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GARMENT DISTRICT

Parishioner Pat Rouch showcases her doll clothing last Saturday afternoon during the Holiday Bazaar at Buckingham Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Berlin.

Homes for America will overhaul its properties

Nonprofit says cost of rehab, redevelopment will be \$12 million

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Several residential properties in Berlin will soon receive a facelift.

"I think they're getting tired," said Diane Clyde, Homes for America's vice president of development.

Clyde was referring to the dated look of the 113 Flower St. apartments' kitchens and bathrooms.

Homes for America, a nonprofit organization, has owned the property since

2002, according to Development Director Diana Talios.

Talios said the interior and exterior of the 28 existing apartments will be completely redone.

There is a mixture of one, two and three-bedroom apartments, according to Talios. The one-bedroom ranges from approximately 570-735 square feet, the two-bedroom ranges from roughly 775-985 square feet and the three-bedroom apartments range from about 900-1,050 square feet.

Homes for America also owns 14 townhomes on 545 Bay St. in Berlin. Talios said the buildings would also undergo renovation. See PROPERTIES Page 8

Penguin Swim may need heating up

Midweek holiday has Ravens Roost calling for more local teams

By Greg Ellison

Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Because New Year's Day falls on a Wednesday next year and fewer visitors are likely to travel to the resort for a mid-week holiday, organizers of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's annual Jan. 1 Penguin Swim hope to bolster the event's ranks with more local participants.

OPA Clubs Committee Chairman Gary Miller, who is also a member of the OC Ravens Roost #44 penguin swim team, said the Wednesday date of the fundraiser could mean fewer participants from out of town.

"What we're trying to do is

get more teams involved," he said.

Miller, who has taken the icy dip for the last dozen years, encouraged residents from Ocean Pines and elsewhere to register individually or gather

friends and family for a team effort, with pre-event registration available online at aghpenguinswim.org or in-person the day of, or evening prior, to the event which originates from the Princess Royale on

91st Street.

Kam LaBrunda, AGH Foundation development coordinator, said weather conditions, in addition to calendar alignments, can negatively affect participation.

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PHOTO COURTESY KAM LABRUNDA

The OC Ravens Roost #44 Penguin Swim team was awarded top earning community team honors during Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's annual New Year's Day fundraiser and has raised over \$120,000 in total over the last 10-plus years.

Berlin man killed in Sat. car accident

Driver went off road, hit tree, police say

By Rachel Ravina

Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) A 63-year-old man died following a crash last Saturday afternoon on Route 589, the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack said.

Investigators said Mark Scott Teeters, of Berlin, was traveling south on Route 589 in a 2008 Dodge truck when he drove off the road and hit a tree near the intersection of Taylorville Road.

State police went to the crash scene around 1:43 p.m. on Nov. 16. The Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Berlin Fire Department and Maryland Office of the Chief Medical Examiner are investigating the crash. See POLICE Page 8



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Commission reviews project plans

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) The Berlin Planning Commission reviewed the preliminary aspects of two proposed projects last Wednesday, one a residential development and the other involving the subdivision on church property.

The residential development is proposed for Maple Avenue. The Wilows at Berlin, formerly known as Wolf Terrace, could add between 50 and 60 new residents, according to David Holden, development principal at Ingerman.

There are 31 existing units on the property on 212 Maple Ave., but developers plan to add 34 residential spaces and a community building.

"It's a very attractive project and it's much needed," said Planning Commission member Pete Cosby.

The plan would be to offer a mixture of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartment rentals, according to Holden.

Dave Rovanske, of George, Miles & Buhr LLC, is also working on the project.

Commission members posed questions about several factors, including lighting and parking.

Holden emphasized the importance of quality at the preliminary stages.

"I'm going to editorialize," Holden said. "It takes a year to build it and then it runs for 30 years," Holden said. "Everybody focuses on this phase. We want to make sure it's accessible 10, 20, 25 years from now."

After receiving notes from the planning commission, Romansek and Holden will have an opportunity to revise the project renderings before an official site plan review.

The subdivision inquiry was made by Sunrise Church regarding its property on Main Street.

The lot is zoned B-2 shopping district, according to the planning commission application. Keith Hammer, executive pastor at Sunrise Church, also said during the preliminary plat review that he'd like to have three lots on 10026 Main St. in Berlin.

The first lot is designated for the existing church property, according to Planning Director Dave Engelhart. The second has four 10,000-square-foot storage spaces, which the church plans to break into 5,000-square-foot units.

Engelhart also said the proposed third lot has the capacity for 12,

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Residential and commercial projects in preliminary stage

2,000-square-foot storage slots.

Hammer added that the church tentative plans to sell the plot with the larger storage units and lease the smaller units.

Merry Mears, project broker and advisor with NAI Coastal, said the storage units would be used to store classic cars and boats in an upscale environment.

“I think that’s a good use for that spot there myself,” said Planning Commission Chairman Chris Denny.

Other members inquired about different aesthetic components, including siding. Hammer did not have a definitive answer, but all concurred that appearance is a priority.

“In concept, we are in complete agreement, we just haven’t gotten to that level of discussion,” Hammer said.

Representatives from Sonrise Church will go before the town’s planning commission at a later date for a site plan review.



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A rendering shows plans to redevelop The Willows at Berlin, formerly known as Wolf Terrace, on Maple Avenue. David Holden, development principal at Ingerman, and Dave Rovanssek, of George, Miles & Buhr LLC, presented a concept plan to Berlin’s Planning Commission during a meeting last Wednesday.

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Ravens Roost seeking more local Penguin Swim teams

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fect turnout for the New Year's Day shindig, which under optimal conditions has peaked at more than 1,000 water-braving souls.

"In 2018, Monday, was the year it was really cold and we had about 420 participants," she said. "Last year it was a Tuesday ... it was warm and we had about 650 participants."

By comparison, LaBrunda said in 2016, when the year debuted on a Friday, a record draw occurred.

"Our most participants were in 2016 ... and that was 1,035 people," she said.

Miller said the OC Ravens Roost, which was the top earning community team in 2019, has raised over \$120,000 in total over the last 10-plus years.

"There's a lot of different ways money is raised," he said.

For example, Miller said the Ravens Roost recently held a "guest bartender night" at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club to solicit funds in advance of the event.

Miller also said outside partners have lent backing, such as Capt. Joe Crocetti with the Shrimp Boat in West Ocean City.

"He held an AGH appreciation day two weeks ago and a percentage of funds were donated to the penguin swim," he said.

While registration is available up until the event, Miller said anyone contemplating jumping into the fray, or water, especially those forming a team, should do so sooner than later.

"The earlier teams can get formed, the longer team members have to hold fundraising events and send out letters to family and friends," he said.

Registration can be done online and includes a \$25 per-swimmer fee, with all participants receiving a commemorative T-shirt. Pre-registration by Dec. 1 guarantees size selections.

"We're also trying to get athletic teams at different schools to participate," he said.

LaBrunda said the last penguin swim to occur on a Wednesday drew about 650 attendees.

"That's pretty much what we are expecting" she said.

Now in its 26th year, the annual dip has raised more than \$1.4 million to support the AGH Foundation.

Of that sum, LaBrunda said roughly \$600,000 has been generated through the efforts of Bull on the Beach, 94th Street, and sister restaurant Crab Alley in West Ocean City.

"They have events throughout the year, [including a] golf tournament [plus] bull roast and crab feast," she said.

Regardless of the precise dollar total raised, LaBrunda said the event includes numerous contests and inside activities to add entertainment value to the New Year's Day charity endeavor.

"We do a costume contest [and] maybe half show up in costumes," she said. "They don't all register for the contest but they definitely show up."

LaBrunda said day of registration, the only option for costume entries, takes place at the atrium in the Princess Royale, with pre-registration and advanced check in on New Year's Eve from 2-4 p.m.

"Also in the atrium ... we have carnival games for kids and families to stay occupied while waiting for even," she said.

LaBrunda said the roughly half dozen children's games also help raise funds, with tickets running a dollar per pair.

"Kids can win prizes like stuffed animals," she said.

Win, place and show trophies are awarded to the top three fundraising totals for youth and adult categories, in addition to team hauls.

Despite the penguin "swim" theme, Miller said full submersion is not required.

"People don't have to get their whole body into the water," he said. "All you've got to do is get your feet wet."

"We definitely get more participants when it's warmer," LaBrunda added. "Toes count [and] you don't have to go all the way in."

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Board, commission appointments OK'd by Berlin's council

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Two new people were appointed, and eight others were reappointed to several of Berlin's boards and commissions by a unanimous vote from the Town Council Tuesday evening.

"I have confidence they will all serve our community with integrity and uncommon, common sense," Mayor Gee Williams said in a memorandum to other council members.

Williams said he had two new appointments in mind: Atlantic Hotel General Manager Laura Stearns to fill a vacancy on the Berlin Parks Commission for a two-year term, and area resident John Apple to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term. Apple is a code enforcer and assistant town manager for the Town of Bethany Beach, Delaware.

Apple will replace Doug Parks, who served on the board for more than 20 years, according to Planning Director Dave Engelhart.

As for reappointments, Williams gave a nod to a number of recommended members. Berlin has nine different boards and commissions.

Berlin's Historic District Commission Chairwoman Carol Rose, Vice Chairman Dr. Robert Poli and Stearns were reappointed to three-year terms.

Board of Supervisors of Elections Chairman Lou Creter and member John Briddell were reappointed to serve four-year terms.

As for Berlin's Planning Commission, Chairman Chris Denny and member John Barrett were reappointed to serve two-year term. D.J. Lockwood will handle the alternate position.

Councilman Elroy Brittingham was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Committee reviews drainage plans

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Ocean Pines Environment & Natural Assets Committee board liaison Tom Janasek provided further details on efforts to work with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program to secure state funding for water quality improvements during the group's meeting last Wednesday.

Janasek joined OPA President Doug Parks and Operations Director Colby Phillips for a meeting the week before with Maryland Coastal Bays' officials. The session also was attended by representatives from Ocean City, Snow Hill, Pocomoke and the Lower Shore Land Trust.

"All the players in Worcester County were there," he said.

Overseeing the coastal bays meeting on Nov. 7 was Bryan Seipp, a watershed manager from the Center for Watershed Protection, whose services have been retained to identify the highest priority projects to improve water quality in Worcester County, with the financial backing of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

"Maryland Coastal Bays, with a \$30,000 grant from DNR has hired an ... engineering firm to look into dispersing the grant money within Worcester County," he said.

Janasek said a study is underway on how to alleviate Ocean Pines longstanding drainage problems and flooding concerns.

"We have an engineering firm that is putting together a program to work on Bainbridge Park to get the drainage issues fixed," he said.

Committee member Marty Clarke said regardless of the that study by Vista Engineering, previous comparable efforts have failed to produce viable solutions.

"Is this just another case of we didn't get the answer we wanted, so let's try it again?" he said.

Janasek, while acknowledging the checkered past in terms of addressing

water retention issues, said Phillips and Public Works Operations Manager Nobie Violante have taken a more hands-on approach with the current evaluation.

