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Turnout for the 2016 Presidential primary was reportedly light during early voting, this week, at Gull Creek in Berlin.

Berlin budget draft unveiled; outlays include parks, police

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Berlin presented a balanced \$3.5 million draft of its fiscal year 2017 general fund budget during a public meeting at Town Hall on Monday.

The proposal included \$40,000 for a new contractual position to manage development at Berlin Falls park, as well as \$17,000 for three temporary seasonal employees to work there.

More than \$1.3 million in capital outlays for new police projects were outlined, largely reflecting the building of a new police station, and a \$66,000 request for two Ford Interceptors to replace older models.

Economic Development Director Ivy Wells asked for \$14,200 towards the trade-in of her town vehicle, as well as \$22,000 to improve the exterior of the visitor's center on Main Street. If the town approves that project, Wells said \$11,000 would come back in the form of façade grants.

Public works requested \$89,000 in capital expenses, including \$55,000 for a replacement vehicle.

Other significant capital projects were \$210,000 for streets and side-

walks, \$25,000 to help develop architectural design standards, \$16,300 to revamp the audio and video system in the main meeting room at Town Hall, and \$10,000 to replace equipment related to the town's public access TV station.

Health care costs to the town were projected to increase 5.48 percent, according to Managing Director Jeff Fleetwood and Chris Carroll of Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley, and Town Administrator Laura Allen recommended the town not increase its annual contributions to nonprofits.

Last year, Allen said the town gave \$35,000 to nonprofits, including \$10,000 to Atlantic General Hospital, \$7,500 to Diakonia and the Worcester County Development Center, and \$5,000 for the Cricket Center. She advised the same grants this year.

One item that caught the eye of at least two councilmembers was the \$58,000 allocated for credit card fees, tied to online payment of town services, including utility bills.

"I don't know if I agree with passing that cost onto taxpayers," Councilmember Dean Burrell said. "It's like a convenience fee. If you're going to pay with a credit card, I think that cost ought to be yours, because there's nothing stopping you from coming up here [and] paying your bill across the counter."

Councilmember Thom Gulyas agreed, saying the town, by absorbing costs, was essentially passing the fees onto the taxpayers.

Finance Director Natalie Saleh said Berlin currently pays for all online transaction costs, including \$46,000 budgeted during the previous fiscal year. She recommended the town continue to pay for credit card fees related to "essential services," including electric and other utility bills, while making consumers pay for other credit card fees, including obtaining permits online.

"If we're going to do it, it has to be everything or nothing," Mayor Gee Williams said.

The mayor and council, and town staff, will meet again on May 2, to discuss the utilities fund portion of the budget draft.

Early voting doesn't catch the worm

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Early voting continues through today, Thursday, at Gull Creek in Berlin, until 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, polls will be open throughout the state for the 2016 Presidential primary.

Voting opened on Thursday, April 14. As of Monday, volunteers from both parties said turnout appeared to be light.

Carol Frazier, vice chairwoman of the Republican Central Committee and a member of Republican Women of Worcester County, said turnout, during primary elections, was traditionally around 18-20 percent in the county.

"When you spread it over eight days, plus a primary day, it's just a trickle, basically," she said. "I was here for three hours here yesterday and I think maybe 15 people voted."

Frazier admitted the low participation was a little confounding, given the apparent intensity of interest, nationally.

"I think in other areas of the country, turnout is high. I can't really put my finger on why it is not here," she said. "The Eastern Shore is kind of different – it's the best place in the world and I wouldn't want to live any place different, but we don't always follow along with everybody else, which is a good thing. But I just don't see the level on interest here."

On the Democratic side, Lanny Hickman, treasurer of the Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County, agreed turnout was slow.

"We have no way of predicting or expecting, but it's probably reflective of the whole concept of turnouts, because we've had slow turnout in the last few elections," he said.

Still, Hickman said there were some

encouraging signs for the Democrats.

"The counts are lower, but the counts are pretty much equal for each party," he said. "Last year, that wasn't the case – Republicans had much greater turnout than the Democrats."

As to whether that trend would carry over into the general election, Hickman said he had no idea.

Inside, Elections Supervisor Patty Jackson said just 135 people had voted as of Monday, at 2:30 p.m. That was in line with numbers last week, including 189 on Sunday and 156 on Saturday.

Jackson blamed good weather for the slow-going vote, and said that could change on Tuesday, April 26, the official primary election day, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For a full list of voting locations, visit www.co.worcester.md.us/sites/default/files/2016-Polling-Locations.pdf.

