



Directors looking for replacement for Tuttle's seat

Names considered besides other candidate in election

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) After selling his home in barely a week's time, Director Steve Tuttle told the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last week he would resign after the group's next meeting on Oct. 17.

OPA President Larry Perrone said selecting a replacement for Tuttle, who was elected in 2018 and is up for reelection in 2021, would take place just after the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Oct. 17.

"I'll have to schedule a closed session meeting ... so we can have those discussions and then make a decision," he said. "It won't be until after the October meeting."

Perrone said it was still premature to talk about potential candidates to fill the seat.

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Sign discussion turns testy over dumpster location

Globe's design approved, but subject gets changed

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) The proposal of a sign for The Globe at 12 Broad St. led to a heated discussion about the dumpster in the rear of the restaurant at the Berlin Historic District Commission meeting on Oct. 7.

The commission approved a sign to be painted on the front of The Globe.

Bryan Brushmiller, the venue's owner, said he wanted to use the painted sign on the entrance in lieu of the soft yellow lighting vertical sign that the commission approved in June

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CREEPERS

Arriving in ample time to frighten passersby this Halloween season, a headless horseman exhibits a pumpkin replacement skull while sitting upon his steed on Boston Drive in Ocean Pines.

Tyndall begins by honoring predecessor

New mayor and council sworn into office in Berlin

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) New Berlin Mayor Zackery Tyndall honored his predecessor, Gee Williams, on Tuesday with a proclamation and a shadow box presenting a gavel and sound block.

Gary Moore of Anchor Wood Creations said the shadow box was built with locally reclaimed wood.

"The walnut that I used for the frame on it is from a walnut tree that had fallen on Burley Street and based on the size of the tree, it was like 180 years old," Moore said. "So, the tree was older than Berlin has actually been incorporated."

The town department heads also expressed their gratitude for Williams' service to Berlin as mayor for over a decade.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve this town as mayor for the last 12 years. It's only been 12?" Williams joked. "It's been a very interesting journey every step of the

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Berlin set for modified Oktoberfest

Annual beer fest will occur but with social distancing practiced throughout area

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) "Oans, zwoa, drei, g'suffa!" as the Bavarians say during Oktoberfest. It's also an expression local beer lovers might employ — "One, two, three, drink!" — during the ninth annual Oktoberfest in Berlin this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The town will celebrate a socially

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Downtown Berlin will celebrate a socially-distanced Oktoberfest as well as its annual Fall Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, which will bring a larger volume of markdowns on apparel, jewelry and house-made products at the local businesses.

Oktoberfest will be held outside and at distance

"There's quite a bit of precedent," he

From his perspective, Daly said the replacement candidate selection process boils down to two core questions.

“They all have impeccable credentials,” he said. “You couldn’t make a bad choice in terms of someone who is intelligent and can help the community.”

In addition, Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., is hosting a soup and bake sale on Satur-

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Fall Sidewalk Sale has multitude of offerings

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day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be vendors on the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn during the festivities, including Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Young Living, Arbonne, Artisan Aromas, Norwex, Usbourne Books and DVTD/Premier Designs.

For the Fall Sidewalk Sale, Stuart's Antiques on Pitts Street is offering 10 to 50 percent off everything in its back room and half price on all ginger snap necklaces, rings, earrings and bracelets. This includes both large and

petite snaps. In addition, all fine jewelry will be 10 to 25 percent off.

House will have a patio sale in front of the shop, 111 Artisan's Way, with discounts on décor and furniture. Beach Gypsy, 15 William St., is having specials up to 70 percent off as well as giveaways, while Beach Memories on North Main Street is offering 15 percent off jewelry and special Oktoberfest bracelets and necklaces.

Bruder Hill, 25 Commerce St., will have a buy one, get one free sale on summer clothing while Bruder Home on North Main Street will offer 50 per-

cent off select items.

In addition, Health Freedom, 12 Artisan's Way, will have 10 percent off all Health Freedom house-made products, such as pain salve, massage oil, Epsom soak, topical roll-on and organic hemp nerve tea blend.

Artists booths, including Love Letters design studio, will be set up near House and Health Freedom.

Also, Bleached Butterfly, 3 Pitts St., will display a fall photo backdrop for the festivities.

During the event, The Greyhound Independent Bookstore and Fine Arts

Gallery, 9 S. Main St., will host book signings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with Pamela A. Russell, the author of "Adventures of the Saci Kids: A New Home," Ellen Krawczak, author of "Ollie Gives a Hoot," and Karen St. James, the novelist of "Ocean Pines."

Although Oktoberfest officially ends at 5 p.m., Don Hall and The Main Street Blues with special guest Hal Chernoff will keep the festivities going at Sister Wine Bar with a performance from 7-9 p.m.

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OP annual budget process commences with guidance

Association Treasurer Doug Parks discusses advisory committee recent meeting

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) The Ocean Pines Association's annual budget process got underway last Friday with a session on advisory committee guidance.

Doug Parks

OPA Treasurer Doug Parks said the Budget and Finance Committee began planning for the next year's operating fund, which must be approved by the Board of Directors no later than Feb. 28.

"It happens every year. All the directors got that guidance via email," he said. "Friday we met with myself, [General Manager] John Viola, [Finance Director] Steve Phillips and [Budget Committee Chair] D. Keiling."

Parks said the first step in the annual fiscal budget process is for the Budget Committee to highlight areas of concern for board members.

Parks said the discussions were relatively straightforward.

"The one issue we've got to be aware of is the effect of the lower revenue that we generated this year on our amenities because of covid," he said.

Reduced revenue totals would play a factor in fiscal planning, Parks said.

"For the rest of the fiscal year, since our big season is almost done, we've just got to keep an eye on expenses because we won't be generating as much revenue as we have from

May through September," he said. "The other side of it, too, is we didn't have as much labor hours on the expense side as we would have in the past."

Parks said it's no surprise that actual income is down, as some operations were restricted by state-ordered covid-19 safety measures.

Parks said in terms of charting future earnings, it's important to realize the current year is an anomaly.

"I've seen it in the past, especially in my real life job before I retired, and that's why you look at historical trends," he said. "You've just got to understand that anomaly is situational ... and you plan accordingly going forward."

Parks said unknowns remain at the federal and state levels in terms of future emergency funding.

"It's still too early to tell," he said. "We're still looking at where the administration, both at the state level and the federal level, are addressing covid restrictions."

Parks stressed that the board is not adopting a wait-and-see attitude.

"We're just looking at all different possibilities and trying to figure out what the best approach will be, and it will become readily apparent as we have more information in a number of areas," he said.

Parks also stressed the importance of adopting a conservative approach for revenue projections.

"We don't want to make the assumption that all the amenities will go back to a 100 percent operating environment," he said. "One of the items in the budget guidance from the ... committee was to make sure we pay attention to five-year historical trends."



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Boxcar40 to open in Berlin, DiFebo's closes

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) Boxcar40, a chef-owned American restaurant, is scheduled to open a second location in downtown Berlin in mid-December at 104 N. Main St, depending on permitting.

"I've always wanted to own a restaurant in Berlin, and I love the town. I love the people," said Paul Suplee, the owner. "The opportunity came up and I could not pass it up."



Paul Suplee

Suplee takes occupancy of the former DiFebo's location on Nov. 1.

Boxcar40 will be open six days a week for lunch and dinner as well as for brunch and dinner on Sundays.

Suplee said that the Berlin restaurant will be different from the Boxcar40 on Gumboro Road in Pittsville to encourage people to visit both locations.

Boxcar40 on Main Street will not have the barbecue foods famous at the Pittsville joint, but it will feature an American style menu with Southern cuisine.

"We have a nice menu of food coming out of that wood oven," Suplee added.

Although DiFebo's was known for its woodfired pizzas, Suplee said he will not be adding them to the menu.

Suplee plans to redecorate the interior of the restaurant, hang new chandeliers and paint before opening.

"I'm going to do two grand openings. The first is going to be for downstairs

Public Works Dept. to install bollards to improve safety

(Oct. 15, 2020) The Town of Berlin Public Works Department will be installing traffic control devices at the corner of Broad Street and Harrison Avenue to direct westbound traffic turning from Broad Street onto Harrison Avenue.

Orange and white bollards will be installed to improve safety and visibility at the corner as well as to keep road traffic off of the private property at that corner.

