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The crowd stands and salutes while LTC Richard Tanner (USMC) performs Taps to close the Veterans Day Tribute at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines on Monday. See more photos on page 12.

Bays program could help OP with drainage

Team approach could make securing state grants easier

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) While funding remains uncertain, Ocean Pines Association officials are looking at working with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program to secure state grants to address long-term watershed protection efforts.

Last week, OPA President Doug Parks, Operations Director Colby Phillips and board member Tom Janasek, who previously chaired the OP Environmental & Natural Assets Committee, met with a consultant recently hired by the coastal bays program to identify the highest priority

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Star Charities' last collection exceptional

Its co-founder gone, charity sees big finale

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) Judging by the community generosity exhibited during the Star Charities annual "Holiday Gifts for Soldiers," recently departed co-founder Anna Foultz would have been proud, as members sent a record haul to provide comfort for Armed Forces members stationed overseas.

Foultz, who launched Star Charities in 2007 with her husband, Carl, died in late September, just as the annual collection drive was beginning.

Subsequently, Star Charities

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Berlin continues with bee haven

Towns seeks recertification of 'Bee City' recognition by looking out for pollinators

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) Increasing the pollinator population in Berlin remains an important pursuit for the town, as it continues the recertification process as a Bee City USA affiliate.

"With the issues with the bees disappearing and the other pollinator[s], it's kind of good publicity trying to make people aware," said Bee City Committee member Mike Wiley. "A lot of people aren't even aware of how important the pollinators are."

Wiley and his wife, Helen, are members of Berlin's Bee City Committee, along with several other residents and town staff. Berlin's Administrative Manager Kelsey Jensen said that roughly 13 members attended the first meeting on Oct. 22.



Kelsey Jensen



Mike Wiley



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Berlin's Town Council adopted a resolution to be certified as a Bee City USA during a May 29, 2018 meeting.

Prior to the certification, Jensen said that several Salisbury University seniors took an interest in mitigating the declining bee population, and

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Berlin resident Helen Wiley tends to a pollinator garden in her yard. Wiley and her husband, Mike, are members of Berlin's Bee City Committee, an agency made up of area residents and town staff working to increase awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators. The Town of Berlin is working to get recertified as a Bee City USA affiliate.



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Trash ordinance gets first reading

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) An ordinance revising some of the rules in the town's trash code and waste collection services was introduced to the Berlin Town Council Tuesday.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood said the updates to the trash code were minimal, and included punctuation changes.

The town offers to collect yard waste, bulk waste and live-cut Christmas trees from "improved, occupied single-family residential properties" each year, according to the policy. Bulk and yard waste are typically collected in the spring and fall while the trees are retrieved in January.

Once approved, the updated special waste collection policy will take effect on Jan. 1.

"Bulk waste is defined as waste items not considered to be normal household trash/refuse, recyclables or yard waste," the policy states.

Anyone participating in bulk pickup should call the town at 410-641-2770 by noon on the Monday of the designated week, according to the policy. Those with questions concerning special collections should call the town's public works department at 410-641-4001 or email Superintendent Dave Wheaton at dwheaton@berlinmd.gov.

Town officials are limiting free bulk pickup collection to three items, according to the updated policy. A box or bag weighing no more than 50 pounds is considered one item.

Area residents with more than three pieces should fill out a bulk waste collection form and turn it in by noon on the Monday of the specific week, according to the policy.

A \$25 fee will be applied for more than three items, with \$25 per additional item "payable prior to collection."

Berlin resident Marie Velong took issue with the additional fees being paid up front because of the "scavengers" who often take items from the curb before collection.

This prompted an exchange between Velong and Mayor Gee Williams, who backed the new policy.

"Well, that's our belief on this and we're responsible for doing something about it, and if you're offended by it, I'm sorry, but we're not going to let this town become trashy after all the years," Williams said.

"Well, you're going to encourage it by charging for it," Velong replied. "This is a service to clean up a property."

The disagreement between Velong and Williams continued.

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Berlin introduces updated policies

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“We have to, somebody has to protect the standard of living in this town,” Williams said. “There’s a quality of life here that apparently some people don’t recognize or appreciate.”

“How does that, I don’t understand what you’re saying at all? How does that affect quality of life?” Velong asked. “That’s people getting rid of stuff that’s improving their properties.”

The following items are permitted for bulk pickup: furniture, carpets/rugs, See PUBLIC Page 10

Town, historic society make contract

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) The Town of Berlin and the Berlin Heritage Foundation Inc. have entered into a formal agreement after working together for more than 30 years.

The Town Council unanimously approved the arrangement Tuesday evening.

“It is the intention of this agreement to memorialize the longstanding informal relationship between Mayor and Council of Berlin and Berlin Heritage Foundation, Inc., which has acted in mu-

tual cooperation for the period of time beginning in 1982,” the contract states.

Town Attorney David Gaskill told town officials that “there’s nothing new here except it’s now in writing.”

The agreement outlined the responsibilities and guidelines for both parties.

While the Berlin Heritage Foundation is considered “the primary custodian of Calvin B. Taylor House Museum and grounds,” the Town of Berlin owns the land where the museum sits at 208 N. Main St.

The Berlin Heritage Foundation has maintained the house, museum and gal-

ley when necessary, participated in town activities and countywide museum events and collected historical data, according to the agreement.

The town would offer a number of services, including lawn maintenance, cleaning up after town events and maintaining liability insurance.

When asked if there were any other questions, Councilman Thom Gulyas cited a passage later in the document that referred to the “City Council of Berlin.”

He asked for that to be change to its proper name, “Town Council.”

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Ocean Pines Briefs

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors approved updates to resolution M-02, redirected a contact for bulkhead repairs and rescinded an earlier motion seeking bids for auditing services during its meeting on Nov. 2.

Bulkhead repairs

Due to scheduling conflicts with two other contractors, the board opted to award an already approved contract for bulkhead repairs to Fisher Marine Construction.

The item was a last-minute addendum under new business, with the bulkhead repairs previously budgeted but now, based on contractor availability, appropriated to Fisher.

While in agreement with awarding Fisher the contract, Perrone asked if, due to prior approval, the procedural step was required.

"Last year, I think the guidance from the board was if we budgeted the money and it comes in at that number through the RFP process, that the GM has the authority to go ahead and move forward," he said.

OPA President Doug Parks said that sentiment is partially correct.

"The GM has the authority once approved by the board [but] a lot of times these will exceed the spending limit of the GM," he said.

Parks said on occasion there are time-sensitive matters, which need to be addressed prior to the next scheduled board meeting.

"If wait to get to the board meeting, obviously we could put ourselves in jeopardy, probably most likely financially, or functionally," he said. "It would be a shame to squander the associations money by waiting for the next board meeting."

If a proposed expenditure has been approved by the board, and costs are held within established funding levels, Parks said further board involvement is unwarranted.

"It doesn't necessarily need to come to a board vote," he said. "That might not be the case going forward in every situation."

General Manager John Viola said resoliciting the board to vote on already granted approvals could prove counterproductive.

"I'm in a meeting ... we tell them yes we have a budget [and] we need the service," he said.

"We have a deal, bring it to the lawyer and then I'm like, 'let me just hold on for a second because now I have to wait a month because seven people in a board room have to authorize and OK it.'"

Daly noted bulkhead repairs were included as part of the last budget process.

"We went through an RFP process and we really qualified three contractors," he said. "We have a program that basically nothing was done for two and a half years and it's behind schedule."

Daly said in this instance, when two of the contractors were unavailable for the time period sought, the work is awarded by default to the third approved contractor.

"We've already gone through two formal board steps," he said.

Daly also proposed comparable situations could be remedied through an electronic board vote.

"That is the perfect place to have an electronic vote," he said.

Daly suggested a future resolution could be adopted to permit the general manager the leeway to proceed with previously approved projects, which have minor changes, but remain within budget.

"John should be able to send an email to us saying, I'm meeting with this contractor tomorrow and I need to be able to sign this contract," and we should be able to do that electronically," he said. "Rather than bring people in from all points of the country to approve something that we've already approved in two prior steps."

Auditing firms

The board opted to rescind an earlier motion to issue a request for proposal seeking a new auditing firm.

Daly said after delving into matters further after the previous board ap-

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Star Charities campaign aided by ‘We Care’

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member Larry Walton coordinated the charitable effort with an array of Ocean Pines community organizations. Participating groups included the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines and Ocean City, AARP Ocean Pines chapter 4507, Sons of Italy Ocean City Lodge #2747 and the Ocean Pines Boat Club.

“I’m always trying to get the clubs to work together and maybe this is a stepping stone,” he said.

While confessing amazement at the wealth of donations being shipped on Friday with Jeff Merritt, president and co-founder of Operation We Care, Star Charities member Sue Walter said, other than retiring the groups’ name, no firm decisions have been made about future endeavors.

“We haven’t gotten together yet as a group,” she said.

