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The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voted 4-3 to replace Billy Casper Golf with Nebraska-based Landscapes Unlimited as management of the community golf course.

## Pines gives up the ghost on Casper

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) After months of speculation, public debate and untold hundreds of trees sacrificed for print media coverage, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voted last Friday to oust Billy Casper Golf and hire Landscapes Unlimited of Lincoln, Neb. to manage the community golf course.

The measure passed 4-3 during a closed session with Directors Sharyn O'Hare, Bill Cordwell and Tom Terry dissenting.

General Manager Bob Thompson and the golf workgroup, which includes Terry, board Treasurer Jack Collins and Board President Dave Stevens, will represent the association in drafting a new contract for Landscapes.

The meeting got off to a tense start when resident Joe Reynolds, during public comments, asked whether the meeting could legally go into closed session.

Stevens said the purpose of the closed session was, "a continuation of contract negotiations that have been ongoing between bidders."

"We have been ... going through

their proposals, asking for questions and changes," Stevens said. "Now we're simply moving to one bidder and proceeding with the same thing until we have a signed contract."

The contract to build the yacht club, a similar situation Reynolds argued, was done during public session.

"The circumstances, I think, were different. I was there," Stevens said.

The Maryland Homeowners Association Act, Reynolds said, lists eight reasons for going into closed session.

"Which one of the eight are you using to go into closed session?" he asked.

"I don't have that list in front of me," Stevens said.

"How can you list the authority if you don't know what it is?" Reynolds asked.

Handed the list by Reynolds, Stevens cited article VI under section 4, "Consideration of the terms or conditions of a business transaction in the negotiation stage if the disclosure could adversely affect the economic interests of the homeowners association."

Undeterred, Reynolds accused the board of having a "lack of transparency."

"There is no reason to go into a closed session," he said. "No reason whatsoever. Whether it's a violation or not, that'd be for lawyers."

"I think every one of you individually should be thinking about, when you cast your vote, whether you're complying with at least the spirit of this law," Reynolds continued. "There is no contract here. There is no risk of adversely affecting the economic interest of our HOA."

Reynolds went on to suggest the board keep Casper as management for "at least another year."

"There's no emergency here," he said. "I think if we make a change we're just doing it for the sake of change."

The board voted 5-2 to go into closed session, with O'Hare and Vice President Marty Clarke voting to keep the meeting open.

An hour and a half later, the directors emerged with the decision to go with Landscape.

After the meeting, Stevens said he believed the board made "the correct decision" in closing the meeting.

During the closed session, Stevens said the board had a roundtable dis-

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## Commissioners sign off on Berlin annexation plan

By Brian Gilliland  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) Forgoing, for now, a commercial component that would have been constructed on the north side of Route 50 and Seahawk Lane and instead focusing on the 90-plus acres on the south side, the Worcester County Commissioners last Thursday approved the Town of Berlin's annexation plan that will bring about the eventual construction of some 750 townhomes on the edge of town.

There were two problems with the proposed annexation: a zoning change from agricultural to residential, and complaints of the Berlin Fire Company.

Dated the day of the make-up meeting of the county commissioners because of the snow and not included in the commissioners' packets, the fire company's letter criticizes town officials for not meeting with the fire company before seeking the county's approval.

"We have been aware via the public media, monitoring of meeting minutes, and review of Mr. [Ed] Tudor's memorandum and materials to the commissioner's for today's meeting," fire company President David Fitzgerald said in the letter.

The letter also revisited some of the fire company's old grievances with the town, including a cut in funding, delaying the construction of a proposed fire station adjacent to the annexed land and failing to replace an old aerial truck.

The letter went on to ask that the commissioners postpone their consideration of the annexation until after the town meets with the fire company.

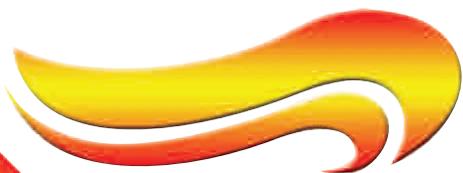
Asked by Commissioner Chip Bertino if the fire company's concerns had been addressed, the attorney representing the project, Mark Cropper, said, "There has been no meeting. It's not normal until after this step."

The commissioners subsequently moved on from the request for a postponement to the zoning issue.

The parcel is zoned A-1 agricultural, a designation that allows only minor subdivisions, according to Tudor, while annexation would require a zoning change to R-4, which permits higher densities of development.

Tudor also said the property is listed as being within the "Commercial Center Land Use Category" on the county's land use map, which allows a

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# Landscapes Unlimited to manage Pines golf

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cussion followed by the formal vote.

"I think Landscapes offered a clear difference in direction from what Casper was pursuing," Stevens said. "They believe that they can build the revenues by keeping a stronger balance of members to outside playing. Casper believes, after their experience here, that you can't.

"Looking at Casper's performance, some would say it was definitely on the upswing," Stevens continued. "Others would say, given how bad the downswing was, it was almost inevitable. I don't think there's anybody who can predict the future, but at some point you have to agreed to make a decision and in this case the majority thought a change in a different direction was warranted."

Stevens called Casper following

the meeting to let them know the board's decision.

"They obviously weren't happy, but I think they're professionals," Stevens said. "From their point of view, they had just started to turn things around when we pulled the rug out from under them. I can understand their viewpoint, but on the other hand we had a decision to make."

Casper's contract runs through April 30, and Stevens said the board would honor those terms.

On the fiscal year 2016 budget, which currently projects a \$50,000 loss for the course, Stevens said the board was "doing what we have to do."

"We're working on an agreement with Landscapes," Stevens said. "That's one of the elements obviously, and it's one of the urgent ones. We'll

see. There's no way to say exactly what they'll think, but we let them know what the timeframe was."

O'Hare, speaking for the minority, said she was disappointed by the outcome of the vote to replace Casper.

"I think decisions were made before they walked into the room," she said. "Nobody's opinions were changed during the discussion. I'm extremely disturbed about this decision and I think the bottom line is they just felt they needed a change and I absolutely see no logic in that."

O'Hare believed Casper was rebounding from poor financial showings during the previous two fiscals

years, and trending in a positive direction.

"If anybody can say in business that they don't need to improve something, they're lying," O'Hare said. "Did Casper need to improve? Did they make some mistakes? Of course they did. But I don't think their performance this year warrants what happened."

"It's just a shame in my opinion, but it's a vote and the other board members felt they knew better," O'Hare continued. "It didn't blindside me, but I was disappointed that it came out to that. I was hoping it would be a different way."

## Management not only thing changing at OP golf course

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) Ocean Pines appears to be changing more than management companies at the community golf course after selecting Landscapes Unlimited to replace Billy Casper Golf.

Previously, Casper provided monthly financial and operational reports to the general manager. Under the new agreement with Landscape Unlimited, that will apparently change, as management could report directly to the seven-member board of directors.

Casper had been showing signs of

improvement after having a disastrous first year, partially because nine of the 18 holes were shut down by construction. According to the Jan. 23 general manager's report, Casper posted a \$146,107 year-to-date improvement over fiscal year 2014.

Some have speculated that the uncertainly surrounding management may negatively affected early-season bookings at the course. One possible indication of that can be found in the fiscal year 2016 budget draft, which initially showed a \$14,124 projected loss for the course. The board has since amended that number to a loss of \$50,000.

## Berlin Fire Dept. balks at Seahawk Lane annexation

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variety of uses, just not many of them consistent with the intent of R-4 residential.

But when it came time for formal discussion, the traffic study ruled the day. The plan was originally for 900 units, Cropper said, but that has been revised down to 788. The traffic study was based on 900 units, thus providing some breathing room, Cropper said.

Commissioner Ted Elder questioned the study's methodology, figuring a 500-vehicle peak load for the original 900 units seemed low. Tudor said he was not a traffic engineer and couldn't challenge the methodology of the study. Elder thought than triple

the proposed traffic load would be more accurate.

"The traffic study considered many more units. We've met the county standard, which is better than what the state requires," Cropper said.

Tudor presented the commissioners with three options. First they could agree with the town's request and rezone the property. Second, they could agree with amendments, or third, they could kill the project outright by rejecting the town's logic and barring development in this for another five years.

On a motion from Commissioner Bud Church, the commissioners adopted the first option unanimously.

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# Forum gives public first look at FY 2016 budget

Thompson talks through \$12.8 million draft; golf, reserves still in discussion

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson presented the latest draft of the proposed fiscal year 2016 budget during a public meeting on Saturday, Feb. 21.



**Bob Thompson**

The \$12.8 million draft includes an operating budget of \$10.6 million, as well as \$2.1 million in capital funding from reserves.

Thompson said the goal of the meeting was to provide the membership with an overview of what went into building the budget, along with highlighting key components.

Drafting the budget began in September with staff meetings, when Thompson asked department heads for a list of "needs, wants and desires," and used capital project worksheets to review capital requests.

In October Thompson began reviewing formal requests from department heads, followed by sit-down meetings with both parties and controller Art Carmine in November when requests were scrutinized against previous-year budgets.

The budget began to take shape in December.

"At that point, what we do is we pull it together and see how it's going to impact overall as it feeds up into the master budget," Thompson said. "With the element we had, plus the guidance from the board, we made any necessary changes or modifications we felt needed to be accomplished."

Thompson delivered the budget to the board on Jan. 8. Budget and finance committee meetings ran from Jan. 12-14, and the board formerly took up the budget, with committee suggestions, Jan. 26 and 27.

"I will say this year with the budget and finance committee was the best of the years that I've been doing this," Thompson said. "The input and feedback was very cordial and I don't take that lightly."

The board met separately with the fire department on Feb. 4, and held budget and guidance meetings on Feb. 7 and Feb. 18.

Board changes to the original Thompson proposal included reducing overall payroll by \$150,000, increasing golf losses by \$35,876 [to \$50,000] and increasing marina income by \$10,000.