"Currently, some vehicles are traveling across the corner of the former Berlin Farm Supply (Southern States) parking area," said Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood. "When this happens, they are actually driving across private property, which is intended to be developed into a parking lot for the business at that corner."

These improvements will make the corner much more visible to traffic and will lessen the amount of wear-and-tear to the private property. Installation is expected to be complete by the end of the week.



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DiFebo's, a family-run Italian restaurant, closed its doors at 104 N. Main St. in Berlin after three years because the owners were having difficulty being present at the downtown location while managing the Bethany Beach and Rehoboth, Delaware restaurants.

and regular service," he said. "The upstairs will be open for parties and banquets. I'm going to build the upstairs out to be a very lounge-y bar."

He envisions an intimate upstairs bar, where local artists can perform acoustic music.

"I'm going to really concentrate on the a la carte in Berlin and using the party space upstairs," Suplee said.

Boxcar40's wedding and event catering will continue to be run out of the Pittsville location, he added.

Suplee is also an associate professor of culinary arts at Wor-Wic Community College and a contributing columnist at Bayside Gazette for 15 years.

"I love Paul. I've known Paul for years, and I think it's going to be a great fit," said Lisa DiFebo-Osias, one of the owners of DiFebo's. "I'm looking forward to his opening."

DiFebo's had its last dinner rush on Main Street Saturday night.

"I'm in California [on business], so I wasn't even able to be there," DiFebo-

Osias said. "My [general manager] said 'We're really doing good work. Are you sure you don't want to stay?'"

The Italian restaurant closed its doors in Berlin after three years.

"I found myself spending less time there since my son is no longer a student at Worcester Prep, and so it was becoming harder and harder for me to manage the distance," DiFebo-Osias said.

She added that it is about a 35-minute commute to Berlin for her.

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Globe's hearing gets testy

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because the signs are very expensive. He plans to paint the sign on the building until he can find a reasonably priced sign.

The painted sign will be similar to what he has above Viking Tree Trading Co., 114 N. Main St.

"I love the idea," Chairwoman Carol Rose said. "I think Viking Tree looks really nice. There's so many signs hanging all over town, that concept, personally, I like it."

Brushmiller said he'd still like to incorporate a marquee as well.

Commission member Mary Moore suggested Brushmiller contact local artist Patrick Henry regarding a marquee.

Brushmiller added that they installed a projector on Oct. 7, and they are treating the venue as a theater.

Since opening on Sept. 18, The Globe has hosted live bands on Friday nights.

"We believe The Globe is the mecca of the arts and entertainment for the town," Brushmiller said.

He added that Berlin is going to be the Entertainment Capital on the Eastern Shore.

Although the commission members agreed on the design of the proposed sign, Rose told Brushmiller that she wouldn't sign the paperwork for the sign until he moved the dumpster

on Gay Street.

Rose said the Historic District Commission approved the placement of the dumpster behind the building on the presented site plan in June. Brushmiller said it didn't work, and he and his staff are fixing it.

Currently, the dumpster is located four feet closer to Gay Street than was approved to avoid the dumpster drivers hitting the power lines, Brushmiller said.

Rose said Brushmiller should have contacted the town's Planning Director Dave Engelhart about the dumpster, to which Brushmiller responded that he had informed Engelhart and Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood.

The Historic District Commission wants the dumpster shielded from view.

"I had a whole proposal to tell you what I was doing with the landscaping," he said. "We wanted to try some historical landscaping to just keep that dumpster hidden from the street. I agree no one wants to drive down a historic street and see the dumpster. We literally came to no more options. I spoke to some people earlier today and about 10 minutes before the meeting started Brooks [Davis] from Wainwrights called me and said, 'Happy to help you out.'"

Rose referenced the June meeting again when Brushmiller stated he



The Berlin Historic District Commission approved a painted sign for The Globe on Broad Street during its meeting on Oct. 7. PHOTO COURTESY BERLIN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

would paint the lattice. She said The Globe's outside latticework was full of weeds and an overflow of cardboard boxes.

"I tell you what, Carol, I put over a million dollars in this," Brushmiller said. "If you don't think I'm concerned about the outside trash, which I've been working on all day today, then you must not even understand where I'm coming from ... For you to bring up in a meeting on a sign about me having some boxes that are put there for recycling, I would be remiss if I didn't bring this up because I think this is almost ridiculous."

Brushmiller maintained that he has been working on the dumpster issue for some time and has been in contact with the dumpster and landscaping companies as well as mocked-up plans to fix it.

Moore argued that the dumpster issue was not relevant to the reason for meeting with Brushmiller on Oct. 7, saying the commission had other cases to review and could discuss the dumpster later.

Moore added that Brushmiller could resolve the issue with Engelhart.

"We have a great relationship," Brushmiller said. "For you to bring this up in a town meeting, I should call this out ... What? Are you trying to teach me a lesson?"

Rose replied no, stating that when the commission approves a proposal it should be done.

"That's the only thing we, as a board, ask," she said. "When people come, we work with them, everything

is approved [and] it should be done that way. If there's an issue, somebody needs to call [Engelhart] and let him know."

Brushmiller said on Wednesday that a dumpster with wheels has been ordered to replace the existing dumpster. It will be placed in the original approved location, hidden from view.

During the meeting, the commission also approved an "Outten's Delites" sign for Town Center Antiques, 1 N. Main St. Bill Outten said he trades under Fisher Inc. there.

Lastly, Fleetwood addressed a new procedure to help notify new homeowners that have purchased property within the historic district.

When new homeowners establish a utility account, town employees will review the street map and inform them if their address is within the historic district. Then, homeowners will sign a form stating their acknowledgment of their home being in the historic district.

"They're then going to be told to go to the planning building and see Dave [Engelhart] or Carolyn [Duffy]," Fleetwood said. "Dave and Carolyn are going to give them a little packet that says these are the do's and don'ts ... as it relates to the [Historic District Commission]. They are going to acknowledge that as well."

Commission member Robert Poli added that prospective homeowners should be informed that the commission is more concerned with the exterior of the house. Fleetwood said that will be included in the packet.



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Zackery Tyndall was sworn in as the new mayor of Berlin by Susan Braniecki, clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, on Tuesday. Then, Tyndall swore into office the three elected officials. Pictured, from left, are District 2 Councilmember Jack Orris, District 3 Councilmember Shaneka Nichols, Mayor Tyndall and At-Large Councilmember Jay Knerr.

Williams: interesting, rewarding

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way. Very interesting, but very rewarding. And I want everyone to know that I wish the new mayor and council and everyone who lives, works and visits Berlin all the best.”
Tyndall was sworn into office on Tuesday by Susan Braniecki, clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County. Tyndall, in turn, then swore in Jay Knerr as the At-Large Councilmember, Jack Orris as the District 2 Councilmember and Shaneka Nichols as the District 3 Councilmember.
During the meeting, District 1 Councilmember Troy Purnell nominated District 4 Councilmember Dean Burrell as the council vice president. The new mayor and council agreed and determined the council vice president would serve a two-year term.
“According to the town charter, the council has the ability to make its own rules in order of business and, of course, this would come under that,” said David Gaskill, the town attorney. “So, the council can suggest a two-year term, a four-year term or no term.”
Burrell was absent for the meeting.
The mayor and council was sched-

uled to approve the meeting minutes from Sept. 28.
“But it takes three members to be able to approve the minutes for that previous session, and since Councilmember Burrell is absent, that will be postponed until our next meeting,” Tyndall said.
During the allocated time for departmental reports, Ivy Wells, the town’s economic and community development director, announced that in lieu of the annual Christmas parade, Berlin will be holding a holiday house decorating contest.
“Some of the awards that we’ve come up with are, they’re actually named after Christmas characters. So, we’ll have the Clark Griswold Award, which will be the brightest house. The Kevin McCallister Award will be the most creative house, and the George Bailey Award will be the most traditional. And then the best house will get the Charles Dickens Award.”
Berlin residents must sign up to participate.
“The only thing I have to say is ‘thank you,’ and I look forward to working with the new members and the more senior members of this council, our staff and the people of Berlin,” Tyndall said.

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DiFebo's vacates after three years

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"For those that know DiFebo's know that my family and I are always on property. Always. There's never really a time where we're not in the restaurant, cooking, serving [and] bussing," DiFebo-Osias said.

About three months ago, the Bethany and Rehoboth restaurants were busy, and DiFebo-Osias wasn't able to commute to Berlin to help her staff at that restaurant.