On Friday, Merritt, who launched Operation We Care in 2007, with his wife, Diana, collected a wide range of non-perishable items donated during October.

“We’ve been doing this for 12 years and sending care packages to the troops,” he said. “I think we’re around 17,000 and will hit 18,000 in about nine days.”

Based in Salisbury, Operation We Care conducts charitable drives in May and November.

“It takes me six months to recover and prepare for the next one,” he said.

The group’s upcoming effort will directly affect nearly 1,000 military members, Merritt said.

“The packages we pack up in nine days are going to ... 12 countries and two ships,” he said.

Moreover, Merritt said the residual impact on friends and family members who learn later about the

kindness of strangers is incalculable. “Letting them know someone besides their family cares about what’s going on,” he said.

The care packages are especially appreciated by those in far-away places during the holiday season, Merritt said.

“They’re all going to miss Thanksgiving [and] they’re all going to miss Christmas,” he said. “Holidays are a particularly lonely time.”

Stressing attention to detail, Merritt said the outreach effort always assures each member of deployed units are included.

“There’s always somebody not getting something from home in a unit. I don’t care if it’s five people or 300,” he said. “The larger the number, the more people are not getting stuff from home [and] that’s who we really want to reach.”

Although Operation We Care is generally overseen by a skeleton crew, those numbers swell to roughly 300 volunteers when packing day arrives, Merritt said.

“We’ll pack 800-1,000 boxes in three hours,” he said.

The mammoth undertaking involves sorting and organizing donations sufficient to fill a trio of storage units and enclosed trailers.

“Our house right now looks like an Amazon fulfillment center,” he said. “My wife’s got great patience with me.”

Merritt said his survival of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks precipitated the group’s formation.

“I was at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001,” he said.

His office was on the opposite side of the building from where a hijacked Boeing 757 plunged into the Defense Department headquarters, killing 125 people.

Merritt said he recently crossed



Star Charities volunteers Barb Peletier, left, and Sue Walter prepare to ship off a mound of donations for the annual “Holiday Gifts for Soldiers” campaign on Friday.

paths with a fellow survivor who was far closer to ground zero.

“I actually talked to a guy two weeks ago whose office was 40 feet from the impact site,” he said. “He was a lot closer than I was [and] two people in his office were killed.”

Upon discovering their connection, Merritt said the pair shared recollections for several hours.

“A day I hope we never have to relive,” he said. “When we connected, a fire alarm could have gone off ... we were pretty much in our own little world.”

In addition to organizing mass mailings of care packages twice a year, funds collected by Operation We Care also support local Veterans Administration programs in Pocomoke and Cambridge.

“They have various veterans programs and veterans they’re getting into housing,” he said. “We redirect those resources to them.”

Cash donations are also used to finance postage expenses.

“From this packing event, we will spend between \$15,000-\$17,000 on postage,” he said. “We spent \$41,000 total last year.”

While uncertainty remains concerning the future of members of the now-ended Star Charities, Walton remains hopeful the positivity can be harnessed.

“We will come up, probably, with something because ... it’s the first time I’ve seen this many groups together,” he said. “I think if we can do this as a group, look what we can do.”

Walter concurred and said any undertakings should be based in Ocean Pines to honor the inspiration Foultz provided to the larger community.

“For what Anna has meant to us individually, and expanded through all of the groups that have participated, thank you Anna,” she said.

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Bays program could help OP with watershed

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projects to improve water quality in Worcester County.

Janasek said the objective is securing grants available through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

“They give out money to the Chesapeake Bay all the time and we want to get some funding on [this part of] the Eastern Shore,” he said.

Phillips said the coastal bays program recently retained the services of Bryan Seipp, a watershed manager from the Center for Watershed Protection, who met with the OP leaders last Thursday.

“He did a presentation for us [but] it’s not something that’s going to happen overnight,” she said. “This is more of a marathon than a sprint.”

Janasek said the coastal bays program was able to secure funds through the DNR, which helped finance hiring Seipp to investigate clean water issues in the county.

“He’s going to go through and evaluate the different areas within Worcester County that need the most help [and] where the money would be funded the best,” he said. “Obviously, we think its Ocean Pines.”

While conversations about future state funding are still in the initial stages, Phillips said the current

drainage study underway by Vista Engineering seeking solutions to longstanding drainage problems in Ocean Pines would likely yield relevant data for the larger effort.

“We’re taking the steps ... to hopefully improve things,” she said. “There’s a lot of people who are very passionate about doing everything we can to make our drainage issues better.”

Janasek said the results of Vista Engineering’s study, while focused on internal infrastructure challenges, could lead to improving water quality in the wider region.

“We’re putting together information and ... doing field studies in the Pines to work on our drainage issues, so the water that runs out ... isn’t polluted when it ends up in the St. Martin River,” he said.

Janasek said Ocean Pines could work with Seipp to ascertain methods to improve drainage in flood-prone neighborhoods, which would be designed to reduce the introduction of unfiltered pollutants into the coastal bays watershed.

“There’s a ton of different things that we can do,” he said. “There’s floating wetlands in the canals [and] there’s tiered step systems.”

Favorable topography is another issue weighing in the Pines advance,

Janasek said.

“We have the mass area to do it in Ocean Pines, whereas say Ocean City doesn’t have the area to develop any more filtration systems,” he said. “They just don’t have the ground.”

As for the next steps that might be taken, Janasek said the coastal bays program and Seipp are soliciting suggestions for water quality improvement initiatives from across Worcester County.

“From Ocean City to West Ocean City, to the farmers to Ocean Pines, obviously,” he said. “They’re going to put together a project list and he’s going to pick the top three ... to send forward to DNR to either fund one completely or all three partially.”

Janasek said although other funding streams exist for improving water quality, the DNR grant opportunities are substantial.

“The main thing is we’re partnering very closely with Maryland Coastal Bays and they’ve been getting grants for years and years,” he said. “They’ve got that system set in stone and they know what they’re doing.”

While funding is hardly guaranteed, the emerging developments could prove substantial to reduce pollutant levels in area waterways, most immediately the St. Martin River,

Phillips said.

“You’re seeing all these potential partnerships come together to try and tackle this very serious issue that we have on the Eastern Shore but specifically in Ocean Pines,” she said. “It’s a positive all around.”

While slight reductions to pollutant levels in the St. Martin River have been noted in recent years, massive improvements are still required, which is a primary motivator for coastal bays program officials to foster a partnership with Ocean Pines, Janasek said.

“They’re looking to help us as much as possible with ... the Pines being the biggest community in Worcester County, other than Ocean City in the summer,” he said. “With our [drainage] issues that we have and the St. Martin River being one of the dirtiest watersheds on the East Coast, it’s a great opportunity.”

Recognizing that watershed pollution concerns exists outside the Ocean Pines area, Janasek said another benefit to forming partnerships to find financing is reducing cost for residents.

“Hopefully, we can do it and help ourselves with a little bit of our drainage issue and fund some of it through grants rather than assessments,” he said.

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proval, it appeared sensible to hold off changing firms until the first quarter of fiscal year 2021.

“The purpose is to delay the issuance of an RFP for auditing services,” he said. “The effect is to continue with our current auditing firm for the current fiscal year 2019/2020.”

Daly said in light of the current changeover to Northstar financial systems, switching auditing firms was deemed less than optimal at the moment.

“By approving this motion we will create an avoidable and unnecessary increase of work for the finance group,” he said.

Perrone questioned the proposed time frames to seek a new auditing firm.

“When we did this the thought process was that we should bid these contracts out every three years,” he said.

Perrone took exception with the approach.

“When they bid on the work they level out their costs over a period of time,” he said. “By bringing in another auditing firm, again, they’ve got to get up to speed on what we’re doing.”

The soonest the association should be seeking proposals from au-

ditng firms is five years, Perrone said.

“That institutional knowledge they gather when they first do the audit I think is appropriate,” he said. “In the past, I think our auditing firm was around for 20-25 years. That was probably a little too long, but I think three years is a little too soon to put it out again.”

If auditing firms suspect the services contract would be renewed every few years, higher initial fees would be likely, Perrone said.

Viola concurred with those sentiments.

“Larry is absolutely correct because I saw that situation two years ago when certain board members were saying that we should change firms and they immediately hit me with fees that would have [otherwise] been over several years,” he said.

Resolution M-02

The board approved on second reading updates to resolution M-02 to reflect newer amenities, along with requiring the inclusion of business plans and performance metrics.

Board member Frank Daly said the second reading included feedback from the Bylaws & Resolutions Committee following an earlier first reading.

“These changes update resolution M-02 to reflect the introduction of pickleball facilities as an amenity, legal rulings and the requirement for business plans and metrics,” he said.

Board member Steve Tuttle noted the resolution updates also included boat ramps among fee-based amenities.

“The fee-based amenities list the boat ramps, and as far as I know, we don’t charge for our boat ramps,” he said.

