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Three businesses were evacuated last Friday evening during a bomb scare in downtown Berlin.

Bomb scare in downtown Berlin, WCB investigating

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) A bomb scare emptied parts of downtown Berlin on Friday evening after an anonymous caller told Berlin police 10 homemade explosives were set to detonate near the first block of Main Street.

According to the Berlin Police Department, the call came at approximately 6 p.m., with the caller warning the bombs were set to explode in three hours.

No specific locations were named, but three businesses, Rayne's Reef, the Globe and the Atlantic Hotel, were ordered evacuated by police. One residence was also evacuated.

Rayne's Reef Owner Michael Queen said police phoned him about the threat at approximately 7 p.m.

"They just called me and told me there was a threat and that they needed to evacuate the area," he said.

Queen said he handled the evacuation of the roughly 20 customers in the restaurant at the time by himself.

"A lot of people were finished eating already and they were just hanging out. They were kind of like, 'Oh, okay,'" Queen said.

Following the evacuation, the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office K-9 team used a bomb-sniffing dog to search the area, but no explosives were found.

Rayne's Reef did not reopen after the area was cleared.

The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation is looking into the incident. TFC Richard Kiedel said the agency is examining records from phone companies and Internet providers in case the call came through the web.

"It just take a little bit of time, but the investigation is still ongoing," Kiedel said. "Now we're going through backlog into different companies to try and find out where the number came from."

Kiedel said the likelihood of finding a suspect was "just like any case" and admitted the agency does occasionally receive threats of this nature.

"As you see on the news, it happens throughout the entire country, it just was unfortunate that it happened to happen in our area," he said. "Everyone takes it seriously until we can confirm or deny that the threat was plausible. We take all appropriate steps to make sure that everyone is evacuated and [safety] is paramount until we can confirm or deny."

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Disparities plague Pines nonprofits

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) Longtime Ocean Pines resident and prolific nonprofit wrangler Anna Foulz is speaking out after a recent board of directors meeting failed answer two questions: how do you define a nonprofit, and what should they pay to use community facilities?

On Saturday, Feb. 28, Vice President Marty Clarke called on the board to refund the \$450 Foulz's Star Charities paid to rent the Ocean Pines community center gym for a beef and beer fundraiser held in January.

Proceeds from the event were to benefit wounded combat soldiers in the state.

Foulz is a well-known fund-raiser, as Star Charities aids at least 15 other organizations and causes ranging from Alzheimer's and the American Cancer Society to the Girl Scouts and Diakonia.

"We're all volunteers," Foulz said. "We live in Ocean Pines. We support everything in Ocean Pines. We do fundraisers and we're very active in supporting all these organizations. We're very active in helping those people that need help."

Foulz has a special interest in supporting veterans, often tearing up when discussing the subject.

Her late husband, who passed

away in 2010, served in the United States Army during three different conflicts.

"Our soldiers are a different entity because they support us every single day of our life," she said. "I'll do anything for the soldiers."

The particular rub with the beef and beer fundraiser is that Star Charities paid to rent the gym this year while it was not charged last year to hold the same function in the same location.

"Last year, we did it at the Ocean Pines community center because we're a community organization and we all live here," Foulz said. "We figured, 'that was great.' We didn't have to go outside [Ocean Pines] to work and it was a lot easier for the whole committee to do this. Everybody was so happy and we had a lot of veterans in Ocean Pines that called me and said how happy they were we were doing this event."

"This year we ran into a lot of problems," Foulz continued. "They told us we have to pay \$450 to use the community center. Then we thought, 'why?' We didn't have any idea. There were no rules in place at that time."

Mary Evans, treasurer for Star Charities, said nonprofits have never paid in Ocean Pines until now.

"There were no fees charged to any of the association groups that I've

been in, and I've been with Kiwanis, I've been with Star Charities and a couple of other groups," she said. "No fees or restrictions on equipment were started until last summer a year ago. As far as I know, these fees have been in the community for a long time, but they were never charged."

Evans met with General Manager Bob Thompson in November to discuss the fees.

"We met for about 45 minutes and it was a very good conversation. He was very accommodating and explained a lot of his problems [about] why these rules are what they are," she said.

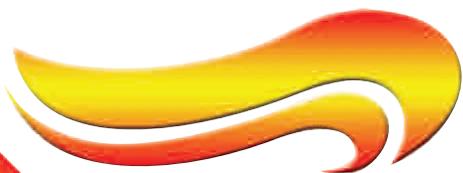
"At that time, he told me that there was no criteria for nonprofit groups. He said he they didn't have that yet – that was a black hole and that he had formed a committee just to look into that particular question."

Pressed for when the community might receive a report from the committee, Evans said Thompson "couldn't tell me that."

In total, Star Charities paid a \$200 deposit, \$50 in kitchen fees, \$400 for rental of the community center gym and \$200 for rental of the Assateague Room used for the VIP portion of the fundraiser. The deposit was refunded. Foulz is still waiting for the rest.

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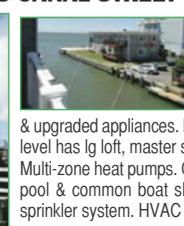
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Berlin leadership touts dramatic electric rate drop

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) The high cost of electricity was once an economic albatross around the neck of Berlin, but the message coming out of a Berlin Mayor and Council meeting on Monday was that those days are long gone.

"I consistently check electric rates and how Berlin compares to the other towns," District 1 Councilmember Troy Purnell said. "Today, when I looked at it again, Berlin has got the cheapest per-kilowatt hour rate."

"I hate hearing from so many people, 'Oh, Berlin utility rates are too high,'" Purnell continued. "It's just not true."

Mayor Gee Williams said that as recently as 2008, Berlin's rates were the highest in the region, and possibly on the entire East Coast.

"That's when we began the aggressive tackling of the issue," he said.

In 2008, the town hired Raleigh, N.C. electrical engineering consulting firm Booth and Associates Inc. in an attempt to lower rates.

Three years later, the mayor and council approved several power purchase agreements to reduce and stabilize rates. In 2012, Berlin went a step further, asking the Maryland Public Service Commission to lower rates more than 11 percent for nonresidents, a move

designed to attract new business.

"I don't think we're done yet trying to reduce the power [rates]," Williams said.

Purnell noted that the town offers free energy audits.

"I think a lot of people have forgotten that," he said. "Every time somebody says, 'Oh my heat, my electric bill is this high.' I say, 'well have you had an energy audit done?'"

Williams said the energy audit opens the door to new tax credits and advised homeowners to perform upgrades in phases.

"Some people may be intimidated by thinking they have to spend thousands of dollars all at once," he said. "Maybe just replacing a window ... take one thing at a time."

Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence said he performs at least one audit per month and that he expects that number to rise following the issuance of February electric bills.

"The positive reduction in our rates is not just a happenstance and it's not magic," District 2 Councilmember Dean Burrell said.

"It has come about because, I think, the leadership of our mayor, the support of our council and the skill and hard work of our staff. Folks need to know that this reduction was not magic, but it was purposeful by our efforts," he said.

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Clarke vows to continue fight to refund Star Charities

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 proivity Guide lists the nonprofit fee for the community center gymnasium as \$400. The community organization fee for the same facility is \$0.

Star Charities provided the Bayside Gazette with a schedule of fees and charges dated July 24, 2014 that lists the nonprofit fee for the gym as "N/A."

"What I wanted to know is what the criteria is and why it wasn't used before and all the sudden it's in place," Evans said. "I've heard grapevine stories about why it's in place, but I want to hear why this year we have to pay and last year we didn't."

Evans said problems with booking events in Ocean Pines go beyond the inconsistent fee structures. The permitting process, for instance, is lengthy, and the wait can be upwards of several months.

"You put in the permit in August and they tell you they're not going to get back to you until November the 15th and it's first-come-first-serve," Evans said.

"If you're holding an event in December or January, you can't wait until November the 15th to find out what you've got. You've got to get entertainment, you've got to get programs, you've got to get tickets. You've got to get things rolling. That's not friendly to anyone who's doing business with the community."

What's more, Evans said employees operating under Thompson often make impulsive decisions in the vacuum of a specific set of guidelines.

"All these little rules and little changes in policies are coming out of nowhere," Evans said. "They're never been going on before."

"I support Bob's management style of trying to support his employees, but the employees are becoming antagonistic and trying to get to the power of where they're controlling who uses the facilities and what uses they see," Evans continued. "The bottom line is this is our community association. We're paying an assessment fee. They work for us - we don't work for them."

Following the meeting with Thompson, Evans said she sent an email that thanked him for his time and restated her questions. After three days with no response, Evans sent the same email to the board of directors.

"The only one that responded to me was Clarke," she said.

"We were so impressed with Marty, who brought this up at the board meeting," Foults said. "It made us feel some hope."

The board tabled Clarke's motion during the meeting, asking Thompson

instead to report back with clear procedures and definitions within 60 days. Thompson said during the meeting that he and his committee were "taking our time crafting language that addresses the 'I don't knows.'"

Clarke, meanwhile, vowed to continue the fight to refund Foults's money.

"We need another committee like a snake needs a pair of shoes," Clarke he said. "But I made Star Charities a commitment and I'm going to do the best I can to get their money back to them."



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Ocean Pines resident Anna Foults is speaking out after the board of directors tabled a motion to refund the \$450 her charitable organization paid to rent a community facility for a fundraiser in January.



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Board minority in Pines keeps golf questions coming

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) Although the Ocean Pines Board of Directors made a definitive decision on golf management last month, some board members continue to question the motives and methods behind the 4-3 vote.

“We are hiring a company that we know nothing about other than what is in their promotional catalogs,” said Director Bill Cordwell, who voted with the minority. “No research was done on their background. The search when a previous board hired Casper was exhaustive with visits to courses they were managing, references, etc. and a catalog of everything they did.”

Director Tom Terry, who also voted with the minority, agreed that the 2010 process was extensive.

“It involved onsite visits by a group that was vetting the various companies,” he said. “I think the dynamic of this particular [request for proposal] was slightly different, in that back then they were clearly going to find someone to take over and manage the course. In our particular case this time, we had an incumbent who may, in fact, have stayed.”