"I knew that my lease was coming to an end, and I had to go into a different direction," DiFebo-Osias said. "I cannot have my name on a building that I was not physically able to get to."

She added that she loved Berlin and those her restaurant served.

"I'm very proud of the work we did in Berlin," DiFebo-Osias said. "I'm proud that we took a restaurant that might not have been as popular maybe and we produced great service, great food, excellent pizzas – not perfect 'cause no one is. But we really did a great job. I felt like we brought that space to life."

The co-owners, Lisa, Jeff, Charlotte and Bob DiFebo, issued a statement on Facebook on Oct. 7. "We are so grateful for the opportunity we have had on Main Street. Please continue to support our Bethany and Rehoboth [Delaware locations] as well as our newest culinary adventure."

Dockshare links boaters with slips

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) Throwing a line to boaters seeking a short-term mooring rental at private docks is the concept of a new app developed by Ocean Pines residents Nate and Gina Young.

Along with a four-member team, the couple has developed Dockshare, an online platform that caters to boaters looking for a temporary mooring solution.

"We're in the very early stages," Nate Young said. "The concept came to being about July 2019."

After investing with his brother to buy an Ocean Pines waterfront property more than three years ago, Nate Young said his family began making occasional excursions to Ocean City and Assateague Island, which helped spark the concept of renting vacant dock spaces.

"From being down there and having a little pontoon boat and being somewhat limited on where we could go [or] where we would feel comfortable going."

One day last year while on the verge of driving across the Route 90 bridge to pick his kids up from summer camp in Ocean City, the couple had a revelation.

"My wife and I were like, 'Hey, we could ride over on the pontoon boat,



PHOTO COURTESY NATE YOUNG

Dockshare founders Nate and Gina Young are joined by their dog, Theo, 1, for a relaxing moment on land with the trio already anticipating their next adventure navigating local waterways.

pick them up in Ocean City and be back in Ocean Pines pretty quickly," he said.

Avoiding the summer traffic crush seemed a perk until reaching their destination.

"We couldn't find a safe place to pull close by but getting over there you see there are all these empty docks ... that just sit vacant all summer long," he said.

Based on personal needs and recognizing an apparent demand, Gina and Nate Young began brainstorming.

"You have folks that would love to be in Ocean City and would love an alternative to the 90 bridge," he said. "To be able to do that by boat, how fun is that? Especially in the socially distancing situation that we're all in."

Nate Young said the business-minded couple share a drive to explore new pathways for fun and profit.

"I'm a real estate agent and she runs a staging business, so we're kind of entrepreneurial in nature," he said. "It's not out of character for us to be like, 'Let's try this thing and see if we can make it happen.'"

After running the concept by fellow boaters and acquaintances near

their year-round home in northern Baltimore County, the consensus was favorable.

"People said, 'This is a great idea. Why isn't anyone doing this?' he said.

Turns out, some comparable ventures did exist, but the Youngs found that they tended to focus on commercial marinas.

"They'll resell empty docks at marinas but nothing of its kind in Maryland, and especially in the Ocean City area, which is where it lends itself to be the most profitable for folks," he said.

Dockshare users would be able to locate available dock space to rent by the hour, day, week or even monthly.

"You can rent the dock for an hour and someone could go get Dumser's ice cream and be able to go there by boat," he said. "It's a fun experience and I'd pay \$40 every day to avoid having to drive through Ocean City and get there in a fun, different kind of way."

Dockshare could also offer a means to interest a younger demographic in nautical pursuits.

"I'm 42, but folks younger than me may think that boating's out of reach for them or how is it relevant," he said. "I think that more millennial base will understand this concept very well because of Uber [and] Airbnb."

Nate Young discovered an affinity for boating while still in his early twenties after spending a year living on what developed into an inadvertent houseboat permanently docked in Canton.

"My brother and I ended up buying this 42-foot wooden boat built in 1948," he said. "It never moved [after] we had it towed up from Kent Island."

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Zumbathon charity event in Ocean Pines begins Friday

(Oct. 15, 2020) The inaugural "Move to Give So Others Can Live!" Zumbathon charity event is slated for Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 1, in Ocean Pines.

Every year ZUMBA designates October as "Party in Pink" Month to celebrate life by giving hope to breast cancer patients and survivors.

This year due to covid-19, ZUMBA for the Cure is including other cancers as well.

ZUMBA instructors will host three energy-packed events at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Participants for these "parties" do not have to be ZUMBA students or dancers. All that is necessary is a desire to move and groove to the music.

Proceeds from these events will go to Relay for Life of Northern Worcester County and Believe in Tomorrow Children's House by the Sea in Ocean City.

Each day will have two 45-minute

sessions, with a half-hour break in between. The Friday, Oct. 16 event will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Saturday event is from 2-4 p.m. The Sunday, Nov. 1 Zumbathon will run from 10-12 a.m.

The cost is \$10 per session in advance (\$15 at the door), \$15 for both sessions on one day, or \$40 for all six sessions. Everyone is encouraged to wear pink. Sessions will take place inside and outside, with instructors including Sherry Stephens, Kathy Redden, Charlotte Moore, Joyce Landsman, Carla Ennals and Angie Barton.

There will be door prizes, a raffle and refreshments.

Since the number of allowed participants is limited, those interested are encouraged to sign up in advance. Call or text 410-726-2604 or email zumbajoyceoc@gmail.com.

Virtual basic boating safety course offered Oct. 20-22

(Oct. 15, 2020) The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a virtual Maryland Basic Boating Safety Course, Oct. 20-22, from 6-9 p.m.

The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate is required for all boat operators born after July 1, 1972 and is awarded after successful completion of the course.

The class, taught by certified Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors, includes information on piloting in local waters, tying nautical knots, foul

weather tactics, legal issues, updated Maryland regulations and common marine maintenance.

The cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Checks should be made payable to: USGCAUX 12-05 and mailed to: USGCAUX 12-05, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, Maryland 21811. Payment via PayPal is also accepted.

To register or for more information, call Barry Cohen at 410-935-4807, or email CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

Pines residents launch new app venture for water lovers

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based digs in Canton.

"We tried to get the boat running," he said. "We hired our friend's dad to try to get the engines running, but it was so difficult to work on something that old and really not know what we were doing."

Nevertheless, the experience left the siblings with a taste for salt life.

"It was kind of what hooked us into boating in the first place," he said.

While still getting marketing underway for Dockshare, the team is now focused on attracting dock owners to the platform.

"If we can get the dock owners to get onboard and speak to their insurance company about liability," he said. "That's been the number one question is who's liable."

Young said insurance industry experts believe the coverage needs are relatively minimal.

"If they know you're renting out part of your property for short-term rental, it's just a rider that you have on your policy," he said. "As the site develops, we're hoping to build some of those safety checks in there so people can upload their certificate of insurance [or] boater safety card."

Young said as word spreads about Dockshare, the hope is waterfront property owners will embrace the opportunity to tap into a previously unimagined source of income.

"We're trying to get them to understand there is some value in their empty dock," he said.

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Baked, vendors offer Sunday market deals

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) Although the Berlin Farmers Market ended on Sept. 27, regulars can still enjoy baked goods and local products downtown on Sundays.

Baked Dessert Café, 4 Bay St., is now open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with market day special deals on sweet and savory items.

The menu includes "family style" favorites, including maple brown sugar scones, orange cranberry white chocolate bread, morning muffins, chicken pot pie croissants and rustic olive bread.

"Our Sunday times will remain the same throughout the winter," said owner Robin Tomaselli.

The café will offer seasonal goods during the holidays, she added.

"Initially, we have always been closed on Sundays, and then of course, the covid hit, and Ivy [Wells] had reached out to us to ask us if we were interested in doing the farmers market on Sunday," Tomaselli said. "At the time, it seemed like a really good idea considering the fact that it seemed like people were more comfortable shopping outside than they were coming indoors to shop. We agreed to do the farmers market, and quite honestly during the month of May and June just doing the farmers market on Sunday was what really sustained us through what was really a difficult time in the beginning."

Tomaselli said the first Sunday the



Jeffrey Smith roasts coffee beans at his Iron Skillet Coffee table on Bay Street in Berlin on Oct. 4.

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bakery was open, Oct. 4, was a great success.