Daly said while in theory accessing boat ramps in Ocean Pines should include costs, in practice enforcing charges has not been followed.

“The boat ramps have always been fee-based amenities and it seems the board has annually struggled with collecting,” he said.

Board member Tom Janasek supported the inclusion of boat ramps with fee-based options.

“We’ve been trying for years to get a gate on that boat ramp,” he said. “We’re going to have to add it in after the fact if we ever jump off the cliff and put a gate there and actually charge, which we should have been doing for the last eight years since we rebuilt White Horse Park.”

The board voted unanimously to approve the changes to Resolution M-02.

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Flag retirement ceremony in Pines this Sat.

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) Boy Scouts of Troop 261, Cub Scouts of Pack 261 and Girl Scouts of Troop 621 will properly discard hundreds of flags during an annual retirement ceremony, held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

The Ocean City-based scout troops will place worn and torn flags into a fire pit for a respectful burning, in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code. Ocean Pines Public Works and the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Company will assist during the ceremony.

“The American flag means so much to so many people,” Scoutmaster Ken Nichols said. “Just like on Veterans Day, our veterans died trying to protect that flag and what it means.”

Worn U.S. flags are being collected at American Legion Post #166 on 24th Street in Ocean City, Post #123 (10111 Old Ocean City Blvd.) and Post #231 (104 Showell Street) in Berlin, and at the Ocean Pines Community Center in White Horse Park.

Several bags filled with worn and



Six-year-old Scout Nora Emerick, of West Ocean City, throws a worn, folded up flag into a burning pit during the U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines last year.

torn flags have already been collected, Nichols said.

“We retired around 1,500-2,000 flags last year,” Nichols said.

A large fire pit will be set up in order to properly retire the flags. Before being placed in the pit, flags will

be folded properly, and then sent into the flames with a salute in respect to those who fought and served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

“The American flag isn’t just a piece of cloth ... we’re not just retiring the cloth, we’re retiring the emo-

tion and everything else with it,” Nichols said. “We don’t want that flag to end up in a garbage dump somewhere and that’s why we retire it [this] way.

“I would love to see more of the American public be made aware of the meaning of the flag,” he continued. “There’s been a lot of things in our society over the last couple of years ... people have the right, but it’s a bit of an oxymoron to say, ‘Well it’s my God given right to do X,’ well it’s that same flag that gave you that right.”

The ceremony will end with scouts working together to fold the final flag before sending it into retirement.

Flags will be accepted for the retirement ceremony until the end of the day on Friday, Nov. 15. For more information, call American Legion Post #166 at 410-289-3166.

Committee wants to share women’s right to vote tales

(Nov. 14, 2019) Members of the Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County have formed a spin-off group to recognize, celebrate and honor suffragists for their service to the country.

The Suffragist Anniversary 100 Committee is reaching out to the local community as it has the desire to share women’s stories about winning the right to vote.

The committee is seeking first- or second-hand knowledge of anyone who has a relative, friend, or ancestor who lived during those times, and perhaps know of a woman who voted for the first time after passage of the 19th Amendment.

The group wants to feature and share these stories in upcoming community awareness programs.

Contact Suffragist Anniversary 100 Committee Coordinator Linda Linzey at lvlinzey@hotmail.com.



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Wagner shares WWII memories at ceremony

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) Along with abundant sunshine and mild temperatures, the Veterans Day tribute in Ocean Pines on Monday was highlighted by the memories of WWII Navy veteran Carroll Wagner.

"My charge today is to talk about my experience while serving during WWII," he said.

Native to Baltimore, Wagner was born in 1927 and was winding up high school before answering the call to service from Uncle Sam upon reaching the age of 18.

"I began my senior year and while in high school joined the Navy," he said. "It appeared the world was subsiding and I would finish high school when it ended."

In early 1945, with WWII lurching towards the end of hostilities, Wagner was brought to attention after receiving a letter from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt ordering him to report for military service on Feb. 7.

"Which happened to be my 18th birthday and here I am a senior in high school," he said.

While Wagner was completing boot camp at the U.S. Naval training center in Bainbridge, Maryland, President Roosevelt died and was succeeded by his vice-president, Harry Truman. By that point, Nazi leaders in Germany were surrendering.

"They knew I was coming," he said.

With the war in Europe almost over, Wagner set sail for the Pacific.

"A lot of us were called flags or ... skivvies because skivvy shirts were sometimes used as a flag," he said.

After being assigned to a Navy supply depot on the island of Sumatra, Wagner dodged a potential death sentence by passing on an officer's proposal after obtaining the rank of third-class signalman.

"He said to me, 'If you sign up for two years you'll be sent to a place on an island called Bikini,' and I immediately said, 'No thanks, I want to go home,'" he said. "The island of Bikini was the atomic bomb experimental island, which is no longer an island. What a move I made on that one."

Not long after that, Wagner asked the commanding officer at the supply depot for a ship assignment.

"He said, 'Wagner, we got lots of ships out there ... go look for one that needs a signalman and I'll sign you off if you find one,'" he said.

After quickly locating an opening, Wagner obtained clearance and was prepared to head to sea before encountering an unanticipated hurdle.

"The next day I went to the pier with my papers and personal belongings only to find that the ship had sailed away without me," he said.

After sharing the dilemma with his commanding officer, the situation be-

came worse.

"He said, 'Wagner, you're on your own [and] you need to find that ship,'" he said.

Wagner said his superior then suggested he return to the pier and find another vessel headed in a comparable direction.

"They'll contact the ship and inform them you're coming," he said.

After negotiating himself onboard the intended ship, Wagner discovered his principal task involved accompanying servicemen cleared to return home unwind before journeying back to familiar lands.

"We took them to Manila for rest and

relaxation," he said. "When the first group I witnessed walked up the gangplank, I was not a happy camper. Their ages were probably 20-35 years and they looked older due to the strain they had faced in the war-torn area."

In time, however, Wagner came to appreciate that the battle weary troops were finally getting to put life and death struggles in the rearview mirror.

"I was at the right age at the right time and grew from the experience of being associated with the brave men and women who were there ahead of me," he said. "Well, that's my story and I'm going to stick with it."

Public hearing slated for Nov. 25

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mattresses, tables and chairs, toilets, sinks, and appliances/electronics, according to the policy.

Fleetwood cited health concerns as a reason for bedding to be wrapped in bags prior to collection.

According to the policy, the following items should not be included in bulk pickup collection: hazardous waste, paint, yard waste/brush, propane tanks, chemicals, insecticides, automotive fluids, and tires. Area residents should not place any construction materials includ-

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A public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Nov. 25.

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Berlin recognizes municipal govt.

Designation declared for Nov., highlighted several services offered in town

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) Town of Berlin services and staff, as well as residents, were recognized as part of Municipal Government Works Month this November.

The Berlin mayor and Town Council issued a proclamation during a meeting Tuesday evening.

Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood emphasize the importance of Berlin's designation as a municipality, when it was incorporated in 1868, "The reality is ... that municipal government represents the most responsive level of government with citizens, that's because of its size," Fleetwood said.

Mayor Gee Williams agreed. "It's interesting to me," he said. "It's nice that we do recognize this because so much I think what municipal governments do is [it] basically affects people's day-to-day lives with a form of government closest to the people."

Since 1993 numerous cities and towns throughout the state have recognized November as Municipal Gov-



Jeff Fleetwood, Berlin's town administrator, right, reads a proclamation declaring November as Municipal Government Works Month during a Town Council meeting Tuesday evening.

ernment Works Month, according to the Maryland Municipal League. It acknowledges "citizens' awareness of and interest in the government in their communities."

Towns can elect to celebrate this month through a variety of ways, including issuing a proclamation, holding an open house or implementing a social media campaign, according to the Maryland Municipal League.

It's unclear how long the Town of Berlin has participated, but Williams estimated officials began recognizing the designation "in recent years."

Fleetwood said the proclamation's purpose is to recognize town staff and the work they do to increase the overall experience of living and working

in Berlin. He emphasized that "it also recognizes the citizens of the town."

The commendation highlighted several initiatives such as hosting and helping with community events and working with area businesses to provide free shuttle services to those events.

Additionally, Fleetwood said the town has improved its services, including replacing sidewalks and collecting recycling. He added that the electric utility recently received a safety award from American Municipal Power, Inc.

Williams said he hopes the proclamation promotes a sense of camaraderie throughout town because "we're in this together."

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American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 Color Guard Bugler Eric Nilsson sounds off the start of the "Posting of Colors."



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Patriots and compadres, from left, Navy veteran Dr. Joe Palmisano, Coast Guard veteran Carmen Meo and Navy veteran Jack Heneman were on hand for the Veterans Day Tribute at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines on Monday.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
World War II U.S. Navy veteran Carroll Wager delivered a heartfelt address tinged with revealing insights of distant wartime memories from the southwest Pacific.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Patriotically color coordinated members of the Delmarva Chorus add applause, in addition to harmonics.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Performing the "Presentation of Wreath" ceremony, from left, are Sandra Macabee, Diane Tanner (USN Nurse Corps) and Mjr. Trish Masterson (USAF).