The board made the shift from self-management in 2010 when it handed the job to Billy Casper Golf.

“Back in 2010, they were changing direction,” Terry said. “This time we may have ended up keeping the management company we had or looking at a different one. That is not to say that the level of investigation that was done in 2010 was done again, because it was not.”

In September 2010, the board had a 64-page booklet entitled “Outsourcing Task Force Report to the Board of Directors.”

The report included financial comparisons between bidders, an assessment of actual results versus pro forma estimates, recommendations, responses to follow-up questions and correspondences with comparable courses using the vendors.

This year, the board received a 15-page question-and-answer booklet from Landscapes, as well as a booklet touting the company’s management services.

Cordwell went on to say that the day before the vote, several members of the board were given information that could have swayed the decision away from Landscapes.

“Some board members were given information about serious allegations about this company, including poor business, legal and personnel practices and financial improprieties, but [Board President] Dave Stevens didn’t think that should be brought up at the meeting and the rest of us didn’t find out about it until days later after the vote had been taken,” he said.

“That vote could have been delayed a few days while these allegations

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Gulf on golf continues with OPA directors

were investigated, but it apparently wasn't important enough as Stevens said, 'the decision had already been made.'

"We, the residents, are left to pick up the bill as we will be paying [Landscapes] a lot more than we pay Casper, all to satisfy Stevens' need to take power away from the general manager," Cordwell continued.

"In my opinion, Stevens was intent on hiring anybody to replace Casper no matter who they were even though we had the best year financially in a decade and some that have been around here a long time say the course is in the best shape it has been in 30 years."

Cordwell went on to say that Stevens "doesn't like the fact that Casper reports to the general manager and has a good relationship with him."

"[Landscapes] has said they would report directly to Stevens and the board instead of to the general manager," Cordwell said. "I believe that is a violation of our by-laws, as the general manager is tasked with running the day-to-day operations, not the board. After seeing how screwed up this process was, this board shouldn't be running the day-to-day operations of a snowball stand."

Terry also acknowledged Cordwell's assertion that the board received late information.

"We uncovered some information that needed to be vetted, and that is being done as we speak to work through some of the issues that may have come up," he said. "Once [Landscapes] had been picked, there were some phone calls that raised a couple of issues that were contractual, which I can't speak to."

Terry went on to say that he believed General Manager Bob Thompson was "fully correct" in bringing his reservations to the board's attention at its Feb. 28 meeting.

During the course of that session, Thompson said he was troubled by the board's decision and that it appeared that the board hadn't done its homework.

"Obviously," Terry said, "some people were not happy that he did

that, but I think Dave had already been notified of the issues and the other board members were, in my mind, simply being brought up to speed on some of what may have been uncovered."

According to Terry, Thompson had discussions with himself and Director Pat Renaud the day prior to the vote.

"Pat was going to call Dave Stevens that day to make sure he was aware of what had been uncovered, so it wasn't exactly something that [Thompson] could go into all the detail of what may or may not be relevant accusations or not. You don't do that in public until you find out whether or not these things are real, or simply somebody that did not like somebody."

"Bob talked to two board members, so I didn't see any issue about bringing it up to the rest of the board," Terry said.

Terry said there was "always a chance" the negotiations with Landscapes would fall through.

"Until you're done negotiating with someone you're not done," he said. "You don't know what issues may or may not come up between the two sides as they negotiate a long-term contract. I don't anticipate it falling through, but that doesn't mean it won't."

Stevens could not be reached for comment.

Vice President Marty Clarke, who voted to oust Casper, disagreed that the board did less work in vetting Landscapes.

"I was there for both [and] I would say it's just not a true statement," he said. "The fact is that Pete Gomsak and a couple of guys on the committee [in 2010] actually went to some of the courses. I don't know that that's nec-

essary. They went and played golf. God love 'em."

Clarke was unsure if the 2015 search committee visited neighboring courses.

"I don't think they did - so what," he said. "I'm happy. I think it was a well done process."

Clarke went on to say that a golf steering committee - not the entire board - gathered information in both cases.

"You can't get this board to agree that we're in the state of Maryland for God's sake," he said. "The process [in both cases] was for the steering committee to bring the finalists before the board. That's exactly how it happened the last time."

Second-guessing the board decision, Clarke said, "is like worrying about how to buy hay for the horse

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Worcester County institutes first hiring freeze since '08

By Brian Gilliland
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) During the closed session preceding its meeting last week, the Worcester County Commissioners voted to institute a hiring freeze until the end of the budget session later this spring.

The county attributed the decision to “another challenging budget year due to a continued decline in projected property tax revenues,” according to a release from Public Information Officer Kim Moses.

“County revenues are anticipated to dip from \$178 million in the current fiscal year (FY15) to \$167 million in FY16 unless significant budget stabilization funds are utilized,” Commissioner President Jim Bunting stated in the release.

“The county has lost over \$40 million in property tax revenues since fiscal year 2009 due to declining assessments, and property tax revenues are projected to decline by another \$4 million in FY16.”

The commissioners have taken this action, according to Moses, to avoid having to use all of the remaining budget stabilization funds to balance their operating budget in FY16.

Some 61 county employees are currently eligible to retire, according to the county, and Moses said she expects between 12-15 employees to avail themselves of the option.

The last time the county instituted a hiring freeze was in 2008, Moses said, and furloughs as well as a previous freeze was instituted in the early 1990s.

Director Clarke defends majority decision on OP golf

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that died in the barn last month.”

“The fact is that they were done very similar,” he said. “Do I think that one steering committee did more due diligence than another other? No I don’t. I think they both made excellent efforts with just fine outcomes.”

The board released two agendas for a special session on Thursday, March 12 on Monday. Before the 3 p.m. vote on the fiscal year budget, the board will go into a closed session at 2 p.m. to discuss “personnel matters,” likely stemming from Thompson’s comments on Feb. 28.

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Berlin makes strategic plan summary public

Top issues: parks, public safety, preserving tradition, infrastructure and jobs

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) Following the four townwide meetings held to discuss the future of the town, Berlin officials on Tuesday issued a community meeting report that summarizes the response from residents.

Meetings were held over several weeks in January and February and were led by facilitator Christine Becker.

"I think there were a lot of good, positive ideas and considerable commitment to the town, really wanting to make it even stronger," Becker said.

The report listed several topics of interest, followed by comments provided during the meetings compiled by Becker.

Asked what actions would make Berlin a better place, most residents said, "Getting rid of the 'Berlin wall' that divides the town between east and west."

This included the suggestions that a walkway or bikeway be built over Route 113 to bring both sides of the community together, providing an indoor/outdoor community sports complex, creating open-space recreation for kids, and a community park for everyone.

According to the report, the top five strategic issues and opportunities were increased park and recreation facilities, preserving traditions, enhancing public safety, investing in infrastructure and promoting economic development and providing jobs.

Becker said she saw a few recurring themes in the data.

"The two things that stood out to me were one, just a discussion about why people love Berlin," she said. "I think there were just some recurring themes about how special the town is to them. Coming from a big city, I enjoyed seeing the depth about how much they cared about their town."

"The second thing I found interesting is the high level of interest in how to preserve the town's traditions and history while being progressive and growing," Becker continued.

"I wouldn't describe it as anything

close to anti-growth, but a real strong theme across all four [meetings] was thoughtful and proactive growth. Growing and thriving doesn't necessarily mean your population gets bigger. There are other ways to become an even stronger town. That segment of it I found particularly interesting."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the report was emailed or mailed to participants and posted on the town's website at www.berlinmd.gov.

Paper copies are available in town hall.

"Anyone interested can check out the report and get a sense of what the meetings were all about," Williams said.

Berlin also released a web-based survey for anyone unable to attend the public meetings. Town Administrator Laura Allen said Berlin was

"tabulating the results of the survey for the strategic plan work sessions we're holding with the mayor, council and key staff in town hall."

The sessions began on Wednesday and continue on Thursday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"At the end of this process, we'll have a plan that will take us through the next couple of years in detail, and through the next five to 10 years conceptually," Allen said.

Becker believes the data gathered will be helpful during the final part of the process.

"I know the mayor and the town council are very committed to really paying attention to what the town said," she said. "You can't consider every single individual idea, but there certainly ... were trends that will help them think about how they can construct a strategic plan."



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Renaud enjoying role as swing vote

Freshman OPA director says he was spurned to run by 'apparent takeover' by GM

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) When Pat Renaud ran for Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last year, he did so on a ticket of sorts that included former board president Dave Stevens and a shared platform of taking power back to the board and away from General Manager Bob Thompson.



Pat Renaud

The pair was swept in, Stevens was again elected president and Renaud was appointed secretary.

"We both had some concerns," Renaud said. "I was concerned by the apparent takeover of the board by the general manager [and] we were trying to get the control back to the board – that's what Dave and I talked about. We were looking to see that the general manager didn't have more control than he should have, and I think that's come about. I think we have accomplished that pretty much. Some people would say too much, but I don't think so."

New policies were immediately im-

plemented, including Renaud's initiative that the general manager write a summary report of his presentation, emailed to the board, at least three days before every regular meeting.

"When I had chaired my boards in my experience I had always anticipated that and it worked very well, because then we knew what he was going to say and we could think about what direction we wanted to go in."

Renaud said that kind of due process was not in place when Tom Terry presided over the board, prior to Stevens.

"I like Tom Terry a lot," Renaud said. "I think he's a very bright guy and I appreciate working with him, but he didn't think that was important and I did. That was one of the reasons I ran."

Recently, Thompson challenged the board decision on golf management during a public meeting, saying he received questions from the membership he didn't know how to ask and wondering aloud whether the board had properly done their due diligence.

"I talk to Bob a lot and he mentioned to me he thought there was something wrong going on there, and I said, 'Bob, the decision had been made,'" Renaud said. "I told him, 'Really it's not your decision, it's the board's decision.'"

According to Renaud, Thompson

countered that the board should be made aware that some, including him, still harbored reservations.

"I said, 'They're well aware of it. They're not stupid. But if you go out there and tell them to their face, it's not going to do you any good or them any good,'" Renaud said. "You're embarrassing them. I wouldn't do it if I were you."