The board also added \$50,000 for a reserve study, \$45,000 for the Mandolin Meadows project, \$40,000 for electronic signage, \$20,000 for yacht club expenses, in-

cluding fans, fire pits and televisions, and \$20,000 for pool covers.

The board also moved to rename the controversial "five-year funding plan" as the "legacy plan," carrying over the \$130 addition to assessments to pay off deficits and fund new capital projects.

Deficits in other reserve funds will be paid off using funds from the historical reserve.

Thompson said the historical and five-year plan subsets of the capital assets replacement reserve would be dissolved in the future, with the board using the CIP/reserve study to inform major funding decisions "on a case-by-case basis."

The 2016 budget projects a \$6 overall increase in assessments, with \$24 tied to Fire/EMS, \$6 to police, \$3 to recreation and parks, \$2 to general maintenance and \$1 to administration. The public works budget currently decreases assessments by \$1.

The bulk of assessments, \$608, are tied to general operations. Amenity operations project a negative \$56 impact on assessments, with \$13 additions by aquatics and a \$6 additions by golf offset by positive projections at the beach club [\$11], beach parking [\$42], yacht club [\$7] and marinas [\$15].

Reserves added \$327 to assessments, with \$183 coming from replacement of reserves, \$109 coming from the legacy fund, \$19 coming from bulkheads and \$16 from operating fund deficit recovery.

"The bottom line ... takes this year's proposed assessment over last year from \$909 to \$915," Thompson said.

Thompson said he spoke with Board President Dave Stevens on Friday, and that the board will likely hold a special meeting in early March to finalize the budget.

"I thought it was a very good meeting and I thought Thompson did a very good job," Stevens said afterward. "It was what it was supposed to be. I was a little disappointed there weren't a lot of people there. It's been debated back and forth and I think people are saying, 'Get on with it and figure something out.' I think we're saying that too."

Of the remaining work to do on the budget, Stevens said the board would have to address the change in golf management and "the philosophy" behind reserves.

"I don't see anything that would prevent us from getting to a budget," he said. "On the other hand there's no reason to rush, either. I don't think it will be decided during the next [Feb. 28] board meeting. I think it will probably be the week after."

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# Public portion of strategic planning wraps

Facilitator Becker, Berlin mayor and council to take on next phase at town hall

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) With the fourth and final meeting Saturday, Feb. 21, Berlin wrapped the public input phase of strategic planning sessions intended to map out town projects for the next three-to-five years.

Next, the process moves to town hall for a pair of meetings on Wednesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, March 12 for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said she was pleased with public participation during the meetings.

"I feel the meetings went very well," Allen said. "We had very good attendance, especially at the beginning during the first two. There was lots of really good discussion and it's clear to

me that the folks that came to the meeting care deeply about the town and where it's going and they want to be a part of it. For me, that's very exciting."

Facilitator Christine Becker estimated close to 60 people attended the first meeting.

"I think they were very productive," she said. "Each session was a separate event and we're in the process of gathering information and figuring out what we've got."

Allen praised Becker's role during the meetings.

"She did a fantastic job," Allen said. "She had a good way of synthesizing the comments that were coming from folks and highlighting themes, which kept the meetings moving and gave them more cohesion. She really created some cohesion in the discussion."

Maintaining Berlin's tradition, Becker said, was a reoccurring theme throughout the meetings.

"That came up often – wanting to

maintain what makes the town so special," she said. "The next step is I'm going to go through all the information that we have and we'll try to summarize it and analyze it and figure out what the recurring themes are," Becker said.

While the town is seeking to map out the next several years, Allen said part of the discussion included "asking folks to think about Berlin 10, 20 years from now, in part to get a bigger focus."

"The idea being we do the action plan, we work through the priorities, and in another three years we look at refreshing it, going through the process again and checking in with the community to see if they're happy with the way things are going and if they're good with the priorities or want to change them up again," Allen said.

Next, the town will release a web survey, allowing anyone who missed the meetings to weigh in on the

town's future.

"We're expecting that to go on the website Thursday [Feb. 26]," Allen said. "We're giving folks a week to respond – we need the surveys back by March 5 – and in part we need that because Christine is going to use that for the discussion with the mayor and council on the 11th and 12th."

Paper versions of the survey will be available at Town Hall.

Allen said the public is welcome to attend the workshops with the mayor and council, although the meetings "are not designed for a lot of public input."

"The action plan that we're going to be putting together will be going to the mayor and council, so there's another opportunity for folks to come and about the process or the content of the action plan," Allen said.

The town has yet to set an exact date to review the plan, although Allen said those meetings would likely occur during the end of March or early April.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

County Commissioner A. Chip Bertino addresses a full house at the Ocean Pines branch of the Worcester County Library last Saturday. He spoke about county revenue, schools and casino shares.

## Full house greets Bertino, Carozza at Pines town hall

New county commissioner talks budget, trains and hockey during first meeting

By Brian Gilliland  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) In a well-attended event at the Ocean Pines branch of the Worcester Library last Saturday, new County Commissioner A. Chip Bertino was joined by Commissioner President M. Jim Bunting, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza and County Volunteer Service Coordinator Kelly Brinkley to provide information and answer constituents' questions.

Bertino is the primary representative of Ocean Pines on the board of commissioners, but Bunting's district includes a portion of the Pines, and Carozza serves the area at the state level.

Brinkley was there at Bertino's be-

hest to encourage volunteerism, and implored the audience to allow her to find opportunities that fit their abilities.

A cheerful attitude and persistent upbeat bearing was chased from the room, however, when Bertino revealed what the commissioners had learned only days before: the county will run out of cash reserves (known governmentally as the "stabilization fund") in fiscal 2017.

The commissioners had little information at hand except the nature of the problem, as the budget season doesn't formally begin until late March. They promised, however, to hold another town hall-style meeting during budget time to address concerns.

Bertino gave brief primers on the excursion train, noting there were no set endpoints on either side of the

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# Shore delegation backing WCDC as new regs loom

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) Worcester County Developmental Center Executive Director Jack Ferry traveled to Annapolis last Friday to speak with the Eastern Shore Delegation about the affect pending federal regulations could have on the center's operation.

The Newark center is fighting possible regulations that could compromise its ability and that of similar centers statewide, to assist disabled people with vocational training.

The Department of Health and Human Services published a final rule relating to "Home and Community Based Services Settings for Medicaid-funded long term services" in the Federal Register on Jan. 16.

The rule would bring about several changes to home and community-based waivers, finalizes regulatory changes to the state plan home and community-based services, and imposes new requirements on what is considered an appropriate home/community based residential setting.

Ferry argued that the regulation replaces facility-based employment and training with "community-based activities such as volunteering, recreation and socialization," and that it painted disabled people "with a broad stroke, which could jeopardize individual choice."

After meeting with Ferry, the delegation voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the center to Health and Human Services.

District 38C Delegate Mary Beth Carozza said she also sent a letter to DHMH Secretary Van Mitchell on behalf of the center on Feb. 5.

"I have received a response from Secretary Mitchell indicating that no final decisions have been made regarding the future of WCDC," Carozza said. "I, along with my fellow members of the Eastern Shore delegation, will keep pushing for facility-based employment under the new federal rules so that the WCDC can continue to employ the nearly 700 members of our local community who work there."

Ferry said he was pleased with the delegation's response.

"I feel the delegation understands that work, no matter where it is done, allows our clients to use their talents and contribute to the economic vitality of the area," he said. "Without this work some will have difficulty paying their bills and buying groceries, and others will start to have a variety of issues including mental health concerns."

The state is required to finalize a transition plan to comply with the ruling by March 17. Ferry also contacted Sens. Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin, and Rep. Andy Harris to discuss the issue on a federal level.

"We really need to keep our federal legislators involved in this because ... they really are federal issues we are dealing with," Ferry said.

# Carozza talks 'change in culture'

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track, the proposed hockey arena, although "under no circumstances is the county getting into the arena business," he said. The preferred method, he said, would be to have another entity manage the facility.

He also described the finer points of the recently approved Berlin annexation project near Stephen Decatur High School. Residents and interested parties were mostly concerned with traffic impact. Bertino and Bunting were quick to mention the State of Maryland would handle that aspect of the proposed growth, and that an expansion near the proposed annexation would likely take a back seat to Route 113 dualization and Route 589 enhancements.

Bertino then surrendered the floor to Carozza, who continued her unwavering support for Gov. Larry Hogan.

"There's been a change in culture in Annapolis," she said, "we used to be known as the state that taxes rain. Maryland is open for business."

Hogan has "put our fiscal house in order" because "we can't leave our children in debt," she said.

"There's been a change in the culture of Annapolis, because now instead of increases, agencies are now looking to keep what they already have."

With that, Bertino opened the floor to questions. The Showell Elementary School replacement project was among the first to be mentioned. Bertino said the number of students being taught in trailers was disappointing and needed an immediate fix. The commissioners revealed the price tag for the replacement school had grown to \$52 million.

Bertino and Bunting also said

there was a task force working on the problem. School Superintendent Dr. Jerry Wilson, who attended with other school officials, nodded in assent to Bertino's revelation. The schools and commissioners have not met at a regular meeting since before the new commissioners were sworn in, when a paperwork snafu derailed the design phase funding approval.

No explanation was given for the \$1 million rise in the school project's estimated cost since the issue was last discussed publicly.

The commissioners were able to quickly answer questions about casino funding shares used to retire the Worcester Technical School debt, to have Bertino explain "teachers weren't the only ones" to have to deal with low or stagnating salaries and a general rallying cry of "too much government."



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Vicki Magin, left, took over as Berlin's administrative assistant on Monday, with previous assistant Sharon Timmons moving to assist Main Street Coordinator and Economic Development Director Ivy Wells in the town's Welcome Center.

# Magin in, Timmons moving to assist Berlin econ director

### Former Ocean Pines rec. employee introduced as administrative assistant

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) In a minor shakeup, Berlin introduced one new face, while moving a familiar one to the Visitor's Center to tackle increased demands on the tourism front.