Berlin going after another 'Bee City' pollinator award

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gave a presentation to the Town Council during a Dec. 10, 2018 meeting. At that point, they had made bee boxes and implemented a pollinator garden in Heron Park, formerly known as Berlin Falls Park.

Berlin became the nation's 69th Bee City USA affiliate last year, Jensen said.

"At the time, I thought it was pretty cool we were the 69th city out of the entire United States," she said.

That number has since grown to approximately 100 Bee City USA affiliates across the country, according to the Bee City USA website. In addition to Berlin, Salisbury, Howard County, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County and Highland Beach are also participating in Maryland.

Jensen said Berlin's Bee City USA designation requires an annual proclamation commemorating "Pollinator Week" in June, and a webpage on the town website, berlinmd.gov. She added that committee members also will improve existing pollinator gardens and create new ones throughout town.

Pollinator gardens are installed in several sites throughout town, including Stephen Decatur, Dr. William Henry and Heron parks.

The Wiley's also have a pollinator garden in their yard. They've done extensive research to get their garden just right, and he added that their yard was certified as a wildlife area by the National Wildlife Federation.

"We have it staggered so ... we have one garden that we just put in that's five different plants, but always one of them is blooming from early spring through fall," Wiley said.

The committee has until February to complete the recertification requirements. Jensen said the town is also updating its pest management plan, but clarified that it's not required to obtain the designation.

Jensen also said the committee created signs informing people about the different types of pollinators and the types of compatible foliage. Jensen added that she hopes to have more people participate during the upcoming events including Berlin Clean Up Week in April.

"We thought it might even be a good thing for some community engagement to see if anyone had any interest in coming out and helping us start a couple more," she said.

Wiley agreed, and said he hopes this certification yields positive results.

"[It's] mainly to get more people in Berlin interested, in it and increase the number of people that put pollinator gardens in," Wiley said.


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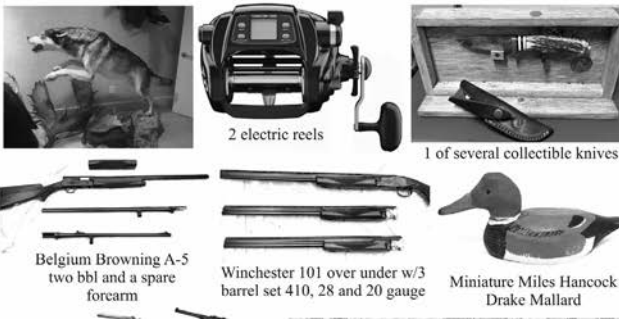
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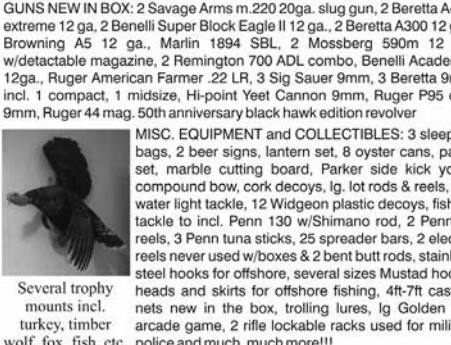
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Pines Executive Council vets multiple committee reports

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) Following the recent submission of annual reports by Ocean Pines Association advisory committees, the Executive Council last Wednesday examined some of the top issues mentioned in them.

OPA President Doug Parks, who presented the Aquatics Committee report, said major updates completed to the Sports Core Pool heating unit made the Clear Comfort System at that location unnecessary.

The committee reported a substantial improvement in air dryness after an Aaron heating unit was installed in February at the Sports Core Pool, making it pointless to continue renting the Clear Comfort System.

Parks also said the committee reported that a leak at the Mumford's Landing Pool was traced to a skimmer line that was subsequently repaired. That prompted a question about embracing a proactive, rather than reactive, maintenance approach.

"Should we be asking operations to look at the maintenance levels of the other pools and see if there's something that we need to think about in regard to the reserve study?" Parks asked.

Parks also told the committee that General Manager John Viola is smoothing out issues tied to unused pool access card balances.

"I think we're pretty close to a solution on that one," he said.

Budget and Finance Committee member John O'Connor said the groups' primary charge involves providing annual budget guidance, which culminates with a multiday meeting in January that involves the general manager and board of directors.

"We get to work on the details of the budget as it's proposed and then the subsequent monthly review of performance of the budget," he said.

O'Connor said that tracking negative and positive budget variances, and providing potential corrective ac-

tions, also fall under the committees purview.

He said among the group's major undertakings this year were updates to resolutions F-03/F-04, as well as guidance on selecting the new Northstar financial system and assisting in completing a reserve study.

"Now the chief financial officer will have a tool ... to make sure that our reserves are consistent with what the board wants," he said.

Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Chairman Jim Trummel reported that one task being addressed this year relates to process.

"We started recognizing difficulties to amendments to resolutions and how they were being processed," he said.

Trummel said an attachment to resolution B-01 to clarify the reporting process to the board would be presented soon.

"To add some outline information on how to introduce new or amended resolutions," he said.

Among the ongoing tasks delegated to the bylaws committee is maintaining a resolution spreadsheet that outlines effective dates and scheduled reviews. That includes alerting responsible parties as pending deadlines approach.

Matters under review by the bylaws committee involve several resolutions, most notably M-01, tied to compliance with Declaration of Restriction guidelines.

"The violation compliance process is under significant review and changes will be coming I'm sure," Trummel said.

Clubs Committee Chairman Gary Miller said the group's major purpose is to assess public opinion.

"We listen to both praise and criticism of what's going on at all the clubs," he said.

Starting with the yacht club, Miller said the groups' annual report included numerous suggestions pitched in previous years that remain unad-

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Executive Council reviews reports

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dressed.

"In some cases, money was appropriated but the work was never done," he said.

Miller said acoustical challenges at the yacht club have made some form of sound suppression there a pressing need.

"Sound bounces off the glass a lot so it's very noisy," he said.

In hopes of exercising volume controls, the committee has continued to suggest adding sound baffles for the ceiling and upper wall edges, Miller said.

"It's especially bad in the ballroom," he said.

Parks noted any forthcoming sound improvements would be coordinated with the Matt Ortt Companies, which are under contract to manage food and beverage operations.

Wet weather and handicap access concerns from residents using wheelchairs or walkers, following building renovations at the yacht club, are also under consideration, Miller said.

"We had talked about a covered entrance from the new entrance to the dining room to the parking lot," he said. "Right now, in bad weather, people are getting soaked."

Installing either a push button or motion-activated handicap entrance is being examined, Miller said.

At the beach club, addressing longstanding maintenance issues remains the top priority, Miller said.

"The main concern about the beach club is the lack of ongoing maintenance," he said.

The matter has been in the committee's sights for about the last four years, Miller said.

"The decking at the beach club is atrocious," he said.

Miller said residents have shared similar concerns, which also tie to potential safety issues.

"Something needs to be done to keep the maintenance up," he said.

O'Connor said the beach club building is the last of the Ocean Pines structures that have been historically

neglected.

"This is the last of the buildings that Ocean Pines has let deteriorate over the last 40 years," he said.

Communications Committee Chairwoman Jenny Cropper Rines said the groups' multi-year effort to mark the OPA's half-century point has finally run its course.

"We are finally wrapping up the 50th Anniversary [Committee] stuff, which has been about four years worth of work," she said.

Slightly revamped town hall meetings introduced this year, which now intersperse questions submitted online with in-person inquiries, have been well received Rines said.

"You get to know what your problems are going to be right out of the gate," she said.

Looking ahead, the committee is discussing introducing an online "virtual resident's academy," Rines said.

The concept is piggybacking an earlier residents academy introduced a few years ago by former General Manager Bob Thompson.

"We also thought it would be a neat orientation for someone who wanted to participate on the board or a new committee chair," she said.

Elections Committee Chairman Steve Habeger said informational pursuits were the groups' most important goal this year.

"We put a lot of effort into educating the voters and reducing the number of mismarked ballots," he said.

While those efforts were deemed successful, other areas, most notably reducing post-deadline ballot submissions, continue to need attention.

"We're seeing a good improvement on the way that voters respond, except voters don't respond," he said.

While varying a notch or two annually, voter participation rates have hovered around 40 percent, Habeger said.

"We sent out more ballots than last year and got fewer ballot returns," he said.

Turning to upcoming elections, Habeger said the committee is evaluating changing balloting systems, with

specific recommendations to be vetted at the group's next meeting on Nov. 22.

Environmental & Natural Assets Committee member Marty Clarke highlighted the group's previous work to develop and coordinate a working relationship with agencies at the county, state and federal levels.

Clarke said the focus has been, "To work together with them thinking our number one environmental asset is the waters around us."