"They're actually on site physically walking and working with the engineer and doing surveys," he said. "He's not only doing the study, he's telling you where to start and how to manage."

For now, the various municipalities and environmental organizations in Worcester County have been asked to develop project proposals to present Seipp, with site review for up to six locations slated for March.

"From that, they will pick one to three to present, to mostly DNR, but also other entities," he said. "The big money is with Department of Natural Resources."

"By May, they should be able to present their findings and what they think is the best property to get the biggest bang for the buck," he said. "They're going to look at the properties and look at what we have to offer in ways of dispersing water flow to keep our (St. Martin) river clean."

Although uncertainties still abound, initial conversations have centered on a primary problem spot in Ocean Pines.

"They're going to focus on Bainbridge Park, because that's where our biggest issues are with flooding and overflow of ground water," he said.

Possible solutions include expanding the adjacent retention pond and installing a tiered step system for water filtration, as well as installing floating wetlands in nearby canals.

"There's a system you can put in the culvert at Bainbridge to actually filter the water as it's going through," he said.

Geographical deviations could weigh in favor of Ocean Pines, with Janasek noting that Ocean City, for instance, lacks open green spaces to direct excessive water runoff.

"All [Ocean City] can do is maintain what they have or increase the space on some of the big culvert drains," he said. "Ocean Pines, on the other hand, has tons and tons of park space."

In total, Janasek estimated Ocean Pines has 19 undevelopable lots, which could be used for rain gardens or other water filtration methods.

Janasek also said the study being conducted by Vista Engineering study, while financed by Ocean Pines, could be paid through state grants if awarded.

"The grant through DNR, we can get credit for work we've already done," he said.

To bolster the probability of Ocean Pines' project proposals being selected, Janasek said Phillips and Violante would present the results of the Vista Engineering drainage study to the engineers consulting with coastal bays.

"They're going to sit down and show them our plan and basically eliminate a lot of site work," he said.

To further pitch the Pines' cause in the recent meeting with Seipp and coastal bays, Janasek presented water quality testing data related to bacteria levels from the past two years provided through Assateague Coastal Trust in Berlin.

"It's not overflow from farms, but that bacteria is a direct correlation to the amount of nitrogen that gets into our waterways," he said.

Janasek also said increasing the percentage of pervious surfaces, in light of the abundance of properties with asphalt and concrete driveways, is another improvement to reduce water run off issues.

"That might be something else you want to take up as a topic of discussion because the more land you cover, the more run off you have [and] the less places there are for water to soak up," he said.

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OP Chamber honors past, present

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Service to the community was the theme of the Ocean Pines Area Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony last Thursday.

The annual affair was held at the Ocean Downs Casino and honored both departing and departed community leaders.

Receiving the chamber's highest honor posthumously was Ocean Pines volunteer Anna Foultz.

Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kerrie Bunting said less than an hour after sending out the award's press release in September she learned Foultz had died.

"Our chamber had to honor Anna Foultz and the Lifetime Achievement Award was the only way to do it," she said. "Sadly, we are doing it posthumously, but I know she's looking down on us."

Scanning the packed banquet room, Bunting said the overwhelming percentage of the audience members' lives were positively affected through associating with Foultz.

"She was involved in the very fabric that made up the Pines," she said.

Among the honors recognizing Foultz's work was a proclamation from the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Presenting the honor was Beverly Meadows, leader of Worcester County Girl Scout Troop 608, who worked closely with Foultz for nearly a quarter-



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Ocean Pines Area Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year winner Peggy Davis, second from left, was also honored by, from left, Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C), Worcester County Commissioner Chip Bertino, Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) and Bill Reddish, community liaison for Rep. Andy Harris (R-1), during an awards ceremony at Ocean Downs Casino on Nov. 14.

century.

"I never asked her to do anything for us," she said. "I never had to because she was always one step ahead of me."

Recognition of her charitable work also included a congressional recognition for lifetime service signed by Rep. Andy Harris (R-1), a Maryland General Assembly citation signed by Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C), and

Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) presented a citation from Gov. Larry Hogan recognizing the Lifetime Achievement Award from the OP Chamber.

Rounding out the governmental citations was one from the Worcester County Commissioners presented by Commissioner Chip Bertino.

Also during the ceremony, the chamber presented nonprofit of the year honors to Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services, whose Executive Director Steve Taylor is retiring.

"I've served as executive director for six years now," he said. "In my time there we've served 6,000 people."

Taylor said he will step down from his role in December.

"The board that we operate under has done an interview process to find the next person and I'm proud to say the next executive director is Dr. Jennifer Leggour," he said.

For her part, after spending the last 11

years with the organization, Leggour said she appreciates the opportunity.

"I have big shoes to fill but [am] excited and thrilled ... to be part of such a wonderful organization," she said.

In presenting the honor to Worcester Youth & Family, Marlene Ott highlighted statistical evidence of the group's positive community impacts.

"This past year, they had 590 mental health cases ... [and provided] family connection crisis support for 127 families ... rent and utility assistance for 82 families and career assistance cases for 15 individuals," she said.

Business of the Year honors went to the Matt Ortt Companies, based on the strong first-year financials the company posted after assuming food and beverage operations at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and Beach Club.

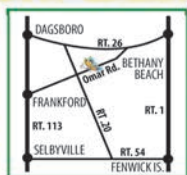
Ocean Pines Association President Doug Parks said prior to the food operation changeover in April 2018 yacht club services had a poor reputation among residents.

Parks said negotiations with the Matt Ortt Companies resulted in several vital insights.

"One was that the brand was broken," he said. "That struck me, because it wasn't somebody coming in to do a smash and grab for one year and then run out,

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Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kerrie Bunting awards Nonprofit of the Year honors to Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services Executive Director Steve Taylor, who used the occasion to announce his imminent retirement while formally introducing longtime cohort Dr. Jennifer Leggour to fill the vacancy.

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Following much ballyhooed improvements at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year honors went to the Matt Ortt Companies. Pictured, from left, are Director of Operations Lewis Sherman, Matt Ortt, Managing Partner and Corporate Chef Stuart Diepold and co-founder Ralph DeAngelus during an awards ceremony at Ocean Downs Casino on Nov. 14.

GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Foultz garners lifetime award

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they were looking for a long-term commitment.”

After the Ortt Companies came on board last April, the turnaround was hard to miss, Parks said.

“The social center of Ocean Pines became the place to be,” he said. “Especially on Friday evenings ... it’s pretty crowded.”

Citizen of the Year honors were presented to Jenny Cropper Rines, due in no small part to her leadership role with the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Committee. “I think about the spirit of volun-

teerism in our community and it is really alive and strong,” she said.

Despite the pre-event publicity, Bunting said the Volunteer of the Year award honoree, Peggy Davis, was kept in the dark prior to that evening.

“We’ve managed to keep this a huge secret,” she said.

Bertino, who counts Davis among his close circle of friends, said the accolade was well deserved.

“I think the most surprised person here, obviously, was Peggy, but I think there were a number of us who weren’t all that surprised,” he said.

Trendic files suit against OPA

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Former Ocean Pines Association Board member Slobodan Trendic filed a lawsuit last Friday in Worcester County Circuit Court in response to the OPA Board of Directors’ rejection in August of a petition that contained more than 800 signatures in August.

Trendic, who is represented by

attorney Bruce Bright, is seeking up to \$75,000 in compensatory damages for legal fees following a referendum drive campaign in April that sought to amend the OPA bylaws to require the board to conduct a membership vote to approve any single capital expenditure over \$1 million.

See Friday’s edition of Ocean City Today for the full story.

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ical Examiner also assisted.

A portion of Route 589 was temporarily shut down while authorities investigated the incident, according to state police.

Teeters was taken to Atlantic General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to state police.

Teeters' body was then transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to conduct an autopsy, state police said.

Properties in line for big overhaul

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dergo interior and exterior renovations.

In addition, 11 apartments on the nearby parcel on 115 Flower St. also are in line for a big change. Talios said the company acquired "site control" of the property, and plans to demolish them and rebuild 12 new units.

Between the two existing properties on Flower and Bay streets, Homes for America owns 42 residential spaces. The additional acquisition of the parcel on 115 Flower St. would bring the total to 54 units.

Talios and Clyde agreed that holding meetings for the current residents and the residents of the new Flower Street property is crucial.



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A rendering showcases a redevelopment project on Flower Street in Berlin. Homes for America owns several homes on Flower and Bay streets. Berlin officials from the Annapolis-based nonprofit discussed plans for the projects earlier this month.

"The residents of our own properties, I mean everyone's excited about having their homes rehabbed, and new windows, and appliances, and roofs, and kitchens, and baths and so on, so everybody's ... positive," Talios said.

Talios and Clyde said they hope the tenants are receptive to the redevelopment projects.

"I think that anytime, as a good owner and a good neighbor, we want to have properties really be an asset to the larger community," Talios said.

The budget for the projects, Talios said, is roughly \$12 million, which

comes from "a combination of private interest and state loans."

Clyde said construction should be late next summer. Once construction starts, the projects should take between 12 and 14 months to complete, Talios said.

Planning Director Dave Engelhart said "we had a productive meeting" on Oct. 24 with several representatives from Homes for America, town department heads, as well as consultants from EA Engineering, Science,

and Technology Inc., as well as Davis, Bowen and Friedel Inc.

"So I think that's good progress for some of our apartment complexes," Engelhart said during an Oct. 28 Town Council meeting.

Other officials, including Councilman Elroy Brittingham, also seemed pleased with this development. "It's good," Brittingham said during the same meeting. "It's good to know that those other two apartments are going to be refurbished."

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Urbanized foxes' behaviors counter traditional wisdom

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) While occasionally startling to tourists, area residents have become accustomed to spotting red foxes during daylight hours, at times even peering into store windows in search of nourishment.

Despite some preconceived notions regarding fox behaviors, John Moulis, with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, said these creatures are highly adaptable when residing in densely populated areas.

“People have impressions of what is normal behavior for foxes,” he said. “It’s based upon whatever their interactions with foxes has been in the past.”

Red foxes, whose males are referred to as dogs and females as vixens, vary widely in stature, weighing between 6-24 pounds and measuring from 18-33 inches. The species can move rapidly if required, reaching maximum speeds of 30 mph.

Moulis, DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service eastern regional manager, said foxes are one of a number of species who manage to co-exist around humans.

“Foxes, raccoons and some other animals have proven themselves to be very adaptable to human environments in suburbia,” he said.

Evaluating behaviors for creatures whose parents have learned to troll backyards and alleys in search of food isn’t easy.

“It is difficult to convey this differing sense of normal behavior based upon what the preconceived perceptions of what a normal fox does,” he said.

Foxes’ annual cycle involves mating during the winter months, with peak births occurring in mid-March. By July, cubs begin to emerge and forage solo. By late September, cubs often begin to disperse, although some may fail to launch and remain with their mother.