The independent Stevens and Renaud were supposed to become a lockstep part of a new 4-3 majority, but the freshman board member has shown an independent streak during the first year of his three-year term.

"We do have a 4-3 situation on the board, but it's not always 4-3," Renaud said. "I've voted against the Stevens ticket on a couple of occasions. That's what I've always told myself – I'm going to vote independently."

Renaud admitted his role as swing vote occasionally means his phone rings off the hook before a major vote.

"I do get calls from both sides, and that's the way I try to look at it," he said. "On the budget, for instance, I've been trying to come up with a compromised budget. One side says, 'do it this way' and the other side says, 'do it the other way.' It's almost like the Democrats and Republicans splitting up. It's really something."

"I try to look at it as an independ-
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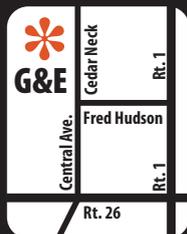
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Renaud looking for middle ground on budget

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ent and say, 'Well, let's come to a compromise,' Renaud continued. 'Let's work it together so everybody can vote for it, or at least have a majority come in and have a budget going. Hopefully, we're going to get that done before the deadline, because it's coming up fast.'

One of the biggest obstacles standing in the way of a new budget is the controversial "five-year funding plan." Stevens would prefer to keep the tool in place – at least for now – and rename it the "legacy fund." Others, including Vice President Marty Clarke, would prefer to eliminate the fund altogether in order to lower the assessment fee.

"I think the five-year plan was needed when we had the yacht club come up [but] I don't think it's needed much anymore," Renaud said.

Predictably, Renaud is looking for middle ground.

"I said, 'let's get rid of all the excess funds.' We need to have a maintenance reserve where we replace the things we need – trucks and police cars and all those other kinds of things – and let's have a future projects fund or whatever you want to call

it for things that are coming up, whether it be a marina or a country club or whatever it happens to be. I believe we should have some funds that start to pay for these things," Renaud said.

Renaud said he was previously a member of a homeowner's association with dues in upwards of \$5,000.

"I did some research and found out that was mainly because they didn't save any money, they didn't have any reserve funds," he said. "When they wanted to build a new clubhouse or a swimming pool they just went and borrowed it from the bank. That's fine, except what happens when you borrow from a bank is you've got to pay the interest, and once you buy one thing then the next thing you know you have to buy something else.

"We have lots of things we have to buy eventually, so I like the idea of making a reserve fund to pay for these things in the future," Renaud continued. "Maybe we won't have all of it, like with the yacht club for instance

where we had to pay it over a five-year period, but it was a still a reserve fund where we put aside money every year."

The balancing act, Renaud suggested, is figuring out how much the community actually needs.

"I think it's a good thing to continue the way we're doing it, but we don't need to go overboard either," he said. "We don't need to have too large of a reserve fund, but we need enough

to pay for the things we need like roads and bridges. That's something we haven't looked hard enough at I think."

Renaud is also keen to develop a Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) plan for the community.

"I think Dave's coming up with the right idea, looking at it and trying to restructure it," he said. "The CIP was on a five and 10-year type thing and we don't need to do that. We need to look at all the projects that have importance and then we say, 'which ones do we need to do first and which ones can we do a little hear and a little

there?'

"We don't need to say that we have to finish this in five years and then go to something else in five years," Renaud continued. "I think that's too structured. I like the idea of working on drainage and roads and restructuring the country club at the same time. I don't think we need to work on it in isolation like we did with the yacht club."

In the same vein, Renaud serves on the planning committee that is exploring a new comprehensive action plan.

"We have a huge document that's about 140 pages, which is way too out of line," Renaud said. "My feeling is we've got to have an action plan that is very short, maybe two-to-three pages at the most, and we identify what everybody needs. This may take surveys and it may take time, but we need to find out what our population is, where we're going, what do we need. That kind of thing is probably more helpful to us to plan these things and give certain priorities over others."

On the divisive battle over management of the golf course, Renaud hinted that he was still on the fence late into the process.

"We had seen the presentations for Landscapes Unlimited, the Haley/Marshall group and Billy Casper, and up to that point I had not made up my mind," he said. A couple of us said the same thing.

"I think what turned a lot of us around was the fact that [Landscapes] emphasized more about increasing our membership, which I think is important because we're coming down to a point where, if we keep losing regular membership, I think we're going to get into a situation where it becomes a problem for us as far as keeping up where costs were concerned," Renaud said. "In my old sociology class, I found out you can't reverse a trend. However, that being said, I think it's worth a try."

Renaud said golf membership was as high as 700 in Ocean Pines during the last decade, but fell to roughly 125 in recent years.

Landscapes provided the board with information that suggested the

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Break in Sandpiper talks 'problematic,' Renaud says

company had been able to turn other courses around when faced with similar circumstances.

"Where [membership] is now is very low, and most of them are associate members," Renaud said. "I thought it would be worth our while to get somebody in there who has a track record of increasing memberships at the golf courses they service and make that true."

With golf management out of the way, the board could return to the ongoing negotiations with Sandpiper Energy.

"My stand with that situation is that right now [Sandpiper] is intransigent about not signing this agreement to recognize our sovereignty of owning the land," Renaud said. "My understanding is they have paid money to the county from a standpoint of putting in these [natural gas] lines and everything else, but they're not looking to do anything with us."

The rub, Renaud said, is that the county does not actually control the land.

"They don't seem to have understood that," he said. "I've looked at the historical things and I was shocked the contract expired in 2013 and it took them about a year and a half to understand that we did own the land."

I think that's ridiculous."

Renaud said he thought it was problematic that Sandpiper was not actively in negotiations with the board.

"I'd rather see somebody sitting down and talking to somebody," he said. "We're never going to solve it if we don't."

"The problem is now we've got this high gas price, \$3.73 per gallon or somewhere in that range, and outside people are getting it for \$1.99," Renaud continued. "I think people are going to start looking at buying tanks and that sort of thing. As the clock ticks, they've got to realize natural gas isn't all it's made out to be."

Renaud called his first term a work in progress and compared the challenges to working in the U.S. Congress.

"You have all these ideas of things you want to do and all of the sudden these things walk in your way," he said. "I'm still learning. There's an awful lot to know, and it's so much more than I had even anticipated. I pick my shots carefully, or try to anyway, and weigh in when there's something I think I really have knowledge on or an opinion for, and let some of the other ones fight the main battles. I make my presence known when I need to."

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BERLIN BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) The Berlin mayor and council discussed several issues during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday, March 9.

“Cool” Berlin

The council approved the second annual “Cool Berlin Day” for Saturday, April 18 from 1-6 p.m. It includes road closures in the downtown area from noon to 7 p.m.

The event celebrates the first anniversary of the Budget Travel magazine “Coolest Small Town” designation and will feature food vendors, music, games, contests and a parade.

Economic Development Director Ivy Wells promised, “We have some surprises planned.”

Heritage Festival

The council also approved the return of the Berlin Heritage Festival, slated for Saturday, April 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A rain date was set for the following day.

The festival honors the incorporation of the town of Berlin in 1886 and 1887 and will include classic cars, street scenes and artisans.

Costumed attendees at the event will receive a free gift.

Councilmember Thom Gulyas made a motion to approve the event.

“This sounds like a lot of fun,” Gulyas said. “I’ll even bring someone with me who might have known the first mayor.”

Spray away

The council approved a \$6,000 contract to the state Department of Agriculture for mosquito control.

Water Resources/Public Works Director Jane Kreiter said the contract calls for a set number of spray dates, although more can be added in case of a particularly rainy season.

Arts district

Ivy Wells, Baked Desserts Café owner Robin Tomaselli and Worcester County Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis asked the mayor and council to approve the re-designation of the town’s arts and entertainment district.

The designation allows qualified artists to take advantage of tax credits.

Tomaselli said the group was hoping to expand the area in the future to include Burley Oak Brewing Co. and the former Tyson plant.

Reapplication must be approved before expansion can be considered.

Mullis said the designation has helped Berlin to “bring more arts into our daily life.”

Fire Company events

The council approved a pair of events for the Berlin Fire Company.

One-day permits were granted for Saturday, March 28 for Casino night and Saturday, April 11 for a Corn Hole Tournament.

No representatives from the fire company were present during the meeting.

Big-ticket item

Kreiter clarified that a “substantial” purchase order on the table, for \$41,750 to A.C. Schultes of Delaware Inc., would go towards rebuilding spray irrigation pumps at the Libertytown facility.

A staff evaluation determined that an overhaul of the 20-year-old equipment was necessary.

Among other things, the site is used to transfer effluent to the Five Mile Branch site.

The council also approved \$8,343 in contingency funding for a rental pump, in case the rebuilding suffers setbacks.

Kreiter said the item was unbudgeted, but that the department would make room in the capital budget by putting off a planned purchase of a tractor.

Potholes

Kreiter said public works is letting potholes caused by recent winter storms dry before repairing. She hopes to complete repairs within a month.

“There are some that need much more work than others,” she said.

The worst areas could be postponed and included in the next fiscal year budget, Kreiter said.

If members of the public have con-

cerns about potholes, contact public works, or call or email Town Hall.

Phillips funeral

Police Chief Arnold Downing thanked the council and member of the public for “their kind words, their cards and their prayers” following the passing of retired PFC Leon Phillips.

Phillips, 76, died on March 3 at his home in Salisbury. He served in the Marine Corps and worked as a police officer for the Berlin Police Department.

A funeral service was held on Friday.

First look at Tyson

Planning Director Dave Engelhart met with building inspectors and toured the former Tyson plant for a general look last week.

Engelhart said the facility had some condition issues that would need to be addressed and that a more complete survey was required.

“There’s quite a lot of square footage there, so [repairs] would depend on the usage,” Engelhart said. “There are areas that don’t need too much.”

Engelhart said the areas with metal roofing would need to be replaced.

“Concrete roof, not so much and there’s a lot of that,” he said.

Plumbing, wiring and HVAC needs would also need to be addressed. “It’s been sitting for quite a while, so all of that would need to be addressed,” Engelhart said.

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Serigrapher Sahler to unveil 'Berlin' print at 2nd Friday

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) Call it retro or nostalgic, minimalist or modernist. Artist Erick Sahler, however, calls his work "regional pop" and it has become nearly ubiquitous on the Eastern Shore.