To that end, Clarke said close ties have been forged with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

Looking back to land, the committee is also initiating a mailbox pavilion design plan to revamp several of the more than 40 letterbox groupings located throughout Ocean Pines.

"We want to get three up so people can see them," he said.

Ending with the Marine Activities Committee, member Gerald Horn noted the group is looking to volunteer with forthcoming canal dredging preparations.

"Canal dredging is eventually occurring [and] our committee would like to help with a preliminary depth survey," he said.

In addition to assisting with locating areas requiring spot dredging, the group could also help track the frequency of complaints from individual property owners.

"Some of that is really predictable, but some of it not so predictable," he said.

Committee members would volunteer to use their own vessels to identify areas that need dredging.

Parks noted a comparable effort proved useful just after the turn of the century.

"If it hasn't been done in 16-17 years, maybe it's time to do that," he said.

Horn also reported that the committee is continuing to work on addressing parking and access issues at the White Horse Park boat ramp, with hopes of developing a systematic survey to track usage next year.

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OP guest bartending event generates \$600 for hospital

(Nov. 14, 2019) Guest bartenders from the Ocean Pines Board of Directors and association staff helped raise nearly \$600 for Atlantic General Hospital on Friday.

Participating were Association President Doug Parks, Vice President Steve Tuttle, Treasurer Larry Perrone, Secretary Colette Horn, directors Tom Janasek and Frank Daly, General Manager John Viola, Golf Director John Malinoski, Recreation and Parks Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue, and Marketing and Public Relations Director Josh Davis.

The fundraiser was part of the annual Penguin Swim, when participants gather donations and pledges before taking a dip on the Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Day. Funds raised support programs and services of the Berlin-based hospital.

Gary Miller, team captain of the OC Ravens Roost #44 Penguin Swim Team, organized the guest bartending event.

"The Ocean City Ravens Roost

#44 Penguin Swim Team thanks everyone who participated in the second annual Ocean Pines VIP Guest Bartender Fundraiser in support of the 26th annual AGH Penguin Swim," Miller said. "Thanks to all your efforts and participation, we were able to raise \$580 for this worthy cause. We also want to thank the Matt Ortt Company and their fabulous staff for their hospitality in hosting the event."

Miller said tickets for the annual raffle associated with the Penguin Swim are still available.

"If you did not get an opportunity to buy any raffle tickets for the prizes drawn [on Friday], you still have a chance to buy tickets for our big end-of-year raffle," he said. "Again, ALL money raised goes to the AGH Penguin Swim. First prize for this raffle is \$600 in gift cards to local restaurants. Second prize is an in-home catered seafood dinner for six from the Shrimp Boat, and third prize is a basket of cheer."

Donations may also be made directly to the OC Ravens Roost #44 Penguin Swim Team. Visit www.agh-penguinswim.org, click on "find a team" and "OC Ravens Roost 44" to donate online.

Obituary

WILLIAM EDWARD SIPES
Selbyville

William Edward Sipes, age 82, of Selbyville, died suddenly on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019, at home.

He was born in Baltimore, and was the devoted son of the late Donald J. and Rose J. (Kraushofer) Sipes.

He is the beloved husband of Janice E. Sipes of Selbyville; devoted father of Michael C. Wright and wife, Theresa, of Selbyville, Theresa L. Booth and husband, Bill, of Arbutus, Maryland, and Tracy A. Joy and husband, Steven, of Catonsville, Maryland; loving brother of Jack L. Sipes and wife, Joan, of Ocean Pines, and Patricia Shiflett of Baltimore; and cherished Pop to six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy B. Wright, and grandson, Justin M. Wright.

He was a member of the Swann Keys Sports Club in Selbyville and the American Legion Post #109 in Arbutus, Maryland. He attended St. Luke Catholic Church in Ocean City and was a U.S. Army veteran.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 at St. Benedict's Church, 2612 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21223, at noon.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 150 Monument Road, Suite 100, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.bishophastingsfh.com.

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Pines leaders seeking Coastal Bays support

It doesn't happen as often as it should, but now and then there occurs a partnership that makes perfect sense. That would be the union — or possible union — of the Ocean Pines Association and the Coastal Bays Program.

Although the two entities have worked together on numerous occasions, one of the most recent being September's Bay Day, which earned the community an award from the bays program, their proposed collaboration on Ocean Pines' multiple drainage problems would be a different kind of project.

This would be a serious pursuit that would allow each entity to address different concerns while seeking common solutions to water runoff — or lack of it — in the St. Martin River and watershed.

Obviously, Ocean Pines needs help addressing its drainage issues in flood-prone areas, and, just as obviously, the coastal bays organization doesn't want nutrients and other contaminants washing into the river and bay.

By working together, finding answers that embrace both objectives should be much easier than going it alone, especially considering the bay program's expertise at finding and obtaining grant money necessary to take on whatever water quality projects Ocean Pines and the bays program deem appropriate.

As OPA Board of Directors member Tom Janasek pointed out last week, however, the results of this venture won't be immediate. Studies will be conducted, alternatives will be discussed, plans will be made and the search for funding will be undertaken

It's going to be a long process, but its chances of success will be improved significantly with what most everyone hopes will be a long-term relationship.



"The Doctor MAY see you soon"

Wor. Youth gets job program funding

(Nov. 14, 2019) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services has received new funding for its Career Assistance Program to help those between the ages of 18 and 24 who are unemployed, underemployed and not enrolled in school.

This population is commonly referred to as "opportunity youth" and are at high risk for social service dependency. Funding from the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act through the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance will enable the agency to help prepare these young people for employment or higher education.

Worcester County has the highest rate of opportunity youth in Maryland. The goal of the program is to help them start a career, obtain an apprenticeship through a local business, begin technical training in the trades or enroll in higher education.

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services is asking the community to refer young people to the program, so they may begin their path toward a lifelong career.

"Many of us know young

people who've tried college, determined is wasn't for them, and now don't know what to do," said Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services Executive Director Steve Taylor. "Similarly, some have known all along college wasn't their best choice and don't know what to do. This program is for them."

Upon entering the program, assessment tools develop a personalized strength-based profile and identify specific training modules to enhance skills necessary for gainful employment.

Worcester Youth staff assist with job readiness and enrollment training, career placement, apprenticeships, or matriculation into higher education.

The program offers three pathways for employment.

The first is through apprenticeships, where participants have some job skills but need other support systems to maintain employment.

The second is to build or enhance skills through technical training through a certification program like HVAC (heating, ventilation,

air conditioning), welding, nursing, commercial driving, etc.

The third is to enroll in a local college for higher education.

In each case, Worcester Youth staff will work with participants to ensure they're making progress and maintaining their personal goals for independence and employment.

The program is intended to equip opportunity youth with necessary skills to be successful in both the workplace and life. Training also includes soft skill development such as business communication, work ethic, problem-solving and self-confidence, as well as life skill education such as interpersonal skills, healthy relationships, home budgeting and personal care.

Staff will work closely with businesses owners to ensure they are aware of the program and to explore opportunities for apprenticeships or hiring quality employees.

Business owners or those who know young people interested in learning more about this important program, call 410-641-4598.

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Currently, there are 63 NJROTC cadets in Stephen Decatur High School, though more are welcome to join in the second semester.

Decatur NJROTC hosting online fundraiser

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 14, 2019) The NJROTC program at Stephen Decatur High School kicked off its first online fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 12, to generate additional funds for uniforms and other necessities for its cadets as well as to promote the program.

Dr. Robert Stewart, who is in charge of the school’s program, has been concerned with the dwindling number of cadets, which had caused a shortage of funds for various projects.

On the fundraiser site will be a one-minute-long video explaining why the

program needs donations as well as a brief summary of what the funds will be used for.

Stewart’s goal is to raise \$4,000 through this one-month-long fundraiser, though the program might need as much as \$40,000 in order to fully fund the clothing, ribbons, cords, rifles, travel fees and other required facets of the program since funding was cut in 2011.

In addition, the money will go toward the construction of a permanent indoor range for the air rifle program.

“We currently do not have a place to set up a permanent indoor air rifle range

for the air rifle program,” Stewart said. “I am hoping to raise sufficient funds to either purchase a stand-alone building for use as our permanent range, or to start a construction fund to help with the design and construction of a modification or addition to the school.”

“To do this would be an amazing accomplishment that I believe would be a true signal to everyone that this unit is truly ready to start making changes,” he continued.

The school is required to have either 10 percent of Stephen Decatur High School’s student body be certified by the

Navy, or have a minimum of 100 students in order to receive funding. However, since 2011, the number of participating students has dropped below 100, which lost the program its certification and funding from the Navy.

“The NJROTC unit here at Stephen Decatur High School when it was founded in 1995, it was fully certified by the Navy as an NJROTC unit,” Stewart said. “What that means is basically that they provided all sorts of resources and one of the most important ones at that time was financial funding.

