner of Victorian Charm on Main Street in Berlin, discusses her plans for the store as she shadows current owner Debbie Frene last Thursday morning.

Steve said it's crucial that these new businesses not forget some of the values that makes Berlin the quintessential small town that it is: friendliness, trustworthiness and helpfulness.

Debbie and Steve also emphasized the importance of exemplary customer service.

"You want them to have a good experience because they'll remember you, and they'll come back because they can give anybody their business if they want, and we have had such loyal customers," Debbie said.

She added that it's important to give people a reason to return to Berlin

"It's just caring. Caring about people, and wanting them to have a good experience in Berlin even. You have to think like a team player," Debbie said. "You want to enjoy Berlin, so you want them to go everywhere because they may come back for one store, they may not, but they will come back for Berlin at the end of the day."

Debbie and Steve will soon pass the torch to Victorian Charm's new owners Melissa Stover and Chris Yingling, of Salisbury.

"I hope I'm able to do as good of a job as Debbie's done all these years," Stover said.

As the Frenes prepare to close this chapter of their lives, Debbie said she's "going to miss the people" the most

Steve agreed and added that they've become the go-to people for Berlin-related inquiries.

"So when someone has a question about anything in Berlin, we get the phone call because they know we're here," he said.

What's next for Debbie and Steve? They said they're not quite sure yet, but they'd like to travel and spend some time with family.

"We're going to enjoy the holidays, and then I don't know what we're going to do," Debbie said.

Stover said that she's spent some time shadowing Debbie to get a sense of what it's like to run a business on Main Street. Stover said she hopes the sale to close by the end of the month.

Debbie said that the new owners plan to keep the store's name, employees and overall vibe as they transition into their roles as Berlin shopkeepers.

"We're going to stick with Debbie's business plan because she's been so successful," Stover said. "Some things might change minorly, but we're just gonna get in, and go from there."







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# Berlin's Second Friday soldiers on

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) It may be quieter than those summer Second Friday Art Strolls in Downtown Berlin, but this Friday's offseason version will continue to offer residents and visitors plenty of art to appreciate.

The event takes place during the second Friday of each month. Area shops and restaurants will stay open later with extended hours, generally to around 8 p.m., said Stephanie Fowler, secretary for Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee.

"It's maybe a little bit quieter than what the summer months are, but [there's] certainly still an opportunity for people to stroll Berlin and shop locally," said Robin Tomaselli, vice president of Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee and owner of Baked Dessert Cafe on Bay Street.

Tomaselli said artwork from more than 20 local artists hangs on the bakery's walls.

The bakery will stay open until around 7 p.m. and will have 20 percent off wine sales for Second Friday, she said, adding that she plans to have tastings of "sweet and savory offerings or a sampling of our sustainable wine."

Cassandra Brown, owner of Una Bella Salute on Broad Street, said she plans to do something similar by holding tastings for olive oil, vinegar and other specialty products.

Brown said she plans to stay open later and she loves how events like Second Friday Art Stroll bring more business to Berlin.

"Because it gives exposure to the town, and lets people know what we have to offer," she said.

Brown also said having shops and restaurants stay open later in Berlin is nostalgic for her.

"I guess [it's] bringing back the old town feeling because Berlin was always open late on Friday nights in the past," Brown said.

Patti Backer, artist and owner of The Dusty Lamb on William Street agreed.

"And it's really fun once it starts to get cooler because ... Berlin really lends itself to

that with all the lights," Backer said.

Backer said she'd also stay open until 8 p.m. not just on Second Friday, but every Friday during the holiday season.

As for the number of businesses that participate in Second Friday Art Stroll, Fowler estimated that "half a dozen or so" get involved.

Fowler added that they've also held inside events during previous Second



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Cassandra Brown, owner of Una Bella Salute on Broad Street, will offer tastings of olive oil, vinegar and other specialty products this Friday evening during Second Friday Art Stroll in downtown Berlin.

Friday Art Strolls in the offseason. She also said she loves when "artists and local merchants mix."

"[It] always makes me smile, and feel like we are doing the right thing," Fowler said.

For more information about Second Friday Art Stroll, visit the Berlin Art and Entertainment Committee's website at artsinberlin.org/2nd-friday-artstroll Concerned about your Medicare drug costs and coverage?

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# **Opinion**

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# Pay military veterans more than lip service

"Thank you for your service," an expression once employed as a sincere declaration of respect for military veterans, has lost much of its substance in recent years through overuse.

Like other platitudinous statements, such as "thoughts and prayers," that people employ whenever they can't think of something more meaningful to say, "Thank you for your service" has been uttered so many times that it's like a pretty front door on an empty house — there's not much behind it.

It isn't that people don't mean well, but being able to roll out these five words whenever the occasion arises doesn't cover the entire debt owed to the men and women who have served and continue to serve this country.

Consider this as we approach Veterans Day on Monday: young people fresh out of high school and college and about to embark on life's journey instead elect to put their dreams and ambitions on hold for two, three and four years, or even more.

They will be separated from their families and all that is familiar, and place their futures in the hands of people they don't know, to do an unknown job in unknown conditions in a place yet to be determined.

They will follow orders with which they don't always agree, and, possibly put themselves in harm's way regardless of their own personal convictions, because duty comes first.

It asks a great deal of any rational human being to give up everything for the opportunity to do what he or she is told.

Expressing appreciation, pride and even patriotism is easy, but being a part of the institution that makes these things possible is one of the most difficult things anyone can do, especially in a society that interprets freedom so many different ways.

So, yes, it's still acceptable to thank veterans for their service, but say it only after contemplating the reality of what it means to serve, and then, maybe, have a little something more to say.

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# **Lower Shore Flannel Formal, Nov. 16**

Fundraiser in Berlin supports nonprofit's conservation efforts

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Flannel Formal, hosted by the Lower Shore Land Trust, raises funds for conservation programming on the Lower Shore.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5-9 p.m. at The Manor at Brooklyn Meadows in Berlin.

The event raises funds through tickets sales, sponsorships and a silent auction. Last year's event raised over \$30,000 and volunteers hope to increase the support this year.

Committee Chair Victoria Spice has seen how the Lower Shore Land Trust works in the community when she started as a volunteer over six years ago.

She then landed a position on staff, although pursued her dream to work for the National Park Service. Ultimately, she landed at Delaware Center for Inland Bays, but has remained active with the Land Trust by serving as a board member.