Throughout the year, the presence of foxes spotted in developed areas



PHOTO COURTESY TOM SHEALEY PHOTOGRAPHY
Animal behavioral experts advise, regardless of preconceived notions, witnessing red foxes hunting or playing during daylight hours simply provides further evidence the species are highly adaptable when residing in densely populated areas.

during daylight hours hunting prey, playing or basking in the sunshine can alarm residents unfamiliar with adaptation tendencies.

“They live under decks and they live under sheds,” he said. “As far as foxes go in suburban areas, it catches people off guard.”

Moulis related a recent response to residents troubled after seeing a fox loitering in their yard during the day.

“I got 20 feet away from the thing, then he looked at me and trotted off towards a few trees,” he said. “You just have to remember animals that grow up in these communities, around all this activity, are probably laying behind somebody’s house underneath a tree all day anyway.”

Moulis said foxes conditioned to living around human activity may appear fearless.

“In suburban areas, they run on the outside of chain link fences and hardly pay any attention to the same old dog that’s barked at them every

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Pines doubles up fun during Holistic Health holiday fair

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Shoppers might be able to find that elusive original gift idea or the alternative health information needed to start the New Year with renewed energy at the Holiday Holistic Health & Vendor Fairs at the Ocean Pines community center on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Recreation Department Program Supervisor Brittany Jarman, who coordinated the inaugural event last May, said the second installment is being combined with an even larger gathering of Christmas-time craft vendors.

“We have our holiday vendor fair at the same time, so we’ll have all types here, as well as holistic vendors,” she said.

Jarman said of the roughly 50 vendors participating on Saturday, 15 are focused on holistic health practices that promote self-wellness alternatives to modern medical treatments, with hands-on knowledge provided for attendees.

“They could experience getting a massage or speaking to a medium or even trying out any of the natural

services that people bring,” she said. “Everything from the CBD oils, to massage therapists who treat and heal your muscles.”

Jarman originated the Holistic Health Fair as a means to spotlight area holistic-inspired businesses and the ever-growing interest in alternative medicines, such as acupuncture, essential oils, crystals and energy therapy.

“All of the vendors are skilled in what they do,” she said. “There are a few things I’ve never even heard of, so I’m interested to learn.”

In addition to finding samples or informational pamphlets, visitors also can schedule health investigations, Jarman said.

“Everything from just walking through and checking it out to setting up future appointments with the vendors,” she said.

After thinking about personal health concerns, visitors to the fair also will be able to peruse the even larger array of vendors offering a variety of arts and crafts items.

“They’re all small local businesses offering handmade crafts and many are holiday related,” she said. “From jewelry to clothing to holiday décor.”

Ocean Pines makes list of ‘Maryland’s Safest Cities’

(Nov. 21, 2019) In its 2019 list of “Maryland’s Safest Cities,” website Security Baron ranked Ocean Pines in the top spot.

The site used FBI Uniform Crime Reporting data to compile the list.

According to the site, “Our first pick is Ocean Pines, a city on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. With a population of over 12,000 people, there was only 1.71 violent crimes per 1,000 people and only 6.69 property crimes for the same population! Other top picks include Thurmont, Taneytown, and Glenarden.”

Other local communities making the list included Fruitland (26), Salisbury (28), Cambridge (32) and Ocean City (33).

Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey said the low crime rates are a product of community policing.

“We work closely with our citizens in actively promoting community policing,” Massey said. “Our police officers handled over 12,500 calls for service in our community last year. They know our neighborhoods, and this aids in our criminal investigations of crimes and the location of suspects.

“Safety just does not happen on its own. It takes cooperative efforts of residents and police to keep a community safe,” he added.

To view the full list, visit <https://securitybaron.com/safe-cities/maryland>.

Suburban foxes appear fearless

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day for a year,” he said. “It’s just not an issue for them if the dog wants to be noisy on that side of the chain link fence.”

Appreciating genuine concerns over potential exposure to rabies, Moulis said there are cues to help confirm an animal’s health.

“The more time we spend watching them to ... discern what normal is, the better off we’ll all be for understanding their behaviors,” he said.

Moulis said the principal cues involve an awareness to stimuli, sound and noises. “If a car drives down the street and its ears twitch or it turns its head to look because something moves,” he said. “It makes you understand the animal is alert to what’s going on around it.”

Moulis said there are also tell-tale signs of rabies infection, which involve two distinct phases.

“One is the excitable, aggressive phase,” he said. “Anything that moves an animal charges and tries to bite. That’s what people fear.”

The second phase manifests itself as confusion and illness.

“It becomes lethargic [and] may appear to be confused,” he said. “It may appear to be tired or uncoordinated and fall over on its side.”

Animals suffering through this phase of rabies infection are often seen flopped out in open areas without protection from predators.

“It acts confused and most of the time unaware of the stimuli,” he said. “This is where you can almost walk up to it, but it doesn’t act like it knows you’re there.”

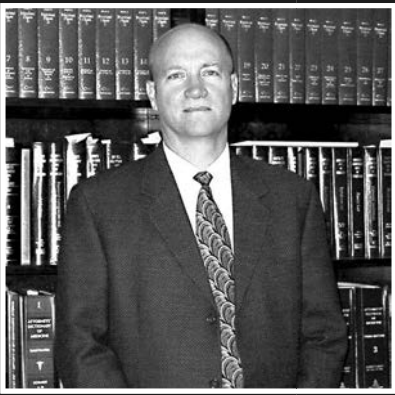
To avoid unnecessary alarm, Moulis advises residents to spend time observing foxes, when possible, to become familiarized with behavioral patterns.

“The more time we spend watching them to be able to discern what normal is, the better off we’ll be for understanding their behaviors,” he said.


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ThanksKitten fun run, Turkey Day Trash Trot

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Runners can sign up for the third annual ThanksKitten Run and second annual Turkey Day Trash Trot, which offer healthy ways to get active before and after Thanksgiving dinner indulgences.

The ThanksKitten Run will take place at the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond Trail, Thursday, Nov. 28, starting at 9 a.m.

ThanksKitten will consist of three laps around the Ocean Pines South Gate Pond, with exercise stations throughout each lap. Exercise stations, ranging from pushups, squats and lunges, are optional and participants can complete in one, two or three laps.

Three laps around the pond are about 2.5 miles. Families, children and pets on leashes are welcome. The laps are not timed and people can choose to run or walk the entire length.

The event will raise money for Town Cats, a local nonprofit that is dedicated to enriching the lives of free roaming, feral or abandoned cats in Ocean City and the surrounding communities by limiting population growth, and providing medical care and affordable adoption services.

“They do a wonderful job of doing

the spay, neuter and release as well as getting foster families for cats when they’re found outside, and they just do an amazing job trying to control the cat population and helping find cats good homes,” CrossFit Asateague Event Organizer Sandra Kerstetter said. “They work with PetSmart and other organizations and I’m just really impressed with what they do.”

In the past two years the event has raised nearly \$1,000 for Town Cats.

Last year, around 70 people participated in the ThanksKitten event. Kerstetter hopes changing the event date this year will draw even more people.

“Last year we tried on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend to see if we would gain more of an interest not being on Thanksgiving morning,” Kerstetter said. “We had a request to put it back on Thanksgiving morning so we accommodated everyone’s wishes.”

Parking will be available at the Ocean Pines Library on Cathell Road.

Coordinators will be collecting supplies, such as clumping cat litter, Purina One kitten dry food, and Friskies turkey pate canned cat food.

“The medical bills when there’s a sick kitten can get quite costly and

[Town Cat] pays for that,” Kerstetter said. “If we can help get them some cat supplies and some extra cash for those expenses we’d like to do so.”

Registration starts at 8 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park and costs \$15 per person, or \$10 for children 13-17 or with a cat supply donation. Children 12 and under can participate for free.

“We’re supporting a local organization. There’s not much to do on Thanksgiving morning besides eating, so it’s a great way to get out and support the community, a great organization, help cats and just feel good about yourself before you sit down for that Thanksgiving feast,” Kerstetter said. “We just want people to have a good time and spend time with family and friends.”

For more information, a list of needed cat supplies or to register online, visit www.crossfitassateague.com, www.facebook.com/crossfitassateague, or call Kerstetter at 443-944-2226 with any questions.

The Surfrider Foundation will be cleaning up trash for the second year during the Turkey Day Trash Trot on Saturday, Nov. 30. Volunteers will meet at the amusement pier by the inlet parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and clean up trash on the beach until noon.

“People should come out for the fresh air to enjoy time spent with friends and family all while providing valuable service to the Ocean City community,” Surfrider Volunteer Coordinator Malcolm Taylor said. “Surfrider Ocean City Maryland prides itself on being a local, all-volunteer organization that is always looking to meet new people and find ways to get folks involved with Surfrider to help promote clean water and healthy beaches.”

During the inaugural Turkey Day Trash Trot last year, 25 people participated and around 40 pounds of trash was collected.

Sponsored by Mother’s Cantina this year, all participants will receive a free taco or drink at the 28th Street establishment after the cleanup. Two participants will also win \$25 gift cards to Mother’s Cantina.

Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle, and gloves and buckets if available. Volunteers are asked to wear comfortable clothing and shoes and dress appropriately for the weather, as it can get very windy on the beach.

For more information, visit the Turkey Day Trash Trot Facebook page, www.facebook.com/events/260471207946247.

Special Pines Thanksgiving Market, Tuesday

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and reserve a meal in order to prepare in advance. Diners should call 410-641-4306 to reserve their seats or carry-out meals. Leave a voicemail and someone from the church will return the call.

The Community Church, located on 11227 Race Track Road in Ocean Pines, will be handing out bags of food for people who can’t afford to buy the Thanksgiving necessities, on Monday, Nov. 25.

Community Church members have been collecting turkeys, pota-

toes, cranberry sauce, packaged stuffing, canned green beans, cookies, other desserts and supplies in order to provide for those in need.

The list of people who will receive these items has already been referred by Worcester County’s assistance agencies, but the church welcomes any volunteers or donations offered during this time, either for the Thanksgiving dinners or for Shepherd’s Nook Thrift Store and Sarah’s food pantry.

For more information or to volunteer, call 410-641-5433.

The Ocean Pines Farmer’s Market

located in White Horse Park will hold a special Thanksgiving market on Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon so shoppers to grab some last-minute orders.

“This market is geared toward our baking vendors especially,” Co-Organizer Lenore Brady said. “This way, people can order pies, breads and other baked goods a few days out instead of a whole week ahead.”

The Tuesday market is not expected to have as many vendors as the year-round Saturday market, but will include bakers and a few fruit

and vegetable vendors as well.

The Saturday market will also take place on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. as well.

Diakonia in West Ocean City is asking for donations for its emergency food pantry and will accept canned goods, rice and pastas, paper products or other Thanksgiving goods that can be shared with the community.

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Community policing: higher value

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) The Berlin Police Department is working to strengthen the bonds between law enforcement and residents by working with organizations throughout the community, according to a recently released Berlin Community Policing Program.