In the adjoining courtyard, Iron Skillet Coffee, Goat Plum Tree Farm and Becky's Beanz have set up tables to sell fresh produce and coffee beans.

"People kind of reached out to us initially," Tomaselli said. "It seemed like a really good idea to us. We don't have a lot of space in the little outdoor eating section that we have adjacent to our building, but it made perfect sense to add them. I think that the vendors that

participated on [Oct. 4 and Oct. 11] were excited to do that."

She added that she plans to continue having various pop-up vendors as long as the weather permits.

To practice social distancing, only three vendors can safely fit in the courtyard.

"The idea right now is to rotate those vendors and to reach out to some other small businesses that may be interested in providing activities or setting up to sell food or produce or even art," Tomaselli

said.

The outdoor space is the property of Mike Queen, who also owns Rayne's Reef on North Main Street.

"He graciously, during the whole covid crisis, has allowed us to set up that outdoor eating space and had indicated that he is certainly happy for us to do what we like," Tomaselli said. "We are just kind of maintaining that space as far as the flower beds and weeding and making sure it's clean and there's no trash."

Tomaselli will be actively seeking people who would be interested in setting up a small tent or stand on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"As long as people are practicing social distancing and being respectful and there are masks worn, then I can see that continuing unless there is some objection," she said.

Despite the challenges of the novel pandemic, Tomaselli is grateful to run a small business in a supportive community.

"The silver lining in the cloud is that the crisis really forced people to think outside of the box and be super creative," she said. "I think we see that all over town, and I think our town officials have been super supportive in trying to create events and spaces and situations, where we, as small businesses, can still thrive."

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The Women's Club of Ocean Pines, whose membership typically approaches three digits, transitioned to virtual meetings earlier this month.

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Pines Women's Club holds virtual meetings

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) After being on a hiatus of sorts since March because of the coronavirus, the Women's Club of Ocean Pines held its first, but likely not last, virtual meeting on Oct. 1.

Women's Club President Karin Benton said the membership group, which usually meets the first Thursday of each month except for July and August, has experienced a strange transition during 2020.

"We had to cancel our meetings for April, May and June," she said. "We put everything together so we could be back in the fall."

The pandemic also put a dent in numerous charitable endeavors.

"We had to cancel some of our big fundraisers," she said.

Benton said the Women's Club annual fashion show, which is tentatively scheduled to return next April, managed to raise money despite not occurring this year.

"A lot of people have prepaid for the spring fashion show and quite a number said keep the money," she said.

Since being established in 1974, Women's Club members have provided financial backing for various OPA departments, including recreation and parks, as well as police and firefighting efforts.

Area nonprofits receiving assistance from the Women's Club include Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Coastal Hospice, Worcester County GOLD and Women Supporting Women.

The members have also chipped in funding for capital projects such as the Worcester County Veterans Memorial and the Ocean Pines Skateboard Park.

"We do have a fundraising group that's going to be putting together things we can do virtually," she said. "You don't want it to go backwards in

terms of supporting groups that are helpful to the community."

Over the past dozen years, the Women's Club has focused on awarding scholarships to high school seniors living in Ocean Pines, with more than \$40,000 distributed to roughly three-dozen recipients, with another approximately \$23,000 handed off to area nonprofits and charities.

Strategizing for future efforts, as well as a class reunion, occurred during the initial virtual meeting of the Women's Club held in October.

"I think the benefit of seeing everybody else is vital," she said. "We

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CHURCH BAZAAR

Atlantic United Methodist Church's 42nd annual holiday bazaar will take place outdoors this year because of covid-19, on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fourth Street and Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City. The bazaar will include Christmas Home Place decor, "Take and Make" holiday items, jewelry and baked goods. Pictured with some of the Christmas items, from left, are Jackie Sterling, Peggy Timmons and Brenda Wimperis. The church's thrift shop will also be open. Carry-out lunch will be offered and includes vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich and assorted desserts. Masks required. All proceeds from the event benefit the charities and organizations supported by Atlantic United Methodist Church. Rain date Oct. 24.

HONORS

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City installed new officers and celebrated its 40th anniversary on Oct. 1. Carolyn Dryzga received the Kiwanian of the Year award. She is pictured with Outgoing President Roy Foreman.

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BEST IN SHOW

Lisa Taylor, of Dale City, Virginia, won the Best in Show award at the Berlin Cruisers Appreciation Day on Oct. 10, for her red 1969 Chevy Camaro. Taylor is pictured with Steve Frene, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce president.



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BOARD MEMBERS

Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club President Bill Hickey, left, welcomes two new and one returning board member. Pictured with Hickey, from left, are Melva Middleton (new board of directors member), Sharon Sorrentino (new member) and Walt Lischak (returning member).



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LUNCH TIME

Worcester Preparatory School students enjoy socially-distant lunch outside.



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RELAY FOR LIFE

MaryAnn Catherine Rutzler, a 13-year-old student at Most Blessed Sacrament and the current Young Miss Eastern Shore, participated in the Relay for Life of North Worcester County luminaria celebration on Oct. 3 in Berlin. Rutzler has her own team, Royalty for Relay.

Community Briefs

Raffle

Every year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City holds several fundraisers, but the covid-19 pandemic has prevented them from happening.

The club still needs to raise money to support its programs benefiting local youth and other community service organizations, so the group is offer a year-long "Kiwanis Lottery Raffle."

Kiwanis members will be selling tickets and the club will also have a table set up during the Ocean Pines Farmers Market held in White Horse Park most Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For \$20 a ticket, the purchaser gets 365 drawings, for their ticket number. Payouts are \$20 per evening except for 17 special dates when the winnings are higher, namely, \$50 to \$250. Tickets must be completed by Dec. 31, to be eligible.

All proceeds support local scholarships and youth programs.

Visit, www.kiwanisofopoc.org or the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City Facebook page for more details.

Bike Ride

The First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League will host the first Semper Fi Bike Ride on the Ocean City Boardwalk, Sunday, Oct 18.

It is open to individual riders, family groups and teams. Participants can bring their own bike or reserve a rental bike or classic surrey from Bike World.

Check-in time is from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Riders will be staggered, starting at 10 a.m. Participants will ride the length of Boardwalk to 27th Street and return to the finish line at the inlet.

The event will benefit the "Semper Fi Fund," which provides immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families.

Register by sending a text to 410-353-0033 or visiting the Marines at First State Detachment Facebook page.

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Graduate

Lindsay Forno of Bishopville, graduated from Hofstra University in New York, this spring, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.

Assistance

Worcester County GOLD, Inc. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides emergency assistance for Worcester County residents, is accepting requests for financial assistance.

All requests for assistance come from GOLD's community partners in the Worcester County offices of; Department of Social Services, Board of Education, Health Department, and Maryland Access Point.

For those who do not have a current caseworker with one of these agencies, contact 410-600-5783 for children in the home; 410-632-9915 for no children in the home. Ask for Intake Services.

OP Women's Club maintains goals

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thought of trying to do an outdoor meeting for October but it's hard to responsibly social distance."

Benton said all told 32 members logged on for the October online meeting.

"Our membership normally exceeds 80 people," she said.

Benton said Joyce Piatti, the current vice-president of membership, is collecting annual \$10 renewal dues that usually are turned in during September.

Benton said several members have expressed doubts about continuing

with the group.

"I said, 'you're making a mistake because we're going to have Zoom meetings and we're going to be supporting our charities,'" she said.

Next month the Women's Club will welcome guest speaker Jan Chianpa, regional dementia specialist at Genesis HealthCare, to its monthly meeting on Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.

"We're trying to find programs that really would be of interest," she said. "Jan is going to be talking about different coping mechanisms, especially as we're moving towards the

holidays."

Benton said the presentation would highlight methods to adjust your expectations and how to still enjoy what we have this year.

Anyone interested in learning more or joining the Women's Club can email Piatti at japiatti@aol.com or Benton at karinhessbenton@gmail.com.

"I would be happy to talk to anybody that would like to join us," she said. "We are certainly encouraging people to join and we think it will be beneficial."



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Pines Farmers Market helps kick off Halloween, Saturday

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) To help children pre-game for Halloween the Ocean Pines Farmers & Artisans Market is sponsoring “Pumpkin Saturday” this weekend with additional festivities planned for the end of the month.

Market Manager David Bean said the first 50 youths to stop by the Kids Market Zone could take home a free petite pumpkin.