Instrumental in growing the Trust's Pollinator Festival and Native Plant Sale as a family event, she has helped to spearhead efforts to promote Operation Outdoors.

"Now that I am a mother, I want my child to have access to the outdoors and programming to learn about natural history and ecology of the area," Spice said.

This year's event provides live music with The Resto Tribe, featuring vocalist Margot Resto and instrumentalists Angel Resto and Gabe Resto, offering "A Little Blues, A Little Motown and a Little Get Down!"

Included in the \$75 admission fee is the pig roast, shucked oysters, desserts by Baked Dessert Café, hors d'oeuvres, signature cocktail, craft beer and wine.

The event will be held at a new venue – The Manor at Brooklyn Meadows, which sits on a 40-acre working horse farm and boasts stateof-the-art amenities.

Sponsors include ABC Printers; Ayers Creek Adventures; Baked Dessert Café; Bank of Ocean City; John and Jenny Bauer; Fins Ale House & Raw Bar; Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.; George, Miles & Buhr, LLC; Bryan Johnston; Sello's Italian Oven & Bar; Doug and Nancy Stephens; The Land Group; The Manor at Brooklyn Meadows; and Weisner Real Estate.

The Lower Shore Land Trust is a nationally accredited 501(C)(3) nonprofit that is dedicated to preserving rural lands, promoting vibrant towns, and to building a healthier and more connected Eastern Shore.

To purchase tickets or to inquire about sponsoring the Flannel Formal and to support Operation Outdoors and the Lower Shore Land Trust, visit www.lowershorelandtrust.org or call 443-234-5587 for more information.

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# Local youth signs Bronze Ambassadorship

By Elizabeth Bonin

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) Thirteen-year-old Chloe Paddack believed her parents when they told her she that would never own a horse. That is, until Chloe started competing and winning equestrian competitions called "eventing," which is a riding triathlon of sorts. Two months ago, they surprised Chloe by buying Rosie, the horse they had been leasing.

"She started winning events and sweeping them," said Laura Paddack, Chloe's mother. "I thought, 'Okay, she needs a horse that she can practice on all the time.' That's the key."

With only two years of riding experience, Chloe recently took the overall championship at a show at Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury and placed second at the Starter Horse Trials at Loch Moy Farms in Adamstown, Maryland.

Mallory Distler, Chloe's trainer at Bay Point Equestrian Center in Berlin, told her it would take her two years to jump three feet with Rosie. The pair took just three months to accomplish the feat in practice. For Chloe, the horses come first.

"I go to school and then I come here and ride," Chloe said, "and on the weekends I come and ride. I did miss a lot of birthday parties and I have missed a lot of events I really wanted to go to for shows."

During the summer, Chloe trained six to eight hours a day, but since starting seventh grade at Stephen Decatur Middle School, she cut back to two or three hours. Distler attributed Chloe's success to hard work and nat-

"This past summer, she really dove into being a competitive rider," Distler said. "It's been fun for because I like to teach kids who want to go out and improve and compete. She's eager to learn everything.

Along with success at competitions, Chloe found an opportunity with the saddle company, Prestige Italia. Chloe signed with the company as a Bronze Ambassador after a friend of Distler's suggested to Prestige that the company ask Chloe to apply for an ambassadorship.

"When they got back to us, they said they accepted me," Chloe said. "Now I'm an ambassador and I'm really excited to work with them because I like their stuff. I ride Prestige."

Chloe and Laura explained that the ambassadorship is similar to a social media influencer. In exchange for using Prestige products and advertising the brand on a separate Instagram account, Chloe receives free

Prestige products and gift cards, which help offset her equipment costs. Distler has also worked with the company, but on a higher sponsorship level that helps pay for competition fees.

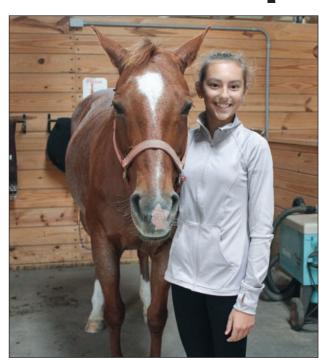
"It's a cool way that Prestige is allowing students of mine to be part of the team and promote the brand," Distler said. "I don't know any other saddle brands that do it that way.'

Chloe also must compete in at least 12 competitions a year to stay eligible as a Bronze Ambassador, but that's an easy requirement for

love competing," Chloe said. "It's

so much fun. It's good to see your progress, exactly where you are.'

Distler invited Chloe to Aiken, South Carolina early next year to train for 10 days in the town known for horse training farms that have



Rising equestrian star Chloe Paddack bought her horse, Rosie, with the help of her parents, to continue training at Bay Point Equestrian Center in Berlin, Paddack recently signed for a Bronze Ambassadorship with the leather saddle company, Prestige Italia.

> skilled trainers and competitors, including a few Olympians.

> "I get input from a different person instead of my trainer," Chloe said. "It's different things. If she says See PADDACK Page 20

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# Veterans Day ceremonies in Ocean City, OP

**By Morgan Pilz**Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) This year marks the 101st anniversary of Veterans Day. American military veterans and families will be honored on Monday, Nov. 11, a day filled with activities and ceremonies throughout Worcester County.

#### **Ocean City:**

• American Legion Synepuxent Post 166: The post will have its centennial Veterans Day celebration this Monday, beginning at 1 p.m. on 24th Street in Ocean City.

Second Vice Commander Robert Smith will be the emcee for the event this year. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, Sons of the American Legion, Junior and Senior Auxiliary and American Legion Riders will be in attendance, wreaths will be placed and the color guard will perform a multi-gun salute.

For more information, call Smith at 443-614-2503 or email at rls.terp22@gmail.com

#### **Ocean Pines:**

• Worcester County Veterans Memorial: The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation will present its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Monday at 11 a.m.

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial is located between Cathell and Manklin Creek roads off Route 589 in Ocean Pines.

WWII veteran Carol Wagner of the U.S. Navy, will be the keynote speaker during this year's event. Wagner served in the Pacific Theatre from February 1945 to July 1946.

The Delmarva Chorus will perform patriotic music during the event.

Attendees are asked to bring a chair, although some will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be golf carts for people needing assistance from their cars to the memorial.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Faded or worn American flags are being collected before and immediately after the ceremony for disposal during a Flag Retirement Ceremony, which will be held at the Veterans Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m.