The Salisbury native has a rich history of work that includes designs for brands such as Perdue Farms and the Delaware International Speedway as well as more than 20 years at the Salisbury Daily Times.

His most recognizable work, however, began in 2011 with the launch of Erick Sahler Serigraphs and an ever-expanding series of prints depicting the essence of the region, often in eight colors or less.

Sahler fell into the art of screen printing, or serigraphs, as a high school student. The Salisbury resident was taking art lessons with watercolorist Keith Whitelock when he was introduced to Dave Rossi, owner of Chincoteague Screen Printing.

"We struck up a conversation and Dave said, 'Come on over. I'm looking for some help if you're interested.' That was a Wednesday and I started that Saturday and worked there for six years all through high school, all through college. I learned every aspect of screen printing.

"It was a great first job when all my friends were slinging Arby's," Sahler continued. "I was getting to do artwork and see my stuff right away on T-shirts and mugs. There's still stuff in Chincoteague that they're selling that I did back in '83."

Screen printing, Sahler said, was "tucked away inside my brain" while he pursued a career in advertising.

"I figured I'd go off to college, end up in New York City, Madison Avenue, big time," he said. "After a year in Baltimore, I decided, 'Hey, you know Baltimore is cool.' It's a big enough city, it's close to home, close to the beach, close to family. So I kind of lowered my sites to, an ad agency in Baltimore."

After four years away, however, Sahler found himself overcome by homesickness.

"I had just had it with the masses," he said. "I figured I'd come home and work for [an agency in Salisbury]. And then I ran into Dick Fleming."

Fleming told Sahler the Daily Times was redesigning the Lifestyle section of the paper, and asked if he was interested in contributing illustrations.

"When I walked into the newsroom for the first time it was the most exciting place I had ever been," he said. "It was buzzing. The air was electric. This is where I wanted to work. It seemed like the coolest room in town, so I got sidetracked and I did that for 22 years."

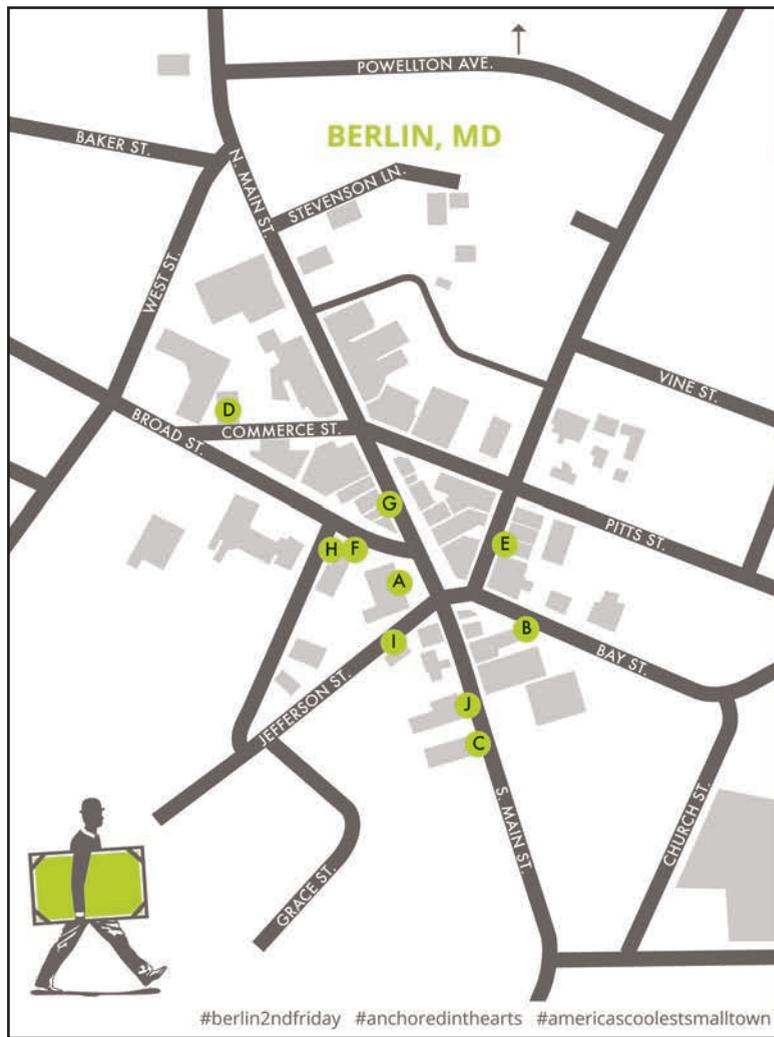
Sahler climbed the ranks to managing editor, but became burned out when massive cutbacks imposed by ownership threatened to cripple the paper.

"When the newspaper business started to circle the drain, I said, 'I've got to find something to do because there's no way I'm going to retire in the news- See DEAL Page 16



Erick Sahler, pictured in his Salisbury studio, will debut a new print of downtown Berlin during 2nd Friday Art Stroll, March 13.

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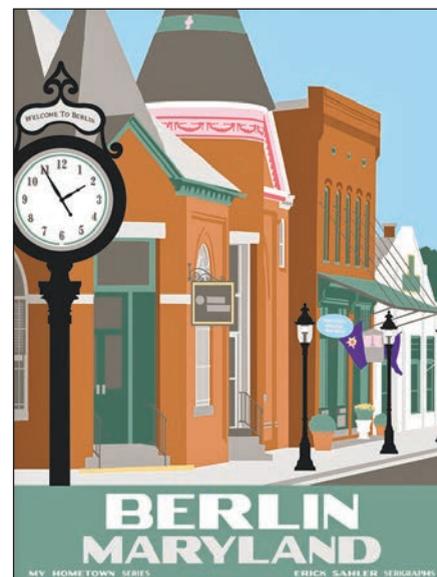
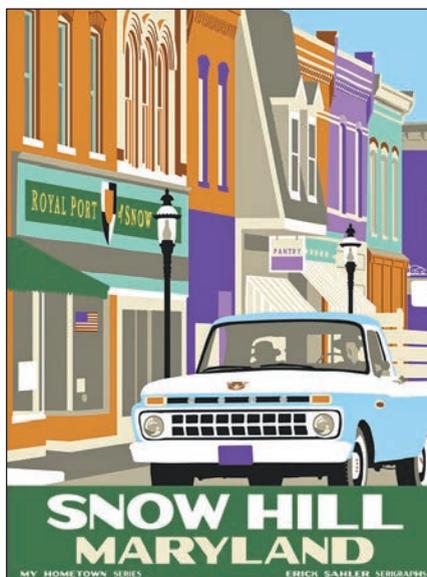


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Serigrapher Erick Sahler will debut his new print featuring downtown Berlin during 2nd Friday, March 13. The Snow Hill print was featured last month at Bishop's Stock in Snow Hill.

Deal Island epiphany led to screen printing business

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paper business," he said. "There's no way they're going to keep a guy my age around for another 15 years.

"I really wracked my brains for a couple months and there wasn't anything out there, there wasn't any profession that appealed to me long term," Sahler continued. "I could go be a school-teacher, but I would hate doing that."

Inspiration struck when Sahler, while driving across the marsh on Deal Island

on a story assignment, had an epiphany.

"I was down there kind of checking it out and making sure it was just the way I remember it, and coming back across that marsh it was like a blue bolt of lightning hit me," he said. "I was thinking about this screen printer up in D.C., Craig English, and I heard the words, 'Be that guy. Be that guy on the Eastern Shore.' I came home and I told my wife, 'I figured it out. I know what I'm doing for the rest of my life.'"

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Sahler: 'plenty of outlets' for artists on Eastern Shore

Sahler spent two years converting the loft space over his garage into a state-of-the-art serigraphy studio, closing in the open space, adding electrical wiring and a dark room, and sourcing equipment, including an out-of-service light table from the newspaper, for his new dream project.

"In that time, we went through six furloughs at the paper and laid off half the staff," he said. "After that last furlough, I went back on a Monday morning, the place was on fire and I just felt like there's no water in the hose. I can't do this anymore. I went in and I told [then Editor in Chief Greg Bassett, who also has since left the paper] 'I think I'm done.'"

"I wasn't doing anything I liked," Sahler continued. "I went there to do illustration and graphics – and I got into page design, I did some editorial cartoons, I had a wall-full of awards and all that stuff – and here I am for 10 years [as managing editor] doing budgets and employee evaluations. Everything that caught fire, I was the one that had to put that out ultimately. And I was not equipped for that. I wasn't wired for it."

As soon as he committed to making the change, Sahler said, he knew it was the right decision.

"It was about two and a quarter years from when I said, 'This is what I want to do' to when I actually set up the press, burned a screen, pulled a squeegee and printed something," he said. "It was all familiar in that I had done it long ago and done it for so long. Screen printing is one of those things where the learning curve is pretty steep, but levels off pretty quickly. Nothing really changes once you get your process down."

Sahler's prints use bold colors and the flat design of serigraphy to produce work that appears both contemporary and nostalgic. One of the signature elements is his adaptation of National Parks Service typography from the 1920s and 1930s.

"The WPA did a series of prints celebrating the national parks and state parks before the outbreak of World War II and this is a font they used a lot of," Sahler said. "That kind of takes it back to that era."

Each edition requires a month of work and produces roughly 120 prints. Sahler started printing in August 2011, and by Christmas had four editions.

"Going through that season I did a couple shows here and there and sold some things, which felt good, but not enough to convince me that this is something that could be a viable business long term," he said.

Things took off for Sahler Serigraphs during the following year, after showing work at Sundial Books in Chincoteague.

The building, he said, appeared "glowing on the hill, light was pouring out of it," while taking a walk down the street at 9 o'clock at night.

"I went in, fresh books all around, and struck up a conversation with what turned out to be the owner and his wife," Sahler said. "It was just a true godsend for me."

"Once I got into Chincoteague, I thought this could be a good business," Sahler continued. "The last two years down there, when I have a new printing, it's like the Apple Store when the iPods came out. People line up. It's mayhem."

Thus far in 2015, Sahler has worked exclusively with Worcester County locales, using Berlin and Snow Hill as backdrops and working on a commission for the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City.