“The program emphasizes ... interacting with community partners where they live, work and play to enhance open and free exchange of thought,” the report stated. According to the 2019 report, there were 14 sworn police officers and five non-sworn police officers within the Berlin Police Department.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said the community policing program has been around from about 1995 to 2000. He added that working with governmental, religious institutions, businesses, and non-profit groups across Berlin and Worcester County helps to make Berlin a safer place.

Downing underscored the importance of having community organizations and local businesses involved. These include Atlantic General Hospital, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, the Berlin Community Im-

provement Association, The Church Mouse, Baked Dessert Cafe, Burbage Funeral Home, Victorian Charm, and Main Street Deli, according to the report.

Downing also said that working with area churches allowed law enforcement and community groups to work together to address problems including homelessness and hunger.

Representatives from Buckingham Presbyterian Church made bags of food, water, socks, and personal hygiene items, according to the report. Officers would then keep several bags in their vehicles for those in need. There is a food pantry and weekly meal at Stevenson United Methodist Church, according to the report.

“Senior Officer [Claude] Holland proposed the idea of delivering food boxes to those at a local send assisted living community with no access to transportation,” the report stated. According to the report, those food deliveries have since increased to 12 to 15 boxes per delivery day.

Responding to the report, Town Councilman Zack Tyndall said he was pleased with the department’s progress in fostering bonds with the community.

“The police department doesn’t al-

ways get the opportunity to respond when things are going well, so having that good community relationship before that call comes out with some sense of urgency, I think allows them to build a rapport with the citizens that they’re protecting so when it comes to that time in need you’re not just talking to a police officer hopefully you’re talking to a friend, someone that’s been an integral part in your community,” Tyndall said.

Tyndall said he’s seen the relationships between area residents and law enforcement move in a positive direction in recent years. Tyndall added that in 2020, he’d like to focus on increasing the number of police officers in the department.

As for next year, Downing said he hopes to look for new partners, as well as continue strengthening the relationships with community partners, residents and visitors. He also said he’d like to maintain involvement and participation in events as well as work as a liaison for interested participants.

“We’re a sounding board, and we’re just that conduit because again they don’t know how to reach the people sometimes and we definitely know how to do that,” Downing said.

Berlin man arrested following crash

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) A 50-year-old man who crashed his car near Berlin early Sunday morning was arrested for driving under the influence and remains being held without bond at the Worcester County Jail, the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack said.

Brian Paul Bierley, of Berlin, was charged with negligent driving and

driving or attempting to drive a vehicle while impaired by alcohol, according to the District Court of Maryland’s online court records.

Troopers went to the scene of a single-vehicle wreck around 12:38 a.m. on Nov. 17 at the intersection of Route 611 and South Point Road.

Police said Bierley was driving a 2005 Nissan Titan on Route 611 when he apparently failed to negotiate a

curve.

Bierley and his passenger were not injured in the wreck, state police said.

Bierley was then taken into custody, and had a .11 blood alcohol concentration level, according to state police.

Police also reported that this was not Bierley’s “sixth known DUI.”

A trial is scheduled for March 10, at Worcester District Court in Snow Hill.



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Pines Players set to perform musical in OC this weekend

(Nov. 21, 2019) The zany November production of “Assisted Living the Musical,” by Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett, will be the next production by the Ocean Pines Players.

The play will be performed at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church at 10301 Coastal Highway in Ocean City on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23 at 7 p.m.; a Sunday matinee on Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m.; and on Monday evening, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m.

To make ticket reservations, visit www.oceanpinesplayers.com.

The Ocean Pines Players recently received a private donation and have decided to pay it forward to the audience.

The first 200 tickets for the show will be reduced from \$20 to \$15. Those who have already made reservations are included in this discount pricing.

“We are so grateful for this gift and we wanted to share it with our audience to say thank you for your amazing support over the last 40 years, especially during this time of rebuilding,” said the nonprofit group’s president, Karen McClure. “Happy Thanksgiving to all of our wonderful friends here in beautiful Delmarva.”

The musical, an ambitious project for Ocean Pines Players because of its large cast and many musical and comedic skits, is a vaudeville-style show with as many as 18 characters performing.

It runs 90 minutes, during which time the audience will be entertained by 18 residents of Pelican Roost, a “full-service retirement home for those drifting into their twilight years, but further away from sanity.”

Pelican Roost is home to colorful characters, a place where buffoonery lives next door to screwball, just across the way from cockamamie.

In addition, the Ocean Pines Players will stage the Christmas show, “‘Twas the Night Before Christmas,” in December.

The play by Ken Ludwig, is a child favorite about a mouse, an elf, and a spunky girl, Emily, who won’t take no for an answer and go on a quest to find out why Santa missed their house last year.

It will run December 14 and 15, starting at 2:30 p.m. at the Red Doors Community Center located at 10959 Worcester Highway in Berlin.

The Ocean Pines Players is a local, all-volunteer, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Follow the Ocean Pines Players on Facebook, or visit www.oceanpinesplayers.com.



Sunset Grille’s annual Pink Party – in honor of Hope Palmer – donated \$6,010 of the proceeds to the John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center and the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future. Pictured, from left, are Michael Franklin, president and CEO of AGH; Buddy Trala, Sunset Grille owner; Hope Palmer, honoree; John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr., past chairman of the Board of Trustees at AGH and CEO of Blue Water Development; Toni Keiser, vice president of public relations at AGH; and Tammy Patrick, development officer at AGH.

Annual Pink Party donates \$6K to AGH cancer center

(Nov. 21, 2019) Sunset Grille’s annual Pink Party – in honor of Hope Palmer – donated \$6,010 of the proceeds from the event to the John H. “Jack” Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center and the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future.

Palmer is a local cancer survivor who has now been cancer free for eight years.

Sunset Grille, along with Ocean 98.1 FM Radio, D3 Corp, Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Ocean City Today, and Teasers, annually host a Pink Party to donate money in honor of Palmer.

“I am so thankful that Mr. Burbage and AGH opened a cancer center in our area. Not everyone is able to travel for treatments and this gives them access to medical treatment closer to home,” Palmer said.

The funds raised during the \$10 million Atlantic General Campaign for the Future will allow Atlantic General Hospital to complete \$35 million in capital projects.

Among them is completion of the 18,000-square-foot full service cancer care center located on Atlantic General’s Campus in Berlin, completion of the women’s health center in West Ocean City, renovation of existing surgical facilities and expansion of emergency services within Atlantic General Hospital as well as improvements to inpatient care areas.

To date, the foundation has already secured over \$8,285,000 of the \$10 million goal in pledges, commitments and grants.

Atlantic General Hospital has been providing quality health care to Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties in Maryland and Sussex County, Delaware, since May 1993.

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Berlin Planning Commission continues with Airbnb talks

By Rachel Ravina
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) For the second time, a discussion about Airbnb properties in Berlin took over the late innings of a Berlin Planning Commission meeting, when members last Wednesday resumed a conversation that began in October.

The subject was broached back then when Chairman Chris Denny inquired about existing policies regarding Airbnb and other short-term rental properties.

In last Wednesday's conversation, Planning Director Dave Engelhart recounted reports of the impacts short-term rental properties were having in Delaware, partly because of increased traffic they generate.

"In Lewes, people are moving, long-term residents are moving out of town," said Planning Commission member Ron Cascio said.

Engelhart also said he wanted to determine how the commission members felt about this issue.

Both Cascio and commission member Newt Chandler agreed that "we need to do something."

Engelhart said that Berlin's code has language for owner-occupied bed and breakfasts, but nothing else.

"There was no such thing as Airbnb when they wrote the code for Berlin," Engelhart said. "Now we're here, we're in the 21st century."

He added that he would work on a recommendation to present to the Town Council, which he added is required in order to augment the code.

Ocean City strengthened its rental license program and Worcester County has been working on instituting one. The Worcester County Commissioners voted Tuesday to set an annual license fee for short-term rental properties, which is considered less than 28 days, to \$200 per year.

The fees would also cover employment for two county staff positions and software costs.

Additional staff also would have to be considered were Berlin to adopt a more regulatory approach.

"Are we going to prohibit it [in Berlin] or are we going to try and control it with our massive staff?" Engelhart asked commission members.

One possibility, commission member Pete Cosby said, would be to categorize short-term rentals as "conditional uses" for zoning purposes.

A conditional use is a limited zoning approval that is granted providing a property owner meets a specific set of conditions.

"We want to encourage modernity and people coming to our town," Cosby said.

Engelhart said he anticipates having a recommendation ready by early next year.

Flag retirement ceremony to take place this Saturday

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) Strong winds last Saturday forced the flag retirement ceremony hosted by the American Legion and Scouts of America to be rescheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 23.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 261, Cub Scouts of Pack 261 and Girl Scouts of Troop 621 will properly discard hundreds of flags during the 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.

Worn U.S. flags are still 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, until Friday.

Last year, around 1,500 flags were collected and retired, Scoutmaster Ken 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 emotion 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."

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

For more information, call American Legion Post #166 at 410-289-3166.

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Pines Library welcomes Burak art exhibition

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 21, 2019) The Ocean Pines Library welcomed Berlin-based contemporary artist Megan Burak earlier this month for her third solo exhibition there. Her show will feature oil paintings, which will be displayed through January 2020.

“Most of them are portraits, which is what I specialize in,” she said.

Since graduating cum laude in 2015 from Salisbury University with a bachelor’s degree in art, Burak has worked at the Art League of Ocean City and held award-winning exhibitions there and elsewhere in Worcester and Wicomico Counties.

“I’ve worked at the Art League for the past year plus but have been involved with them since before graduating,” she said. “I’m lucky to be working at an art gallery for the exposure to other working artists, because I’m still learning about mediums and techniques.”

While receptive to exploring an array of creative outlets, Burak has primarily focused on portraiture based on a self-professed fascination with the technical aspects of distilling the human essence.

“Just being able to get the right

skin tone or color in the eyes of that individual person,” she said. “I also try to tell a story in that as well, like what is their expression trying to say.”

Although the 11 pieces currently on display at the Ocean Pines Library are largely photo-realistic portraits, Burak recently began transitioning into still life.

“I’ll go out to thrift stores and hand-pick pieces that I think will either tell a cool story together or look aesthetically pleasing,” she said.

Burak looks to group random objects with an eye towards items that offer technical challenges to reproduce.

“I like to bring everything home and rearrange it to either tell a weird story or something strange,” she said.

Despite being creatively driven as an adult, Burak confessed to not having that same approach as a youth.

“I took maybe one art class in high school, and I liked it, but I was never like this is definitely what I’m going to do,” she said.

After entering Salisbury University without declaring a major, academic feedback quickly illuminated the path forward.

“I took a drawing or painting class and got good feedback from the pro-



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Ocean Pines Library welcomes contemporary artist Megan Burak for her third solo exhibition of oil paintings since 2016, largely photo-realistic portraits such as “Laundry Day,” a 24-inch-by-30-inch oil on canvas retailing for \$1,250, one of 11 works on display through January 2020.

fessor who said, ‘Go forward with this,’” she said. “This is the only thing I really, really like, so I went pretty full force into it after that.”