• American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, Boy Scout Troop 261 and Cub Scout Pack 261 will host an annual Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Nov. 16 at 9 a m

All worn, torn and unusable

United States flags can be dropped off prior to 9 a.m. at Disharoon Post 123, at 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin, and Duncan-Showell Post 231, on 104 Showell Street, Berlin.

Flags can also be dropped off at these two posts prior to Nov. 16, in addition to, the Ocean Pines Community Center, Ocean City Elks Lodge on Sinepux-

ent Ave. and the American Legion Post 166 on 24th Street in Ocean City.

For more information, call 443-735-1942.

• Wreaths Across America: The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation once again is participating in Wreaths Across America this year and community members are asked to sponsor a wreath for \$15, \$60, \$100 or \$1,500.

The project originated with wreaths being placed at Arlington



Marking the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day last year in Ocean City, from left, are Legion Auxiliary Chaplin Teddie Rozzano, Commander Tom Wengert and Adjutant Robert Smith.

National Cemetery, but it has grown to include veterans' cemeteries nationwide and overseas.

To sponsor a wreath, complete the form found at www.opvets.com and mail it with a check addressed to: "Wreaths Across America," P.O. Box 1576, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811. The deadline is Monday, Nov. 26.

For more information on Wreaths Across America, visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org or visit www.opvets.org.

# Paddack rises in horse riding

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something, he might say, 'I agree with you here, but you can also work on this.' It's different feedback and you get to hear from somebody else's point of view."

Though Chloe is done with competitions for 2019, she is looking forward to new challenges, such as jumping higher with Rosie and training what's called a project horse.

"You take a horse that's very inex-

"You take a horse that's very inexperienced and you train with it," Chloe said. "You take them places, you take them schooling, you do lessons and it helps build their knowledge and you turn them into something they weren't."

Other goals are to compete in the Burghley Horse Trials, one of the top three-day events, and the Olympics.

"I see her going as far as she wants

to take it," Distler said. "She's very eager to go out and learn and be competitive."

Even with all the hard work and sacrifices, Chloe maintains that it's important to have fun riding and to never give up.

"You will make progress," Chloe said. "And don't compare yourself to other riders and their horses. You have your horse for a reason."

Even with her sudden success, Chloe is still like most seventh graders. She giggled when she asked to mention her two friends.

"I like riding with my friends Mia and Lauren," Chloe said. "They also help me learn and we have fun together."

Chloe's Instagram for Prestige Italia can be found under @the chloshow.



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# Nationwide mural project descends on Berlin

#### By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 7, 2019) Artist Tim Gibson drove into Berlin last week on a floral bus with one purpose in mind: painting a mural as part of his Ten Thousand Flowers Project.

Gibson, 24, of Perkasie, Pennsylvania, began his mural-painting journey in June 2018, and started the Ten Thousand Flowers Project tour in Maine this past June. He's since been traveling through small towns down the East Coast. When leaving Lewes, Delaware, he discovered Berlin with the help of a search engine.

"I literally Googled cool towns on the east coast of Maryland, and this one popped up," Gibson said.

After getting to town, Gibson said he walked into Baked Dessert Cafe on Bay Street, which just happened to be owned by Robin Tomaselli, vice president of Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee.

"It was just fate," Tomaselli said.

Tomaselli recalled Gibson pitching his project to her and she was on board. She then put Gibson in touch with muralist John Donato, who recently finished a series of panels outside the Berlin Welcome Center on South Main Street

"He's young, and he's bright, and he's going a really good job, so I was like any way I could help," Donato said.



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Shekemah Wright, an instructor driver at the Worcester County Developmental Center, center, and muralist John Donato, right, help Worcester County Developmental Center clients, from left, Ariel Godwin, Steven Davis and Kevin Lucas, paint as part of the Ten Thousand Flowers Project.

Donato did just that by way of helping to secure materials, and strategizing with Gibson.

The inspiration for the project came from Tim's love of art and time traveling with his father. He also said he used to have more of an eclectic art style and would often draw fish or monsters. Given the time constraints of Gibson's project, he said he was grateful for Donato and Tomaselli. He said he usually spends about a week planning and painting before packing up and heading to the next town.

When working on a particular mural, Gibson said he'll typically sketch the outlines of the flowers, stems and petals. He added he designates a color to each part of the mural so to create "a giant paint-by-numbers."

When community members come out to participate, he said he'll often hand out cups of paint and brushes to people.

Gibson also said he's always strived for simplicity and accessibility when he draws each flower. He hopes the townspeople who help paint the murals enjoy it

"I guess that's kind of why I picked them, it's universal," Gibson said.

He also said he believes that art

builds community and can act as a stress reliever.

"I think it's really important," People kind of overlook art a lot of time ... but I really think ... the act of doing art is super therapeutic," Gibson said.

Painters of all ages and experience levels have participated in his projects, Gibson said.

"I think it's just that's what I kind of like about the project," Gibson said. "It's a simple project"

In order to complete the project in Berlin, Donato said they needed paint brushes, panels and "exterior acrylic" See GIBSON Page 23



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# **Snapshots**



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#### **PINES HALLOWEEN**

Quite a few characters participate in the Halloween activities at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Saturday, Oct. 26. Pictured, from left, are Ocean Pines residents Nathan, 9, and Nick Fowler, 11, and Kammy, 5, and Lucas Soth, 9, of Baltimore.



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#### **LUNCHEON**

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its September luncheon meeting on Sept. 26 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The guest speaker was Ashley Roush, partnership specialist, U.S. Census Bureau, left. She spoke to 84 attendees about the upcoming 2020 census and the workings of the U.S. Census Bureau. Roush is pictured with Sandy Zitzer, Republican Women of Worcester County first vice president.



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#### **BUILD DAY**

Members of the Coastal Association of Realtors participated in a Realtor Build Day for the Worcester County chapter of Habitat for Humanity on Oct.11, in Bishopville. The home is being built for a local widowed mother of four who works as a resident counselor for an inpatient addiction treatment center. Pictured, from left, are Grace Masten of Sea Grace at North Beach Realtors in Ocean City, Eka Suryadi of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva in Ocean City, Jon Barker of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva in Ocean City, Wicki Harmon of Coldwell Banker 120th Street in Ocean City, Mark Barker of Keller Williams Realty of Delmarva in Ocean City, and Cam Bunting of Bunting Realty in Berlin.



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#### **BERLIN HALLOWEEN**

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing smiles for a photo on Halloween with Paula Myers, left, and Rhonda Pilarski, of Salon Sixteen, in Berlin last Thursday.