Sahler unveiled the Snow Hill edition at Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft and Wine last month.

"It was a big night and we sold a lot then and I think [gallery owner Anne Coates] has had a good month with it," Sahler said. "Anne was actually the first shop to take me in. In 2009, when I said, 'This is what I want to do,' I thought if I ever get work in there, I will have made it. It's a classy gallery, prime time artists. I can't say enough about it and she's just true patron of the arts. She's just been tremendous for me."

The print uses what Sahler called "a long view" of Green Street.

"It's just pretty," he said. "It's got this old-timey feel that looks like a Norman Rockwell background, and then there are these buildings that are in these different greens and purples. It kind of gives you a sense that there's a little bit of culture there, but there's also this rustic sensibility. The two coming together, to me, was really Snow Hill."

The Berlin print debuts on Friday, March 13, at Bungalow Love during the town's 2nd Friday art stroll.

While Sahler has been successful, many other fine artists hit a brick wall when trying to make a living on the Eastern Shore. His advice? Run it like any other business.

"You hear a lot of artists on the Eastern Shore complain, 'There's nothing here for us,'" he said. "If you want to do pure art, no, this isn't the market for doing pure art. But if you want to do art as a business, you can find a niche because the market is here. It may not be farmers and waterman, but there's plenty of professors and lawyers and people at the hospital. There's plenty of people in the education system. There's plenty of people here already that would have an interest and the means to support art."

"On top of that, everywhere you look in every direction around Salisbury, 360 degrees, is somewhere people from the western shore or Philadelphia or New Jersey or middle America come to vacation to spend a week," Sahler continued.

"They come with a big, fat wallet full of vacation money, which is different from regular money. It's money to be spent. There's plenty of outlets if you want to make a business of selling art here."

Berlin's 2nd Friday festivities feature more than a dozen different art displays in shops throughout the downtown region, along with sales and specials in area restaurants from 5-8 p.m.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Waiting for movement in town vs. fire company

Maybe what the Town of Berlin and the Berlin Fire Company need to do is hire a mediator to sort out the conflict between the two.

The issue, after all, has gone beyond who is right and who is wrong and has become a matter of how to repair the relationship for the benefit of the public.

As it stands, both the town and the company have their supporters and detractors, while the rest of the public is left to decide which side is more believable than the other, based on their respective versions of the facts.

Revisiting the history behind this parting of the ways, however, is not going to happen in this space because nothing good would come of a regurgitation of all the circumstances and allegations that led to this rift. Secondly, there isn't enough room to accommodate it all.

The question that must be dealt with now is not what happened, but how the public is being affected by this standoff. The company, of course, would argue that public safety either has or will be compromised, while the town would counter that is not, nor will it ever be, the case.

The thing is, the public really doesn't know what to believe at this juncture. All it knows is that these two sides aren't talking.

As is the case in many domestic disputes, chances are that no one is completely blameless and that's why third-party intervention sometimes makes sense.

At the moment, it doesn't appear that any positive developments are on the horizon. The town and the company remain firmly entrenched in their positions, apparently continuing to hope that a majority of the residents will be swayed by their various arguments.

That isn't likely to happen, which is why someone needs to make a move rather than wait and see who blinks first.

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LETTERS

OP amenities losing money

Editor,
I read in [last] week's Gazette that the Yacht Club has lost over \$140,000 the last four months.

I read last summer in the local papers the Yacht Club was on the upswing of things. They had so many bookings for weddings, private parties, etc.

It doesn't take a math expert to figure out if you take in \$50,000 and put out \$80,000 that things are not on the upswing.

The property owners voted last year on how they felt about the existing board of directors. We know how that worked out. No more outrageous pay raises, no bonus for an amenity that loses money.

I believe that the new board of directors are working towards what the majority of Ocean Pines property owners want.

I don't believe that a projected loss of \$60,000 for the golf club is a plus; last time I did math that

\$60,000 was a minus.
Mike Graves
Ocean Pines

Refuse the PARCC tests

Editor,
I asked the Worcester County Public School Administration the following question: Will the PARCC assessment results (grade) be used in the students' final grade? If so, what percent of students' final grade will be made up of PARCC results?

Their response: No, PARCC assessment results are not used in the calculation of a student's coursework grade. It is an accountability measure for teachers, principals, schools, and the school system, but not the student.

If PARCC tests are to have no bearing on your child's final grade or performance, why are we spending months teaching to a test that does nothing more than collect data to fire teachers and shut down schools?

The data is useless to the student. The test results

won't even be back until December 2015, long after your child has moved to the next grade. Why are we putting undue stress and anxiety on our children?

Statewide, taxpayers are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade technology and to pay for the costs of administering the PARCC tests. As large of a concern is the student level data being collected on your children that PARCC is required to share with the US Department of Education as part of their agreement for federal funding.

School boards may try to manipulate you through fear and intimidation to participate in the assessments. Their agenda is to get a certain percentage of students to take the test in order to qualify for federal funding.

You and your children have the right to refuse the PARCC assessments. There is no Maryland or federal law stating that your child must participate in these tests. Ask them to show you the law.

Francis Gebhart
Berlin

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OC's annual St. Patrick's Day parade, Sat.

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(March 12, 2015) Ocean City's annual St. Patrick's Day parade, now in its 34th year, has grown to be the second largest in Maryland.

The Delmarva Irish-American Club sponsors the highly anticipated tradition, which will start at noon, Saturday, on 57th Street and continue south along Coastal Highway to the 45th Street shopping center where spectators will find a celebration along with the judges' stand.

"It started as a very small parade in celebration with the Delmarva Irish-American Club and popularity of the parade grew rapidly," Mayor Rick Meehan said.

During its inaugural procession, the parade featured just five or six walkers. The next year, it grew to include a Pontiac convertible and four waitresses from McGee's, the local Irish bar now known as Shenanigan's Irish Pub.

Now, Meehan said, "it's the busiest weekend of the year between New Year's and Memorial Day and a kickoff to the [busy summer] season in Ocean City."

The Irish festival on 45th Street will begin at 11 a.m. with green beer, Irish entertainment featuring music by Pat O'Brennan, Irish step dancers, face painting, Irish stew from BJ's on the Water, Irish coffee provided Macky's and of course, corned beef sandwiches.

The festival will conclude around 3 p.m. and the party will continue all evening in restaurants and bars throughout Ocean City.

Every year, the parade grows with more than 120 entries signed up to participate as of Monday, which is the largest number of groups since its inception. Participants will travel from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. for the event.

Seacrets' Ocean 98 radio station and Jolly Roger Amusement Park will enter floats into the parade, in addition to multiple bars, businesses and organizations.

Solar City, Bad Monkey, March of Dimes, Lovin' Life Limo's and Toppa the Hill Garage are newcomers to the 2015 parade, Meehan said.

Pipe and drum bands including the Chesapeake Caledonian Pipe Band and the Ocean City Pipe and Drum Band will be performing in the parade along with Stephen Decatur and Sussex Central high school marching bands.

Viewers can watch the parade from bleachers at the 45th Street center or along Coastal Highway between 57th and 45th streets. Arrive before 10:30 a.m. to avoid traffic delays.

The top marching band, commercial float, non-commercial float, motorized unit, best adult and youth marching unit, special committee award and best overall entry in the pa-

rade will take home trophies.

Leading the parade this year are grand marshals Kathleen O'Connell Higgins and Mike Higgins. They moved to Ocean City full-time in 1993 from Washington D.C. While living in Ocean City, they began real estate careers with Mike in sales and Kathleen in office administration. Kathleen moved to sales before retiring and Mike is currently an agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage on 104th Street.

They became co-treasurers of the Delmarva Irish-American Club in 2010 and have been members for more than 10 years.

"We love the St. Patrick's Day Parade and are so honored to be the grand marshals for 2015," Kathleen stated in a press release.

"Thanks to the Delmarva Irish-American Club for this privilege," Mike added.

All of the proceeds from the parade and festival will go to local high school scholarships and charities. Last year, the event raised more than \$18,000. In addition, the club donated to several local charities and sponsored youth programs, Parade Coordinator Buck Mann said.

"It's a fun celebration that appeals to all," he said.

The Delmarva Irish-American Club, founded in 1980, has awarded about \$300,000 in scholarships to local stu-

dents from parade proceeds. The club now has more than 300 members and is open to anyone who is Irish, Irish at heart or who just appreciates all things Irish. For more information, visit www.delmarvairish.org or contact Mann at 410-289-6156.

Failed lighting arrestor culprit in Choptank outages

(March 12, 2015) Choptank Electric Cooperative experienced widespread outages in Wicomico and Worcester counties last Saturday beginning approximately at 4:30 p.m.

During the height of the outages, Choptank Electric had approximately 11,500 members without power. During that time, Choptank Electric was able to restore approximately 10,000 members.

The outage was caused by a failed lightning arrestor in the Walston-Switch substation that affected the transmission lines leading to New Hope and Ocean Pines Substation.

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Annual Blues Jam to pay tribute to late Burley Strand

(March 12, 2015) This year's Snow Hill Blues Jam on Saturday, March 14 is a tribute to the late Burley Strand, who passed away in November 2014.

Lovingly known as "Mr. B.," he was a driving force of the Snow Hill All Stars whose guitar and voice graced the stage every year since the Snow Hill Blues Jam began in 2008.

This year, the Snow Hill All Stars have banded together to honor his spirit and his unique brand of music. The line-up includes Chris English on guitar, Angel Resto on bass, Miss T on sax, Margot Resto on vocals and congas, and Robert "Unknown Drummer" Buckner on drums.

"Each one of us has many years of great memories of sharing the stage with Mr. B. that we bring to this special night," said Margot Resto, also in the All Stars line-up since its beginning. "The Snow Hill All Stars will be honoring Mr. B. by playing with our hearts, to keep his spirit and the Blues alive." Strand was not only known for his sincere, sweet voice and his soulful and warm guitar, but also for the way he made people feel. He'd strum a chord, then call out "somebody say Yeah" and the willing audience erupted with a "Yeah" and on an on, and before he knew it, he'd have everybody in the palm of his hand, singing and hollering and dancing. He brought honesty to the stage, a pure joy that was impos-

sible to resist.