“This Saturday is our Pumpkin Saturday at the market,” he said. “It’s our celebration targeted at the kids where they can come out to the market and while supplies last they can pick out their own jack be little ... pumpkin.”

Bean said the offering provides a nice occasion for younger eyes to survey the array of fresh produce, flowers, drinks and eats.

“It’s a lot of fun to come ... take home a free pumpkin and at the same time have the experience of being at the market and picking out fresh fruit and vegetables,” he said.

Bean said the kid’s activity was added

last year to provide a creative outlet leading up to Halloween.

“Last year ... they were able to decorate the pumpkins while they were at the market but because of the covid situation we’re not doing that aspect of it this year,” he said. “That will return when we get back to normal.”

Later this month, especially with Halloween taking place on a Saturday, further fun is slated at the market.

“The last Saturday of the month is our Halloween at the marketplace,” he said.

Bean said regardless of what day of the week the holiday occurs on vendors earmark the closest Saturday to get in the spirit.

“Many of them dress up in their costumes, decorate the stands and have a little trick or treat fun with their customers,” he said.

This year the timing allows the Farmers & Artisans Market the opportunity to start the holiday celebrations on Oct 31.

“It sort of kicks off the day in Ocean Pines for all the other activities that are



Participating in Halloween activities at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines last year, from left, are Ocean Pines residents Nathan, 9, and Nick Fowler, 11, and Kammy, 5, and Lucas Soth, 9, of Baltimore.

going on,” he said.

Bean said the “Spook the Pines” community parade sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, which will include numerous classic cars and Jeeps decked out for the holiday, runs from noon to 2 p.m. and ends at White Horse Park.

Prior to the arrival of decorated vehicles, Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks are holding a “Build Your Own Scarecrow” contest on Halloween morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

“We always refer to it as the adult version of Halloween in Ocean Pines,” he said. “It’s a real festive day.”

OP Little Library memorializes couple’s son

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) Tucked away on a tiny cul-de-sac in Ocean Pines is the Bentley Little Free Library, one of two such book exchanges in the neighborhood.

The Bentley book exchange was established by Carol and Paul Vaillancourt as a memorial for their infant son, who died in 2014.

The Vaillancourt family moved from Wisconsin to Ocean Pines in 2019, and among the belongings they brought with them was a small wooden library, reminiscent of a birdhouse, which had become a fixture in their previous neighborhood.

“We thought it would be fun to bring it here and it wasn’t something we were willing to leave behind,” she said. “We

brought it here and found that there aren’t very many little free libraries in Ocean Pines.”

The Bentley Little Free Library, named for the Vaillancourt’s son who died at 3 months old, was initially intended for children.

“At first it started out where we were just going to have children’s books in it,” she said. “As it evolved, a lot of people wanted to use it and we just opened it to whatever books.”

The memorial library has proven therapeutic and educational for the Vaillancourt’s 8-year-old daughter, Isabella.

“It’s just a little memorial for us,” she said. “We have a little girl and she likes putting books in it and getting books out of it.”

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Carol and Paul Vaillancourt started the Bentley Little Free Library, which was relocated from Wisconsin to Ocean Pines last year, as a memorial to their infant son who passed in 2014.

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Pines-centered ‘Letters From Santa’ expanded to all ages

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) After nearly a decade of delighting children, the annual “Letters From Santa” campaign orchestrated by Colby Phillips is expanding this season to include adults.

Since starting the mailing to an inner circle of family and friends nine years ago, the holiday letter endeavor has grown by leaps and bounds.

“The first year I sent it to my daughters [Remy and Sadie] and then to their friends,” Phillips said. “Last year I sent out over 500.”

The initial concept for her children and some close acquaintances to receive personalized mail from old St. Nick mushroomed after witnessing the reactions elicited.

“When they got the letters seeing the joy that it gave them and hearing from my friends the joy that their children got, inspired me the next year to offer it on social media and it’s just grown,” she said. “Honestly, I get a lot of joy out of it myself.”

Phillips said in light of the pandemic-related upheaval society continues to labor through, the Letters From Santa venture seems especially poignant and now has been extended to include adult recipients.

“This year with covid anything that can bring a smile is a good thing,” she said. “Plus we’re doing an adult Santa letter this year.”

Phillips said grown ups can have either a traditional or funny greeting sent from Santa’s secret North Pole home base.

“Last year someone mentioned a potential recipient in a nursing home and I thought to do an adult version,” she said. “It’s different than the letter for kids.”

As in past years there is no cost to have Santa correspond to children, or the youthful at heart, simply email the intended parties name and mailing address to santaphillips@yahoo.com.

“The letters go out the first week in December [but] I start now in order to get done,” she said. “I have a few elves that help me stuff letters and sticker envelopes.”

Requests for adults should specify a traditional or comical-edged letter from Kris Kringle.

While not likely in print by this Christmas, there are also plans afoot to produce a short booklet covering the exploits of “Peppermint the Reindeer.”

“A couple of years ago I introduced Peppermint ... which is Santa Claus’ newest reindeer,” she said. “Each year I’ve been adding a little bit of the story of Peppermint in the letter.”

Design work is currently underway with assistance from Thom Guylas at Ace Printing in Berlin and graphic artist Kyle Phillips.

“We’re putting together a little book based on the story of Peppermint,” she



Colby Phillips

said. “I’m not sure if the book will be done for this Christmas but any of the proceeds raised are going to go back to a local children’s based charity.”

While still in the midst of producing the Peppermint release, issuing the annual mass mailing is invariably eased by community generosity.

“The first year I had someone offer stamps [and] since it’s become more broad there’s people in the community that supply needs,” she said.

Each year an ever-expanding array of Santa supporters have stepped in to back the effort.

“They would just drop off stamps, stickers, paper or glue [and] 80 percent of the people I don’t even know,” she said. “Really for me it ends up just being my time because so many people contribute to the process.”

While roughly half of requests are sent to nearby locales including Ocean Pines, Berlin and Ocean City, the other percentage go elsewhere in Maryland and nationwide.

“It’s not just here,” she said. “Believe it or not because people will ask me to send it to their grandchildren it will go as far as California.”

OBITUARIES

EDITH ANN BRENNAN

Ocean Pines

Edith Ann (Edie) Brennan of Ocean Pines, died on Oct. 12, 2020.

Edie was a star in the field of real estate and a star of the local stage.

Her real estate career spanned more than 40 years. She was the first woman “on the line,” working for Boise Cascade selling lots in Ocean Pines in the early to mid-70’s.

She and one other Realtor sold almost all of the units at the Capri condominium in Ocean City right after it was built.

She received many accolades over the years including Realtor of the Year in 1985, the Coastal Realtors Lifetime Achievement award in 2015 and the National Realtor Emeritus award in 2018.

Edie loved getting to know her clients and she took pride in delivering professional service. She was most recently an associate broker with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services/PenFed Realty.

She entertained audiences with the Ocean Pines Players as a lead actor and she worked behind the



Edith A. Brennan

scenes as a director.

She was involved with more than 50 productions. She loved musicals and singing.

She was also a past president of the community theater group. Her favorite role was that of Gypsy Rose Lee.

Edie is survived by her husband, James Bentley (Jim) Adcock; a daughter, Amy Brennan and son-in-law, Ron Ohringer; and two grandsons, Casey and Derek Ohringer.

Edie was very close with her nieces, Marilyn Wellington (Mark), Amber Burgess (Randy) and Katrina McDonald, and all of their children.

Edie was also a step-mom to Jim’s children, Jason Adcock and Jessica Dziemburski (Bob), and grandmother to their children, Makenna and Kara Dziemburski.

Edie was preceded in death by her mother and father, Marilyn Miller DeHoff and Albert Bixler DeHoff, and her sister, Kristy McDonald.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care in gratitude for their love and good care of Edie (<http://www.coastalhospice.org>).

A celebration of life for Edie will be held in the future. Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

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Director replacement search is just wrong

The majority on the Ocean Pines Board of Directors doesn't want anything to upset its agenda, and that includes the possibility of getting a replacement for departing Director Steve Tuttle who might not consistently support its positions. Instead, the board is looking for an appointee who agrees with the majority and General Manager John Viola. That has to be why the board's search for Tuttle's replacement is avoiding the only person who has declared and acted on his interest in the position — Stuart Lakernick.

What the board is doing is not just wrong, it's flagrantly wrong.