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#### **DONATIONS**

Star Charities volunteers, from left, Paulette Mire, Sue Walter, Larry Walton and Dave Landis were uniformly overwhelmed by the abundance of community generosity on display during a collection drive for the group's annual "Holiday Gifts for Soldiers" charitable campaign at the Food Lion in Ocean Pines, Saturday, Oct. 26.



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#### **DAWG TEAM**

The Kiwanis Club's "Dawg Team" sells refreshments during Berlin's Touch a Truck Day on Oct. 5. Picture, seated, is Pat Winkelmayer, and standing, from left, are Char Vanvick, Ed Alhquist, Ted Vanvick and Dan Peletier.

# **Radio Airwaves merges with Ocean Pines Players group**

(Nov. 7, 2019) Lovers of live theater and old-time radio can look forward to new experiences with the combining of the Ocean Pines Players and the Radio Airwaves ensembles.

The two community entertainment groups have announced their merger, with Radio Airwaves joining Ocean Pines Players

The Ocean Pines Players have been performing in and around Ocean City for more than 40 years, since 1974.

Radio Airwaves has been reproducing old-time radio programs since 2004 and is dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of this traditional American art form.

The newly-merged group is now planning a busy 2020 season that includes plays, musical theater, cabarets, radio plays and museum collaborations.

In its most recent shows, Radio Airwaves performed a George Burns and Gracie Allen comedy standard "Income Tax Problems," originally aired March 8, 1950, and "My Favorite Husband," first broadcast on April 30, 1950, starring Lucille Ball and Richard Denning as Liz and George Cooper, a married couple "who live together and like it.'

The Ocean Pines Players' season for the remainder of the year is set, with the zany comedy, "Assisted Living the Musical," by Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett, in November, followed by December's joint production with Pocomoke City's historic Mar-Va Theater of "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 Ocean Pines Players is a local, all-volunteer, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. For more details on these productions and about the Ocean Pines Players follow the on Facebook or www.oceanpinesplayers.com.

# Gibson brings project to Berlin

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With respect to Berlin's project, Donato and Gibson painted on Monday at the Worcester County Developmental

Tina Johnson, art manager at the Worcester County Developmental Center, said that a number of clients enjoyed participating and she hopes they took something away from the experi-

"So by doing something like this, [it] not only gives them a sense of responsibility, but it also gives them a sense of achievement, and being able to not only see it here in the [Worcester County] Developmental Center, but also outside in the community, they can take ownership and say that we did that," Johnson said.

Gibson said he typically paints murals on walls, but because of the somewhat short notice and need for approval, the trio opted to use panels. Once the painting portion of the Ten Thousand Flowers Project is finished, the panels will need to find a more permanent home, but it's unclear where that will be. They're also discussing if they want to separate the mural or keep it as one cohesive piece.

Tomaselli and Donato agree that Gibson's project is something special.

"He's following his passion and he's connecting to his community and ... when you look at it that way, that's just priceless," Tomaselli said.

Tomaselli said she appreciated that Berlin will be part of a larger story once Gibson's project is completed as all of his murals will be connected.

When asked why he picked the name

"Ten Thousand Flowers Project," he said he drew his inspiration from Malcolm Gladwell, author of the "Outliers."

"The idea that you have to put 10,000 hours into something for you to really become an expert at it, a master at it," Gibson said, "so I kind of subscribe to that idea."

Gibson also said he also had to be realistic with a project of this geographic magnitude, and he's giving himself an extended deadline to complete it.

"I realized it'll take years," Gibson said. "The goal is to have it finished by my 30th birthdav."

As for what he's most looking forward to, he said it's returning to his hometown to paint a special flower.

"The main goal is obviously is to paint that 10,000th flower. That I think is going to be very rewarding," Gibson said. "It's actually the first one we did in Perkasie has a little silhouette of a flower reserved. So it actually says 'reserved for flower number 10,000."

Tomaselli also said the Berlin's Arts and Entertainment Committee has additional grant funding for public art projects like Gibson's.

"We're not going to let him go it alone," Tomaselli said.

For more information about the project, visit

Gibson said he sells merchandise and takes donations to help offset the cost of his project. For more information, visit tenthousandflowersproject.com.

To donate, gofundme.com/f/ten-thousand-flowproject?pc=ot\_co\_campmgmt\_w&rcid = r 0 1 - 1 5 5 5 0 5 0 2 2 7 8 2 e346ae13167746dd.





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#### **CRAB FEAST**

The Community Church At Ocean Pines recently held a Crab Feast fundraiser at Hooper's Crab House in West Ocean City. About 150 guests attended and over \$2,800 was raised for the church's programs. (Left) Pictured are Lin and Doug Bowen. (Above) Jack Snyder and Jean Taylor enjoy the party.



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#### **CLIMATE LESSON**

Berlin Intermediate School sixth graders visited Assateague State Park in September for environmental education lessons. They participated in stations focused around the effects of climate change and its impacts on coastal forests and barrier islands. Pictured are members of the Hammerhead team.



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#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City welcome guest speaker Anita Hicks, a local businesswoman who's company "Virtual Assistance by Anita" provides help for social media. Hicks is pictured receiving the Kiwanis Pen, traditionally given to guest speakers, from Kiwanis Club President Roy Foreman.



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#### NHS RECOGNIZED

The Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society was recognized by the Baltimore Ravens Honor Rows program for its outstanding service to the school and community on Sept. 29 during its home game against the Cleveland Browns. This was the sixth time the NHS has received this honor. The group was hosted to an on-field experience and featured on the Jumbotron. It was also issued a special citation by Gov. Larry Hogan.

# Golf scholarships for high school seniors

(Nov. 7, 2019) The membership of the Ocean Pines Golf Club and Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council plan to award several scholarships of \$500-\$2,000 each to current high school seniors in support of their college plans for 2020-2021.

Scholarship organizers encouraged students from the Ocean Pines area, including Berlin and elsewhere in Worcester County, to check with their college guidance counselors and submit an application. Consideration

will also be given to students from outside the area with a local connection, including those who participated in local junior golf programs or played on a local team.

Bob Long, scholarship committee chairman of the Ocean Pines Golf Members Council, said the organization awarded more than \$5,000 to local students in 2018 and \$7,000 this year.

"Next spring, we are prepared to increase our scholarship budget and hope to again find a number of deserving students for our awards," Long said.