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Local chef sets sights on national competition

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Last month, Barilla and culinary website Chef's Roll invited cooks across the county to "represent your region" in the 2016 Barilla Pasta Perfect competition.

Locally, chef Paul Suplee has taken up the charge and was one of just 188 chefs in the United States selected as a finalist.

"The competition rates a chef's ability to take a pasta dish and make it 'scream' a region," Suplee said. "Of course, mine is a salute to The Eastern Shore."

Suplee created a "Casarecce alla 'crab'onara" for the contest, which used Barilla casarecce pasta, tossed in carbonara, with a regional twist – the dish is dressed with blue crab and Virginia ham, fried in duck fat and garnished with Old Bay-cured egg yolks.



Paul Suplee

"In developing this dish, it was a no-brainer to include the blue crab, since it is freshly in-season," he said.

"Virginia ham was a close second, and frying it in duck fat renders a delicious, rich taste to replace the pancetta with which this dish is traditionally prepared. Finishing it off with Old Bay-cured egg yolks was a whimsical way to add a unique layer of flavor to make this dish really stand out."

Voting takes place online through April 26. As of press time, Suplee said he was sitting in second place.

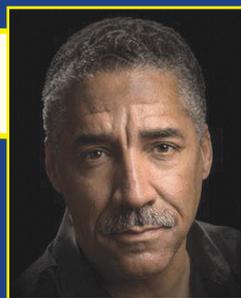
"First place has a commanding lead, so obviously I would love to drum up local support!" he said.

One winner of the competition will earn a coveted spot in Barilla's annual Modern Casual Retreat at Farmer Lee Jones' Culinary Vegetable Institute in Cleveland, along with a \$2,500 grand prize.

Ten runners-up will win a \$250 leather Jende knife roll.

To vote, visit www.woobox.com/stgrge/vote/for/14814546, and click on the "vote" button.

Suplee is an assistant professor of culinary arts at Wor-Wic Community College, and a regular contributor to the Bayside Gazette.



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New Pocomoke election to occur May 31 – maybe

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Pending any changes because of notification procedures from the Board of Elections Supervisors, Pocomoke City will hold either a new election or a “re-vote” on May 31.

Both Pocomoke City Mayor Bruce Morrison and City Attorney/City Manager Ernie Crofoot confirmed the new date, but each was quick to add it’s not really their call.

“We empower the Board of Election Supervisors to make these decisions,” Morrison said.

According to code, the Board of Supervisors of Elections “shall be in charge of registrations of voters, nominations and all city elections.”

When asked about the new date, Board President John Haynie replied via email: “The mayor will be letting everyone know at the meeting tonight.”

However, the meeting came and went without an announcement from Morrison. When approached after the meeting, Morrison relayed the information he said he had, which is a date of May 31, which was echoed by Crofoot.

Both said the date could change.

The section of the city’s charter governing elections is unclear on the subject. First, the charter requires advertisement in public places and in at least one newspaper of general circulation four weeks in advance of the election. Also, after two weeks, the code requires the board to publish additional notice to close nominations.

It is uncertain at this point if new nominations beyond incumbent George Tasker and challenger Sheila Nelson will be accepted. Morrison and Crofoot said they didn’t know, board counsel Bill Hudson said there was nothing in the charter that specifies what rules apply.

“There was a filing deadline for would-be candidates” for the previous, disputed election Hudson said, and added his opinion that the original filing date for the first election

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Susan Graeber



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Meg Walsh



Ray Ewing

About 70 artists participated in the 13th annual Paint Snow Hill and spent the past week capturing the sights of the county seat in works showcased and sold this past Sunday. Organizer Ann Coats, owner of Bishop’s Stock, said despite some challenging windy weather, feedback and sales have been overwhelmingly positive.

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About 70 artists paint Snow Hill

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Navigating the sidestreets of Snow Hill had been a little more challenging than usual this past week, as dozens of artists braved swirling winds and bracing tempera-

tures to capture what they saw as the essence of the county seat.

To be fair, there was a financial motive — artists were vying for Artists’ Choice award and the \$500 prize associated with it, as well as a “wet paint” show Sunday offering

pieces for sale — but the artists wouldn’t keep coming and the showcase wouldn’t fill in a brisk 40 minutes if there wasn’t anything worth seeing.