"We feel lucky to have known this wonderful man, and grateful for all the music he gave us. We can't wait to make music in his name," Resto said.

Also performing will be Dave Chappell, a Washington, D.C. native, who is one of the most sought after and respected musicians in the area. In his second appearance in Snow Hill, Chappell will perform as "Dave Chappell and His So-Called Friends."

For the last several years, Chappell has won the Washington Area Music Awards (WAMMIES) for Musician of the Year, Rock Instrumentalist of the Year and Roots Rock Instrumentalist of the Year. He has performed with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame legends Jerry Lee Lewis, Sam Moore of Sam & Dave, Percy Sledge, Johnny Johnson and guitar wizard, Danny Gatton.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with barbecue and a full bar available for sale. There will also be a raffle and auction items to raise funds for Mike Armstrong, one of the Blues Jam organizers who is battling cancer.

Will-call tickets cost \$25 and are on sale at www.snowhillartsontheriver.org. Tickets are also sold at Bishop's Stock in Snow Hill. Call 410-632-3555 or e-mail director@snowhillartsontheriver.org for more information.

Art scholarships offered by Wor. Co. Arts Council

(March 12, 2015) Worcester County Arts Council's Student Scholarship award program is under way. The Arts Council is offering multiple \$1,000 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 Friday, 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. Call 410-641-0809 for more information.



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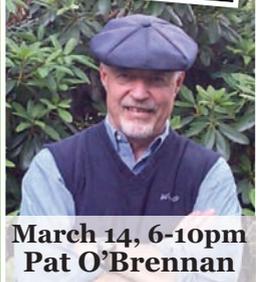
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March 13: The ShamRogues, 5 p.m.; DJ Hook, 9 p.m.; Tranzfusion, 9:30 p.m.
March 14: Opposite Directions, 2 p.m.; The Stims, 5 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 9 p.m.; Animal House, 9:30 p.m.
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March 14: Push, 8 p.m.
March 15: Marsela and Joey, 3 p.m.

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443-664-6682
March 14: Joey Saah & Scott Glorioso, noon; Jane West Duo, 4 p.m.; Joey & Marsella, 8 p.m.

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410-524-4900
March 13: The Vigilantes, 9 p.m.
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March 17: Full Circle, 5 p.m.; JJ Rupp Band

SHENANIGAN'S

Fourth Street and the Boardwalk in the Shoreham Hotel
410-289-7181
March 13: James Gallagher & Off the Boat, 8 p.m.
March 14: Patrick McAllorum, 11 a.m.; James Gallagher & Off the Boat w/special appearances The Chesapeake Caledonia Pipe Band & OC Pipe Band & Camden County Pipe & Drum, 3 p.m.
March 17: James Gallagher & Off the Boat w/special appearances The Chesapeake Caledonia Pipe Band & OC Pipe Band & Camden County Pipe & Drum, 11 a.m.

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March 14: Aaron Howell, 2 p.m.

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CALENDAR

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. March 12

VOLUNTEER FAIR AND HAPPY HOUR — Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 5-7 p.m. Non-profits on-hand include Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Ocean Pines Association, Worcester County Garden Club, Eastern Shore IMBA, Assateague Coastal Trust, Assateague Island Alliance, Berlin Library Garden Project, Worcester County Humane Society and more. Info: Sandi Smith, sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 106.

PINK RIBBON BINGO — Salisbury Moose Lodge, 833 Snow Hill Road. Doors open and food for sale at 5 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. The Pampered Chef and Thirty-One Gifts. All items filled with goodies. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.womensupportingwomen.org or at the Moose Lodge office. Take old cell phones or iPods to benefit Women Supporting Women and receive a free raffle ticket. Info: 410-548-7880.

OC AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEETING — Ocean City Senior Center, 41st Street, bayside, Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Featured speaker will be Corporal Dale Trotter with the Worcester County Canine Unit and will include a K-9 demonstration. Upcoming trips discussed. Info: www.AARP1917.org.

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.

FREE VASCULAR SCREENINGS — Guerrieri Heart & Vascular Institute at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, 100 East Carroll Street, Salisbury, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Offered to individuals, 55-plus, who exhibit at least three prominent risk factors or one symptom. Appointments are required: 410-543-7123.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER MEETING — Sponsored by the American Cancer Society and takes place at Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 5:30-7 p.m. Planning meeting for the Oct. 18, 2015 5K Run/Walk. Those

interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. Info: Bev Furst, Event Chair, 410-251-8020.

AARP — Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. Guest speaker will be Corporal Dale Trotter, Worcester County Police K-9 corp. Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: aarp1917.org.

FRI. March 13

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.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 North Main St., Berlin,, 4-7 p.m. Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes and roll. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free to those 5 and younger. Carry outs and bake sale table available. Info: 410-641-1137.

'LOOKING BACK: A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE' — Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 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 Tingle Purnell, 410-641-0638.

SAT. March 14

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE — Parade begins at noon and travels Coastal Highway from 58th Street to 45th Street. Featuring marching units, floats and local celebrities. At 11 a.m. at the 45th Street Shopping Center there will be a festival with food, drink and merriment. Info: Buck Mann, 410-289-6156.

REACH THE BEACH DANCE — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Dance teams compete for national championship title. Info: www.ac-daspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com.

AMERICAN HANDBELL MUSICIANS — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Concert of the Handbell Musicians of America, Area III, Ocean City Festival. More than 500 handbell ringers will play en masse. Registration required to participate. Info: Debbie Henning, debbiehen@gmail.com or

www.areaiii.org.

ST. PATRICK'S IRISH SCRAMBLE — Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, West Ocean City. Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Four-player scramble. Entry free is \$50 per player or \$200 per team and includes green fee, cart, lunch and prizes. Sign up: 410-213-7277 or 800-283-3846.

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

SERVEFEST 2015 — Ocean City Worship Center, 8 a.m. Meet for volunteer distribution. If you have a need, know of someone in need, or would like to volunteer, contact Jennifer Mitchell, 410-603-3628, servefest2013@gmail.com or <https://sites.google.com/site/servefest2013/>.

SNOW HILL BLUES JAM — Old Firehouse on Green Street, 7-11 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event is a tribute to the late Burley "Mr. B" Strand. Line up includes Snow Hill All Stars, Chris English, Angel Resto, Miss T, Margot Resto and Robert "Unknown Drummer" Buckner. Also performing will be Dave Chappell of Washington, D.C. Barbecue, full bar and T-shirts available for sale. There will also be a raffle and auction items to raise funds for Mike Armstrong. Will-call tickets are \$25 and on sale at www.snowhillartsonthewater.org and at Bishop's Stock. Info: 410-632-3555 or director@snowhillartsontheriver.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and younger. Info: 410-629-0926.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP REOPENING — Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Successful anglers will discuss rods, terminal tackle, bait and fishing techniques; a short video taken during the 1998 Nor'easter will show how these storms can affect our local bays; and Matt Heim will review his controversial legislation and what effect it might have on local waters. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

QUARTER AUCTION — Showell Elementary School, 11318 Showell School Road, Berlin. Doors open at 5 p.m., auction

starts at 6 p.m. First paddle costs \$5, additional paddles cost \$3 each. Food available. Benefits the Lioness Club of Berlin. Advance tickets: Donna, 410-251-9881 or Jackie, 410-973-1111.

CATS ADOPTION EVENT — Hosted by Town Cats and held at Petco, 12641-310 Ocean Gateway, White Marlin Mall, West Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kittens and cats available for viewing and adoption. Also, information and help with spaying and neutering of feral cats available. Info: Chris, 610-716-3704.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 9 a.m. to noon, through April 25. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc., and coffee. Suggested donation is \$7. Proceeds support the Huey Veteran's Memorial Display. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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.

SUN. March 15

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

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET — Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., 7:30-11:30 a.m. Menu includes belgian waffles, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, cereals, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for carry-outs, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free for children 4 and younger. Info: bfc@berlinfire.com.

HOMECOMING — Showell United Methodist Church, 10115 Pitts Road, 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Joan Wharton. Music provided by Charles Paparella. Meal to follow. Free will offering collected. Info: 302-436-8942.

SHARING SUNDAY — South Fire Station,

CALENDAR

located on Ocean Parkway (South Gate), Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. The Democratic Women's Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products. Supplies will be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL TRYOUTS — North Worcester County Athletic Complex, Field C, 2 p.m. For players from all four Worcester County High Schools age 19 and younger. Info: Otis Elzy, 443-783-1458.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 9 a.m. to noon, through April 26. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, etc., and coffee. Suggested donation is \$7. Proceeds support the Huey Veteran's Memorial Display. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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 16

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, the third Monday of each month. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Kate Patton, Executive Director for the Lower Shore Land Trust, will be the speaker. All women are to attend. Info: 814-322-2119.

TUES. March 17

'RETIREMENT - MAKING YOUR MONEY LAST' SEMINAR — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Two sessions scheduled, 3-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Learn about the realities of retirement and estate planning as well as how to remove the risks that could derail your plans. Free and open to the public. Registration is required: Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, 410-641-7052 or rec@oceanpines.org. Info: Teresa Travatello, 410-641-7717, ext. 3006 or ttravatello@oceanpines.org.

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.

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.

WED. March 18

RETIRED NURSES LUNCHEON — Siculi Italian Kitchen, 104 N. Main St., Berlin. Celebrating the group's 15th anniversary of the founding of the organization. Reservations required: 410-208-1390.

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

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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.

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ONGOING EVENTS

ANNUAL COMMUNITY SEDER — Sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Bat Yam and held at Holiday Inn Ocean Front, 6600 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, April 4, 5:30 p.m. Reservations must be received by March 25: 410-641-4311.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL CLUB — Luncheon meeting, third Tuesday, 1 p.m., Ocean Pines. Info: 410-208-1398.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN — Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday,

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

HELP FOR VETERANS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, third Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Michelle Licata, a representative from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, is on hand to help veterans (of any conflict) with whatever help they need in navigating available VA programs, need special assistance, etc. Info: Licata, 410-713-3482.

AARP — Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: aarp1917.org.

NAACP MEETINGS — NAACP meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome. Info: 443-944-6701.