"Information about these scholarships has been sent to the guidance offices of Worcester Prep and Stephen Decatur for distribution to eligible students," he continued. "Because the criteria for our scholarships includes an interest in golf, we are also asking these guidance counselors to distribute our information to their respective golf coaches." Long added the scholarships are for local students who have shown an interest in golf. Active participation in competitive golf is not a requirement. Golf team members and recreational golfers, along with those interested in golf management and turf science, are encouraged to apply.

To download an application, visit https://www.oceanpines.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Scholar-ship-Application-2020.pdf.

# State's attorney creates elder abuse team

(Nov. 7, 2019) The Office of the State's Attorney and law enforcement agencies in Worcester County have joined with the Department of Social Services and the Worcester County Health Department to create a multidisciplinary team dedicated to the swift and thorough investigation of criminal complaints involving vulnerable adult victims.

Working collaboratively on the range of legal, medical and mental health issues that commonly present themselves during these investigations will allow for better assessments of the needs of aging community members, State's Attorney Kristin Heiser said.

Task force members will meet monthly to determine the best strategies for simultaneously achieving justice, preventing revictimization, and providing for the needs of each victim.

"As a task force, we are committed to providing practical solutions for our vulnerable adults," said Heiser. "Aside from conducting a criminal investigation, police officers have been limited in the type of assistance they can offer to senior citizens who are in obvious need of additional help.

For these cases, the agencies will collaborate with law enforcement to

offer resources, meet these needs and provide ongoing services for seniors," she continued.

"We are doing everything in our power to prevent the physical, financial and emotional victimization of our community's vulnerable adults and to hold those who take advantage of them accountable," Heiser said. "With the creation of this Task Force, we are placing a special emphasis on these cases to drive home the message that our team will go the extra mile to protect our seniors and prosecute offenders."

To raise awareness about issues affecting seniors, Heiser will host a

table at the upcoming Senior Living Expo at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Educational materials regarding fraud prevention, access to resources and services for seniors will be provided and Heiser will be available to answer questions.

To report any type of suspected elder abuse, contact local law enforcement agency or Adult Protective Services.

For additional information, contact Donna Hughes at the Office of the State's Attorney at 410-632-2166 or dhughes@co.worcester.md.us.





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# Cuisine

# Stout-braised pork belly with veggie hash

My life is a broken record; sceneafter-scene of Groundhog Day. Autumn, winter, spring, fall. School.



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

Restaurant. School. Restaurant. Kids. Doctor. Vet. Rinse. Repeat. And once

And once again, the summer tides have slipped away, most of the boats have been pulled and many of us are gearing up for a

little bird hunting or winter surf trips; possibly both. Half-price entrees flood the island and the streetlights on Coastal Highway should really go back to blinking like they used to in the good old days.

I find a solemn pulchritude this time of year; the falling leaves, the brisk mornings and the sight of my breath as I walk out the door in the morning headed to another day of work. It is a peaceful time of year for me, as I know that after a few months, the branches will bud once again, the flowers will blossom and summer will be upon us once again. Oh, and the school year will be over, always a plus for us teachers.

But back to the season at hand, it is always a pleasure to talk to people about their holiday plans. As I have been on one two-day trip in the last year and a half, I have to live vicariously through the eyes of others, and that is perfectly fine. In about six months or so, I plan on taking my kids somewhere nice and we can lay this ugly beast of no rest to, well, rest.

As for the holiday parties, I am glad to see that so many people have transitioned from traditional to food stations and now to little bites or tapas. This is such a nice way to host a party, as it affords all of our guests the opportunity to socialize as they otherwise would not be able to, saddled to their assigned seat.

The idea of the small bites party is perfect for those events where people who want to talk to each other can move around the room, working it like a boss. And for those of us who are content speaking to a small handful of people and otherwise taking advantage of the food and drink, we can grab 'n go, as it were. Of course, obligatory handshakes will abound at the company party, but we are all used to that

As many of you know, one of my



favorite go-tos is the deviled eggs that we have become so well-known for. Topped with anything from pulled pork, fried pork belly, brisket, duck confit et al, they are absolutely sinful.

Another of my favorites is the Guinness-braised pork belly, and I hope that you add this to your repertoire, of course assuming that you eat pork and can enjoy uber-fatty foods. This is even more wicked than the deviled eggs and everything from the mouthfeel to the finish will leave you with eyes rolling back in your head. Yes, I do stand by this recipe that much.

And the beauty of this dish is that you can serve a full 6-ounce portion, or you can break it down into half-ounce bites. And that makes for great versatility.

So get ready for those parties, and enjoy the season. It's going to be here for a while

### **Stout-Braised Pork Belly**

makes 20 portions
2# Raw pork belly
2 carrots
2 medium yellow onions
3 ribs celery
1 qt. Pork stock or chicken stock

Trimix seasoning, as needed 1 can Guinness Extra Stout 1 qt. veggie hash (recipe follows)

- 1. Lay the pork belly skin side up and score so that it makes an even criss-cross pattern about a quarter- to half-inch apart.
- 2. Heat a pan large enough to lay the entire pork belly flat. You do not need any fat at this point since the belly is, well, fat.
- 3. Season both sides of the belly with the Trimix (2 parts kosher salt, 1 part black pepper, 1 part granulated garlic).
- 4. Sear the belly on both sides, getting a good dark crust.
- 5. Remove and place in a Dutch oven large enough for the belly to lay flat, skin side up.
- 6. In the original hot pan, sear the vegetables to add some color and depth of flavor through caramelization.
- 7. Place the vegetables in the pan with the belly.
- 8. Deglaze the pan with stock and add to belly pan, adding any remaining stock that you may have.
- 9. Cover the pan and cook at 300F until the belly is tender, approximately 2 hours. This, of course, depends on your oven.
  - 10. When tender, remove the belly

from the oven and immediately add the Guinness.

- 11. Set the belly aside and strain the stock, discarding the vegetables.
- 12. Put the stock with the belly and set aside until service.
- 13. To serve, place a small amount of veggie hash on a spoon or tapas plate, add some jus and place the belly on top. Garnish with balsamic or sherry glaze and some microgreens.

### **Vegetable Hash**

makes 1 quart

2 Tbsp. Butter or rendered pork fat 1 c. Blanched red potatoes, cubed 1 ea. Carrot, blanched and cubed Half ea. Medium onion, julienne 1 c. Bacon jam (see previous articles) Half-tsp. Thyme

Salt & Pepper, as needed

- 1. Heat the butter and quickly saute the vegetables.
- 2. Add the bacon jam and thyme and season accordingly.
  - 3. Set aside until ready to use.