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BOAT DEDICATION

Leaving its lasting mark, on Friday Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Committee members Sharyn O'Hare, left, and Jenny Cropper-Rines, tag team the scissors during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a nine-foot model schooner, originally donated in 1975 when the yacht club was launched, and now restored and returned to port.



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Back home after years, somewhat, abroad, last Thursday the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Committee officially dedicated a recently restored model schooner, which now serves as an anchor piece in the yacht club dining room.



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GENERATOR DELIVERY

Additional power sources to compensate for peak usage are trucked into the Berlin Power Plant on William Street last Wednesday.



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SNACK TIME

Canine confusion abounds while observing an alpaca receiving obvious treat preference at the Ocean Pines Farmers and Artisans Market in White Horse Park earlier this month.



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DONATION

Bob Long and Don McMullen recently presented a check to the Worcester County Humane Society for over \$2,000 from the Ernie Stiles Memorial Bavarian Charity Match that was held at the Ocean Pines Golf Club on Sept.13. Pictured, from left, are Long, humane society volunteers, Mary Jo Armiger, Mary Martinez, Nick Sprouse and Sandi Fleischer, and McMullen.



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RECOGNITION

The Worcester County Commissioners are joined by representatives from the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office and Worcester County Volunteer Firemen's Association on Oct. 1 to recognize October as National Fire Prevention Month and Oct. 6-12 as National Fire Prevention Week. Pictured, in front, from left, are Volunteer Firemen's Association President Tim Jerscheid, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Matt Owens, Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon, and Senior Deputy Fire Marshal Rob Korb. Behind there are Commissioners Josh Nordstrom, Diana Purnell, Bud Church, Jim Bunting, Chip Bertino and Ted Elder.



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CONTROLLED BURN

Firefighters conduct a controlled burn of a vacant house on the corner of Showell and Flower streets on Saturday, Nov. 2. The town had a long-standing desire to level the building because it was considered an eyesore. Berlin's Planning Director Dave Engelhart announced the update of the controlled burn during a Town Council meeting on Oct. 28 after trying to find a suitable date for firefighters from the Berlin Fire Company and other area agencies.

Funds for uniforms, equipment

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“My goal has been to build community awareness of our problem and hopefully get back to a more positive atmosphere with the community in general,” he continued.

The school’s program was redesignated a Navy National Defense Cadet Corps, which only requires 50 or more students. Currently, the school has about 63 cadets in its unit. The program has had to request leftover or otherwise unused uniforms and equipment from nearby schools in order to provide for students who have either outgrew their uniforms or recently joined the program.

Another way to aid the program would be to have more students join. Students can request to join the classes during the second semester, provided their current class schedule permits it.

“We have a lot of people say, ‘Well, I don’t want my child going to the military,’ but that is not what NJROTC is about,” Stewart said. “The junior ROTC

program is a leadership program. We work with them so that they can develop their leadership skills so they can become more confident in their abilities.

“This will make them a better citizen and a better person throughout their lives,” he continued. “There’s no requirement for a student graduating from our program to go into the military.”

The fundraiser link is now officially accept donations and will run until Tuesday, Dec. 10.

“I’m just asking for the community and people to realize that helping us with this fundraiser is just another way of supporting your community and supporting the future of your kids,” Stewart said. “I’m looking to reach out to anybody who can help.”

For more information about the fundraiser, visit www.snap-raise.com/fundraisers/stephen-decatur-high-school-njrotc-2019 or call the Stephen Decatur High School NJROTC office at 410-641-3375.

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Reminiscing of family clamming outings

Years ago, my wife and I were on a friend's boat in front of Hooper's waiting for the air show to begin. We had our four kids, and David and his wife had their two young kids, and we were having a great day.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

The beer and snacks were plentiful and nothing could have ruined this perfect day, when all of a sudden one of my daughters let out a death-defying screech.

At once on guard, we ran to the back of the boat to find the girls digging sizable clams out of the sand bar. They had never even seen a clam, let alone held one, so it scared them at first. Relieved that no one was in danger of being run over by a rental boat, and overjoyed at the thought of a bucket full of clams, I quickly told the girls to fill up the 5-gallon bucket.

More than happy to oblige, the kids had the bucket filled in no time, and I hung it from the gunwale filled with salt water so that the unsuspecting bivalves would do me the honors of purging themselves of sand and muck. Oh, it was the perfect day and was only promising to get better.

Then my youngest, then probably about five or six years old, asked me if we could fish off the stern in the channel. I said sure, asked Dave if he had a knife, and proceeded to shuck some clams to hook up some kind of beast. Did I mention that the beer had been flowing?

Now, at this point I had been shucking shellfish for about 24 years, so my experience, coupled with my liquid courage, made me invincible. One clam, shucked. Second clam, shucked without incident. But on the third one, the knife went right through the shell, right through the muscled hinge, and almost right through my finger. As soon as I felt the bite, I knew it was bad.

I rinsed off the cut in the dirty water of the sandbar, and looking at the damage, knew that I would be spending the afternoon in the emergency room. However, if you knew my wife, and knew that she had the patience of a saint in terms of dealing with me, took one look at the cut, looked at me and said "We're going to Happy Harry's and getting rubbing alcohol and Crazy Glue."

Yep, she was not about to let my



stupidity cost us \$400 in ER fees. So, we packed up (luckily the air show was over and we played it off so the kids wouldn't think anything of it), headed back to the house, and my wife ran off to the drug store. I started prepping dinner (what else was I going to do?), all the while monitoring the bleeding and making sure that I wasn't in any kind of imminent danger. "It's just a flesh wound" I would say to myself in my best Monty Python voice.

And then my wife returned, the harbinger of pain and sanitation, fully armed with peroxide, rubbing alcohol, lots of swabs and gauze and the aforementioned Crazy Glue. Ah yes, Crazy Glue. I used it more than once in the Marines in the desert for cuts, and I knew just how much fun I was about to have.

Breaking from dinner prep, we retired to the downstairs bathroom, and with the precision of a triage nurse, Julie put me back together again. I will never forget jumping out of my skin when that rubbing alcohol hit the cut. Fortunately, it was a clean cut so it

glued together beautifully. After several days of regluing tiny portions of it, it finally came together, and after a few months of numbness, my hand returned to its natural state. Indeed, it was the best thing we could have done.

Ironically, one of my cooks had sliced his thumb the same week, and he received stitches locally. Suffice it to say, after seeing the state of his wound, I am glad that we chose the Crazy Glue route, although in no way am I recommending that to anyone who reads this: I do not condone.

Despite almost losing a finger to these illustrious hunters, I still enjoy a bowl full of steamed clams on a regular basis. There is something about steamed clams that I have enjoyed since I was a wee lad. I was even known to fight my siblings to the death in my high chair when they would dare to steal these delicacies from under my nose. Yeah, I was a violent child because of them.

When you make these, the size is completely up to you. My girlfriend prefers the small clams, but to me it's

reminiscent of eating a bowl of pencil erasers. Me? I'd prefer a bowl full of large topnecks or medium cherry-stones so I know that I'm actually eating something. But, that I leave completely up to you. However, if you do decided to eat them raw, please shuck responsibly...and sober.

Steamed Clams

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3 ea. Fresh lemons
4 sprigs thyme
1 4" piece of good dried chorizo
1 c. Dry white wine

1. Place everything in a pot and steam until clams are open, reserving the broth to serve on top
2. Garnish with grilled lemon

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Puzzles

ALL THE RIGHT MOVIES

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Kristian House, of Oneonta, N.Y., is a former math teacher who now writes math content for textbooks and online platforms. He started constructing crosswords after watching the 2006 documentary “Wordplay.” For this puzzle, the first theme answer he thought of eventually became the puzzle’s title instead. This is Kristian’s 18th crossword for The Times, and his first Sunday. — W.S.