Vicki Magin was introduced as the new administrative assistant during a mayor and council meeting on Monday. Sharon Timmons, who previously held the position, will join Economic and Community Development Director and Main Street Coordinator Ivy Wells, as her new assistant.

Magin, who previously worked in parks and recreation in Ocean Pines, said she read about the position in the newspaper.

"The position, as I understand it, is the assistant to the town administrator

[Laura Allen], and I am filling some great shoes with Sharon Timmons."

Magin said her first day was "initiation by example," with a full day of activities, followed by an evening council meeting.

"It's pretty cool coming to Berlin right now," Magin said. "It's a booming little town. There are a lot of great activities planned and it's definitely something to look forward to grow and be a part of. I feel like I'm getting in on the beginnings of something big."

Timmons said she was "handing over the reigns to someone I think will do a fine job," while moving on to an exciting opportunity working with Wells.

"I've worked with the events in the past, so this will give me a chance to really jump in with full force now helping with Main Street activities," she said.

Wells has already received rave reviews after taking over for Michael Day in December.

"She's doing a fine job," Timmons said. "It's a very exciting time for both of us."

# Worcester County G.O.L.D. making rounds at meetings

### Nonprofit presenting to town councils in pitch to raise public awareness

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) Representatives of the Snow Hill-based nonprofit organization, Worcester County G.O.L.D., have been making the rounds in the county and were in Berlin on Monday to give an operational update to the mayor and council.

Executive Director Claire Otterbein said the stop was part of a multi-town campaign that already included Snow Hill and Pocomoke, with Ocean City the next stop on the list.

"We primarily do financial assistance for people in need in Worcester County," Otterbein said. "The biggest part of what we're doing funding-wise and time-wise is emergency financial assistance for things like preventing evictions for people, preventing utility disconnections, food in emergency situations, helping with medication costs and sometimes clothing and transportation when it's an emergency need. We're really focused on trying to meet the needs of needy people in Worcester County."

Otterbein said the organization is using the campaign to raise awareness.

"Our board members have been making a little tour of town meetings in Worcester County just trying to get the word out and make sure that people know what we're working on for the people in need in their county," she said.

According to its 2014 annual report, the organization provided more than \$48,000 in emergency assistance funds through the Rainbow Fund, serving 1,933 individuals and 847 families in the county.

Under the fund, 428 people benefited from food assistance, 610 people

benefited from utility assistance and 274 people benefited from housing assistance.

More than 100 families, including 31 foster children, received diapers, baby clothing and hygiene items from G.O.L.D.'s "Baby and Adult Care Pantry." Forty-six people benefited from the "Senior and Other Adult Resources" fund, including help with utility bills, major appliances, home repairs and medical equipment.

Through special projects, the nonprofit also distributed 168 "spring baskets" to needy children, outfitted 529 children with backpacks and school supplies and gave out 600 "back-to-school" haircut certificates.

Holiday programs provided 235 Thanksgiving food boxes, served 905 individuals with clothing, food and gifts, gave 31 bikes to children and used a donation by the Ocean City Elks Club of \$2,000 in Wal-Mart gift cards to buy winter coats.

Otterbein said Town of Berlin employees, including the police department, were major participants in several of the organization's programs.

"We have a holiday program where people get matched up with and do Christmas presents for children, and they have been big supporters of that every year," Otterbein said. "They adopt a bunch of people for Christmas and Easter baskets and things like that. Their employees have been very big partners with us."

January and February are critical fundraising periods for many nonprofits, Otterbein said.

"Now that Christmas is over, there's always a little slump, so we're definitely in need of financial contributions," she said. "With the high utility bills and the cold, the need is still really high this time of year. People struggle year-round, so there's always a need."



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# BERLIN BRIEFS

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) The Berlin mayor and council discussed several issues during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday, Feb. 23.

## High Heel Races return

The council approved the 2015 High Heel Races, setting the date for June 5, 2015 from 5-9 p.m.

Mary Henderson from Women Supporting Women presented Mayor Gee Williams with a trophy for his part in the 2014 race.

"He did an awesome job," she said. "And you do look mighty fine in those heels."

Henderson said the event helps keep the services of the nonprofit organization's services – providing wigs and prosthetics for breast cancer patients – free

Williams, Henderson and Councilmember Lisa Hall encouraged participation in the event.

## Snow days

Water Resources / Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said the town responded to more than 30 emergency calls for broken pipes during the recent cold snap.

Kreiter said public works staff also spent three days working on snow removal in the town.

"We're still continuing [to monitor] iced areas," Kreiter said. "The snow is melting and freezing, so that's an ongoing [project]. We've been very, very busy."

Police Chief Arnold Downing said the town's CodeRED notification system alerted residents not to park on the street before the snowstorm. That helped crews clear the roads and led to "one of the safest snow storms" in Berlin in recent memory.

Public works also provided a fresh coat of paint on the multipurpose building on Flower Street.

## New peak

Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence said the town experienced a new electrical peak on Friday, Feb. 20.

"The peak last year was during the first week of January, about 14.3 megawatts," Lawrence said. "Friday at 7:45 in the morning we hit a peak of 15.1."

Lawrence said the regional load also hit a new high, topping 144,000 megawatts on Friday morning. Last year's high was 142,000 megawatts.

"I was very concerned about that," Lawrence said. "I was actually sched-

uled to be on vacation Friday, but with the temperature, I was really concerned about the load and what could occur. I came in [during] the morning and we actually had to do some switching between some circuits to balance the load out just to assure that nothing would go wrong during that time period."

## Annexation update

Planning Director Dave Engelhart attended the Worcester County Commissioner's meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13. Engelhart said the county made a motion to concur with the town of Berlin's annexation and development agreement regarding the Seahawk Road annexation near Stephen Decatur High School.

"This just frees us up to move toward a public hearing on March 23," Engelhart said.

Engelhart also provided an update on the Cannery Village construction project, saying things are "down to the wire."

"I would think within the next 10 days we'll have building permits in place," Engelhart said.

## Date change

Berlin changed the date of the annual Peach Festival from Saturday, Aug. 8 to Saturday, Aug. 1.



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# Pitts put back in prison after Berlin break-in

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) Terrill Pitts, 45, is back in jail after police picked up the Salisbury resident last Wednesday evening for allegedly breaking into several cars in Berlin.



Terrill Pitts

Berlin Police responded to a call at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 near the 300 block of Ann Drive. According to a press release, the complainants saw Pitts enter an unlocked car on the property and apparently scared him off using a remote key lock.

Pitts was later arrested near the 300 block of Powell Circle and charged with six counts of rogue and vagabond and four counts of fourth-degree burglary. Police said Pitts' path through Berlin also included Main Street, Broad Street, West Street and the Henry's Mill subdivision.

Law enforcement used footprints in the snow to "back-track" Pitts' activity throughout the area, finding at least four additional properties where the suspect attempted to break into vehicles.

Pitts was found in possession of several items police said "appeared as if they may have been taken from at least one vehicle" that officers were

unable to locate due to poor weather conditions.

None of the victims reported witnessing the thefts.

Pitts was taken to the Berlin Police Department for processing and taken to the District Court Commissioner's Office where he was ordered held on \$20,000 bond.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing has had a prior encounter with Pitts, having arrested him for stealing a purse from a parked vehicle in 2010.

Downing said Pitt's motivation for the Feb. 18 incident was likely "all about money."

Pitts' sheet includes forgery, credit card fraud, identity theft, second-degree assault, possession of a deadly weapon with intent to injure, driving an uninsured vehicle, trespassing, affray and disorderly conduct.

Jay McCleary, records clerk at the Worcester County Jail in Snow Hill, said Pitts has been a regular visitor at the facility.

"Our records indicate he was here six times since 2010, but two of them were just when he came here and bonded out," McCleary said.

Pitts' longest stay during that span came in 2012, when he served 18 months of a three-year sentence for rogue and vagabond. Pitts was released on July 30, 2013.

Following the arrest, police re-

minded residents to keep all vehicles locked. If you suspect a vehicle was tampered with on Feb. 18, contact local law enforcement.

"The big thing is he had some other property on him," Downing said. "We just want to make sure everybody checks their vehicles to see if anything is missing if they left them unlocked."

Downing said all the vehicles involved in the incident appeared to be unlocked.

"We think we might have all the victims [but] we just want everybody to go ahead and know the streets he traveled, and if he traveled those streets and there was an open car he might have tried to find anything he could take," Downing said.

## Pines resident Tyre suspect in home improvement scam

(Feb. 26, 2015) A 62-year-old Ocean Pines man was arrested for a home improvement scam in Ocean Pines.

The suspect, Larry Burton Tyre, would stop at various locations in Ocean Pines and ask if the homeowner needed various yard and home repair services. These services were not delivered and the victim(s) had already paid for the service(s), in advance.

Ocean Pines Police are requesting that anyone who may have been the

victim of a similar scam involving this suspect to contact Cpl. Tish Ottey at 410-641-7747 during business hours.

Police charged Tyre with two counts of obtaining property of a vulnerable adult of \$500, one count of theft scheme over \$10,000 to Under \$100,000 and one count of theft over \$10,000 to under \$100,000.

Tyre was taken before a District Court Commissioner and was released on \$25,000 unsecured bond, pending trial.



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### ROBOTICS

Worcester Technical High School pre-engineering teacher Valerie Ziglejeva, center, celebrates with Stephen Decatur High School senior Tripp Ortega and his sister, Madilyn, a freshman. They won first place in the SkillsUSA regional Mobile Robotics competition held at WTHS on Feb. 7. They are both in the four-year pre-engineering STEM program.



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# Saltwater Media one-stop shop for writers

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) At Saltwater Media in Berlin, one young author's struggle in the often-unwelcoming publishing industry led her to establish a virtual one-stop shop for aspiring local writers.