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

## Puzzles

#### HOW SWEET IT IS! BY MICHAEL PALEOS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Michael Paleos, of Oyster Bay, N.Y., is chief of staff at a major investment bank. He started solving crosswords at a young age, but got hooked on them only after discovering the archive of puzzles in the New York Times app. "After doing enough of them, I started wondering what it would take to make one, and down the rabbit hole I went." This is Michael's second crossword for The Times, and his first Sunday. - W.S.

#### ACROSS

- 1 Iraq War concern, in brief
- 4 An earl outranks him
- 9 Billiards maneuver
- 14 Exclaim "@#%!"
- 19 Tilling tool 20 QB defenders,
- collectively
- 21 Relating to a certain arm bone
- \_\_\_ Kenyatta, president of Kenya starting in 2013
- 23 Something set by a stove
- 25 Year of the final flight of the Concordes
- 26 French-speaking African nation
- 27 Eyedropper, essentially
- 28 Submission to a record label, once
- 30 Rodeo loop
- 31 Accessory with a bass drum
- 32 Major fuss
- 33 Wedding bands?
- 34 Way out there 38 Hand over
- 39 Take a mulligan on
- 40 "<<" button: Abbr.
- 41 Ricochet like a hockey puck
- 43 To a certain extent, colloquially
- 45 Ad phrase indicating higher pricing tiers
- 49 Amtrak stop: Abbr.

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles nytimes.com/cross (\$39.95 a year).

- 50 Infomercial imperative
- 52 Pill bug, biologically
- 54 Intake suggestion, briefly
- 55 Unlock, to Shakespeare
- 56 Third-longest river in Europe, after the Volga and Danube
- 58 Tear to shreds
- 59 Partner of 46-Down in the frozen-food business
- 60 Brown seaweeds
- 63 U.S. island owned almost entirely by the billionaire Larry Ellison
- 65 Manic-looking, in a way
- 67 Neutral response from a therapist
- 68 Pattern once used for hospital volunteer uniforms, with a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 70 Loser of a beauty contest, in myth
- 71 Birds known to mimic car alarms and human speech
- 73 Graduate's "honor" 74 Carousel mount, to
- a tot
- 75 Mark of a scam artist
- 76 Hooked on
- 77 Laura of "Big Little Lies"
- 78 Emulate Johnny Appleseed
- 79 H, to Hellenes
- 80 "Ya dig?" in more
- modern slang
- 82 Get up in the face of

- 85 Emma Stone's role in "La La Land"
- 88 Protagonist in Toni Morrison's "Beloved"
- 90 Skate-park features
- 92 Place for regulars
- 93 Handel's " Galatea e Polifemo"
- 94 Glenn Frey's "The Heat
- 96 Bad thing to come up in a title search
- 98 Total failure
- 100 Important members of the community, so to speak
- 103 Where menisci are found
- 105 What socks usually do
- 106 Bitter green
- 107 Regards covetously 108 Display piece for
- tchotchkes
- 110 Virtual sticky 111 Battling it out
- 112 Boondocks
- 114 One of 11 in a Christmas carol
- 115 Provide an address
- 116 French novelist Zola 117 Bit
- 118 Company that once offered "the Thrift Book of a Nation'
- 119 Excited, with "up"
- 120 Foil alternatives
- 121 Meditative syllables

#### DOWN

- 1 Big fat lies
- 2 Where you might need to get a grip
- 3 In one's heart of hearts
- 4 Pop covers

- 5 Stopped a flight
- 6 Frosty encrustation
- 7 Its square equals its square root
- 8 Types who think school is too cool
- 9 They're kept under wraps for a long time
- 10 Nut extract used in skin care
- 11 Derisive chuckles
- 12 Didn't just hint at tu"
- 13 Verdi's " 14 Gold digger's
- goldmine 15 Alma mater of Tesla's Elon Musk
- 16 Jazzman Blake
- 17 Like a crowd when the headliner takes the stage
- 18 Pipsqueaks
- 24 Like some servings of Scotch
- 29 "You get the idea"
- 30 New Guinea port that was Amelia Earhart's last known point of departure
- 33 Large, purple Hanna-Barbera character
- 35 Campaign ... or a
- campaign topic 36 Original N.Y.C. subway line
- 37 Nonpro
- 42 Heaps
- 44 Steamy 46 Partner of 59-Across
- in the frozen-food business
- 47 Dairy sources
- 48 Biweekly occurrence, for many
- 51 Actress Fay of the original "King Kong"
- 53 Neuf + deux

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- 55 Abbr. between and #
- 57 Separation at a wedding?
- 60 What x's sometimes represent
- 61 Executor's charge 62 Pounce on, as an
- opportunity The "two" in "two if by sea"
- 64 Portuguese-speaking African nation

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- 65 What lettuce lends to a sandwich
- 66 Popular D.I.Y. site
- 68 Endeavor recognized by the César awards
- 69 Reid of "The Big Lebowski" 72 They come through when you need them
- most
- 74 Total stunners 77 Sketch out
- 78 W-2 IDs

81 Its closest neighbor is Andromeda 83 Mr. Wrong

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- 84 All-vowel avowal
- 85 Carry some relevance for
- 86 Mode, on a menu
- 87 Scatterbrains
- 89 Neon marker 91 Is blinded by rage
- 95 Cent : euro :: krona
- 97 Modern, in Munich 99 Epic narrative
- 100 Tiny objections
- gazer gazes at 102 Treatment for Parkinson's

101 What many a navel-

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- 104 Jag 107 Word repeated in ou ne pas
- 108 Lake bordered by four states and a province
- 109 Yarn
- 111 Just ducky 113 Person who might call you out

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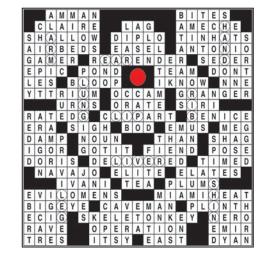
**HARD - 74** 

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

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### Answers to last week's puzzles

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### **NOW PLAYING**



ON THE EDGE Ocean Club Nightclub: Friday & Saturday, Nov. 8-9, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.



TRANZFUSION Beach Barrels: Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 p.m.

#### **BEACH BARRELS**

13207 Coastal Highway, Ocean City 410-250-0522 / www.beachbarrels.com Nov. 8: Slappy Hour, 9 p.m.

Nov. 9: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m. Nov. 12: Open Mic, 8 p.m.