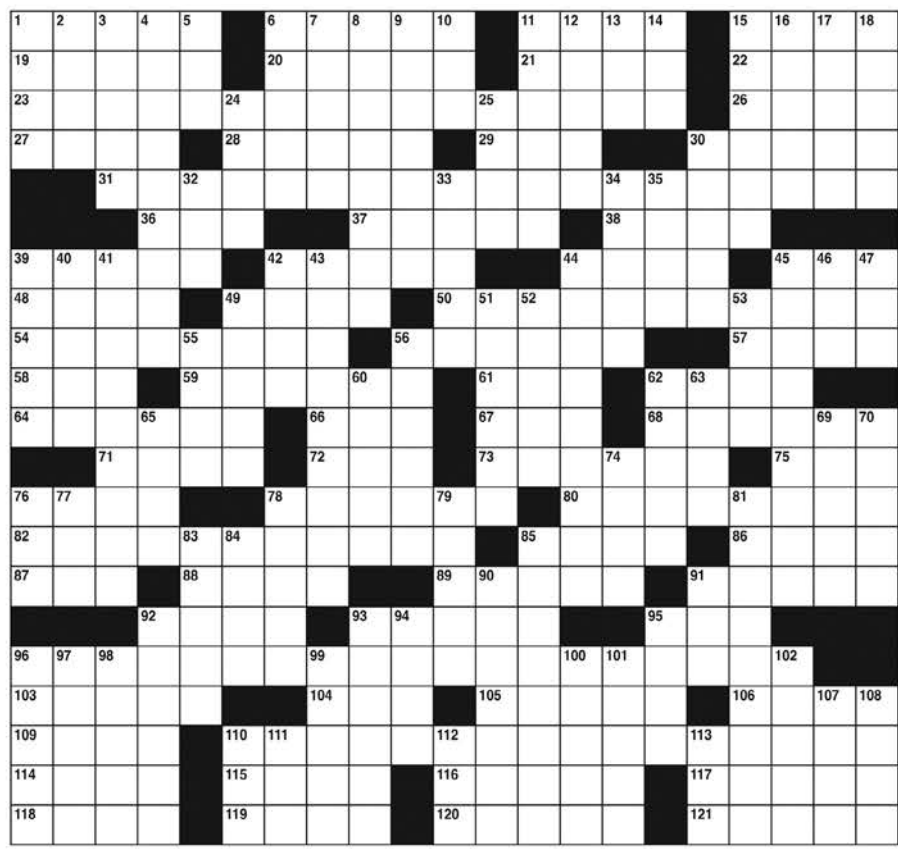
ACROSS
1 Broods
6 “_____ are the voyages of the starship Enterprise”
11 Long-billed wader
15 Idiosyncrasies
19 Brownie ingredient
20 Actor Tom of “The Dukes of Hazzard”
21 Indie singer/songwriter _____ Case
22 1980s U.S. Davis Cup team captain
23 Your apartment-mate, if you don’t close the door before showering?
26 Self-involved
27 Blend
28 Expensive
29 Drumstick
30 Gets better
31 Your wish, maybe, when a rambunctious terrier puppy is first brought home?
36 Browning who directed “Dracula,” 1931
37 Draw a bead on
38 Bring in
39 Songwriters’ org.
42 Lady friend, in Florence
44 Great _____

DOWN
45 See 88-Across
48 Soprano _____ Te Kanawa
49 Giant star
50 Tyrannic sort?
54 O. Henry?
56 Time and Tide
57 Zap
58 President pro _____
59 Giant flying turtle monster of film
61 “What greater gift than the love of a _____”: Charles Dickens
62 But: Fr.
64 Not digital
66 Hankering
67 Monarch’s inits.
68 It can cause shortness of breath
71 Sight at a gladiatorial fight
72 Fluffy neckwear
73 Chooses
75 Actress Grier of “Jackie Brown”
76 Location of Hephaestus’ forge
78 Spoil, as a parade
80 Online reference about toilets?
82 Guys who pass out Halloween treats?
85 Greenhouse containers
86 Some fútbol cheers
87 Completely dominate
88 With 45-Across, what was once the world’s fourth-largest inland body of water
89 Atkins dieters’ no-nos
91 Rapunzel feature
92 Walked over

ACROSS
93 _____ syrup (natural sweetener)
95 Drummer Starkey
96 What outsiders think about the new hire?
103 Common baitfish
104 Terminal guesstimate, for short
105 Statistical tool for checking a hypothesis
106 Be a stool pigeon
109 “Mila 18” novelist
110 What the exhausted working woman wears to bed?
114 Man-to-man alternative
115 Lavish soiree
116 Ruffian
117 Singer Mann
118 Drink flavorer
119 Statuette that weighs 6 pounds 12¹/₂ ounces
120 According to
121 Become slick, in a way

DOWN
10 Ordinal suffix
11 Emulate Edison
12 “Boring” shade
13 1950s White House nickname
14 Female badger
15 The Boar’s Head, in Shakespeare
16 Russian artist Brodsky, the first painter awarded the Order of Lenin
17 It turns a hot dog into a Texas hot dog
18 Pick up on
24 Product that had sales of more than 300,000 on its first day in 2010
25 Michigan college
30 Biblical peak
32 Beat walker
33 Astrologer Sydney
34 Slowly eases (off)
35 Andrew _____, businessman-turned-politician
39 Pointy-eared dog
40 Tornado warning device
41 Early human
42 Early human
43 Michael Lewis best seller with the subtitle “The Art of Winning an Unfair Game”
44 Got results
45 Editor’s stack of unsolicited manuscripts
46 Wapiti
47 All-vowel avowal
49 Publicist’s concern

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- 51 German city near the Belgian border

52 Tree knot

53 Textbook section

55 Bela Lugosi’s role in “The Ghost of Frankenstein”

56 Word before bread or boat

60 Take care of, as a persistent squeak

62 Computation class in Cambridge

63 Part of A.P.A.: Abbr.

65 Truckful
- 69 Assembles

70 Out of whack

74 Fold-up beds

76 “Nations have their _____, just like individuals”: James Joyce

77 Haul

78 Charles who wrote “The Cloister and the Hearth”

79 Bygone sister language of Latin

81 Valued asset for an employee
- 83 What some sailors bring back

84 Throat problem

85 Beautify

90 Gamers’ embodiments

91 Whup

92 Adjustable feature of a typewriter

93 Off

94 Egg on

95 Cousin of penne

96 Slimeball

97 Painful sensation

98 Machu Picchu or Pompeii
- 99 Kingdom

100 What’s left, in Paris

101 119-Across winner for both “Roots” and “Rich Man, Poor Man”

102 Wonderland cake message

107 Stead

108 Medieval stronghold

110 Go gray, say

111 Scene stealer

112 Corporate “a.k.a.”

113 Chicken, in a Chinese dish

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

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

Answers to last week’s puzzles

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

WMD	BARON	MASSE	SWEAR
HOE	OLINE	ULNAR	UHURU
OVENT	IMER	MMIII	GABON
PIPETTE	DEMOC	LARIAT	
PEDAL	STINK	GARTERS	
ESOTERIC	CEDE	REDO	
REW	CAROM	SORTA	ANDUP
STN	ACTNOW	ISOPOD	RDA
	OPE	URAL	REND
			EDY
KELPS	LANAI	CRAZY	EYED
I SEE	CANDY	STRIPE	HERA
STARLINGS	LAUDE	HORSY	
SAP	INTO	DERN	SOW
ETA	FEELME	ACCO	ST MIA
SETH	RAILS	HAUNT	ACI
	ISON	LIEN	DISASTER
PILLARS	KNEES		MATCH
ENDIVE	EYESUP	ETAGERE	
ENOTE	ATWAR	RURAL	AREA
PIPER	ORATE	EMILE	TAD
SEARS	KEYED	EPEES	OMS

NOW PLAYING



FIRST CLASS

Ocean Club Nightclub: Friday & Saturday, Nov. 15-16, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.



FULL CIRCLE

Seacrets: Saturday, Nov. 16, 5-9 p.m.

BEACH BARRELS

13207 Coastal Highway, Ocean City
410-250-0522 / www.beachbarrels.com
Nov. 15: Slappy Hour, 9 p.m.
Nov. 16: Lowercase Blues, 9 p.m.
Nov. 19: Open Mic, 8 p.m.
Nov. 20: 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. 15: Over Time, 9 p.m.
Nov. 16: Classmates, 9 p.m.
Nov. 20: Identity Crisis, 6 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, Ocean City, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
443-664-2896 /

www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com
Nov. 15: Rick & Lennon LaRicci, 7 p.m.
Nov. 16: 33 RPM, 7 p.m.
Nov. 17: Lauren Glick Band, 5 p.m.
Nov. 20: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 p.m.
Nov. 21: Ladies' Night w/Chris Button & Dave Sherman, 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 Center
410-250-1449 / www.duffysoc.com
Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 5-8 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL



PHIL PERDUE

Captain's Table: Friday & Saturday, Nov. 15 & 16, 5:30 p.m.



STELLAR MOJO

Seacrets: Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

12841 S. Harbor Road, West Ocean City
410-213-1846 / www.ocharborside.com
Nov. 15: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Nov. 16: Chris Button, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Nov. 17: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.
Nov. 20: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.
Nov. 21: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City
410-213-1841 / www.hootersofoc.com
Nov. 15: DJ Wax, 4-8 p.m.
Nov. 16: Going Coastal, 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 a.m.
Nov. 15-16: First Class, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

NICK'S HOUSE OF RIBS

145th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City
410-250-1984 / www.nickshouseofribs.com
Nov. 15: Colossal Fossil Sauce, 5 p.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City
410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com
Nov. 15: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Nov. 17: Karaoke w/ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Nov. 19: Beats by Adam Dutch, 9 p.m.
Nov. 21: Beats by Wax, 9 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
Nov. 15: DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Flowers for Taco, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Nov. 16: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Stellar Mojo, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Nov. 21: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, Ocean City
410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com
Nov. 15: Rick Artz (from Love Seed Mama Jump), 4-8 p.m.
Nov. 16: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922 / www.whiskersbar.com
Nov. 15: Karaoke Halloween Party w/Donnie Berkey

Girl scout mends picnic tables

(Nov. 14, 2019) Junior Girl Scout MadaLynne Rutzler of Troop 346 in Ocean Pines presented two refurbished Friendship Picnic Tables to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Ocean Pines last month.