A decade ago, Salisbury native Stephanie Fowler was attending Washington College in Chestertown when she won the prestigious Sophie Kerr Prize, the largest undergraduate literary award in the country.

"I won with a series of short stories called 'Crossings' that I wrote about the Delmarva Peninsula, stories I had heard growing up," Fowler said. "It was a kind of creative nonfiction."

During the previous year, classmate Christine Lincoln won the prize, taking in \$54,000 and catapulting her into the limelight.

"When she won, she was on Oprah and she had a major national book deal, the whole nine yards," Fowler said. "Everyone in our class thought, 'Oh, Christine has broken through. Oprah knows about us. Big publishers know about us now. We kind of thought maybe she had broken out and from that point forward everyone is going to be looked at. And then I win with a series of short stories about the Eastern Shore and everybody is like, 'Meh, not so much.'"

One agent went so far as to tell Fowler, "If you ever write anything not about the Eastern Shore give me a call."

"I thought that was the most backhanded compliment I've ever had," she said. "So you're telling me there's a chance?"

Undaunted, Fowler continued to shop her book around to regional presses.

"Nobody was really interested in the creative nonfiction style," she said. "You were either fiction or nonfiction. Nobody really knew what to do with creative nonfiction in 2001, so I kind of shelved it for a while."

Fowler eventually self-published the book through Arcadia Enterprises, a small press staffed by an army of one.

"It was a local lady who owned a small publishing company," Fowler said. "Basically she was saving old manuscripts from going out of print and being lost completely. I kind of used her as a vehicle to publish 'Crossings.'"

"Through that process some things went really well, some things I kind of wished had gone better," Fowler said. "When I went into the process, I didn't know anything. I didn't know what an ISBN was. I didn't know how to do a book block layout. I didn't know any of that stuff. I knew how to type on Microsoft Word and that was about it, but in the process I kind of had to learn as I went along."

Meanwhile, Fowler was busy working a day job in the corporate health care sector.

"I stayed in health care because I had a mortgage and I had bills to pay, and honestly it was a very good job for a person of my age on the Eastern Shore," she

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Jett Ritchie, 2

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## LET IT SNOW

The Town of Berlin held a snow day photo contest on Facebook on Tuesday, Feb. 17 using the hashtag #BerlinSnowDay. The user with the most 'likes,' Rebecca Roxi Ritchie, won a \$25 Berlin Main Street gift certificate. Each participant also earned a Berlin Coolest Small Town bumper sticker. Here are a few of the top voter getters:



Ruthie Alban, 5

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Jaxon Miller, 11 months

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# Fowler putting publishing experience to work

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said. "I was making a great salary, lots of perks, lots of responsibility, nice title, all those good things. But at the end of the day there was nothing about my job that was creative. There was nothing about my job that spoke to me as a person or as an artist or anything like that."

Then, during a fateful lunch with her mother, Fowler found herself literally crying in her burrito bowl.

"It was December 12, 2012, and I was in Chipotle in Salisbury and I was telling my mom how unhappy I was," she said. "My mom is one of the most phenomenal women I've ever met in my life. I'm so lucky to have her as a mom. She looked at me and said, 'Stephanie, what is it you want to do with your life, because clearly you don't want to be doing this.'"

Fowler told her mother about a long-gestating idea that would become the seedling for Saltwater Media.

"I thought, what if there was a media company or a press out there that would tell first-time authors or people who want to go through the process, 'Okay you have a book. This is what the pieces of the puzzle are. This is how it comes together,' and make it a meaningful process for them," Fowler said. "A little bit of handholding and a little bit of let's take some of the mystery out of self-publishing and publishing in general."

"That was first time that I opened my mouth and gave voice to that little thing that had been kind of rumbling around back there," Fowler continued. "My mom looked at me and said, 'Well, get your business plan together, pull your financials together and see if it's viable.'"

Fowler's mother had seen a segment on a Sunday morning television show about the Espresso Book Machine, a new self-publishing tool that could produce finished, professional-quality books in mere moments.

Fowler contacted the owner of the machine, did her homework and spent five months "trying to spec out" exactly how the business could work.

Originally looking at properties in Salisbury, Fowler lost to another bidder and "played Plinko" with business partner Patty Gregorio from Bethany to West Ocean City, looking for the perfect location.

"This spot [on 29 Broad Street in Berlin] was the very last one we looked at, but when we got here I was like, 'That will work,'" Fowler said. "We signed our lease in March, 2013 and we were in by April."

Following a soft opening during 2nd Friday in May, the store officially opened in June 2013, offering services for writers from editing and design to production and distribution.

"We've sort of been off to the races ever since," Fowler said. "The people in Berlin have been absolutely incredible. One of the first things that happened was Gee Williams showed up with a flower basket and a nice card saying, 'Welcome to Berlin.'"

"Shortly thereafter Robin Tomaselli from Baked Desserts Café came over and she said something to me that I'll

never forget, and to me it really encapsulates what we have here in Berlin as far as merchants and merchant business. She said, 'What's good for you is good for me and what's good for me is good for you.' When she said that, immediately it kind of puts you at ease."

Fowler said she's done work for people throughout town, from Helen Wiley at the Church Mouse to members of the Town Council, and that as she has referred customers to other shops and restaurant throughout town, business owners throughout town have referred customers back to her.

"I'm not from Berlin, but we came here and there was not one moment where someone said, 'Oh what are they doing?'" Fowler said. "We walked in and people were positive and friendly and wanting to see the machine and hear about everything we do here. Among the merchants and the neighborhoods there really seems to be a conscientious effort to keep business local and to shop local businesses. It's just such a warm and lovely place to be."

Saltwater Media is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 443-513-4422 [www.saltwatermediallc.com](http://www.saltwatermediallc.com).



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Saltwater Media owner Stephanie Fowler used her experience in publishing to launch the Berlin company, which serves as a one-stop shop for new authors.

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# Pines posts management position at new yacht club

Interim manager Linda Huettner moving back to role at beach club

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) The formal call for a permanent food and beverage manager for the Ocean Pines Yacht Club went out earlier this month to fill the position that had been handled on an interim basis by Beach Club Manager Lynda Huettner.

The job, described as “a hands-on position with an emphasis on direct guest service,” includes day-to-day staff supervision, oversight of the banquet facilities and events and quality control in all aspects of dining room activity.

Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson called the position “a critical element for the association.”

“It’s important that we find someone with the experience, the attitude and the energy to move us to the next level,” he said.

Huettner stepped in after then-manager Dave McLaughlin left in November following a number of complaints. One of those came during a Thompson town hall meeting on Nov. 13, when a resident asked why his

email complaint about McLaughlin was not addressed.

After a disagreement with a customer, he said, McLaughlin was overheard saying, “I’m tired of hearing [from] Ocean Pines geriatric drunks.”

McLaughlin was quietly replaced just days later.

Thompson said Huettner was not in consideration for the role at the yacht club and would return to her duties at the beach club once the position is filled.

“Linda is awesome,” Thompson said. “Having her at the yacht club would be a great choice, but she likes her role with the association and her role with the beach club.”

The new \$4.7 million yacht club opened on Memorial Day weekend in 2014, and faces high expectations during the first full year of operations.

According to an ad on the community website, the position includes health insurance, 401K and vacation benefits. Salary is based on experience.

Applicants are asked to e-mail a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to info@oceanpines.org by Tuesday, March 3, 2015, or mail or deliver information to Ocean Pines Association Attention Bob Thompson, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Md., 21811.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Cambridge oyster and wine bar Leaky Pete's is taking over the former Tex Mex and Country Cook'n in downtown Berlin, eyeing an April opening.

# Leaky Pete's bringing oyster and wine bar to downtown

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Feb. 26, 2015) Cambridge oyster and wine bar Leaky Pete's is opening a second location, this time in Worcester County.

The restaurant will replace Tex Mex and Country Cook'n on 119 Main Street in downtown Berlin.

“We have our lease deal signed and we’re waiting on the liquor license approval, which should happen March 18,” owner Terry Feehley said. “I believe I’m going to take possession of the building on the 20th and we’re going to open sometime in mid-April.”

While the original Cambridge location has a lively pub feel and stays

open until 2 a.m., Feehley said the Berlin branch would feature a more casual atmosphere.

“It’s going to be more of a restaurant feel with a 10 or 11 o’clock close with casual dining,” he said. “It’ll be an oyster bar and chop house. We’re going to have steaks and different seafood, a fresh fish program with rib eyes, pork chops and lamb chops. That kind of stuff.”

Feehley plans to bring a few employees from the Cambridge location, but will largely staff the restaurant with local workers. He anticipates having to make only minor cosmetic changes to the building before opening.

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# Art scholarships available for Wor. County students

(Feb. 26, 2015) Worcester County Arts Council's Student Scholarship award program is under way. The Arts Council is offering multiple \$1,000 each art scholarships to graduating high school seniors, who are Worcester County residents interested in pursuing academic careers in the arts. Scholarships are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts. Last year, six local students were each awarded \$1,000 art scholarships from the Worcester County Arts Council in support of their artistic goals.

This is a merit scholarship and award decisions are based on evaluation of talent, dedication and potential, not financial need. The winners will be awarded at their respective high school's senior awards ceremonies.

Applications must be received by March 13 at the Worcester County Arts Council, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Applicants are judged on their visual, dramatic, creative writing or musical presentations in the form of DVD or CD.

Applications and scholarship guidelines are available at the Worcester County high schools through the guidance offices and are also available at the Arts Council's office and online at [www.worcestercountyartsCouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyartsCouncil.org). Call 410-641-0809 for more information.

# Wor-Wic offering driver's education classes in March

(Feb. 26, 2015) The continuing education division at Wor-Wic Community College is offering driver education classes Monday through Friday, March 16-27, from 5:30-8:45 p.m., at the college campus on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Classroom size is limited to 30 students. Behind-the-wheel training is one-on-one with an instructor. Students must have a valid Maryland learner's permit before starting class. Students under 18 years old at the time of registration must have an adult attend the first class session as part of the course orientation process.