Nov. 14: Bingo w/DJ Rupe, 6 p.m.

#### **BJ'S ON THE WATER**

75th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-7575 / www.bjsonthewater.com Nov. 8: Full Circle, 9 p.m. Nov. 9: 33 RPM, 9 p.m. Nov. 13: Monkee Paw, 6 p.m.

#### **BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH**

116th Street, Ocean City, behind Fountain Head **Towers Condominium** 443-664-2896 / www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com

Nov. 8: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 4 p.m.; Dave Sherman, 8 p.m.

Nov. 9: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 7 p.m.

Nov. 10: Bob Hughes, 6 p.m.

Nov. 13: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 p.m.

Nov. 14: Ladies' Night w/Chris Button & Dave Sher-

man, 6 p.m.

#### **CAPTAIN'S TABLE**

15th St. & Baltimore Ave., Ocean City 410-289-7192 / www.captainstableoc.com Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue, 5:30 p.m.

#### **DUFFY'S TAVERN**

130th Street, Ocean City, Montego Bay Shopping

410-250-1449 / www.duffysoc.com Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 5-8 p.m.

#### **HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL**

12841 S. Harbor Road, West Ocean City 410-213-1846 / www.ocharborside.com Nov. 8: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Nov. 9: Chris Button, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2

Nov. 10: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.

Nov. 13: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.

Nov. 14: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

#### **HOOTERS**

12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City 410-213-1841 / www.hootersofoc.com Nov. 8: DJ BK, 4-8 p.m.



**DUST N' BONES** Harborside Bar & Grill: Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.



**LIMA BEAN RIOT** Seacrets: Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

Nov. 9: Classic Vibe, 4-8 p.m.

#### **OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB**

101st Street, Ocean City In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com Every Friday and Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 2

Nov. 8-9: On The Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

#### **PICKLES**

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City 410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com Nov. 8: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m. Nov. 9: Swamp Candy, 10 p.m. Nov. 10: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m. Nov. 12: Beats by Adam Dutch, 9 p.m. Nov. 14: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

#### **SEACRETS**

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City 410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com Nov. 8: DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Cherry Crush, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Nov. 9: Jon Maurer, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-0, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

Nov. 14: Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; 2019 Wild & Scenic Film Festival, 6-9 p.m.

#### **SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE**

66th Street, Ocean City 410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com Nov. 8: Marcella Peters, 4-8 p.m. Nov. 9: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.

#### WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines

410-208-3922 / www.whiskersbar.com Nov. 8: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

# Opportunity to become local seal stewards

Volunteer training slated to take place Nov. 11 at West Ocean City Fire Department

(Nov. 7, 2019) Maryland Coastal Bays Program is currently recruiting and hosting a volunteer training for seal stewards on Monday, Nov. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the West Ocean City Fire Department, located at 10124 Keyser Point Road.

National Aquarium's Director of Animal Rescue, Jen Dittmar, will conduct the training.

This is a volunteer "on call" opportunity.

When a seal hauls out, seal stewards will be contacted to see if they are available to man the haul out area to make sure beach and dog walkers keep a safe distance to protect both the walkers and the seal.

Educational material and information will be provided at each haul out so that stewards can inform interested on-lookers.

Contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, ext. if planning to attend the training or for more information.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the National Aquarium partnered four years ago to launch an outreach program on responsible seal viewing and sighting reporting.

Out of this partnership developed the seal steward program as Ocean City has been experiencing a significant increase in seal sightings.

Their dog-like faces and lumpy body make seals adorably appealing and seemingly approachable; however, an up-close and personal encounter with a seal can cause serious stress and create a dangerous situation for people and/or the seal.

Seals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. It is against the law to touch, feed or otherwise harass seals and when viewing, onlookers are required to stay at least 50 yards from the resting seal (the length of three school buses).

When a seal lays on a beach, it is hauling out, a normal behavior associated with pinnipeds (seals, sea lions and walruses) of temporarily leaving the water between periods of foraging activity for sites on land or ice.

Hauling out is necessary in seals for mating, giving birth, predator avoidance, thermal regulation, social activity, parasite reduction and rest.

As the seals found in this area are temporary visitors, their hauling out here is primarily for rest or distress. Therefore, close encounters by humans and dogs put both at risk.

Seals will bite and serious infec-



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tions can be transmitted.

Those who encounter a seal on the beach this winter should call the National Aquarium stranding hotline, 410-576-3880 or 1-800-628-9944, so

a trained observer can evaluate the condition of the seal to determine if it is doing its normal thing or is in distress. In addition, register the sighting at www.mdcoastallbays.org.





# 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., Nov. 7

#### **CHICKEN SALAD SALE**

Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 10:00 AM. Available 10 a.m. until gone. Cost is \$5 per pint. Pre-order: Linda Parks, 410-251-0385.

#### **MERRY MAKERS - 'BUTTON ART'**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Join this adult group and have fun creating with new and recycled materials. Register: 410-208-4014. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 2:00 PM. Featuring "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. Copies of books are available in advance at the library, 410-057o878, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Northern Worcester County Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The cost is \$30 and includes all materials needed and light refreshments. To sign up, call Laura Thomas, 410-632-1277.

#### **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., Nov. 8

#### **FIBER FRIENDS**

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

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Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 10:00 AM. Available 10 a.m. until gone. Cost is \$5 per pint. Pre-order: Linda Parks, 410-251-0385.

#### **COASTAL HOSPICE VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION**

Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, 10:00 AM. Staff and volunteers will help recognize and honor all veterans at the nursing home. The public is welcome to attend.

#### **OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Featuring "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-208-4014, http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### 'AN EVENING OF ART & SONG'

Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Featuring a pop-up exhibition of art by Brooke Rogers and live music by classical guitarist Danielle Cumming and tenor John Wesley Wright. Free and open to the public. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar. 410-524-9433, http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

St. Matthews By-the-Sea United Methodist Church, 1000 Coastal Highway, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Featuring baked goods, silent auction, jewelry, White Elephant sale, attic treasures and more. Serving chili and hot dogs. Benefits Mission Projects.

#### 'WE WILL ROCK YOU' THE MUSICAL BY **QUEEN AND BEN ELTON**

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 8:00 PM. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. This production is based on the songs of Queen with a book by Ben Elton. Elton fashioned this hilarious futurist comedy around more than 24 of Queen's biggest hits. Tickets cost \$55, \$65 and \$75 and are available at the Ocean City Convention Center Box Office; by calling Ticketmaster, 800-551-SEAT; or online at DelmarvaConcerts.com. 410-289-2800, http://www.queenonline.com/wwry

## Sat., Nov. 9

#### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

St. Matthews By-the-Sea United Methodist Church, 1000 Coastal Highway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring baked goods, silent auction, jewelry, White Elephant sale, attic treasures and more. Serving chili and hot dogs. Benefits Mission Projects.