The bylaws do permit the directors to select anyone they choose. As Director Frank Daly observed, "There is no requirement that you consider or take the next highest number of votes in the election to fill a vacancy."

Next highest number? How about the only other number? So low was interest in serving the association this year that the ballot fell short of the bylaws-required number of candidates. And now, the board is finding people who weren't interested then but are now? Where were these people when the Elections Committee was scouring neighborhoods for someone, anyone, to join the race?

Only Lakernick, whatever his views might be, had the gumption to stand up and put himself to the public test. He also is the only person (that we know of) to declare in a letter to the board his desire to fill Tuttle's seat.

Lakernick might have finished third in the three-person race, but he did capture a respectable 1,149 votes to second-place finisher Dr. Collette Horn's 1,801. More importantly, he ran and none of the board's other prospects did.

No matter how the directors, the general manager, or anyone else tries to defend this approach to filling the board vacancy, and no matter what the bylaws say, it isn't right. Not by a longshot.

And certainly not when the wishes of 1,149 association members have apparently been written off as unimportant because ... the public can only guess.



"If they take away our Snow Days we must Unionize!"

Nonprofit builds connection to region

By Ally Lanasa
Staff Writer

(Oct. 15, 2020) Coastal Wisdom, a new nonprofit based in Ocean Pines, aims to educate families about the land, culture and heritage of Maryland's Eastern Shore communities to cultivate responsibility for where they live.



Laura Tyhacz

"We believe that community and a sense of belonging to place is essential to our well-being," said Laura Tyhacz, founder of Coastal Wisdom. "Ultimately, we believe that we live in a truly beautiful place, and we want our children to cherish it so that it will be protected for future generations."

The advocacy group, which launched in September, organizes educational opportunities for members to build a stronger connection to the Eastern Shore by working with regional museums, parks, environmental organizations, cultural entities and other sources of education.

"Our goal is that the families who participate in Coastal

Wisdom will form lasting bonds with each other, learn from and about our history, culture and environment and eventually be better stewards of our community and environment," Tyhacz said.

Coastal Wisdom will host a private event at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St. in Berlin, on Monday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registered participants will receive a tour of the museum to learn about Berlin history through memorabilia. Groups of six people are permitted inside the museum at one time.

Local stories will also be shared on the museum lawn.

The event is free to attend, but a \$5 donation to the museum is recommended per participant.

"For those who are not able to make a donation at this time, Coastal Wisdom can make a donation on their behalf," Tyhacz said. "Our long-term goal is to be able to fully fund all our events for our members."

The recommended age for participants is 6 and up.

Coastal Wisdom will also receive exclusive access to the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., on Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to

12 p.m.

Museum staff will inform participants about the history of the Life-Saving Service and Ocean City's natural environment.

The cost to attend is \$5 per adult and \$1 per child.

To register for the upcoming events, visit coastalwisdom.org/events.

Coastal Wisdom offers free membership to families on Maryland's Eastern Shore who have school-aged children.

Members are expected to attend monthly gatherings and assist with budgeting for events and classes.

Coastal Wisdom aims to hold two events per month, one on a weekend and one on a weekday to accommodate various schedules, according to its website.

"We are also looking to partner with other educators and individuals for the upcoming year," Tyhacz said. "We are seeking out individuals with local stories to tell, skills to pass along and wisdom to share. Please contact us if you would like to attend one of our events or become one of our wisdom teachers."

For more information, contact coastalwisdoms@gmail.com or visit coastalwisdom.org.

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Bentley Free Library serves community, honors memory

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Little Free Library, a nonprofit organization based in Hudson, Wisconsin, promotes “neighborhood book exchanges,” and has registered more than 90,000 sites nationally since its inception in 2009.

“In our old neighborhood, there were a lot of them,” she said. “There were little free libraries probably every block.”

While the literature exchange rate in Wisconsin was substantial, with reading materials regularly shared among neighborhood “branches,” the trend has also been gaining ground in Ocean Pines.

“We have started to get a little following of people that come down to the end of our cul-de-sac regularly just to look at the little library or put books in it or take books out,” she said. “There are moms and kids that come circling around (and) adults.”

Finding books in the outdoors has gained added popularity during the covid-19 pandemic.

“Especially with the [Ocean Pines] library being closed earlier during the pandemic,” she said. “I’ve had several people stop and tell me, ‘this is great ... we haven’t been able to refresh our reading.’”

In one recent instance, Carol Vaillan-

court was able to find a literary request through the Bentley Library seemingly by osmosis.

“One of my favorite books is “The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho and I was talking to somebody about it this week,” she said.

Expressing a desire to read the written volume after having listened to the audiobook, Vaillancourt said the novel materialized in short order.

“I wanted to get the hard copy and literally the next day it was in my little library,” she said.

While uncertain of the source, Vaillancourt said the coincidence felt especially poignant.

“It was amazing because that’s what the book’s about: if you want something the universe conspires to give it to you,” she said. “It’s a special library.”

The husband-and-wife team, who own the Eastern Shore-based JDog Junk Removal and Hauling franchise, and more recently launched GI Jane’s Resale shop in the Manklin Meadows Shopping Center, have a ready supply if the library shelf ever requires replenishing.

“If it runs low we just grab some books we’ve picked up and put it in there,” she said. “We get tons and tons of books.”

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Thurs., Oct. 15

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- AN INTERVIEW WITH ‘OCEAN PINES’ AUTHOR KAREN ST. JAMES**
Meeting via Facebook, 2:00 PM. Indie author Karen St. James discusses her women’s fiction book, “Ocean Pines.” <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>
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Cuisine

Fall-inspired dish featured at Boxcar40

Well, so far most people think that I am completely insane. Single father, full-time profes- sor, columnist, owner of a restaurant and now I want to open a new one?



By Paul Suplee, MBA, CEC, PC-3

The answer is yes. I am flattered and humbled at the reaction that I have received upon announcing the opening of my newest venture, Boxcar on main, in Berlin in December. I feel like a complete psychopath doing this, but fortune favors the bold, yet it pities no one.

At the end of the day, I will be able to proclaim that I did everything in my power to overcome the crushing financial blow of the pandemic. But more to the point, let's just get through this damn thing in one piece, shall we? I wish good health on all.

Some interesting things have hap- pened as a result of the virus. We're focusing on things that are actually important. So many more "problems" from before seem like nothing now in the grand scheme of things. I guess we are learning how to smell the roses, even if we are going 150 miles per hour.

The move has reinvigorated the crew at my flagship Boxcar40, and we are slowly but surely starting to re- cover from the debacle that has al- ready claimed so many businesses.

Like many places, I am out a great deal of money, but in times of trouble, you need to build, rebuild, fortify and grow. My father taught me as a child that time stands still for no man.

Back at the original restaurant, my chef, Josh, has been coming up with some amazing specials, and as soon as we clicked over from 103-degree days to pumpkin spice and turtleneck sweater days, he came to me express- ing his desire to get into some squash. Of course, I said yes.

This is an amazing fall-inspired dish that celebrates our area, with mushrooms from the upper Eastern Shore, dry scallops and ubiquitous squash.

It's about as prevalent as pumpkin spice latte. It's nice to see this kind of dish coming from my younger chef and I'm looking forward to a winter of warming foods and good times.



Seared Scallops

- serves 4*
- 20 Dry sea scallops
 - Clarified butter, as needed
 - 1 c. chorizo chips (recipe follows)
 - 4 c. Butternut Puree (recipe follows)
 - 4 c. Sauteed wild mushrooms (recipe follows)
 - 1 c. Bacon jam (recipe follows)
 - 2 c. Garlic kale (recipe follows)
1. Pat scallops dry and set aside.
 1. Heat the clarified butter in a good, heavy duty sauté pan until it is just below smoking.
 3. Season scallops on both sides and carefully place them in the butter.
 4. Sear for about 3 minutes, or until you have a nice amber-brown sear.
 5. Using a fish spatula, turn the scallop and cook for 2 more minutes.
 6. Remove from heat so that you do not overcook the scallop.
 7. Place puree in the center of the plate, surrounding it with little piles of bacon jam (a small pile for each one).
 8. Place a scallop on each little mound of jam, and top with chorizo chips.
 9. Place the mushrooms in this lit- tle circle of flavor, and top it all off with some garlic kale.