Driver education training at Wor-Wic has been made possible, in part, by a donation from the Pohanka Automotive Group of Salisbury to help local residents who can't afford the cost of the driver education course that is required by the Motor Vehicle Administration. Financial aid is offered to those who qualify. Students seeking financial aid must apply by March 2.

For more information, visit the college website at [www.worwic.edu](http://www.worwic.edu) or call 410-334-2815.

# Students invited to submit essays

## Maryland Municipal League looking for fourth graders in 'If I were Mayor' contest

(Feb. 26, 2015) Fourth graders throughout Maryland are invited to take part in the Maryland Municipal League's annual "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. The contest challenges fourth graders to share their thoughts on how they would engage with citizens to make their local municipality a better place to live and work if they were mayor.

Students must submit their essays to MML no later than March 31.

Since 2001, MML's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest has given fourth graders the opportunity to learn about municipal government through sharing their thoughts on how they

would be as mayor. Each 275-word essay must open with the line: "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." and answer three questions that address the 2015 theme, "Respect." Maryland students enrolled in the fourth grade during the 2014-2015 school year may participate in the contest.

Entries must be submitted by the student's teacher. The 11 regional winners will be presented with a \$100 cash prize at the Maryland State House in front of their family members, teacher, municipality's mayor and other local dignitaries in May.

"Each year, the 'If I Were Mayor' contest encourages students to learn more about the important role that cities and towns play in the daily lives of our citizens," said Scott A. Hancock, executive director of the Maryland Municipal League. "These

students represent the next generation of leaders and we're especially excited to see how they respond to this year's theme of 'Respect.'"

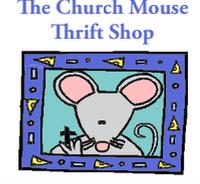
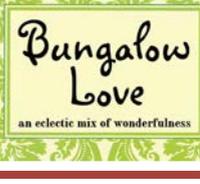
Hancock also noted MML's appreciation this year for the support of Dr. Lillian M. Lowery, state superintendent of schools, for ensuring that the contest is announced to fourth grade teachers throughout Maryland.

The contest is sponsored by Maryland Municipal League, in partnership with the Maryland Mayors Association and the Chesapeake Employers Insurance Company.

Essays are judged based on essay relation to contest topic, displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor, creativity and proper use of grammar.

To apply, visit [www.mdMunicipal.org/essay](http://www.mdMunicipal.org/essay).



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### Time will tell on OP golf

The Ocean Pines Board announced this week that there will indeed be a change of management at the golf course this year, with Landscapes Unlimited taking over from Billy Casper Golf.

There will certainly be a lot of debate on whether the timing is right to make a change, as Billy Casper Golf supporters have felt they had not been given ample opportunity to turn things around.

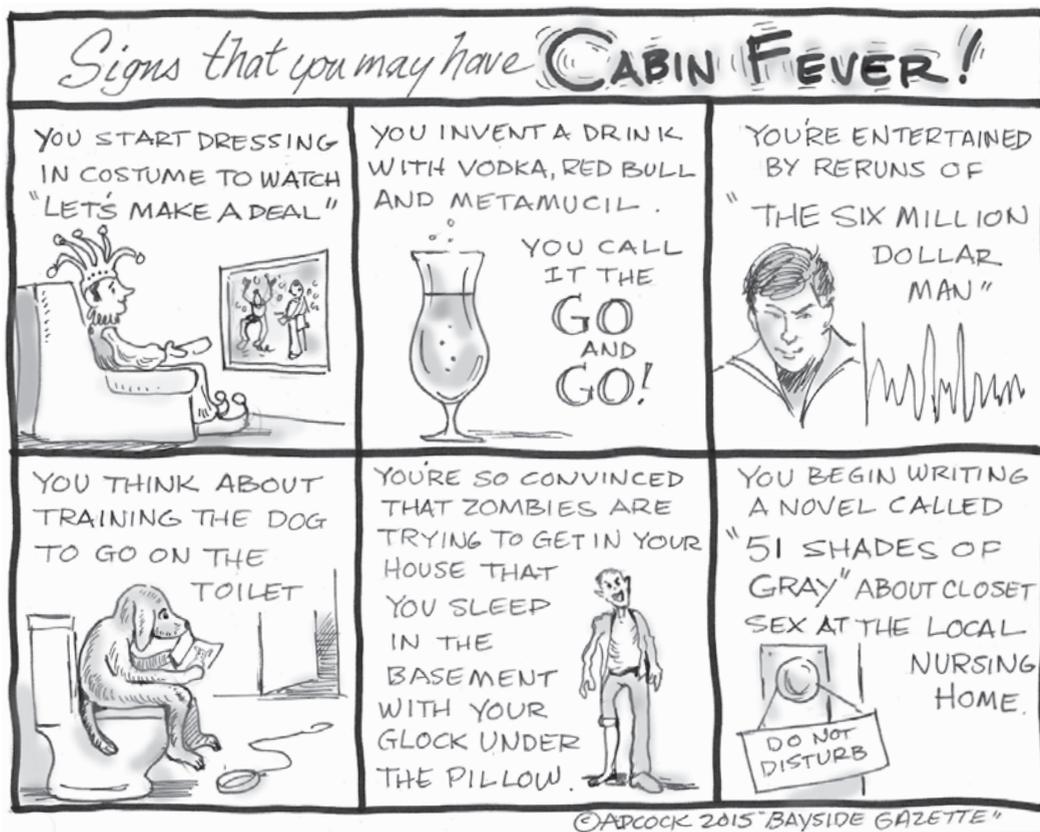
Those who favored a change, however, have felt, even taking into consideration the earlier poor conditions of the course and later down-time on half the course under repair, improvement to the bottom line just simply had not come quick enough.

There is no question that the golf course has been a financial drain. A large drop in membership combined with costly drainage and course repairs has had many in Ocean Pines questioning the long-term viability of course and its real value to property owners.

It's difficult for anyone to really know whether, if under different management, the course would have performed better the past few years.

The upside is that Landscapes Unlimited comes to Ocean Pines with a stellar resume of work and a strong belief that they can make necessary management changes to bring financial improvement.

Only time will tell if they can. More importantly, by making the change the Ocean Pines board can help put to rest the question of whether financial problems at the course are the result of a changing industry, issues with the course itself or if indeed just a different management approach was needed. Having that answer should help guide future decisions on what to do with the course in the long-term.



### CMS gives Berlin facility five stars

Nursing & Rehab touted for 'excellent quality of care'

(Feb. 26, 2015) Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation, a 165-bed long-term care facility located at 9715 Healthway Drive in Berlin, was recently awarded 5 Stars, the highest rating, by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid's (CMS).

The CMS rating system, which ranks nursing homes from 1 to 5 stars, was designed to help consumers and their families compare nursing homes more easily. A 5-star rating indicates that a nursing home's quality is far above average.

Berlin has served the

Eastern Shore for more than 30 years with an array of services from short-term rehabilitation to long-term nursing care. The facility's management said it provides compassionate services and innovative programs that improve care for residents of its facilities.

Among its offerings are a proprietary electronic medical record system that detects potential health problems at an early stage, highly experienced and skilled advanced practice nurses, care managers and specialized physicians and sophisticated care coordination approaches.

"This award recognizes the excellent quality of care

that our skilled, compassionate staff deliver every day," said Berlin Administrator Don Boger. "From investing in our facility to make it more comfortable and attractive, to having physicians and nurse practitioners onsite five days a week, we have worked hard to make Berlin a top-notch facility for our residents."

In addition to its long-term nursing and rehab care, the Berlin facility offers a specialized respiratory care/ventilator unit and a dementia care unit. Other advanced nursing services include complete skin and wound care, total pain management, IV therapy, enteral tube feeding and tracheostomy care.

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# Servefest one-day outreach event March 14

### Annual OC Worship Center program assists orphans, needy, sick and imprisoned

(Feb. 26, 2015) Servefest is a one day, yearly outreach event by the Ocean City Worship Center designed to serve the Berlin community in the following five areas: widows, orphans/fatherless, poor/needy, oppressed/sick and im-

prisoned.

Organizers are currently accepting requests from residents of Berlin and those within a 10-mile radius who are in need to be considered as part of the Servefest outreach.

Join the Worship Center on Saturday, March 14 at 8 a.m. for volunteer distribution. Organizers will be stationed throughout the community showering others with God's love in a tangible way.

In its first two years, Servefest volunteers visited with those in the Berlin Nursing Home, distributed hot meals to approximately 280 people at Sunset Park in Ocean City, and provided home repair, yard cleanup, and even oil changes for those in the community.

Last year, 90 volunteers participated in helping the Berlin/Ocean City community. Servefest's aim is to unite more volunteers with those that

have needs within the community and surrounding areas, while showing the love of Jesus Christ.

It is the Worship Center's desire to reach out to serve those in need by bringing faith and community together to show living proof of a loving God. For more information, contact Jennifer Mitchell at 410-603-3628, email [servefest2013@gmail.com](mailto:servefest2013@gmail.com) and visit <https://sites.google.com/site/servefest2013/>.

# DAR announces annual contest winners

### Gen. Levin Winder chapter honors community service projects by area students

(Feb. 26, 2015) The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsors Junior American Citizens contests at area schools each year.

The objective of the JAC Committee is to instill good citizenship in the youth of all races, creeds and economic backgrounds, by teaching loy-

alty to the United States of America and giving practical ideas for service to home, community, school and country.

The theme for the competition was "Focusing on the Future" and students could enter a poem, short story, poster, stamp design or photographic essay. Individuals or groups could enter a community service project, and groups of at least three could design a banner. Winners were chosen by grade level in each category.