#### STORM WARRIORS 5K RUN/WALK

On the Boardwalk, starting at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM. Sign-in/registration begins at 8 a.m. The 5K is 3.1 miles and proceeds along the Boardwalk to 15th Street and back. 410-289-4991, https://octrirunning.com

### TASK FORCE TO ATTEND SENIOR LIVING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. To raise awareness about issues affecting senior, the State's Attorney will host a table at the Senior Living Expo. Educational materials regarding fraud preven-

tion, access to resources and services to seniors will be provided and State's Attorney Kristin Heiser will be available to answer questions.

#### SHOPPER'S FAIR

Willards Fire Hall, 35356 Regnault St., 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Featuring a variety of vendors, breakfast and lunch items and baked goods. Annette, 757-408-3170

#### **DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. All interested people are invited to attend. 410-213-1956

#### **OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 AM. Come hear featured speaker and Stephen Decatur High School math teacher Tommy Hinkle relate what it was like to win the world's largest billfish tournament, not just once but twice, with total winngins of \$2,450,000. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

#### **FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET**

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

### **Sun., Nov. 10**

#### **SAFETALK TRAINING**

The Healing Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, 617 Franklin Ave., 12:00 PM -3:00 PM. safeTALK trains anyone to recognize and address the signs of suicide in others and how to get them safely to a trained healthcare professional. Appropriate for anyone age 17 years and older. Snacks and beverages provided. Register: Chrissy Ehrhart, chrissyhr@eshealingartscenter.com. Free and open to the

#### **20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL**

Ocean City Elks Lodge, second floor, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Sponsored by the Polish Club of Delmarva. Featuring a variety of Polka-American music by Joy Trio of Maryland and a hot platter with dessert by Surf's Edge, beer, wine, soda, coffee and tea. Cost is \$25. Tickets: Fred, 410-250-8625.

### Mon., Nov. 11

#### **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11:00 AM. The guest speaker will be WWII veteran Carroll Wagner,

US Navy, who served in the Pacific Theatre, February 1945 thru July 1946. The Delmarva Chorus will perform patriotic music. Some seating is available but bring a lawn chair for your convenience. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, on Route 589. Faded or worn American Flags may be dropped off before or immediately after the ceremony for proper disposal at the Flag Retirement and Disposal Ceremony on Nov. 16.

#### WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 PM. Writing about stressful experiences like illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. Group uses exercises to stimulate creative expression. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### AROMATHERAPY FOR RELAXATION

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2:00 PM. An interactive aromatherapy workshop where the group will discuss how certain scents balance lives and others spark creativity.

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#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

#### **VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR SEAL STEWARDS**

West Ocean City Fire Department, 10124 Keyser Point Road, 5:30 PM. This volunteer opportunity is an on call opportunity. When a seal hauls out, volunteers are contacted to man the haul out area to make sure beach and dog walkers keep a safe distance to protect both the walkers and the seal. Sign-up: Sandi, sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 106.

#### **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., Nov. 12

#### **PHOTO TRANSFER TO WOOD**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Artist John Iamperi will demonstrate and instruct the class to transfer photos to wood. Bring an 8 x 10 photo. Register: 410-208-4014. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### TACOS AND TIARAS FUNDRAISER

Ocean City Marlin Club, 9659 Golf Course Road, 6:00 PM. Featuring DJ Donnie, food by Mother's Cantina, auc-

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tions, raffles, photo booth and fun surprises. Proceeds will be donated to the Junior Auxiliary Group for Atlantic General Hospital. Cost is \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. Tickets: text JAG to 41444 by Nov. 9 or visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/JAG. Info: www.agh.care/jag or call Toni Keiser, 410-641-9678.

#### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Gull Creek Senior Living, 1 Meadow St., 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM. Group provides discussions and mutual support, as well as education on exercise, nutrition, coping techniques, medications and developments in treatment. Kay Kinnikin, 410-641-4765,

http://www.delmarvaparkinsonsalliance.org

#### **YOGA WITH SHULI TOR**

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

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

### Wed., Nov. 13

#### WITTY KNITTERS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crochet enthusiasts, needle artists of all skill levels are invited. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH**

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Featuring "What Their Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City" by Mona Hannah-Attisha. To obtain a copy of the book, call 410-524-1818. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **ENTERTAINING ON A BUDGET**

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Entertaining at its finest does not mean spending a lot of money. The group will be reviewing entertaining and cooking tips that will elevate your festivities. Bring a pad and pen. A sampling will be provided. Sign up 410-641-0650. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### TRIVIA WITH JIM MECKLEY

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#### SDHS HOMECOMING

Stephen Decatur High School seniors, from left, DaCameron McAfee, Caroline Gardner, Mikayla Denault, Maxwell Ewancio and Eliza Siegel serve as emcees during the annual Homecoming pep rally on Oct. 4.

2:00 PM. Prizes awarded to the top three teams. Register your team of four, 410-208-4014. http://www.worcesterlibrary.org

#### **BLOW YOUR OWN GLASS HOLIDAY ORNAMENT**

Jeffrey Auxer Designs Blown Glass Studio, 19 Jefferson St., 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Booking individuals or groups up to six people in 30 minute time frames. Cost is \$40 per ornament. Benefits the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Company. Reservations required: Krista Radena, 443-880-4944.

#### **CERAMIC PAINTING FUNDRAISER**

Ceramic Zone, 7700 Richardson Road, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Choose what you want to paint, price depends on item. Info: Cristi, 443-235-2935. Advise at check-out that you are supporting the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department fundraiser. 410-835-8683

#### KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330.

http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org

#### **DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB**

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

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Donning their tiki accessories during Homecoming "Dress Like an Islander" Day, from left, are Stephen Decatur High School seniors Lauren Kennard, Chalea Brittingham and Jenna Bradford.

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#### **BRIDGE WEDNESDAYS**

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. Knowledge of basic Bridge (Goren/American Standard). 410-596-

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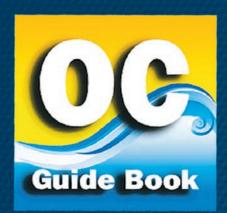
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