Burak thrived under the tutelage of instructors such as Carl Goldhagen, Jinchul Kim and Brooke Rogers.

“I had really good teachers who helped me develop my skill,” she said.

While Burak remains enamored

with oil-based mediums, brighter perspectives have also captured her imagination.

“I actually think I should get into watercolor a little bit because with oil painting you’re working dark to light but with watercolor you’re working light to dark,” she said. “Kind of flipping that switch would be interesting.”

Foundation celebrates fundraising efforts

(Nov. 21, 2019) In August 2016, the AGH Foundation announced the start of the Atlantic General Campaign for the Future, the philanthropic community support that will allow Atlantic General to complete \$35 million in capital projects to expand healthcare services for the community.

As the three-year campaign comes to an end, the Campaign for the Future

committee is planning its final event, the Motown After Party on Friday, Nov. 22, from 7-11 p.m.

Leading up to the event, the community can purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win trips and other prizes.

Hosted at the Aloft Hotel, located at 4501 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, the theme and attire for the evening will focus on “The Glory Years, 1960s –

early 1970s.”

Additional details including attire descriptions can be found at www.agh.care/motown. Features of the event include an abundance of hors d’oeuvres catered by Sunset Grille, cocktails, and live entertainment by Jimi Smooth and the HitTime Band.

The Foundation has raised more than \$8.23 million of the \$10 million

philanthropic community support goal.

To become a Life Donor or purchase tickets to the event visit www.agh.care/motown or text AGH-MOTOWN to 41444 or contact Tammy Patrick at tpatrick@atlanticgeneral.org or 410-641-9690.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation. For more information, contact Patrick or Joy Stokes at jstokes@atlanticgeneral.org or by calling the Foundation office at 410-641-9671.

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.

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The not-for-profit hospital provides quality specialty care in oncology, medical and surgical weight loss, orthopedics, and women’s diagnostics among other services. Atlantic General Health System, its network of more than 40 primary care providers and specialists, cares for residents and visitors throughout the region.

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Pam and Macky Stansell are presented the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award by Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc. Chairman Jim Thomas, left, and President Erica Joseph, right.

Stansells honored by CFES for philanthropy to charities

(Nov. 21, 2019) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore honored Ocean City restaurant owners Pam and Macky Stansell last Saturday for their philanthropic efforts on behalf of local charities and organizations.

The presentation of the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award to the Stansells recognized their “exemplary leadership, vision, integrity, compassion, cooperation and dedication to community and philanthropy.”

The Stansells, who own Macky’s Bayside in Ocean City, apparently had no idea they were to be honored, and attended the dinner at the Fountains Wedding and Conference Center in Salisbury only at the behest of a friend.

A statement from the foundation accompanying the award cited the couple’s quiet giving and said they never sought recognition for their efforts.

“They have dedicated decades of their lives to service through time, talent and treasure. A few examples include their support as volunteers, donors and advocates to Coastal Hospice, Ocean City Development Corporation, Art League of Ocean City, Worcester County Humane Society, Believe in Tomorrow, Worcester County Developmental Center, U.S. Kennels, Rackliffe House, Stephen Decatur High School, Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin Little League, Delmarva Public Radio, Wor-Wic Community College, Maryland Coastal Bays, Diakonia, and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore,” the statement said.

In addition to recognizing other volunteers and supporters at the 35th annual banquet, the foundation also celebrated its distribution of \$6.3 million in grants this year, and more

than \$600,000 in scholarships to local students.

“This event is a true celebration of the hands, heads, and hearts that have come together these past 35 years to make the Community Foundation what it is today,” said foundation President Erica Joseph.

Coastal Hospice fundraising events raises over \$28,000

Money will benefit Macky and Pam Stansell House located in Ocean Pines

(Nov. 21, 2019) Coastal Hospice hosted two fundraising events this autumn to benefit the Macky & Pam Stansell House of Coastal Hospice.

Now that the first residential hospice facility on the Lower Shore has opened, all fundraising dollars will go toward charitable care at the Stansell House.

The annual “Blues on the Bay” fundraiser took place on Sept. 25 and celebrated the opening of the long-awaited Stansell House in Ocean Pines.

The well-attended event was held at Macky’s Bayside Bar & Grill in Ocean City, and raised more than \$19,000. During the event, Coastal Hospice debuted a video featuring the family of the first patient to stay at the Stansell House.

Coastal Hospice held the inaugural Coastal Walk and 5K at Assateague State Park on Oct. 12. With more than 60 people in attendance for the two-mile walk and 5K fun run, the event raised \$9,500.

“We are touched by the support of

both of these events by our donors and volunteers, and the caring and dedication that have contributed to the opening of the Stansell House,” said President Alane Capen. “Every donation to Coastal Hospice touches someone in need of care.”

For those who would like to donate to Coastal Hospice as the year comes to a close, consider donating to the end of year Angel Appeal at www.coastalhospice.org.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions, but do not want to be defined by them, and instead want to remain as active and engaged as possible during the final chapter of their lives.

Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their own homes, as well as in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake and the new Stansell House.

The organization also provides “palliative” care which treats the symptoms and relieve the pain of a terminal illness or injury so that patients can enjoy the time remaining. Learn more about Coastal Hospice at www.coastalhospice.org and follow on Facebook and Instagram.

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Berlin begins to weigh in on online commerce

Airbnb, Vrbo, Uber, Lyft and about two dozen other internet-based sharing businesses have spread so quickly through the digital universe that small towns, big cities and even states have yet to figure out how to react to industries that have no physical presence.

They enter local economies, take what they can, exact a toll on local enterprises and alter the composition of neighborhoods, and there's little anyone can do about it.

Their transactions are conducted in the ether, between individuals and Wizard of Oz-like providers who are never seen, have no local stake, and who are unaccountable for whatever impact their operations might have on community affairs.

This is and isn't right, as the Berlin Planning Commission has realized in its discussions of what to do about Airbnb's growing presence and the creep of short-term rentals it is fostering in otherwise year-round residential neighborhoods.

Worcester County government is currently involved in trying to establish some form of regulation through rental licensing, and Ocean City government has already done that, although neither has said, or even can say, how and where such dealings should be conducted.

That's the free enterprise system, which is to say a perfectly legal commercial entity and its customers can do whatever they want, although, as rental licensing shows, they may have to pay a little something to government do it.

How Berlin officials deal with this phenomenon bears watching, because its circumstance is somewhat different than the resort's or the county's.

Berlin government and residents have spent decades building and protecting a historically correct and charm-infused model community, and now, when confronted by influences far beyond its reach, it wants to do something, but has yet to determine what it can, can't or should do.



Register for 'Light up the Pines' event

Choptank Electric calls for residents to decorate homes

(Nov. 21, 2019) Whether this holiday's decorating draws inspiration from Clark Griswold, or leans more toward the tasteful and traditional, Ocean Pines once again invites residents to show off their skills in the annual "Light up the Pines" outdoor display event.

This year, the program will focus on participation rather than on the selection of winners, as has been done in the past.

Choptank Electric Cooperative, the sponsor of this year's program, will be giving away holiday gift baskets to the first 20 households that register beginning Monday, Nov. 18.

Choptank Electric Cooperative is pleased to be part of the holiday spirit in Ocean Pines with the 'Light Up the Pines' event," said Beth Hallett, manager of marketing and communications. "We hope our members enjoy bringing holiday fun to the neighborhood!"

Residents interested in sharing their displays with the rest of the community are invited to join the "Ocean Pines Holiday Parade of Homes," which will feature an online Google map with addresses (and names, if the homeowners

wish to share them) of participants.

Households interested in participating should submit a name, address and phone number via email to info@oceanpines.org or by calling 410-641-7717.

The initial deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 6, although those who decide to participate after that date may still have their homes included on the online map, which will be updated throughout the holiday season.

The map of participating homes may be viewed at https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sAvmTC7hgxb0iXW21_83hrGxRDM3Nb8h&usp=sharing

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Comcast town hall slated for Dec. 3

(Nov. 21, 2019) Representatives from Comcast will host a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Construction related to

Comcast infrastructure should begin this week and company officials said phone, television and internet service could be available in some areas of Ocean Pines as early as next spring.

During the town hall,

Comcast representatives will discuss the implementation schedule and answer questions from the audience. Additionally, the company plans to send mailed notice to those in areas affected by the construction.

Ocean Pines leaf collection scheduled to begin Nov. 25

(Nov. 21, 2019) The Ocean Pines Association has announced leaf collection procedures for its residents this fall.

Public Works will collect leaves and other yard debris from Nov. 25 through Dec. 20, on opposite days from Republic Services collection days.

The department will only pick up leaves placed in paper bags that residents place curbside. Thirty-gallon paper bags are available at Public Works in bundles of five for \$10.

Republic Services will pick up paper and plastic bags out on scheduled pick-up days, limit four bags of leaves per scheduled pick up. Republic Services will also accept branches tied in bundles no longer than four feet.

Additionally, Ocean Pines residents may bring leaves and yard debris in bulk or paper bags to the Public Works yard at 1 Firehouse Lane, near the south Fire Department. The yard will be open Nov. 25 through Dec. 20, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be no collection or drop off on Thursday, Nov. 28 or Friday, Nov. 29 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Public Works will also vacuum leaves. Residents should refrain from blowing leaves directly into the ditches, as this can lead to clogging of pipes as well as difficulty in water flow.

For more information, contact Public Works at 410-641-7425.

Chesapeake Hearing Centers to hold 60 for 60 Challenge

(Nov. 21, 2019) Chesapeake Hearing Centers is holding a 60 for 60 Challenge through the end of 2019 to honor the 60th birthday of its president, Tim Aland.

The goal is to collect 60 pounds of nonperishable food items at each of its seven locations to be donated to local food pantries for those in need during the holidays.

To donate locally, bring nonperishable food items to the Ocean Pines Chesapeake Hearing Centers at 11002 Manklin Meadows Lane.

There are also locations in Annapolis, Severna Park, Columbia, Kent Island, Easton and Salisbury.

Every donation helps someone in the community who needs a little support, and anyone who donates is eligible for a drawing to win a free ham or turkey.

For years, in addition to the food-donation programs it regularly hosts, Chesapeake Hearing Centers has donated used hearing aids to be refurbished and provided free of charge to those who might not otherwise be able to afford hearing aids, both in the U.S. and abroad.

It supports the military by hosting letter-writing campaigns, provides free hearing screenings at local hospitals and senior centers, and supports local community organizations through sponsorships.

For more information about Chesapeake Hearing Centers, visit HelpYourHearing.com.

Applicants sought for new WYFCS mentoring program

(Nov. 21, 2019) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services has developed a youth mentoring program that will serve sixth graders through high school seniors with the goal of improving academic performance, social outcomes and ultimately graduation.

The program is seeking volunteer mentors interested in serving the community through mentor-based leadership.

Worcester Youth will be working with the Worcester County Board of Education to identify students with warning signs of disengagement from school, such as truancy, low grades or behavioral issues.