The concept of "Friendship (buddy bench) Tables" is to provide a place where students can go to talk.

Rutzler began the project in April as part of her pursuit of Junior Scouting's highest award.

Over the past six months, she and her team of her mother, father and sister power-washed, sanded, repainted and redesigned two picnic tables on the school grounds.

The tables, originally painted by the school student council in 2015, needed some love. Rutzler developed a proposal and presented her

ideas to her school Principal Mark Record.

Over the summer, she met with a Home Depot associate to understand the materials and procedures she would need for the project. Rutzler developed a plan and presented the list of needs and costs to Record and was awarded, via an anonymous donor, the money to purchase the materials.

After taking care of the basics of refurbishment, she designed the table tops and seats to have inspirational sayings such as "Throw kindness like confetti," "You are strong, you are brave, you are amazing."

On Aug. 29, the school held its annual open house, and Rutzler asked students and teachers to place their fingerprints on the tables to create crosses and confetti.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Junior Girl Scout MadaLynne Rutzler of Troop 346 in Ocean Pines presented two refurbished Friendship Picnic Tables to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Ocean Pines last month. She is pictured with Principal Mark Record.

AGH to host job fair to fill vacant positions

(Nov. 14, 2019) Atlantic General Hospital will hold a job fair on Thursday, Nov. 21, to help fill open positions in the hospital as well as its health system of physician offices.

Positions available include registered nurses, certified nursing assistant, certified nursing techs, medical receptionists, medical assistants, surgical techs, and certified coding specialist.

On-site interviews will be held

throughout the fair, which will take place from 3-6 p.m. in the Atlantic General Hospital main lobby, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin.

For more information, contact Atlantic General Hospital Human Resources at 410-641-9612 or visit www.agh.care/careers.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland

and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

Built by the commitment and generosity of a dedicated community, the hospital's state-of-the-art facility in Berlin combines personal attention with the latest in technology and services.

It provides quality specialty care such as weight loss surgery, orthopedics, outpatient infusion and chemotherapy for individuals with

cancer or blood/autoimmune disorders, and a comprehensive Women's Diagnostic Center.

Atlantic General Health System, a network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists associated with the hospital, cares for residents and visitors throughout the region.

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Calendar

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Thurs., Nov. 14

BENEFIT FOR SHELBY

The Original Greene Turtle, 11601 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. Featuring 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Shelby Martin is 9 years old and suffers from Rett Syndrome, a rare gene mutation. She requires surgery on Nov. 18 to save her life. All proceeds will go to the Martin Family.

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE - ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold their Annual Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers on Nov. 21 at Marriott Residence Inn in Ocean City. Guest speaker will be Nicole Harris. Cost of the dinner is \$40. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the meeting at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. To make reservations with your entrée choice, contact Ann Lutz at annlutz60@gmail.com or 410-208-9767 by Nov. 14.

AARP MEETING

Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., 10:00 AM. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for a social half-hour and refreshments. The guest speaker will be Mayor Meehan and an optional luncheon will follow the meeting at a local restaurant. New members are welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

IPAD CHICKS

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

O.C. WRITERS' GROUP

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. New members are welcome to join this casual monthly get-together. Bring something you've written, or, participate in a writing prompt/creative exercise. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

RICKY NELSON: TRAVELIN' MAN

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Ricky Nelson gained fame on Ozzie & Harriet before becoming a singing teen idol and eventually a serious musician and performer. Join Frank DeLucco and Harry Burkett for a lively discussion. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Seacrets, Morley Hall, 117 49th St., 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6 p.m. The festival focuses on films which both celebrate the splendor of the planet and speak to environmental concerns the earth faces. Featuring 17 films, a silent auction, live music and event specials. Advance tick-

ets: www.ActForBays.org. This event will help support the work of Assateague Coastal Trust. 410-629-1538

TED TALK: JUMPSTARTING CREATIVITY

Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 2:00 PM. TED speakers talk about getting creativity flowing. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

COLOR ME CALM

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Monthly adult coloring session. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips available. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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. 15

CROP OUT CANCER

Grand Hotel & Spa, 2100 Baltimore Ave., 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. For a \$40 donation to the American Cancer Society, participants can bring their scrapbooking (or crafting) supplies and enjoy a day of interrupted crafting. There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 and special door prizes and gifts. 443-235-2926

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>

COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring such as relaxation, reduced stress and feeling restored. Coloring books and supplies provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own materials. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Featuring "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FISH FRY

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

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

Sat., Nov. 16

ART YARD SALE

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Included in the sale from the participating artists are original paintings and photographs, art books, pottery, prints, fiber art, jewelry, glass, framing supplies, art supplies and excess art. In addition, the Art League of Ocean City will be selling as a fundraiser donated art, abandoned pottery, plus some kitchen supplies. The sale will be held indoors, rain or shine. All sales are cash only. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

WALK WITH A DOC

Meet at the Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, 9:00 AM. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk at your own pace. Donna, 410-629-6820, <http://www.atlanticgeneral.org/walk-withadoc>

FOCUS ON PRAYER 7.0

Holy Trinity Anglican, 11021 Worcester Highway, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The theme will be "My Small Story/God's Larger Story." Worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship. Complimentary lunch and \$5 child care provided with advance reservations. Reservations: 443-235-5675 or sara@calledtopraybooks.com.

38TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & FAIRE

Buckingham Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Main St., 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Featuring Christmas gifts by local artisans including Christmas crafts, scarves, neck warmers, handmade quilts and pillows, handcrafted jewelry and American Girl clothes. A variety of homemade soups, chicken salad sandwiches and a bake

table available. All profits go to local missions. 410-641-0234

CERAMIC PAINTING FUNDRAISER

Ceramic Zone, 7700 Richardson Road, 10:00 AM - 3:00 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

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Snow Hill Fire Department, 4718 Snow Hill Road, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Food will be available for purchase. Table rentals are \$15 for one table or \$25 for two tables. Contact Joyce, 410-632-2115.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carry-out available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

STEAK DINNER

American Legion Berlin Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dinner includes 14 oz. Porterhouse steak, baked potato, salad and dinner roll for \$16. Pre order required. Call Don at 410-600-5294 or Ray at 410-215-9354 for tickets or pick them up from the bartender at the legion.

'OPERATION OUTDOORS' TO LAUNCH AT 'FLANNEL FORMAL'

The Manor at Brooklyn Meadows, 10442 Katelyn Lane, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The event includes a pig roast, shucked oysters, desserts, hors d'oeuvres, signature cocktails, craft beer and wine for \$75 per person. Music provided by The Resto Tribe. The Flannel Formal, hosted by the Lower Shore Land Trust, raises funds for conservation programming. Also launching Operation Outdoors, a program designed to get youth and families to experience nature, together. Tickets: www.lowershore-landtrust.org or 443-234-5587.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

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

Mon., Nov. 18

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting

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to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

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

IN 3D! ‘DIAL M FOR MURDER’ (1953) (PG)
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:30 PM. See the classic Alfred Hitchcock thriller the way it was meant to be seen. Reservations: 410-524-1818. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

YOGA FOR ALL
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. This introduction demonstrates benefits of yoga through poses and breathing techniques. No prior yoga experience required. Mats and Props provided. Sign-up: 410-632-3495. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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. 19
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11:00 AM. The workshop starts with a 20-minute lesson on genealogy research by Tom Dempsey followed by a Q&A session. Register: 410-208-4014. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SMITH ISLAND CAKE DEMO
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Learn the secrets and tips of making Smith Island cakes from Lisa Evans from Smith Island. Samplings served. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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

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. Reser-



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SERVICE AWARDS
Stephen Decatur High School students, from left, Russell Warren, Adam Smith, Emily Sackadorf, Devin Pilarski, Kendahl Parsons, Maeve Donahue and Jenna Bradford received the Presidential Service Gold Award during the annual Presidential Service Award ceremony on Oct. 8. To receive the gold distinction, students must have completed at least 250 volunteer hours during a calendar year. Over 60 students were recognized, serving over 13,000 hours on the year. Decatur alum Al “Hondo” Handy, left, served as the guest speaker. Also pictured is Principal Thomas Sites.

ventions required: Krista Radena, 443-880-4944.

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

Wed., Nov. 20

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>

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

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

EYE ON THE 60S: THE ICONIC PHOTOGRAPHY OF ROWLAND SCHERMAN
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Watch a recollection of a remarkable era as seen through the work of a Life Magazine photographer. Learn of key moments and people — JFK, The March On Washington, Bob Dylan, The Beatles, LBJ, RFK and Woodstock. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

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