Chorizo Chips

- makes about 1 cup*
- 1 6-inch piece of dried chorizo

1. Shave the chorizo as thin as pos- sible.
2. Spread evenly on a pan and place in a 250F oven until the chorizo is nice and "chippy."
3. Allow to cool and store in an air- tight container until needed.

Butternut Squash Puree

- makes about 1 quart-ish*
- 1 Butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced
 - 1 c. Chicken stock
 - 1/2 c. Cream
 - 3 oz. Whole butter
 - S&P to taste
1. Place all of the ingredients in a small saucepan that has a lid.
 2. Bring to a simmer, cover and cook until the squash is tender.
 3. Use a stick blender, food mill or food processor to puree the goo until it is nice and smooth.
 4. Season and keep hot until ready to use.

Sauteed Wild Mushrooms

- makes 1 quart*
- 2# Fresh assorted wild mushrooms
 - 2 cloves fresh garlic, smashed
 - 1 med. Shallot, fine julienne
 - Clarified butter, as needed
 - 1/2 c. Chicken stock
 - S&P to taste
1. Add the mushrooms to heated butter in a hot frypan, stirring.
 2. Eventually your agitation mixed

- with heat will break down the mush- rooms and they will release their water.
3. Add the garlic and shallots and cook thoroughly.
 4. Add the chicken stock and leave it be, stirring only occasionally enough to let everyone get to know each other.
 5. Season and keep hot until service.

Bacon Jam

- makes about a cup*
- 6 strips bacon, cut into little bits
 - 1/2 med. White onion, fine julienne
 - 3 tsp. White vinegar
 - 3 tsp. Brown sugar
1. Place bacon and onion in a pan and set the heat to medium. This part can be kind of frustrating if you are like me, in that it takes patience.
 2. Pay attention to your family, and completely forget about your bacon jam, of course assuming that your stove setting is on medium or preferably low.
 3. Once onion and bacon have an uber-roasted feel to them, pull off the heat and drain.
 4. Add the vinegar and sugar, and salt and pepper to taste. You can make it a little loose at this point, as it will thicken as it cools.

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Puzzles

YOU'RE TELLING ME! BY SAM EZERSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Sam Ezersky, 25, is an associate puzzle editor for The New York Times. He sold his first crossword to the paper when he was 17, just before starting his senior year at South Lakes High School in Reston, Va. Eight years and 30 Times crosswords later, Sam says his professional goal is to “never, ever create an ‘ordinary’ puzzle.” His favorite clues/answers in this one are at 111A and 81D. — W.S.

ACROSS
1 Marvel at
7 L.G.B.T.-aligned advocacy group since 1987
12 Occasion to get all gussied up
19 Stroke of good fortune
21 Newswoman Sawyer
22 “You ain’t lyin’!”
23 What the Old English called “Winterfylleth”
24 To a cosmetician: “You’re ...”
26 Home to Antilia, the world’s most valuable private residence (27 floors, \$2.2 billion)
28 Is
29 Kind of clef
30 To a produce vendor near closing time: “You’re ...”
34 The “B” in GB
35 Fisherman’s (San Francisco attraction)
36 Utter nonsense
37 Eyes: Sp.
39 Feature of a batter that needs more whisking
40 Wong of stand-up comedy
41 Drive (away)
42 Laughing matter?
45 Palindromic rulers
47 To a bad free throw shooter: “You’re ...”

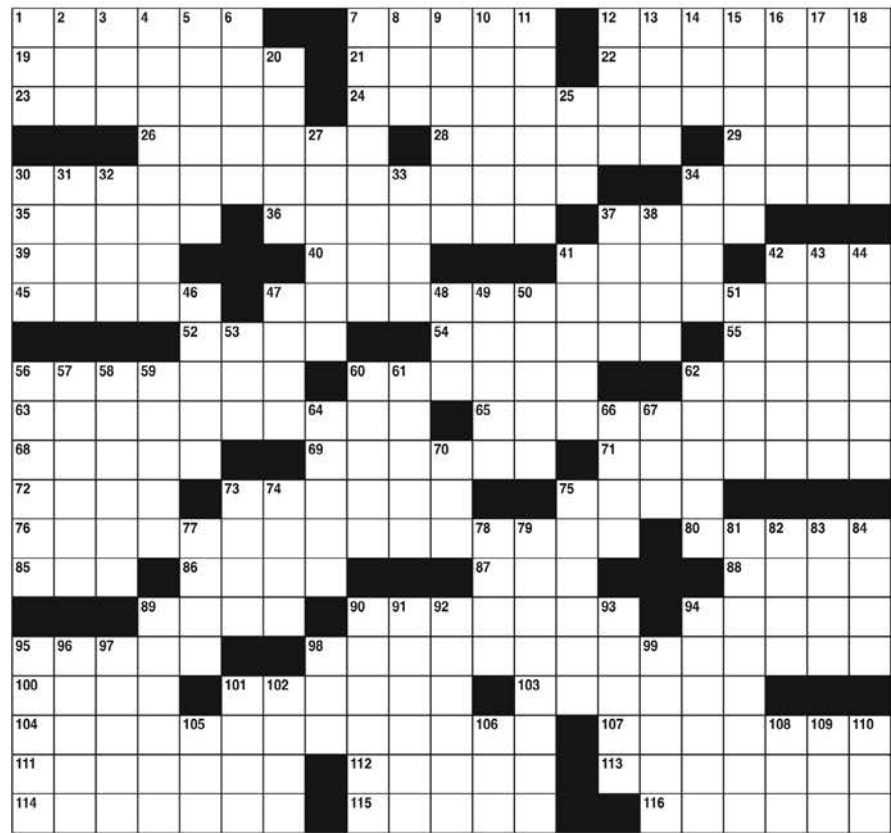
DOWN
2 All
54 Ruin, as plans
55 Crowd noise
56 Blubbers
60 The dove’s-foot crane’s-bill, for instance
62 Big seller of animal supplies
63 To a temp worker: “You’re ...”
65 To a rude driver: “You’re ...”
68 Architect Frank
69 Sci-fi classic featuring the Three Laws
71 Taylor Swift’s first No. 1 country hit, 2007
72 Things stuck in clogs
73 Itching to eat and irritable about it, in slang
75 [Leave it]
76 With 98-Across, to an aspiring entrepreneur: “You’re ...”
80 Friendship
85 Vim
86 Parts of Twitter profiles
87 Clicking sound?
88 All over hell’s half (everywhere)
89 Item on a president’s lapel
90 Placing a call
94 Fishing basket
95 Apt anagram of MY CAR
98 See 76-Across
100 Native speakers of Chiwere
101 Declined
103 Sips

ACROSS
104 To anyone who wasn’t addressed above: “You’re ...”
107 Vegan latte option
111 Kings and queens, maybe
112 Large chunk of one’s final grade, often
113 Aspen or Alta
114 It’s against the rule
115 Move like a peacock
116 Big name in nonprofit journalism

DOWN
1 Adele’s “Million Years ...”
2 Medic
3 Spring hrs. in Colorado Springs
4 Organism that structurally resembles another organism
5 Brush off
6 “Never interrupt your ___ when he’s making a mistake” (old aphorism)
7 Four-star figures
8 Valerie Plame’s org. in 2003’s Plame affair
9 Go up against
10 Sui generis
11 Destitution
12 Code edited by a webmaster
13 Many end in “-ite”
14 Ice cream purchase
15 “Expect ___” (road sign)
16 Warranting an “X,” say
17 Something to do with your buds?
18 Social climate

ACROSS
20 Physician who co-founded A.A., familiarly
25 Traipse (about)
27 How some like their café
30 Creatures that can have asymmetrical ears, which aid in hunting
31 “Nah”
32 Author Janowitz of literature’s “brat pack”
33 Pinot ___
34 Cutesy sound accompanying a poke
37 Greeting when running into someone unexpectedly
38 Book before Amos
41 Texas county on the Mexican border
42 Italian painter known for his frescoes
43 Pain-relief brand
44 How some like their coffee
46 Floor
47 One of two on the Titanic
48 “Who wants this?” response
49 Makeover result, maybe
50 Word stylized with extra R’s on some cereal boxes
51 Some froyo bar toppings
53 ___ polloi
56 Circus venue
57 A ball and a strike, in a baseball count
58 Useful
59 Toy rocker, in tot-speak