Studies demonstrate youth mentoring programs are effective at improving school attendance, performance, social skills, graduation rates and ultimately greater employment opportunities.

While Worcester County graduation rates are much higher than statewide averages, Worcester Youth will work with Worcester County Public Schools to further improve graduation rates.

Worcester Youth is requesting mentor applicants interested in helping children succeed in school and enhancing opportunities for life outside of school.

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JUST WALK BERLIN

Representatives from the Worcester County Health Department, the Berlin Parks Commission, Atlantic General Hospital and Worcester County Recreation and Parks offer information and assistance during the Fall Just Walk Berlin on Nov. 2, at Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street off Route 113 in Berlin.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

‘BAT BOX BASH’

Jake Olsen, 8, who attends Showell Elementary School, receives drill guidance from his mom, Leah, while completing structural work during the Maryland Coastal Bays Program’s “Bat Box Bash” on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines.



RACHEL RAVINA/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Debbie Kilian, an employee at the Treasure Chest on Main Street in Berlin, begins decorating the shop for the holiday season last Saturday morning.



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LITERACY MONTH

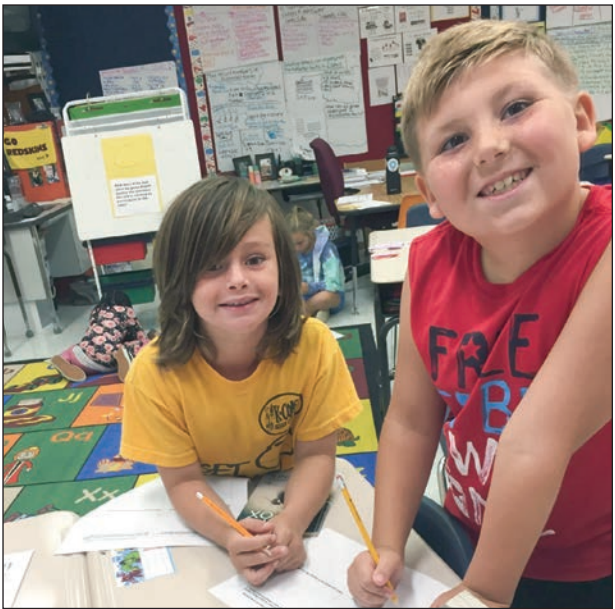
The Republican Women of Worcester County celebrate September as Literacy Month in the local libraries and schools. The group supports Worcester County’s public libraries with monetary donations to purchase books for their shelves each year. Receiving a check from RWWC Literacy Committee members Marge Matturro, left, and Liz Mumford, right, is Dawn Mackes, branch manager of the Pocomoke City Library branch.



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COMMENDED

The Worcester County Commissioners and Board of Education officials commend Worcester Technical High School students and instructors for their outstanding performances at the 55th annual SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, held June 24-28.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FINDING EVIDENCE

Showell Elementary students Fletcher Chmar and Thomas Gallagher cite text evidence to ask and answer questions. They are looking at the book “Stone Fox” in Michael Johnson’s third grade classroom.

Worcester Prep's Carol Hartnett receives Coach of the Year award

(Nov. 21, 2019) Carol Hartnett, coach of the Worcester Prep girls' soccer team, was named Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year.

She was selected by the athletic directors in the conference.

"I am so proud to receive this honor and I dedicate it to my team for their incredible effort and enthusiasm," Hartnett said. "I would not have this award without them."

In Hartnett's 25 years of teaching physical education at Worcester, she has

coached multiple competitive girls' teams including basketball, field hockey, lacrosse and soccer.

This year, she closed out her 21st season coaching Worcester soccer. Her team earned Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference regular-season champion honors. The squad finished the season with a 6-2-1 overall record.

Hartnett has now received the Coach of the Year award four times. She previously won it for soccer in 2004 and 2009, and for lacrosse in 2006.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Prep girls' soccer team Coach Carol Hartnett is presented the Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference girls' soccer Coach of the Year award by Athletic Director Matt McGinnis, who nominated her.

Worcester Youth calls for mentor applicants

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Potential candidates may include: young professionals, business leaders, school teachers, social workers, nurses, police, veterans, retirees, faith-based community members, civic groups, philanthropic individuals, government officials and Worcester Youth supporters.

Mentor candidates will be interviewed, receive a background check and participate in approximately 10 hours of training from Worcester Youth before being matched with a

student and meeting the child's family.

Volunteer mentors will meet face-to-face with their mentee at least twice per month and attend a group meeting at least once per month.

Mentors will be asked to commit to one year of participation after assignment and will receive ongoing support from the program coordinator.

Mentors will meet with the student to ensure they have the tools and resources to be successful in school. Those resources may include tutoring,

referral to counseling, and navigation of social and family support resources.

Founded in 1975, Worcester Youth is a nonprofit organization that provides critical services to at-risk youth and families who are struggling emotionally and socially.

The organization advocates for children suffering from child abuse or neglect, assists families on the brink of homelessness, promotes education and experiential learning, and provides therapy for people coping with life-changing stressors and mental

health challenges.

The youth mentoring program will serve as another avenue to reach children who are struggling and to provide the supports necessary for a brighter future for youth.

Funding for this program is provided by the Worcester County Local Management Board through Worcester County's Initiative to Preserve Families.

If interested in becoming a youth mentor, call 410-641-4598 or email shine@gowoyo.org.

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NEW PROGRAM

Worcester Preparatory School Kindergarten teachers have incorporated a new program, “Read to Self,” where students have a carved-out time every day dedicated to reading. Acting Head of School Mike Grosso stops by to read with kindergarteners, Meera Wadi, Isabella Labin, Madelyn Tull, Bianca Prosekova and Marshal Hidell.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Preparatory School Kindergarten teachers have incorporated a new program, “Read to Self,” where students have a carved-out time every day dedicated to reading. Pictured is Knox Luttrell.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

DONATION

The Delmarva Hand Dance Club recently donated \$4,000 to the Home of the Brave Foundation. The donation will be split between the Home of the Brave for Women and Children and the Home of the Brave for Men. The mission of the Home of the Brave is to reduce homelessness among the military veteran population by providing transitional housing, food and security, assisting with employment, access to health care and other services. Pictured, from left, are Club officers Howard Simons, Joan McHale, Barbara McArdle, Clarence Emmons, Judy Martin, and Home of the Brave representatives Beth McGinn and Tony Bergfelder and Club officer Mac Smith.



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NEW MEMBER

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City welcomed new member Diane Denk on Oct. 9 during its weekly meeting. Denk is pictured with her sponsor, Kitty Wrench and Kiwanis Club President Roy Foreman.



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CANCER SUPPORT

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Worcester Prep girls' field hockey, soccer and volleyball teams donned pink shirts, ribbons, and/or socks during their games in October. The field hockey team sports pink socks to raise money for Women Supporting Women during its game against Holly Grove on Oct. 4.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Assateague Coastal Trust, The Delmarva Free School and 28 volunteers participate in a Community Watershed Cleanup on Holly Grove Road in Worcester County on Nov. 2.

Groups collaborate to clean up Berlin road

(Nov. 8, 2019) Assateague Coastal Trust, The Delmarva Free School and 28 volunteers came together for a Community Watershed Cleanup on Holly Grove Road in Worcester County on Nov. 2, that would turn out to be one for the books.

It was a crisp November morning with frost still on the grass and a late season sun hanging low on the horizon.

By 9 a.m., volunteers slowly began to arrive at the recycling center in front of the Berlin Walmart.

Billy Weiland, communications di-

rector for Assateague Coastal Trust and founder of the Trash Free Assateague program, said that with these volunteer events, it is often difficult to predict the energy and motivation from volunteers and what the overall success of the cleanup will be, especially on an early, cold Saturday morning.

“This day was different,” Weiland said. “Within 15 minutes, half of the recycling center parking lot was full of cars and volunteers eager to jump in the van to be shuttled up the road to Holly Grove. Once we were all

there and under the curtain of trees that covers Holly Grove, it quickly became apparent that we had achieved what we intended to accomplish.”

In just two hours, Assateague Coastal Trust, The Delmarva Free School and volunteers from around the community managed to remove 350 pounds of trash in just a quarter mile along Holly Grove Road.

Escorted by two Worcester County Sheriff Department patrol cars, volunteers worked in teams to collect an array of plastic, glass, aluminum and miscellaneous trash along the road

within the Ayers Creek watershed.

All of the material collected was separated by volunteers and recycled on spot. Ayers Creek drains to Newport Bay, where trash and pollutants can find their way to Assateague Island.

“What this event has demonstrated is, yes, we have a plastic and waste issue on our hands as a society, and yes, even in 2019 there are still far too many folks who choose to intentionally litter, but more importantly this Community Watershed Cleanup

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Traditional Thanksgiving Buffet!

Thursday, November 28, 2019 Seating Begins at 1:00pm

Holiday Selection Includes:

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DUST N' BONES

Harboerside Bar & Grill: Wednesday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m.



IDENTITY CRISIS

BJ's On The Water: Wednesday, Nov. 27, 6 p.m.



NOWHERE SLOW

Seacrets: Friday, Nov. 22, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

BEACH BARRELS

13207 Coastal Highway, Ocean City
410-250-0522 / www.beachbarrels.com
Nov. 22: Monkee Paw, 9 p.m.
Nov. 23: Muskrat Lightning, 9 p.m.
Nov. 26: Open Mic, 8 p.m.
Nov. 27: Bingo w/DJ Rupe, 6 p.m.;
Thanksgiving Eve Bash w/Tranzfusion, \$5 cover, 9 p.m.

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-7575 / www.bjsonthewater.com

Nov. 22: Tranzfusion, 9 p.m.
Nov. 23: Old School, 9 p.m.
Nov. 27: 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. 23: Randy Jamz, 7 p.m.
Nov. 24: Jack Worthington, 5 p.m.
Nov. 27: Reform School, 6 p.m.; Open Mic, 9 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
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Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 5-8 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road, West Ocean City
410-213-1846 / www.ocharborside.com
Nov. 22: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Nov. 23: Chris Button, 2 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Nov. 24: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.
Nov. 27: Dust N' Bones, 6 p.m.

HOOTERS

12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City
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Nov. 22: DJ BK, 4-8 p.m.
Nov. 23: Classic Vibe, 4-8 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

101st Street, Ocean City
In the Horizons Restaurant, in the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
410-524-3535 / www.clarionoc.com
Every Friday and Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Nov. 22-23: On The Edge, 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. 22: The Poole Brothers, 5 p.m.