“We always have wonderful shows, See PAINT SNOW HILL Page 8

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Berlin, county and Maryland police prepare for Trump rally

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Given just more than 48 hours notice, Berlin police on Monday hastily began preparing for an unexpected visit from leading Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Trump was to hold a rally for supporters at Stephen Decatur High School Wednesday evening, after press time.

"We've been meeting ever since 10 o'clock to go ahead and get things together," Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said during a public meeting in Town Hall, Monday night. "We've already reached out to our non law-enforcement partners at the Berlin Fire Department [and] the fire marshal's office, and we've already spoken to our own public works and with state highway."

Downing said the concern was that demand would be high for the event, which would be held at a "small" venue, Decatur High School.

"It's going to be a process. We don't know how ... how many people actually will come for a few tickets," he said. "We're trying to prepare the best that we can."

He said Secret Service, Maryland State Police, and Ocean City, Wicomico

and Worcester county police also were involved in advance preparation for Trump's visit.

"We have all the law enforcement components coming together. It's been going really well [and] I think we came up with some good plans," he said. "We're hoping for the best."

Decatur announced the visit on Twitter at 3:35 p.m. on Monday, posting, "It's a historic moment in our school history - Presidential candidate Donald Trump will speak in our gym Wed. evening."

Reaction on the school's feed was decidedly mixed.

Twitter user @Jaymesdavidsonn tweeted, "God bless Donald J Trump," and @kylekellyo wrote, "that's awesome I am going to come back home to MD all the way from NY to see you speak!"

Meanwhile, @ScottDevenny commented, "I thought our school was more progressive than this. Sad to see that our school has taken a turn for the worst," and @Graceburt626 tweeted, "We're welcoming a storm of injustice and bigotry to our school gym."

Tickets were made available through Trump's official election website, www.donaldjtrump.com, as of Tuesday morning.

Wor. County Arts Council to host second Walk for the Arts

(April 21, 2016) The Worcester County Arts Council announces the second 5K Race/Walk for the Arts to be held on Saturday, May 21, at 8 a.m. in downtown Berlin.

This event is a fundraiser to increase the awareness and importance of arts in the communities. Runners of all ages are encouraged to participate. For event details, schedule and registration, visit

www.octrirunning.com. Each race entry includes a free one-year membership to the Worcester County Arts Council.

Various sponsorship opportunities are offered. For details, download the sponsorship commitment form from the WCAC website, www.worcester-countyartsCouncil.org.

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Pines cmte. trying to regroup after 'unmitigated disaster'

By **Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) "I think we're on our own, guys."

That was the message of Steve Cohen, chairman of the Ocean Pines Comprehensive Planning Committee, said at the start of a meeting in the community center last Thursday.

The committee is attempting to regroup, following what many considered to be a calamitous meeting with the board of directors last month.

"The last board meeting ... would, I believe, charitably be called an unmitigated disaster," Committee member Frank Daly said. "It is our job to go in front of [the directors] with a deliverable [message] and have backup and have a clear understanding of what that deliverable is going to be."

By all accounts, that did not happen.

Daly said the committee had not effectively communicated just what kind of information the in-progress comprehensive plan would contain, and that the committee members were often not "on the same page."

According to Pat Renaud, president of the board and the liaison to the committee, the consensus among the other directors was, "let's dump this project – we don't want to do it anymore."

"I've got five [of seven] people that are against this project," Renaud said. He added that he was one of the two who still supported the committee's work.

For just over a year, the committee had been working with Salisbury University group BEACON (Business Economic and Community Outreach Network), led by Dr. Memo Diriker. BEACON was commissioned to perform a communitywide survey that would help inform a new comprehensive plan.

"The disconnect [between the board and the committee] came when we got the survey questions from Dr. Diriker," Renaud said. "We sent them to every member of the committee asking you comment on them one way or the other. A lot of people didn't ... a lot of you didn't do anything."

The committee then presented a draft of the survey to the directors, Renaud said, without first vetting questions.

"That was the wrong thing to do," he said.

Daly suggested a new strategy, and presented a "table of contents" for a comprehensive plan, along with a rough outline, borrowed from the 2008 draft. He also used planning documents from St. Michaels, Maryland to fill in some of the blanks.

"This is what I would come to you, as a committee member and homeowner, and say, 'this is what should be in the Ocean Pines comprehensive plan,'" he said. "If you buy this as the outline ... which merges the past good work of the committee with what we know about now in terms of a good comprehensive plan ... then you can say, OK, where are we going to get this data?"