DOWN
60 Give up
61 What might be “love” or “lesbian” in a TV show title
62 Lead-in to potty
64 El ___ (weather phenomena)
66 It’s not a lot to jot
67 Third of seven columns: Abbr.
70 ___ hair
73 Earliest-known Chinese dynasty (dating back to 2000 B.C.)
74 Eagerly excited
75 Villain in 1998’s “Mulan”
77 With adroitness
78 División de la casa
79 Like 0.5-millimeter lead, among popular mechanical pencil options
81 Good-looking guy?
82 Cold treat
83 Diagram of relationships
84 App with a Reservations feature
89 Newspaper articles and mentions on social media, in brief
90 Ducks
91 “My turn”
92 Electrically balanced, in chemistry
93 Sandwiches on pita bread
94 Pool-chalk target
95 ___ Brava, Spain
96 Georgia’s capital, informally
97 Jason who played Khal Drogo on “Game of Thrones”
98 The Reds, on scoreboards
99 2020 U.S. Open tennis champ Naomi
101 ___ Tzu (dog breed)
102 Like sponge cakes
105 Middle of a certain three-in-a-row
106 Lone Star State sch.
108 Wrath
109 Man’s nickname that omits the “is” at the end
110 ___ in kangaroo



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

Answers to last week's puzzles

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

Calendar

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GREEN MARKET
Fridays through Nov. 27 - Trimper Rides under the Ferris Wheel, 600 S. Atlantic Ave., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Local Farmers Market featuring fresh everything and more from our local farmers. The market is agriculture based only. There will be live music and weekly drawings. Sally Kneavel, Sally@TrimperRides.com, 410-289-8617, <http://TrimperRides.com>

Sat., Oct. 17

ZUMBA FOR THE CURE
Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Gym, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Zumba For The Cure is a fun exciting way to support Relay For Life and Believe in Tomorrow Children’s House by the Sea. There are three dates to choose from (Oct. 16, 17 and Nov. 1) and two sessions each date. Social distancing guidelines adhered to that is why space is limited. \$10 each session or \$15 for both on same day. Raffle, refreshments and door prizes. No need to be a Zumba student. Just want to move and groove so other may live. Joyce, zumba-joyceoc@gmail.com, 410-726-2604

CHRISTMAS YARD SALE
Shepherd’s Nook Parking Lot, 11227 Race Track Road, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Featuring table top decorations, linens and things, new and gently used clothing, gift/boutique table, potpourri, ornaments/wreaths/trees and a children’s table with books and toys. Masks and social distancing are required. Rain date is Oct. 24.

‘HAIRY’ KIWANIS FUNDRAISER
Charity Dudley of Mobile Hair Services will be providing haircuts outside under a covered porch at 98 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 11 and younger. For an appointment, call 410-533-3788. Only checks made out to the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines will be accepted. Masks are mandatory.

VIRTUAL WALK WITH A DOC
Join the group for a virtual Walk with a Doc on the Atlantic General Hospital Facebook page, where there is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic, 9:00 AM. Participants can then walk wherever they like and share a selfie on social media with the hashtag #walkedwithagh.

BERLIN OKTOBERFEST
Berlin will feature its annual Fall Side-walk Sale plus Oktoberfest food all

throughout town plus outside bars at the restaurants, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1163576207357490>

OCTOBERFEST SOUP AND BAKE SALE
In front of Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Visit the vendors on the Taylor House Museum lawn. Vendors include Peach, Color Street, Mary Kay, Saci Kids Books, Usbourne Books, Pampered Chef, Young Living and more.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MART
Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 4th St., 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Featuring Christmas Home Place Décor; bakery delights and gifts; vintage and new jewelry; take and make holiday items; and carryout lunches including vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwiches, cupcakes, brownies and drinks. The thrift shop will also be open. Credit cards accepted. Proceeds support local missions. Parking available in lot across street. Masks are required. Rain date is Oct. 24. 410-289-7430

AUTHOR SIGNINGS AND BOOK SALES
Greyhound Indie Bookstore, 9 S. Main St., 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Pamela A. Russell will be selling and signing her chapter book “Adventures of the Saci Kids: A New Home,” target age 9-12 years. Both paperback and hardback copies will be available. For more information, visit <http://www.sacikids.com>. Karen St. James will also be signing and selling her book, titled “Ocean Pines.” For more information, call 863-667-8432.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, biscuit and dessert. Cost is \$13 for adults. Drive thru pick up only. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

Sun., Oct. 18

SEMPER FI BIKE RIDE FUNDRAISER
Sponsored by the First State Detachment of the Marine Cops League, the event is open to all ages, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. The ride takes place along the Ocean City Boardwalk from the Inlet parking lot to 27th Street and back. Participants can bring their own bikes or reserve a rental from Bike World. Proceeds benefit the Semper Fi Fund. Also featuring live music from One Night Stand, DJ Stevie J, games and prizes for best decorated bike, biggest fund-raising team and best youth Halloween costume. Pre-register or make a donation at www.firststatemarines.org

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EMPTY BOWL PROJECT - BOWL MAKING
OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. Bowl-making session using raw clay where you can shape and imprint your own design. No experience is necessary, and all materials are included in a \$25 fee. Proceeds benefit the Diakonia food bank and the programs of the Ocean City Art League.

HALLOWEEN ‘SPOOK OUT’ PARTY
Northside Park, Ballfield #1, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Goblins, witches, princesses and characters of all ages can join in on the fun. There will be loads of candy, games, crafts, balloons, snacks and activities. Admission cost is one full bag of individually wrapped candy per child. Masks are required for those 6 and older. Rain date is Oct. 25.

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT - BOWL DECORATING
OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Decorating session where you embellish an already-made bowl hand-produced on the wheel by Robbie Johnson. No experience is necessary, and all materials are included in a \$25 fee. Proceeds benefit the Diakonia food bank and the programs of the Ocean City Art League.

Mon., Oct. 19

OUR 1960S MUSIC
Meeting via Facebook, 2:00 PM. Mark Millikin, author of “The Joy and Heartache of Our 1960s Music,” discusses how the rock ‘n’ roll revolution affected his Baltimore upbringing and changed the world. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
The meeting will be held via conference call, 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Dial 605-472-5789, wait for voice command, then press 944874. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

Tues., Oct. 20

VIRTUAL MARYLAND SAFE BOATING COURSE
This is an interactive class offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, held Oct. 20, 21 and 22, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. Those attending and passing the test will receive a Maryland Boating Certificate which is NASBLA approved and valid in all states. Cost is \$20. Checks should be made payable to

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Wed., Oct. 21

KEEPING ANNA’S DREAM ALIVE
Ocean Pines Community Center parking lot, 239 Ocean Parkway, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Volunteers from AARP and Kiwanis will be collecting donations for our military. Items needed include baby wipes, body wash/shampoo, dental hygiene products, razors, deodorant (non-aerosol), gum, granola bars, small bags of peanuts, packs of hot chocolate, instant oatmeal, 5 oz. cans Chef Boyardee pasta, powdered drinks, trail mix, beef jerky, Ramen noodle bricks, sunflower seeds, lip balm, Kleenex, pens, cards and puzzle books. To donate just drive up, stay in your car, pop the trunk and someone will pick up your donations.

THE ISLAND OF SEA WOMEN
Meeting via Zoom, 2:00 PM. Author Lisa See talks about her book, “The Island of Sea Women,” at the Poisoned Pen Bookstore. Watch the recording. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Meeting via video call, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. For survivors and current patients battling breast cancer. Women Supporting Women, 410-548-7880

ONGOING EVENTS

OCEAN PINES HALLOWEEN CONTESTS
The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks are have a Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest and a Virtual Costume Contest. Simple snap a photo and email it to bjarman@oceanpines.org by Oct. 25. Photos must include name, age and contact information. Submitted photos will be posted on the Recreation and Parks Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OPRecandParks) where voting will occur from Oct. 26 through noon on Oct. 30. Winners will be announced Oct. 30 and may pick up a goodie bag during the Trunk or Treat event scheduled that evening.

OCEAN CITY HISTORY WEEK
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., is offering a variety of events, Oct. 10-16. There will be free admission for all Delmarva locals. A fall photo opportunity in front of the shark display and anchor. A free program, “History of our Surfman,” will be held Monday through Friday at 1 p.m. All Things History Store will offer discounts on a wide variety of books, DVDs and apparel. The museum will also be accepting nominations for the Annual Spirit Award for those who have helped preserve local history. 410-289-4991, <http://www.ocmuseum.org/history>

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