Students from Most Blessed Sacra-

ment Catholic School participated in the contests and Chapter winners are as follows:

Poem – Jessica Delisi, grade 6; Abigail Neely, grade 7; Grace Engle, grade 8

Short Story – Thomas Kangas, grade 6; Cooper Houck, grade 7; Jessa Hoover, grade 8

Poster – Morgan Carlson, grade 6; Caela Berrie, grade 7

Stamp Design – Bridget Kemp, grade 6; Lindsay Gabbard, grade 7; Trevor Hayes, grade 8

Banner – Kennedy Hamby, Eleni Kangas and Maura Vosburg, grade 6; Sarah Aleman, Kira Ziskay and Marette Zorn, grade 8. Their entries have advanced to the state level and winners will be announced prior to the 110th Maryland Society DAR Conference in March.

The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

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**We will stop for dinner on the way home at the American Legion Post in Easton, MD. If you are a WWII Veteran and have never been to the Memorial, now is the time. It is completely free to you and your significant other. This is a gift from one Veteran to another.**

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# SNAPSHOTS



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## SHOWELL'S 100TH SCHOOL DAY

Students in Julie Bobik's class dressed up as if they were 100 years old for the 100th day of school celebration at Showell Elementary. Practicing counting to 100 in order to make a fruit loop necklace are Ronen Poddar, Charlotte Wilt and Ben Glardon.



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## SINGING DUO

The Stephen Decatur High School duo of junior Olivia Kurtz and sophomore Cody Maykrantz rendered an emotional performance during talent night at Stephen Decatur High School on Feb. 11.



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## UNITED WAY DISCUSSION

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City learned about the local United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, which is based in Salisbury and serves Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties on Feb. 11. Pictured is Donor Relations Coordinator, Kacey Decker, center, with Kiwanis Programs Chair, J. Graham Caldwell and President, Carolyn Dryzga.



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## K-KIDS CLUB AT SHOWELL

A long-anticipated Kiwanis Club for students in elementary schools, known as K-Kids, was officially chartered at Showell Elementary School. The officers were installed and members inducted in an official ceremony on Feb. 10, performed by Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President, Carolyn Dryzga in the school's cafeteria. In anticipation of their official beginning, club members made blankets which will be donated to yet to be determined organizations. Pictured are 26 of the 47 members.



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## LITERACY PROGRAM

The Bank of Ocean City provided a financial literacy program for the girls in the SAGES (Strengthening Adolescent Girls with Education and Support) program, sponsored by Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Inc. in Berlin. SAGES participants are eighth graders at Stephen Decatur Middle School preparing to get their first jobs this summer in the local community, and learned about setting budgets, saving, establishing good credit, and setting future financial goals. Pictured, from left, are Kathy Drew, Akira Mumford, Deija Bowen, Chyna Riley, Cashmere Murph, Najee Finney and Nancy Bradford.



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## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bob Beckelman of Deer Run Golf Club receives a plaque for hosting the annual American Cancer Society "To Honor Someone You Love" golf tournament. Relay For Life of North Worcester Chairwomen Dawn Hodge, center, and Jill Elliott presented the award during the Jan. 27 Relay For Life kickoff at Community Church of Ocean Pines. The 2015 golf tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 5. This year's Relay For Life will be held Friday, May 8 at Frontier Town, off Route 611 in West Ocean City.

# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Slow things down with blackened salmon

Sometimes I feel like I just need to slow down a bit. With all the extracurricular activities with the kids, work, writing, snapping pictures and trying to keep the house straight, I don't get much sleep.



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

Now that the season is creeping up on us, I'm also looking for summer employment or maybe even

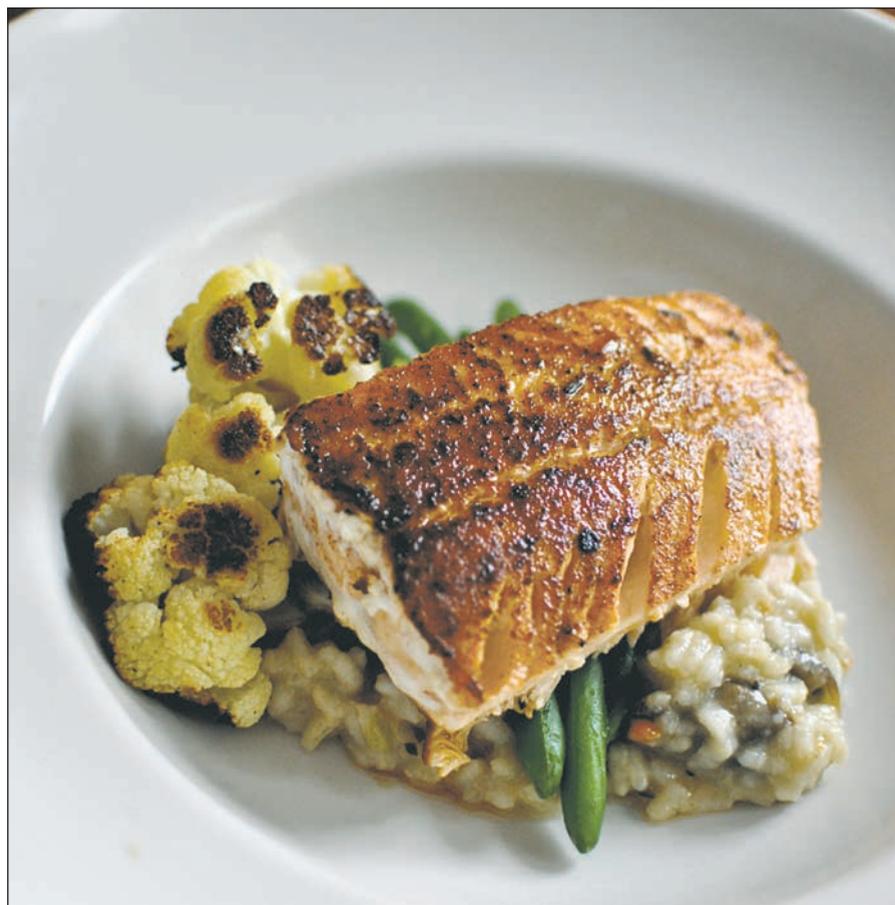
considering a summer business venture of my own. My mind is like a constantly spinning hamster wheel: sometimes there's an idea running rampant on it while, more often than not, the wheel spins empty. It's a vacuum in which not much intellectual stimulation is happening. But, I've come to accept that.

When life gets in the way, we tend to migrate to prepackaged foods, fast food garbage or any of the myriad convenience products that we could get our mitts on. But, the kids were the ones who say, "Enough, Dad. We need some fresh food."

That's all that I needed to hear, so I set out on a simple journey of a fresh meal with mushroom risotto, roasted cauliflower and blackened salmon. And as it was in this case, we did not need any sauce to accompany this. Everything was delicious stand-alone and the roasted cauliflower was light enough to counter the oily salmon.

Speaking of the salmon, it's important to understand that you do not have to literally burn fish in order to blacken it. I have worked with many cooks and chefs who insist that the fish must be the same color as the Lodge cast iron pan in which you are searing it. Having been to New Orleans on a couple of occasions, I can attest to the fact that the flavor of the seasoning is much more important than burning the meat.

The meal was a great success, and as we sat around the table, we gathered our thoughts on life, school,



after-school projects and the fun things that make a family go around. I dare say that the meal was so well received that kids actually helped us clear the table without being asked or directed. That never happens around here. OK, maybe it happens every now and then, but when it does it is a monumental event.

There is something so special about slow food, the term for food that is cooked from scratch, and when it comes to slow food, nothing is more hands on than risotto. Beginning with the mighty yet humble Arborio rice, this starchy grain finishes as a creamy and unctuous dish without the addition of cream.

The secret is in the starch in the rice and the technique. Simply put, liquid is added to the Arborio as it is regularly stirred. Once the little addition of liquid is absorbed, the next addition is poured on top.

You can't just add water and walk away. Once the liquid is all added, you can turn down the heat and let it

go. There will be a bit of crust on the bottom of the pan, but assuming that it's not too burnt, you simply stir it into the risotto, adding a wonderful layer of flavor.

You can't help but to collect your thoughts as you stand over the risotto pan. It makes you slow down. It makes you breathe more deeply. And when you're done, you'll be ready to make it again.

### Blackened Salmon

Enough for 6 people  
2# salmon fillet, skin peeled off  
Blackening spice, as needed  
Whole Irish butter, as needed

Dry and season the top side of the salmon with blackening spice

Heat iron skillet until it is below smoking hot

Add butter and once melted, add the salmon, spice-side down to the skillet and cook for about five minutes, ensuring that you do not burn the salmon. Contrary to what many

cooks believe, you do not need to char the food to "blacken" it. If you have doubts, you need to visit the Big Easy.

Turn salmon over and pull it out of the pan when it is at a perfect medium, or the temperature of your liking. Serve with roasted cauliflower and risotto.

### Roasted Cauliflower

Enough for 6 people  
1 head cauliflower  
2 Tbsp. EV Olive oil, more if needed  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
Preheat oven to 400F.

Remove leaves from cauliflower and cut into quarters.

Remove core and cut into 3/4-inch slabs.

Carefully toss in olive oil and seasoning and lay flat on a baking pan.

Roast for about 20 minutes, or until cauliflower is tender and well toasted on the outside. It will be soft and tender on the inside and will have tons of flavor.

### Mushroom Risotto

Serves 6 people  
1 c. Arborio rice  
1 c. Sliced shiitake mushrooms  
1 stick celery, finely minced  
1 clove garlic, finely minced  
1/2 carrot, finely minced  
1/2 white onion, finely minced  
3 c. Chicken stock

Heat a pan large enough to fit all ingredients and heat.

Add some olive oil and all of the vegetables.

Sauté until the vegetables are tender and then add the Arborio.

Add the stock 1/2 cup at a time and cook until it is absorbed. Don't be fooled by the static amounts. If you have added all of the liquid, and the Arborio is still a touch crunchy, then add some more stock. Don't lose any sleep over it.