That, he said, is where the survey potentially comes in. He suggested the

committee work to refine the outline first, then develop the questionnaire and present both to the board for approval.

Members of the committee debated whether the finished survey would be sent to Ocean Pines homeowners, or all residents – including renters. Previously, Diriker proposed that as many as five people per household could respond to the questions.

"When we go to vote for the board of directors, our household gets one vote. So the question is, why would we give – if we talk about anything that potentially affects an opinion on what we should do with our assessment – nonresidents five votes, when we get only one?" Daly said.

Committee member Tom Butler said the survey, and the plan, was not an assessment, nor was it to be used as "a voting tool."

"It is what our community is," he said. "Dependent upon how you sit in a community, you're going to have a different perspective of it. If you're a golfer, you may look at this community as a golfing community. If you're a boater or waterman or like aquatics, you might very well look at this community as a vacation community, or someplace I can go in the summertime."

"Every one of those view points ... are very valid," Butler continued. "But, they are not viewpoints as homeowners – they are viewpoints as a community. Therefore, every one of those viewpoints [are] stakeholders with a different perspective on the community."

Those stakeholders, Butler said, also included merchants and renters.

"These are all things that help make a community. And, as I understood it ... when we started this thing many years ago, it was to discuss it as a community, to talk about the comprehensive strategic plan from a community perspective," Butler said. "When the board of directors are talking about it, they're interested in one freaking thing only – maybe two. The first thing is, how I get reelected, and the second thing is, how much is it going to cost me?"

Daly said the committee could present that perspective to the board, but first had to develop a rationale for it – and be able to defend that rationale.

"I think what you need to do is to continue developing the way Frank is talking about," Renaud said. "I think it's a good idea – just lay a little low for a while. The board is not taking any action that I know of ... to disenfranchise you."

"Right now they're very disappointed. I won't say they aren't – they are," Renaud added.

"They can't be more disappointed than we are," Butler said.

"Oh, yes they can. A lot of them think it's a failure – [the survey] is just a bunch of smokescreens, and it's not going to do anything," Renaud said. "Put something together for the board so they can understand it and see it. Otherwise, if you don't do that, they're not going to vote for it."

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A machine malfunction is being blamed for a disparity of votes between the number of individuals who participated in the election and the number of votes cast.

Tasker, for his part, was adamant that this was not a new election, but a “re-vote,” to be decided between the existing candidates. However, this process is described nowhere in the charter.

Special elections are provided for and are to be conducted “in the same manner, and as far as practicable, as regular city elections” in the charter, which would allow for an entirely new election.

“There is a provision for a recount, but unfortunately the technology used didn’t create a record that could be recounted,” Hudson said. Paper ballots, or voting machines equipped

with “paper packs” could have avoided this issue, he continued.

The charter specifically states “The candidate or candidates for Councilman with the highest number of votes in each general election shall be declared elected as Councilman,” and requires elections to be certified 12 hours from the time the polls are closed.

“It’s unprecedented and whoever drafted the charter didn’t envision this situation. The Board of Election Supervisors are trying to craft the best resolution they can,” Hudson said.

And it may yet not be over. “A candidate or voter would have standing to seek judicial review of the refusal to certify. I assume if a candidate or voter didn’t agree the board had the authority to do what they are now doing they can seek judicial review,” Hudson said.

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Penn. painter Julie Riker earns Artist’s Choice prize

■ PAINT SNOW HILL continued

but this year 100 percent of the artists hit home runs. Many of the other artists have told me, and I agree, that the quality was just outstanding — perhaps the best ever,” organizer Ann Coates said.

In the end it was Julie Riker, a professional artist from Pennsylvania, who won the Artist’s Choice prize — not for a single painting, like in previous years, but for the body of work produced during the three-day event.

“She’s a young woman perfecting her painting and it was her first year participating. Hands down she was far ahead of the pack. The artists choose the winner themselves and vote as a group,” she explained.

Riker was similarly impressed with the town.

“This was my first year participating in Paint Snow Hill and I loved it. It’s a beautiful area with lots of great subject matter for painting — lovely Victorian homes, farmlands, old interesting structures, marshes and docks — the opportunities for painting are endless,” Riker said.

But Riker’s works weren’t the only ones in demand, as Coates said about 60 paintings have already been sold, and a few more were selected for display at her gallery, Bishop’s Stock, in downtown Snow Hill. Coates will host a show based upon the art created during Paint Snow Hill in May.