DIABETES WORKSHOP — Indian River Senior Center, 214 Irons Ave., Millsboro, Del., 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Held weekly from Feb. 13 to March 20. This free workshop will cover healthy eating, ways to prevent low blood sugar/hypoglycemia, preventing or delaying complications, physical activity and exercise, reading nutrition labels, foot care and more. Pre-register: Laura Small, 410-629-6820. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital.

FREE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUPS — Takes place the third Wednesday of each month at Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 1-2 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month at Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1-2 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes and its treatment is invited to attend. Info: Worcester County Health Department, Prevention Services, 410-632-0056.

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FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Alexandra and Mike Richwalski participate in the annual Father-Daughter Dance on Feb. 28 at Stephen Decatur High School. About 150 graced the dance floor from the Worship Center, SonRise and Crossways churches in Berlin, co-sponsors of the event.



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CHECK PRESENTATION

Star Charities founder Anna Fultz, fourth from left, and her volunteers present a check for \$4,500 on Feb. 19 at the Ocean Pines Community Center to Maj. General Jim Adkins (retired), Maryland National Guard, center, to benefit Wounded Soldiers in Maryland. Accepting the check with Gen. Adkins was Col. Charles Kohler, third from left, also of the Maryland National Guard. The money was raised through Star Charities' annual Beef and Beer event on Jan. 9. Pictured, from left, are Ocean Pines Association President Dave Stevens, Lee Tilghman, Col. Kohler, Fultz, Mary Anne Adkins, Gen. Adkins, Paul Mazzei, Sandy McAbee and Peggy Rumberg.



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NALLY GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Nally, founder and principal at Lead Your Way Solutions, led Worcester Preparatory School's professional day activities on Feb. 16. Nally began his career as a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger and later worked in real estate development. His company strives to align organizational culture, increase employee morale and satisfaction, identify the best candidates for hire, increase employee retention, retain top-performers, and improve organizational efficiency. Pictured, from left, are math teacher, Kathy Fahey; Nally; session assistant, Sarah Clark, Headmaster Dr. Barry Tull, and English teacher, Kathleen Otway.



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WPS ART SHOW

Worcester Prep senior Mark Wilson shows some of the drawings he did for the school's art show, Feb. 27-28. Wilson's paintings, one of which was a winner in the Ocean City Optimist Art competition, were also in the exhibit.



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COLLECTING SUPPLIES

Stephen Decatur Middle School seventh grade science teacher, Megan Fenoglietto and her students organized a drive for the Stevenson United Methodist Church Spirit Kitchen in Berlin. After only a week of collections, students contributed 793 pounds of needed supplies.



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READ ACROSS AMERICA

Tuesday, March 3, was Read Across America Day in Annapolis. Delegates and senators were given the opportunity to donate books to the school library of their choice. Del. Carozza elected to donate a copy of the children's book "Chesapeake Rainbow" by Annapolis author Priscilla Cummings to each of the elementary schools in Legislative District 38C.

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

In lieu of a wok, cook stir fry in batches

The OCHMRA Show has come to an end, the brokers have moved on to the next town and I sit here recovering from more time standing on concrete.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Apparently, I must love the abuse that concrete affords my aging soles, since I spent the previous weekend in D.C. working the AIPAC convention. At least

this weekend I wasn't clocking 15 miles per day in my clogs. Note to self: Next time bring a couple different pairs of shoes. What was I thinking?

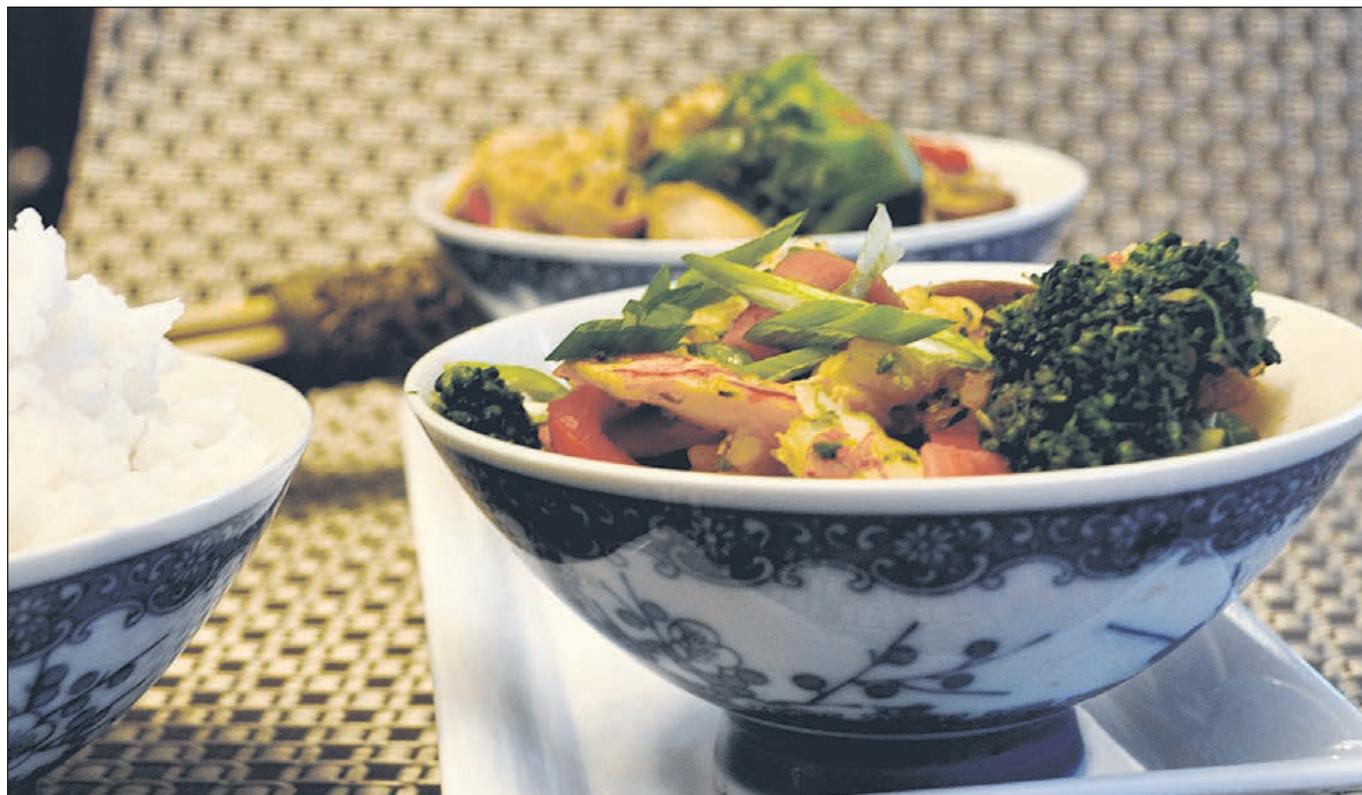
It took three days for my feet to recover from my D.C. trip, and when I got home, I decided to put on a pair of comfortable boots, but my feet wouldn't even fit in the footwear that once regularly housed my barking dogs.

This weekend, though, was no problem. I sat down a great deal and was able to talk to students, peruse the products on the show floor and see old friends in the business that I don't get to see anymore. On these weekends I realize that I need to get out more.

Upon driving home and taking our cat to get some stitches out (a long story for another time), it was time to hunker down and make dinner. As summer is approaching, we are getting out of our "fat is stored energy" phase – a euphemism for "convenience foods are easier to deal with than fresh foods," or as I like to repeat often, "the cobbler's children have no shoes".

On my way to the store to see if anything struck my fancy, I received the call: "the kids want stir fry." I can deal with that, as it is a fun meal to make and it will be nigh demolished despite the quantity that I make, despite the copious amounts of fresh vegetables.

Instruction on making a good stir fry would, of course, start by me telling you to buy a commercial wok with 100,000 BTU or more to cook everything in two minutes. Short of having one of these, which I do not, just cook your stir fry in



batches as is explained in the recipe.

This keeps the pan hot, minimizes the amount of water released into your ingredients and prevents the proverbial steaming that happens when sautéing large quantities of food in one go.

To start, you want to use the Chinese trinity, which is garlic, ginger and scallions (a decent replacement for the Chinese scallions, which are tough to find). Simply heat your oil and perfume it with the three ingredients and this becomes the basis for your stir fry.

You will have to repeat the process as you cook the various batches, but once that smell permeates the kitchen, I find it hard to believe that you would mind repeating the steps.

You'll notice in the ingredient list that I do recommend using a premade teriyaki sauce, and I will not apologize for that. The SoyVay line of products is fantastic and a quick add that will boost the flavor of your stir fry to new levels with little effort. Sometimes convenience products do work.

As you read this, you are probably smelling the garlic and ginger with a touch of the light scallions wafting through the air. I know that we are all satiated and resting with the smells of

stir fry success lingering in the air, a wonderful place to be after the last two weekends.

Chicken & Shrimp Stir-Fry

Serves 6

8 oz. Broccoli florets
2 c. Long grain rice
8 oz. Chicken breast, cut into 3/4" cubes
12 ea. 16/20 shrimp, peeled and halved
Sesame oil, as needed
3 cloves fresh garlic
1" fresh ginger, grated
Sesame seeds, as needed
1 bunch scallion greens, sliced thin
1 carrot, thinly sliced
1 red bell pepper, julienne
1 c. Sliced baby Portobello mushrooms
1 small can watercress
Soy sauce, as needed
SoyVay Veri Veri Teriyaki, as needed

Start rice by placing 2 cups rice and 4 cups water in a pan with ample salt and bringing it to a low boil.

Turn down to a simmer, cover and cook for 20 minutes or until the rice is nice and fluffy but not overcooked.

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil and blanch the broccoli, shocking in ice water when it is about 2 minutes from

being done. Dry and set aside.

Start your 'trinity' by heating a large sauté pan and coating the bottom with sesame oil and vegetable oil (I use a 1:1 ration because I find toasted sesame oil overpowering, but it's your call).

Add scallions, garlic and ginger, sesame seeds and cook quickly, ensuring that you don't scorch the garlic. If you do, start over

When the oil is perfumed and nice and hot, add the chicken, making sure not to overcrowd the pan.