PICKLES

706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City
410-289-4891 / www.picklesoc.com
Nov. 22: Beats by Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Nov. 23: TBA, 10 p.m.
Nov. 24: Karaoke w/Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Nov. 26: Beats by Adam Dutch, 9 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900 / www.seacrets.com
Nov. 22: Nowhere Slow, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Nov. 23: Whiskeyhickon Boys, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Bobby-O, 6 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Shake, Shake, Shake, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, Ocean City
410-723-6762 / www.skyebaroc.com
Nov. 22: The Stims, 4-8 p.m.
Nov. 23: Aaron Howell, 4-8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17, Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
410-208-3922 / www.whiskersbar.com
Nov. 22: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Worcester Preparatory School Class of 2020 students honored for outstanding Advanced Placement scores, in front, from left, are Madison Van Orden, McKenzie Blake, Abi Plylar, Kathryn Marini, Emily Copeland, Damiana Colley and Ellie Todorov, and in back, Kurt Leinemann, Spencer Paquette, Devin Wallace, Enzo Zechiel, Max Huber, Frank Carter and Eli Prushansky.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE



Wor. Prep students receive honors

(Nov. 21, 2019) Worcester Preparatory School students from the classes of 2019 and 2020 captured one National AP Scholar and 35 Advanced Placement Honors from the College Board.

The National AP Scholar who received a grade of 4 or higher on eight or more exams was Dominic Anthony, '19. He also received the AP Scholar with Distinction.

AP Scholars with Distinction who achieved scores of at least 3.5 on all AP tests taken and scores of 3 or

higher on five or more of these exams were: Anthony; Matthew Durkin, '19; Max Huber, '20; Kurt Leinemann, '20; Maya Natesan, '19; Eli Prushansky, '20; and Henry Taboh, '19.

AP Scholars with Honor who received an average of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams were: Sam Cantor, '19; Gracie Gardner, '19; Kathryn Marini, '20; Owen Tunis, '19; and Devin Wallace, '20.

AP Scholars with scores of 3 or higher on three or more exams were:

Delaney Abercrombie, '19; Hailee Arrington, '19; McKenzie Blake, '20; Parker Brandt, '19; Frank Carter, '20; Damiana Colley, '20; Emily Copeland, '20; Maria Deckmann, '19; Jared Gabriel, '19; Kaitlyn Hamer, '19; Molly McCormick, '19; Jacob Meakin, '19; Hailey Merritt, '19; Hannah Merritt, '19; Colin Miller, '19; Dakin Moore, '19; Spencer Paquette, '20; Abi Plylar, '20; Cooper Richins, '19; Andrew Stickler, '19; Ellie Todorov, '20; Madison Van Orden, '20; and Enzo Zechiel, '20.

Over 350 pounds of trash collected by ACT, volunteers

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demonstrates we can come together to understand the issue and put forth the work required in solving it," Weiland said. "The solution isn't just grabbing a compostable trash bag and cleaning up a beach or side street. It is the act of this work that resides as a symbol and model of the ethic and respect that we all must rekindle. What is on our land, in our waterways, in our environments, it is a reflection on our community, and it represents our level of respect for our planet."

The Delmarva Free School's Founder Kelly McMullen was thrilled with the turn out and results, and grateful to Assateague Coastal Trust and Worcester County and each individual volunteer that made it happen.

This project was made possible by a funding award from the National Park Service and the Outdoor Foundation.

The Assateague Coastal Trust's mission is to promote and encourage the protection of the health, productivity and sustainability of the coastal bays watershed of Delmarva through advocacy, education and conservation. Visit www.ACTforBays.org for more information.

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Oysters: one of the many bounties of the Chesapeake. Mysterious mollusks whose introduction to the human race was probably at the hands of a river otter banging one open on its chest.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I don't know that this particular version of history is completely accurate, but I'm sure that however it happened, it was a very long time ago.

Either way, oysters are delicious almost anytime, anywhere, or at least that is exactly what oyster lovers such as myself are fond of saying. But, isn't there a catch, you might ask? Well there is, or at least that's what old-wives-tales would have you believe.

Have you ever heard the saying that you can't eat oysters during months that don't end in the letter 'r'? While I have heard this since 1983, it didn't cross my mind for years how we were still selling oysters in Annapolis during the summer by the wheelbarrow-full and we're still doing it today. But, how can that be?

You see, red tide is an awful thing. That's the start to this entire oyster debacle. Red tide is a breakout of algae that the oysters, being filters, bring into their being. As such, the toxins that are either ingested or produced by the oyster become toxic to humans. That's certainly enough to scare anyone off.

But reality dictates that red tides poisoning can't possibly be so rampant so as to cut off supplies of oysters to good people like you and me.

Rest assured, while there's always a slight risk of anything in our food chain, the food monitors, to include the USDA and FDA, have strict parameters on levels of red tide and when oysters are too infected to ship.

This is the reason that restaurants are required to keep shellfish tags for 90 days. If someone does get sick, agencies can track down the oyster bed, the date of harvest et al and compare it to databases to see if there was a viable threat. It's a very complex system that has worked well for decades.

In fact, it's hard to make your way through town in-season and not see them for sale on every corner. And that's just the way I like it.



Today in class, we talked about local cuisine, so it was a no-brainer to include oysters. Barbecued oysters are some of my favorites and a student, Josh, made these to perfection. Luckily, I was able to find local oysters that were not too salty, as there is plenty of salt in the bacon.

All in all, there was nothing to correct about the dish, and as I was walking the students through shucking, I envisioned, as I always do, a sea otter banging the thing open with a rock. It's my happy place. The students should just be happy that I didn't make otter noises. Maybe I will next time.

BBQ Oysters

Makes 2 dozen

24 Bayside oysters*

Rock salt, as needed

Enough BBQ Sauce to slather (recipe follows)

24 bacon pieces, 2 inches long

1. Preheat oven to 425F.
2. Shuck oysters, reserving liquor for oyster stew or any other application that you might see fit.
3. Remove meat from bottom shell so that it is easy for your guests to slide out.
4. If the bacon is thick-sliced, pre-bake it half way to give it a little head

start.

5. Spoon 1 tsp. of barbecue sauce on each oyster (or more or less per your tastes).

6. Top each oyster with a piece of bacon.

7. Bake in the oven until the oysters are cooked through and the bacon has that nice, crispy look.

8. Serve on plates of fresh rock salt. Sometimes, I will mix in some whole peppercorns to add some dimension to the plate. That is up to you, since it will only cost you more money.

9. Serve with cocktail forks and enjoy.

**I recommend less-salty oysters here since the bacon will be salty enough. You don't want an oyster that doesn't taste like anything, but you catch my gist.*

BBQ Sauce

Makes about 1 quart

- 2 c. Ketchup
- 1 c. Apple cider
- 1/4 c. Apple cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Lea & Perrins Worcestershire
- 1 tsp. Garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. Coleman's Dry Mustard
- 6 Tbsp. Dark Brown sugar

1 tsp. Black pepper*

**While I typically type "Salt & Pepper to taste" in my recipes, here I only recommend pepper. There is plenty of salt in the ketchup and in the bacon as well as the oyster. If you feel that you need to add some, please make sure that you do so after the reduction and only then.*

1. Combine all ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a high simmer. Don't let this come to a full boil as this can scorch the sauce on the bottom.

2. Turn the heat down to low (but just high enough so that you still see steam rising from the surface) and allow to cook for about 2 hours, stirring every fifteen minutes or so to ensure that nothing is baking on the bottom.

3. When the sauce is complete, simply remove to cool and store in an airtight container for a long, stinkin' time! The FDA says that anything made in house (served to the general public) will last seven days, but we know better in cases such as these, don't we?

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

Puzzles

DOUBLE SIXES

BY PETER GORDON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Peter Gordon, of Great Neck, N.Y., is a professional puzzlemaker and editor. He oversees the puzzle-and-game program at Sterling Publishing. He also creates a challenging weekly online crossword ("Fireball"), available by subscription. This is Peter's 116th puzzle for The Times, including the very first crossword (a Sunday) under my editorship in 1993. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 "Hooked on Classics" company

5 Christina of "Monster"

10 Skins, so to speak

15 Silent

18 Last Supper item

20 Case study in many business ethics classes

21 Call on

22 "The Simpsons" character who holds a Ph.D. in computer science

23 Low singers, short on money, draw idly

26 Place for a beer pump

27 Reaches a climax

28 High-class person?

29 Served in a certain cream sauce

31 Fleet runner: Abbr.

32 Boston's Liberty Tree, e.g.

34 Tennis player with a record 377 cumulative weeks ranked No. 1

36 First-rate

37 Works as an accountant for a Swedish aerospace company

44 "Pearly Shells" singer

45 Like a llano

46 Put a stop to

49 Mlle., across the Pyrénées

50 Tangle

51 Airy areas of hotels

52 Urban intersectors: Abbr.

53 People who share an apartment with a Jordanian royal

58 Rival of Havoline

61 Pec pic, say

62 1980s auto imports based on the Fiat

63 Turkish coin

64 Speed skater who won five golds at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics

66 Not doff

69 Politico Liz

71 Unusual

72 Pocahontas's husband John

73 50,000-watt clear-channel radio station in Iowa for which Ronald Reagan was once a sportscaster

74 Sends to the canvas, for short

75 Designer Mizrahi shouts like a cowboy in a nonchalant way

82 Citi Field player

83 Listens attentively

84 Man's name that becomes another man's name when a "C" is put in front

85 Life ____ (timesaving trick)

89 Events for special customers

91 Smooth and lustrous

93 Asian metropolis of 28+ million

94 Headline after an adolescent at a pool competition is made fun of

97 Mughal emperor of India known as "the Great"

99 Nephew of Cain

100 Feminine side

101 Bit

102 Meteorological phenomenon

105 Mourning person, perhaps

109 Like triangles governed by the Pythagorean theorem

111 Stir

112 Matriculated students appear to be timid

116 Couldn't stand?

117 John who invented a steel plow

118 Poles, e.g.

119 California mission founder Junípero

120 What's up?

121 More logical

122 Brownish gray

123 Fit together like matryoshka dolls

9 Plants that yield a blue dye

10 Antonin who composed "Carnival Overture"

11 Host of the Olympics where golf returned after a 112-year hiatus

12 National School Lunch Program org.

13 Pepper dispenser

14 Cinematographic innovation of the 1970s

15 Raising Cain

16 Overturn

17 Unpleasantly humid

19 Thus

24 Mallorca o Menorca, por ejemplo

25 Socially awkward

30 Hearst-like film character

31 Interjects

33 It's more attractive the closer you are to it

35 Adorn

38 N.B.A. nickname until 2011

39 Something white rice lacks

40 Hay there!

41 Where the Nobel Peace Prize winner is announced

42 Money for a grand tour

43 Stiffly formal

47 Like binaural audio

48 Parts of college applications

50 Bean on the silver screen

51 Ship of mythology

54 Pac-12 player

55 Cry of dismay

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56 Bemoan

57 Hoppy drink

58 Food item often prepared with lemon and garlic

59 Promo

60 Snack-food brand that sounds like buried treasure

65 It may be a deal breaker: Abbr.

66 Gander

67 Some pipe joints

68 New York Titans' org. of old

69 Jackie of "Rush Hour"

70 Question that isn't a "wh-" question

72 Ned who composed "Air Music"

73 Sound heard at Churchill Downs

76 Alternatives to sleeper sofas

77 Quiet

78 The Collegiate School, today

79 Actress Sommer

80 50-50

81 Molt

86 Not out to lunch

87 Crib users

88 Captain played twice in film by Charles Laughton

90 Equine : horse :: cygaine : ____

91 Pub perch

92 "That's what you should do"

93 Jeans

95 Playwright Eve

96 Land on the Celtic Sea

97 Run up

98 Company that's had its moments

103 Draft classification

104 Small songbird

106 Composer Bartók

107 Biblical birthright seller

108 Send one's regrets, say

110 F.B.I. guys

113 Underground band

114 Direction from Belg. to Bulg.

115 "Krazy ____"

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HARD - 72

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.