“It’s been a record year — we’ve sold more paintings this year than we ever have before,” she said.

Based on the purchase price, one quarter goes to support Snow Hill’s Arts and Entertainment district, while the artist retains the balance.

Coates said the money is rein-

vested into the event.

“We used to buy lights and panels for the preview and show,” she said. “We changed some lights to LED and found they really work well and look very professional — they just cost \$400 each.”

With 30 panels and dozens of paintings, the costs add up quickly. Luckily, Snow Hill offers a variety of scenes: pastoral, architectural and maritime, which gives artists plenty to work with.

But that doesn’t mean it was always easy.

“We had some strong winds out of the northeast, but the artists are resilient and know how to handle themselves,” she said.

Nor does it mean what catches the artist’s eye can be predicted from one year to the next.

“Downtown has some interesting buildings, both from the front and the back,” Coates said. However, she said it was the back of the buildings that drew more attention than in years past.

But the event isn’t really all that cutthroat, Coates said.

“The most competitive part is making the registration. I’ve been told the artists program the date and time in their phones. This year we were full in 40 minutes,” she said.

Most of the artists stayed in Snow Hill.

“We hosted 34 artists here in town. Some stayed with friends or at the beds and breakfasts, while others brought their campers and stayed at the park,” she said. “They shopped at Food Rite, ate at Harvest Moon or Blue Dog and basically kept to the town. I did a little business too.”

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Cannery Village weathering delays

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Berlin is getting closer to issuing occupancy permits for more than a dozen homes at Cannery Village, although sewer system issues still persist at the new affordable housing complex.

In an email dated April 14, developer Andrew Hanson, vice president of Osprey Property Company LLC, said water meters had been set for lots 1 through 22.

"[Lots] 1 through 15 will be final today or tomorrow, and it is up to the town to issue [occupancy orders]," Hanson said. "It has always been up to the town."

During a phone interview on April 14, Mayor Gee Williams agreed that the town was close.

"The first certificates of occupancy should be given by the end of the week if everything falls into place," he said, adding that orders for all townhomes on the property were likely "within two-to-three weeks."

"Within the next month, everything that can be occupied, I think, will be ready for occupancy," he said. "One thing I do want to make clear is that the problems with getting a certificate of occupancy approved for the development – it's all because we require all the town standards to be met. We're not going to accept a system that does not

meet town standards that the citizens of Berlin are going to be responsible for, in perpetuity."

Williams said he believed original estimates were that the first wave of Cannery residents would move in last November.

"That was the original estimate that we heard," he said. "You don't criticize good news, but I'm not sure that – given what everyone knows now – that they would have been that optimistic."

"I think, in this case, everybody tried to make this happen as quickly as they can, but, still, I hope people remember that the groundbreaking just happened in May," Williams added. "In the greater scheme of things, we've gone from a completely undeveloped lot that was mostly forested, to the first rent-to-own, affordable community project, in less than a year. We'd love to have had people in there earlier, but there's the real world out there and it doesn't care about schedules."

He also said he was optimistic that an accord would soon be reached between Hanson and residents on Flower Street, whose properties abut Cannery Village and who asked for a barrier around the complex.

During the last several weeks, Williams said he and several residents took walking tours of the area.

"We discussed some ideas that we all agreed sounded very practical and rea-

sonable, and would be effective both in the short-term, and – hopefully – for the foreseeable future," he said. "My next step is then to set up a time when I can talk to Mr. Hanson, and discuss with him the ideas that the residents of that neighborhood and myself discussed."

"I'm hopeful. I don't think that anyone's proposing anything that would be unreasonable, and, in many cases, many of the ideas are based on one of Mr. Hanson's proposals," Williams added. "I think I can say with confidence I'm hopeful – I'm not going to say it's a done deal. If both sides want to make it work, it'll last and be a permanent solution – not a temporary one."

On Monday, however, Town Administrator Laura Allen said the project was still trying to overcome a few minor issues, related to its sewer system, before Berlin could issue occupancy orders.

She said she met with Hanson and Water Resources/Public Works Director Jane Kreiter, that morning.

"Things are moving along, and I would expect, shortly, to be issuing some CO's (certificates of occupancy) later this week," she said. "It's all predicated on getting things set up so that the systems function well for the folks that are moving in. We just have a few little things to work out."

Allen said 17-22 homes were close to passing town inspections.