— Paul G. Suplee is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at [www.heartofakitchen.com](http://www.heartofakitchen.com).

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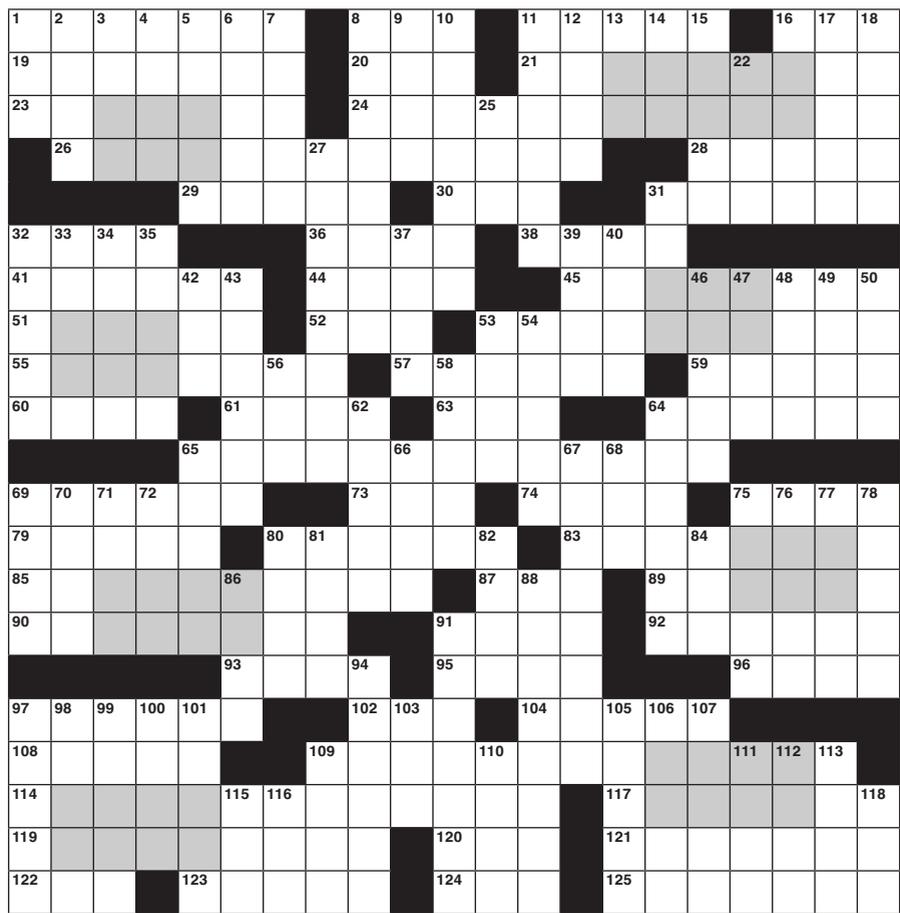


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  - 47 Mattress size
  - 48 Mr. \_\_\_ (soft drink)
  - 49 Gillette brand
  - 50 Like a dull party
  - 53 Go across
  - 54 Actress Swinton
  - 56 Hanes purchase, informally
  - 58 Slack-jawed
  - 62 Big leap forward
  - 64 Courters
  - 65 Woodsy picnic spot
  - 66 Brace
  - 67 Divided houses
  - 68 #4 for the Bruins
  - 69 Plants in a field
- DOWN**
- 1 Super Bowl highlights, to some
  - 2 House on campus
  - 3 Precamping purchase
  - 4 Luxury hotel chain
  - 5 Barrel racing venue
  - 6 Printmaker Albrecht
  - 7 Mixes up
  - 8 Appetizer with puréed olives
  - 9 Fuego extinguisher
  - 10 Balustrade location
  - 11 Physicist Rutherford after whom rutherfordium is named
  - 12 Radiation shield material
  - 13 Hosts, for short



- 70 I.M.'ing session
- 71 Longship propellers
- 72 Summons, e.g.
- 75 Bamboozles
- 76 Brief digression
- 77 Fundamental principle
- 78 Quaint oath
- 80 Writer Richard Henry \_\_\_
- 81 Goes (for)
- 82 Nickname for a lanky cowboy
- 84 \_\_\_ Jemison, first African-American woman in space
- 86 Sport with double touches
- 88 To one way of thinking
- 91 Unseen danger
- 94 Nevertheless
- 97 English assignment
- 98 Knife brand
- 99 Iroquoian tribe
- 100 Before long
- 101 Boutonniere's place
- 103 Keyboard abbr.
- 105 Swinging occasion?
- 106 "West Side Story" heroine
- 107 Unfriendly dog sound
- 109 One of a bridge foursome
- 110 Smelly
- 111 Check mark
- 112 Book of Mormon prophet
- 113 Brisk pace
- 115 Brother of Shemp
- 116 Getting on
- 118 \_\_\_-pitch



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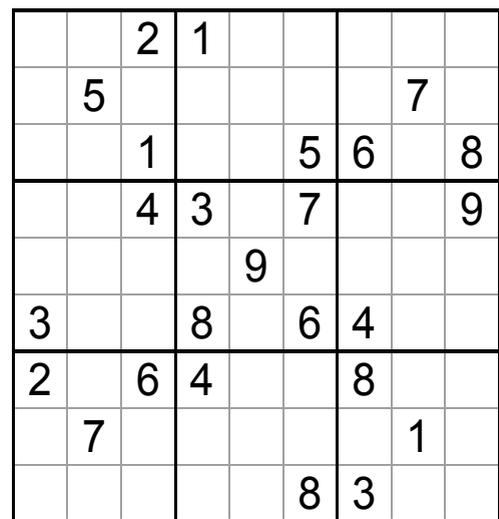
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### HARD - 19

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

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

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# CALENDAR

Please send calendar items to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your events are printed. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

## BAYSIDE GAZETTE

### THURS. Feb. 26

**STROKE SUPPORT GROUP** — Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Key speakers with expert knowledge concerning areas of concern for those affected by a stroke.

**SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP** — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-726-3090 or [www.choosetoliveinmaryland.org](http://www.choosetoliveinmaryland.org).

**WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP** — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 6 p.m. Nick Nicmar Prod Johnson of [Nicmar.com](http://Nicmar.com) will brainstorm ways to reach youth in the Worcester County area. All are welcome. Info: Ivory Smith, 443-944-6701.

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY LUNCHEON MEETING** — Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m. Guest speakers will be Lisa Challenger, Director of Tourism for Worcester County and Lisa Outten Stant, Program Coordinator for the Worcester County Libraries. Cost of the luncheon is \$16. Reservations: Ann Lutz, 410-208-9767 or [annlutz@verizon.net](mailto:annlutz@verizon.net).

**BEACH SINGLES** — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

**BINGO** — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

**CHAIR AEROBICS** — St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter's Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

### FRI. Feb. 27

**REACH THE BEACH** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 5 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Rec and Cheer Solo/Small Group Competition. Friday night spectator fees are \$7 for adults; \$4 for children, ages 6-12, and seniors, 65 and older; and free for children 5 and younger. Weekend pass fees are \$30 for adults; \$20 for children, ages 6-12, and seniors, 65 and older; and free for children ages 5 and younger.

Info: [www.acdaspirit.com](http://www.acdaspirit.com), [www.theepicbrands.com](http://www.theepicbrands.com) or 800-626-2326.

**ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENTS** — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Info: 410-250-0125.

**BINGO** — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

**'LOOKING BACK: A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE' BLACK HISTORY EVENT** — Germantown School, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Share in the celebration of the former teachers and students of the Flower Street, Germantown and Sinepuxent Schools. Light refreshments. Info: Barbara Purnell, 410-641-0638.

**LONGABERGER BASKET/VERA BRADLEY BINGO** — Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Twenty regular games, special games, raffles, 50/50, door prizes and refreshments. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets: Tammy, 410-726-6043 or [blacklabeagle@comcast.net](mailto:blacklabeagle@comcast.net). Proceeds benefit the Atlantic Endoscopy Relay For Life Team's fundraising for The American Cancer Society.

**PILLOWCASE MINISTRY DRESSMAKING SESSION** — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 1-5 p.m. Make dresses to benefit indigent girls in Haiti, Dominican Republic, West Africa and Mexico. All are welcome. Pre-registration required: 410-641-0415. Take a

sewing machine and new or nearly new pillowcases. Shorts for boys are now being made from t-shirts. Info: 443-944-5868. Sewing machines and supplies will be available.

### SAT. Feb. 28

**REACH THE BEACH** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 a.m. Doors open at 6 a.m. All Schools, Exhibition, Special Needs, Rec Level 1 and Level 4 Teams. Saturday spectator fees are \$20 for adults; \$14 for children, ages 6-12, and seniors, 65 and older; and free for children 5 and younger. Weekend pass fees are \$30 for adults; \$20 for children, ages 6-12, and seniors, 65 and older; and free for children ages 5 and younger. Info: [www.acdaspirit.com](http://www.acdaspirit.com), [www.theepicbrands.com](http://www.theepicbrands.com) or 800-626-2326.

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**SOUL FOOD DINNER** — New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, Berlin, noon. Menu includes chicken & dumplings, baked or fried fish, clam chowder, mac & cheese, greens, jams, potato salad, drink and slice of cake. Eat-in or carry-out. Info: 410-641-2058. Sponsored by Parents in Action Ministry.

**OC SURF CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND SURF SOCIAL** — Blue Ox, Ocean City. Membership meeting from 3-4 p.m., followed by social from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Become a new member or re up your membership. Learn how you can get involved. Social will feature free hor 'd'oeuvres, door prizes, club apparel for

sale, surf movies playing, and food and drink specials. All are welcome. Info: [www.oceancitysurfclub.org](http://www.oceancitysurfclub.org).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices. Info: 410-524-8196.