When the chicken is mostly cooked, add the shrimp and cook until just barely underdone.

Remove and place on a plate, tossing in the SoyVay Teriyaki sauce.

Reheat pan with more oil and trinity (optional) and sauté all of your vegetables, finishing with soy sauce.

When the vegetables are cooked, add your protein back to heat up and finish cooking, season and serve topped with scallions and sesame seed.

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

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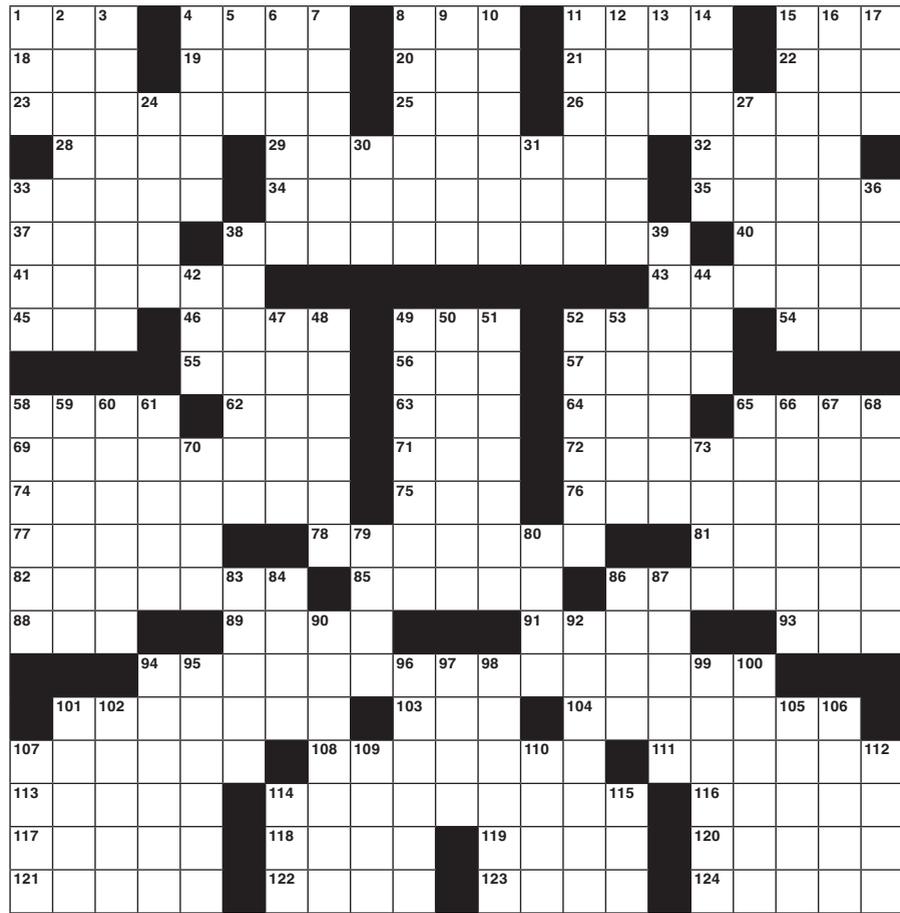


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BY TOM MCCOY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Exploit, e.g.
 - 4 Mountain cat
 - 8 All-_____
 - 11 Career
 - 15 "New Adventures in Hi-Fi" band
 - 18 Thickness
 - 19 Subject of a prophecy in Genesis
 - 20 Ad _____
 - 21 Eponymous Indian tribe
 - 22 Cry on the bridge
 - 23 The last one in, perhaps
 - 25 Toledo-to-Akron dir.
 - 26 "Why is a raven like a writing desk?" asker
 - 28 Move quickly, as clouds
 - 29 Shames into action
 - 32 Puts on
 - 33 Darlings
 - 34 Cross
 - 35 Confuse
 - 37 Capital near the 60th parallel
 - 38 Sushi coating, maybe
 - 40 Currency in Turkey
 - 41 Bully on "The Simpsons"
 - 43 "____ no doubt"
 - 45 Mess
 - 46 2009 Newbery-winning author Gaiman
- DOWN**
- 49 Where you might exchange tender for tenders
 - 52 Something off the top of your head?
 - 54 Particularly: Abbr.
 - 55 Make content
 - 56 El Amazonas, e.g.
 - 57 Hole punchers
 - 58 Heart-to-heart, e.g.
 - 62 Shaving _____
 - 63 Wood in Lucius Malfoy's wand
 - 64 Chum
 - 65 Setting for part of "Frankenstein"
 - 69 With 94- and 72-Across, a mnemonic for the first eight digits of [symbol in the middle of the grid]
 - 71 XV years before the Battle of Hastings
 - 72 See 69-Across
 - 74 "I" strain?
 - 75 Jeremy of the N.B.A.
 - 76 Like much of Italy in 700 B.C.
 - 77 Encrusted
 - 78 Atop
 - 81 _____ Bay, site of a historic Admiral Perry visit of 1853
 - 82 Israeli diet
 - 85 Disquietude
 - 86 "Carry on"
 - 88 It never starts with 666: Abbr.
 - 89 Beast imagined in "Beasts of the Southern Wild"
 - 91 "That makes sense now"
 - 93 Practice runners: Abbr.
 - 94 See 69-Across
 - 101 Trips up?
 - 103 Computing pioneer Lovelace
 - 104 Agitates
 - 107 It's revolting
 - 108 One way of learning, it's said
 - 111 Parish head
 - 113 Belch
 - 114 Risky venture
 - 116 Cropped up
 - 117 Snitch
 - 118 Fabled 90-Down
 - 119 Needle case
 - 120 Like two lowercase letters of the alphabet
 - 121 Mormon V.I.P.
 - 122 English author Blyton
 - 123 1/2, for one
 - 124 Brings around
 - 10 Stock of certain companies?
 - 11
 - 12 Like the previous clue (which originally read "Place of Jewish worship")
 - 13 Red Cross work
 - 14 Place to get clean
 - 15 How questions may be asked
 - 16 Derelict buildings, e.g.
 - 17 Eau holder
 - 24 Money in la banque or la banca
 - 27 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
 - 30 Bank inits.
 - 31 "Where would _____ without you?"
 - 33 Puts on
 - 36 [Good heavens!]
 - 38 Enter through the back door, say
 - 39 Frat Pack member Ben
 - 42 Slip-_____
 - 44 Slugger's stat, for short
 - 47 "Who goes there?" response
 - 48 Deadly
 - 49 One end of the hotline
 - 50 Pie part (that's appropriately placed in this puzzle?)
 - 51 Arrivals
 - 52 Betide
 - 53 Be in store for
 - 58 Threatens, as a king
 - 59 "____ Heroes"
 - 60 Like a body no longer at rest?
 - 61 x
 - 65 N.A.A.C.P. or N.C.A.A. part: Abbr.
 - 66 Trounced
 - 67 Ladies' man
 - 68 Church assemblies
 - 70 Tobacco chewers' chews
 - 73 & 79 Place to get spare parts
 - 80 Ear-related
 - 83 Key material
 - 84 Ballyhoo
 - 86 Hide
 - 87 Put on again
 - 90 Race loser
 - 92 Solve
 - 94 It always points down
 - 95 Football hiker
 - 96 Bivouacked
 - 97 Brouhahas
 - 98 Struck (out at)
 - 99 Escalator parts
 - 100 What money can be kept in
 - 101 Ear-related
 - 102 Cry exclaimed while facepalming
 - 105 More work
 - 106 Actress Parker
 - 107 Parcel (out)
 - 109 Rani's wear
 - 110 Bit
 - 112 Chianti and Beaujolais
 - 114 What's that in Italy?
 - 115 Train-track support



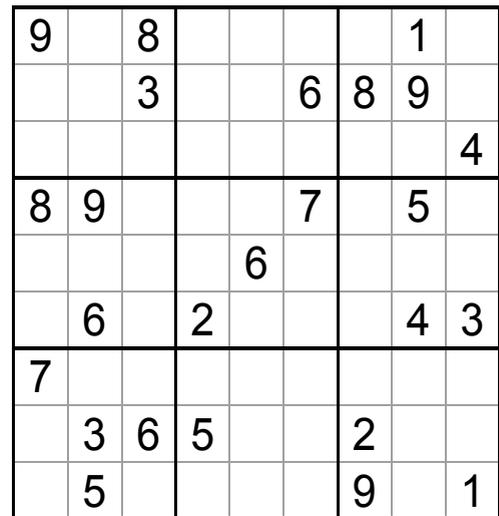
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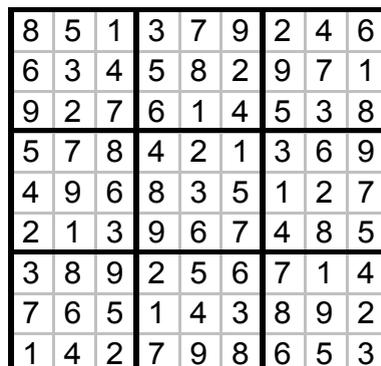
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HARD - 17

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



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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
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Saturday 10-1	505 Edgewater Ave.- Ocean City	4BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$599,900	Darryl Greer/Resort Real Estate
Saturday 10-4	14 45th St. Ocean City Sea Palms #402	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$244,900	Kevin Heselbach/Hileman Real Estate
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Saturday 11-2 p.m.	11 Nottingham Lane, Ocean Pines	5BR/3BA	Single Family	\$362,000	Debbie Bennington/BHHS
Saturday 2-4 p.m.	3801 Atlantic Ave, Diamond Beach #308	1BR/1BA	Condo	\$250,000	Jack & Joan Walter/Long & Foster
Saturday 2-5 p.m.	619 S. Surf Rd., Ocean City	3BR/3BA	Single Family	\$599,900	Steve Mastbrook/Long & Foster
Sunday 10-3	5405 Coastal Hwy. Sunset Bay #407 & 409	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$249,900	Kevin Heselbach/Hileman Real Estate
Sunday Noon - 2	501 Edgewater Ave. South Bay #302	3BR/1.5BA	Condo	\$669,900	Lauren Bunting/Bunting Realty
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