Answers to last week's puzzles

5	2	4	9	8	3	7	6	1
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Calendar

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

Thurs., Nov. 21

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. The November project is decorating beach themed ornaments. Cost is \$6. Reserve your ornament: Carol Quinto, 410-208-4317. All are welcome.

CLASSIC MOVIE THURSDAY
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2:00 PM. Featuring "African Queen" (1951). Snacks provided. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

PAINTING WITH WATERCOLOR
Pocomoke Library, 301 Market St., 2:00 PM. Artist Jan Coulborne will demonstrate the use of value, mediums and brush strokes to assist in the creation of a beautiful artwork. Supplies provided. Register: 410-957-0878. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FIRESIDE CHAT
Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 3:00 PM. Lively chat about favorite authors and genres. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

AGH JOB FAIR
Atlantic General Hospital, Main Lobby, 9733 Healthway Drive, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Positions available include registered nurses, certified nursing assistant, certified nursing techs, medical receptionists, medical assistants, surgical techs and certiffied coding specialist among others. On-site interviews held throughout the fair. Atlantic General Hospital Human Resources, 410-641-9612, <http://www.agh.care/careers>

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Featuring a 50-foot Christmas tree and hot chocolate and pictures with Santa in the heated Winterfest Village pavilion. Board the Winterfest Express to tour the 58 acres of fairy tale themed exhibits of lights. Admission for the train costs \$5 for adults and free for children 11 years and younger. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Info: 800-626-2326, 410-250-0125 or <https://oceancitymd.gov>.

NAACP EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Mac Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Road, 6:30 PM. Help plan the agenda for the coming year. 443-944-6701

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. 22

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>

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
St. Mary Star of the Sea, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Featuring gift shop, linen shop, dollar shop, plants, flowers, Christmas shop with handmade crafts, toys, books, jewelry, homemade baked goods and candy and handcrafted boutique. Food menu includes hot roast beef and hot turkey with gravy and fries, shrimp salad sandwich, fish and chips, chicken salad sandwich, pulled pork, Maryland crab soup, chicken corn chowder, clam chowder and oyster stew, raw bar, oysters on the half shell, beer, wine, hot dogs, chicken and tuna salad, mac & cheese, French fries, desserts and beverages. Eat in or carry out. Also featuring Christmas display raffles, basket of cheer, 50/50s, chance auction with more than 50 baskets, Christmas carnival for kids and secret Santa shopping. All proceeds benefit the Parish Ministries.

BRITISH "TEAV"
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:00 PM. Join this group for afternoon tea and light refreshments as they view the best of British TV comedies. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

'ASSISTED LIVING THE MUSICAL' PERFORMANCE
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM. The Ocean Pines Players will perform a vaudeville-style show of songs and skits for as many as 18 characters. For 90 minutes, the audience will be entertained by the residents of Pelican Roost, a full-service retirement home for this drifting into their twilight years, but further away from sanity. <http://www.oceanpines-players.com>

MOTOWN AFTER PARTY
Aloft Hotel, 4501 Coastal Highway, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. The theme and attire for

the event will focus on The Glory Years, 1960s - early 1970s. Additional details including attire descriptions can be found at www.agh.care/motown. Features include sophisticated hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and live entertainment by Jimi Smooth and the Hit Time Band. Proceeds benefit Atlantic General Campaign for the Future. Tickets: visit www.agh.care/motown; text AGHMOTOWN to 41444; or contact Tammy at tpatrick@atlanticgeneral.org or 410-641-9690.

Sat., Nov. 23

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET
Whaleyville United Methodist Church, 11716 Sheppards Crossing Road, 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Buffet will include pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple, scrambled eggs, chipped beef, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit and assorted beverages. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

TURKEY TROT OPEN
Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. This is a four-person modified scramble featuring more than \$1,000 in prizes and a turkey feast following play. Admission cost is \$60. 410-213-7277, <http://www.eagleslandinggolf.com>

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'THE NUTCRACKER' FREE PERFORMANCE
Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Doors open at 10 a.m. The Eastern Shore Ballet Theatre will present a free outreach performance of excerpts from the classical ballet "The Nutcracker." Adults and children of all ages are welcome. A reading of the traditional Nutcracker holiday story will be mixed with live performances by 20 ballet dancers. Following the performance, children will be invited

to see and take pictures with the characters. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS
Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 5:00 PM. Cost for adults is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; children, ages 5-12 years is \$6; and free to those 4 years and younger. Tickets: 410-207-7039.

SUPER BINGO
Willards Lions Club, Main Street, 5:30 PM. Doors open at 5 p.m. Early bird games at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Regular bingo begins at 7 p.m. Pays \$125 per game. Free dinner included with admission. Assorted food and desserts for sale. 410-430-1135

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

Sun., Nov. 24

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Mon., Nov. 25

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
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group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

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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. 26

BLOW YOUR OWN GLASS HOLIDAY ORNAMENT

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

"LITURGICAL FOLK" PERFORMANCE

Historic Saint Martin's Church, 11413 Worcester Highway, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. An Evening of Music with the "Liturgical Folk." William Wolf, withwolf@msn.com, 443-366-2994, <https://www.liturgicalfolk.com>

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. 27

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>

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit

Veterans and local charities in the Delmarva region. Members and guests. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, 6:00 PM. 302-540-2127

BRIDGE WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Knowledge of basic Bridge (Goren/American Standard). 410-596-5498

ONGOING EVENTS

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

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Donations can be made during weekly meetings in the Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 7-9 a.m. in November (except the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 27) and Dec. 4. The coats are given to the St. Joseph House and St. Peters Church. The new, unwrapped toys are taken to Worcester G.O.L.D.

FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Free workshops dealing with hypertension, chronic pain self-management, chronic disease self-management, diabetes, fall prevention and cancer. If you would like to register for one of these workshops or you would like more information about bringing any of the workshops to your business or group, contact Jill at MAC, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159. A new workshop, titled "Building Better Caregivers" has been added. It's a free, 6-week workshop for caregivers of those with conditions that affect memory.

FREE FISHING ROD LOANER PROGRAM

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Adults can check out a rod and tackle to use in bay and river waters. An adult library card is required. For more information and regulations, call 410-524-1818.

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For a free vessel check, by a certified United States Power Squadron vessel examiner, contact Tony Curro at tcurro@mchsi.com.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Prep kindergarteners and third graders simultaneously studied the life cycle of butterflies and ladybugs for weeks this fall as part of their science units. Third grade teachers, Abby Harrison and Lisa Good, prepare to release their ladybugs with the students.

Wor. Prep students learn about butterflies, ladybugs

(Nov. 21, 2019) Worcester Prep kindergarteners and third graders simultaneously studied the life cycle of butterflies and ladybugs for weeks this fall as part of their science units.

Kelley Burton's and Heather Dennis' kindergarteners raised monarch butterflies, while Lisa Good's and Abby Harrison's third graders raised ladybugs in their classrooms.

The students observed their in-

sects going through similar metamorphosis by recording and illustrating the life cycle changes they witnessed.

Both the butterfly and ladybug go through four similar stages: the egg, the larvae, the pupa and the adult stage. Although they are going to miss their butterflies and ladybugs they raised, the students were thrilled to release them on the playground and in the Children's Garden.

Students complete program requirements for Wor-Wic

(Nov. 21, 2019) The following Worcester County students completed their program requirements to graduate with a certificate of proficiency (CT), associate of applied science (AAS), associate of arts in teaching (AAT), associate of science (AS) or associate of arts (AA) degree from Wor-Wic Community College this past summer.

Berlin: Tara M. Bonnaville, AA, General Studies; Lindsay J. Brittingham, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Daryin Nicole Bryant, AA, General Studies; Daniel Anthony Derasmo, CT, Criminal Justice; Joseluis Espinoza Fonseca, AAS, Business; Chloe E. FauntLeRoy, CT, Nursing; Danee E. Glass, AA, General Studies; Sharon J. Hensley, AS, Nursing; Nancy L. Holland, CT, Nursing; Marley S. Listmann, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Jill A. Loppnow, AA, General Studies; Kayla Elizabeth McAleer, AA, General Studies; Jordyn L. Sigetti, CT, Nursing; Michelle Renee Valderas, AAS, Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management; and Dennis Wat-

son, AAS, Business.

Bishopville: Mitchell W. Cooper, AAS, Computer Studies; Jacob Orash, AA, General Studies; and Claire Schirmer, CT, Nursing.

Eden: Brian H. Lee, AA, General Studies, AA, Computer Studies.

Girdletree: Jungho An, AA, General Studies.

Ocean City: Jaclyn A. Coldwell, AS, Nursing; Jekaterina Diehlmann, CT, Nursing; Richard H. Mauk, CT, Criminal Justice; Megan L. McHugh, CT, Criminal Justice; and Amy N. Spilman, CT, Nursing.

Pocomoke City: Janna Landon Butler, CT, Nursing; Jasmine R. Galbraith, CT, Nursing; Olivia J. Holland, CT, Nursing; Zachary D. Hurley, CT, Nursing; Douglas H. Mumford, CT, Criminal Justice; Takiara L. Taylor, AS, Nursing; Taylor Tyler, CT, Nursing; and Charles W. Ward, CT, Nursing.

Snow Hill: Joshua Coleman, AA, Education; and Alexandra Outten Harrison, CT, Nursing.

Whaleville: Geoffrey S. Failla, CT, Nursing.

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Thurs-Mon 11-5pm	9800 Mooring View Ln., West Harbor Village	3BR/2.5BA	Duplex/Townhouse	From Low \$300,000s	Kathleen Clark/Monogram Realty
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Sunday 12-2	306 13th St., Ocean City #7B	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$240,000	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Saturday 3:30-5	506 136th St., Caine Woods	2BR/2BA	Single Family	\$235,000	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Sunday 10-12	162 Winter Habor Dr., Ocean City	4BR/3BA	Single Family	\$495,900	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Fri. 12-2 & Sat. 10-1	7601 Coastal Hwy., Coral Seas #110	3BR/3BA	Condo	\$379,900	Lauren A Smith/Keller Williams
Sunday 11-2	3 Windjammer Rd., Ocean Pinesq	4BR/2BA	Single Family	\$354,900	Carole Spurrier/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Sat. & Sun. 11-2	16 Liberty St., Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$362,500	LaTerra Wise/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
Saturday 11-2	928 Yacht Club Dr., Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$259,900	Dan O'Hare/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed
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