**FARMERS MARKET** — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WAREHOUSE OPEN** — Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County Warehouse, 7033 Worcester Highway, Newark, 8 a.m. to noon. Currently accepting donations in the form of gently used furniture, appliances and building supplies. Info: 410-208-4440.

**BEGINNERS ART WORKSHOP** — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, noon to 3 p.m. The free "Thinking Outside the Box: Creativity 101" workshop will teach students how to activate and exercise their creativity and strengthen it through drawing, writing, action and discussion. Reservations: 410-524-9433.

### SUN. March 1

**REACH THE BEACH** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. Rec Level 2, Level 3 and Level 3.1 Teams. Sunday spectator fees are \$20 for adults; \$14 for children, Info: 410-524-9433. Continued on Page 22



### BES CANDY-GRAM FUNDRAISER

Buckingham Elementary School students and Kiwanis members and spouses tie ribbons onto Tootsie Pops for their Valentine's Candy-Gram fundraiser. The parent/sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines—Ocean City purchased the pops and donate them to the project. Pictured, from left, are K-Kids Chair for the fundraiser, John Harrington; Khalia Ballard; Kiwanis spouse, Rita Landis; Kiwanis Club Liaison to the BES K-Kids, BJ Baker; Cadance Clark; Kiwanis spouse, Wilma Chinn; K-Kids Secretary, Cadence Garrison; K-Kids co-advisor and teacher, Debi Wooten; K-Kids Vice President, Paola Garcia; Kiwanian, Ralph Chinn; K-Kids co-advisor and teacher, Julie Young; Aaliyah Johnson and Kaevon Satchell and seated, K-Kids President, Ava Elliott and Olivia Donovan.

# CALENDAR

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ages 6-12, and seniors, 65 and older; and free for children 5 and younger. Info: [www.acdaspirit.com](http://www.acdaspirit.com), [www.theepicbrands.com](http://www.theepicbrands.com) or 800-626-2326.

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**PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST YOUTH FUNDRAISER** — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main Street, Berlin, 8 a.m. to noon. Eat in or carry-out. Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free to children 5 and younger. Info: Kathy, 443-235-6761.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169** — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, noon to 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING** — Woodlands in

Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

## MON. March 2

**AARP CHAPTER 4507 MEETING** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Social time at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Speaker will be Jackie Harper from AARP Services. Take a can of food for Diakonia. Info: Larry Walton, 443-831-1791 or [lrwalto@yahoo.com](mailto:lrwalto@yahoo.com).

**DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY** — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

## TUES. March 3

**2015 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW TRIP** — Motorcoach tour to the 186th PHS Philadelphia Flower Show. "Lights, Camera, BLOOM!" will feature thousands of plant and floral designs getting inspiration from some of Disney's animated and live-action films. Tickets cost \$75 and include transportation and admission to the show. Info: Lea Cataggio, 410-632-2144, Ext. 109 or [lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us](mailto:lcataggio@co.worcester.md.us).

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING** — Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: [jeanduck47@gmail.com](mailto:jeanduck47@gmail.com).

**ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE** — WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5 p.m. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: [dillon128@aol.com](mailto:dillon128@aol.com).

## WED. March 4

**GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST** — First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m. to noon. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, country ham, homemade biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 to eat-in and \$6 for carryout. Milk, soda, orange juice available. Info: 410-289-9340.

**BINGO** — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB** — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

**KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY** — Meets every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

**BAYSIDE BEGINNINGS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

**OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING** — Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Info: 410-641-1700 or [kbates@taylorbank.com](mailto:kbates@taylorbank.com).

**ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE** — WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: [dillon128@aol.com](mailto:dillon128@aol.com).

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Daily 11-3	Villas, OC Inlet Isle	3BR/4BR	Condo	\$795,000	Condominium Realty
Daily 10-4	1111 Edgewater Ave	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	From \$595,000	Condominium Realty
Mon-Sat 10-5 Sun. 12-5	70th St. Bayside Broadmarsh	3BR/2.5BA	Townhomes	From \$304,900	Condominium Realty
Mon-Sat 10-5 Sun. 12-5	Seaside Village, West Ocean City	3BR/2BA/2 half baths	Townhome	From \$289,900	Lennar Homes
Friday thru Sunday	Sunset Island	-	Condos, TH, SF	\$389K/\$509K/\$900K	Terry Riley/Vantage Resort
Saturday 10-1	505 Edgewater Ave.- Ocean City	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$599,900	Darryl Greer/Resort Real Estate
Sat & Sun 11-4 p.m.	Heron Harbour Sales Office, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	-	Nanette Pavier/Holiday Real Estate
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# More than 100 Wor. County students make SU Dean's List

(Feb. 26, 2015) Some 113 Worcester County area students were named to the Dean's List at Salisbury University for the fall 2014 semester.

•Berlin area residents include Delaney Andrews, Hilari Ashton, Caitlin Bartlett, Andrew Baskerville, Katelyn Bates, Paula Beachley, Alexandra Birkett, Brooke Brittingham, Lesley Bunting, Megan Burak, Cara Hallee Carr, Natalie Cieri, Travis Comegys, Ashley Crane, Janet Farley, Stephanie Ferber, Nichole Freni, Megan Fulton, Silviya Gallo, Hailey Gibbs, Lisa Good, Nancy Haines, Sara Hammer, Abigail Hastings, Caylie Herrmann, Kelsey Hess, Tener Jenkins, Valerie Kramer, Christopher Markiewicz, Jacqueline McGuire, Alexi Nathan, Kaitlyn Nibblett, Michelle Ott, Phoenix Peebles, Robert Phillips, Jennifer Pulliam, Amanda Raymond, Shawn Reagin, Alexandra Reddell, Haylea Reiner, Kevin Reynolds, Stephen Sartain, Ravyn Saunders, Alexander Schultz, Lauren Sens, Bethany Simon, Andrew Snyder, David Swieczkowski, Caryn Swistak, Katherine Van Bruggen, Joshua Wenzel and Ryan Wilson.

•Bishopville area residents include Elizabeth Davidson, Janet Davidson, Kiersten Gray, Carrie Kerchner, Jenna Kramer, Melinda Ruth and Olivia Smith.

•Girdletree area residents include

Kyle Baumann and Megan Taylor.

•Newark area residents include Amy Jo Jackson and Blaire Jackson.

•Ocean City area residents include Madelyn Beebe, Igor Chuburkov, Michael Durkin, Kara Fields, Layla Fowler, Rachel Frock, Roland Gerachis, Simona Griffith, Brooke Harman, Alyson Hartman, Olga Lifanova, Deborah McAdams, Madison Mitrecic, Brendan Poloney, Kelly Powell, Rebecca Rittershofer, Samantha Romack, Jonathan Rothermel, Shelby Smith, Alina Vartan and Renata Williams.

•Pocomoke City area residents include Anis Ahmad, Kathryn Baylis, Boglarka Bothazi, Annah Brittingham, Emily Clark, Lacy Hudson, Spencer Lubben, Violet Margarita-Goldkamp, Courtney Peterson, Casandra Raefski, Abbey Shobe, Leah Stewart and Jamie Tawes.

•Snow Hill area residents include Rachel Allman, Kayelynn Ayres, Kirn Begum, Victoria Danna, Colby Gebhardt, Hannah Jones, Justin Maniatty, Ronakbhai Patel, Michael Shumate, Edward Silva and Cheltsey Vann.

•Stockton area residents include Aaron Dufrene, Noel Dufrene and Kasey Jones.

•Whaleysville area residents include Samantha Esham and Kevin Ettz.

For more information, call 410-543-6030 or visit [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

## NOW PLAYING

### BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay  
Ocean City  
410-524-7575  
Feb. 27: Mood Swingers, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 28: Chest Pains, 9 p.m.  
March 4: Sir Rod, 5 p.m.

### CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave.  
Ocean City  
410-289-7192  
[www.captainstableoc.com](http://www.captainstableoc.com)  
Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue

### CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road  
Berlin  
410-641-0600  
Feb. 28: Sol Knopf, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; New Dawn Duo, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

### DUFFY'S TAVERN

130th Street in the  
Montego Bay Shopping Center  
410-250-1449  
Every Friday: Bob Hughes, 6-10 p.m.

### FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay  
Ocean City  
410-524-5500  
Feb. 27: Sean Loomis, 6 p.m.; DJ RobCee  
Feb. 28: DJ RobCee; Scotts New Band  
March 1: Everett Spells

### HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1846  
Feb. 27: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T  
Feb. 28: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.  
March 1: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.

### HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay  
Fenwick Island, Del.  
800-227-0525  
302-539-3095  
Feb. 27: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.  
Feb. 28: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.  
March 4: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m.  
March 5: Aaron Howell, 6-10 p.m.

### HOOKED

8003 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City  
410-723-4665  
March 5: Rick Kennedy, 6 p.m.

### HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Road  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1841  
Feb. 28: Ladies Night w/DJ BK, 8 p.m.

### JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside  
Ocean City  
410-524-7499  
Every Wednesday: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys  
Feb. 27: One Night Stand, 8 p.m.  
Feb. 28: Phobia Trio, 6 p.m.

### OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant  
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel  
101st Street and the ocean  
Ocean City  
410-524-3535  
Feb. 27-28: On the Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

### SECRETS

49th Street and the bay  
Ocean City  
410-524-4900  
Feb. 27: Melodime, 9 p.m.  
Feb. 28: Opposite Directions, 5 p.m.; Big Bang Baby, 10 p.m.  
March 5: Opposite Directions, 5 p.m.

### THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES YACHT CLUB

1 Mumford's Landing Road  
Ocean Pines  
410-641-7501  
Feb. 27: Smooth & Remy, 6-10 p.m.

### WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17  
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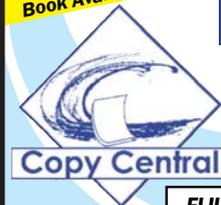
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