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Two opinions on Ocean Pines reserve study

Dir. Terry upbeat on DMA doc., tool; says next step was setting percent policy

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Veteran OPA Director Tom Terry came away from the April 11 special meeting with an extremely positive view of the reserve study conducted by Design Management Associates Inc.

"I really feel like DMA delivered exactly what they had promised and proposed to deliver," he said. "I think the tool that they have given us is going to help a lot in being able to assess the impact of how much reserves we need in Ocean Pines."

What DMA essentially created, Terry said, was an "independent assessment of the various components [of Ocean Pines] and the condition of the buildings," as well as the life expectancy of virtually all of the association's assets.

"I think there's just an enormous amount of information in there that was done by an independent set of engineers and independent business that we can look at and count on to help us make decisions," he said.

That information was put into an XML spreadsheet that can be updated whenever new numbers, or data sets, are available.

"I think the tool is very flexible, meaning we can take a look at the various options that we may do, and if we do one action, how does that affect other investments and how it all fits together," Terry said. "I'm very excited about having a tool like this available to us, most importantly done by an independent voice, who has looked at everything we've got. Not the least of which, we also have a complete inventory of all

of the pieces that Ocean Pines has, and a means of tracking all of them."

Previously, Terry said most of Ocean Pines' assets were only tracked within its accounting books.

He admitted some of the numbers in the study needed to be updated, simply because some have changed since the study started in October.

"But, that's the idea – to be able to update it, year by year, on an ongoing basis that allows us to have a very flexible ability to analyze what we have and what major decisions we need to make," he said.

To his knowledge, Terry said this was the first time Ocean Pines had a tool of this sort at its disposal.

"I don't know that we've ever had all of [the data] with an assessment of lifespan from engineers independently assessing it and giving us their view, all in one place," he said. "That's what I find most intriguing."

"There are those that are going to be skeptical. In the end, once [Doug Greene from DMA] got into the report and he started explaining it, both in the component model and the cash flow model, being able to show, right there on the screen, the impact of where we are and what the trends will be in the future and what they have to be to meet the needs of Ocean Pines – it was pretty darned obvious as to what this tool allows us to do. It allows us to have a fairly unemotional answer as to where we stand," Terry added.

He said the next step is for the board to set a policy that says exactly what percentage Ocean Pines will fund its reserves. At present, they appear to be well below the levels DMA recommend – in several areas – including roads, bulkheads and replacement reserves.

"We need to say what that level is," he said. "We can drive many decisions based on that. You have to have some cornerstone policies that you're going to live by, and you have the company who put all this together saying to you,

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Dir. Herrick suggests plan should come first, before Pines sets funding levels

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Freshman OPA Director Tom Herrick said he still has plenty of questions following an April 11 special meeting about the new reserve study conducted by Design Management Associates Inc.

"I think it's got to be addressed and looked into with a little more detail," he said. "I also think that we need to get some feedback in some regard from the association membership, exactly what they see in a capital facilities improvement plan – and how they would like the direction of our community to go in the future – before we decide to start funding reserves."

"Before we start figuring out how much we need to fund, we need a plan," Herrick added.

During the meeting, DMA Senior Partner Doug Greene presented the study in the form of an adjustable XML spreadsheet, grouping Ocean Pines' assets and estimating when they will need to be repaired or replaced.

The tool, Herrick said, was fine, but the priorities of the association were being looked at backwards.

"I think the tool would be effective if we know what we want to spend the money on and what we want to do as a community," he said. "I think the tool that's incorporated in the study itself would be very useful."

Herrick said he has not made any decisions as to what level Ocean Pines needs to fund its reserves, a question that came up repeatedly during the meeting.

He also said he was surprised that legacy reserves, which, in theory, are set

aside to fund replacement of major assets, was phased out in 2019 in the study.

"You get different opinions, but it seemed like the consensus ... was that that was not to be phased out – that it was something that was going to be kept there until we decided exactly what we were going to do with our facilities," he said. "Until that's decided, I don't think we should do away with it totally. I think we first need a good plan, and we don't have that."

Herrick referred to the "three-legged stool" of the reserve study, comprehensive plan and capital improvement plan. Only portions of each one have been completed.

"The three-legged stool, partially, was meant to get some feedback from the membership on what they want for the future," he said. "Where the BEACON study [part of the comprehensive plan] maybe went astray, was the fact that they were asking people from outside the community – instead of the association members, who are paying the bills – exactly what they see for the future."

"To me, that's the most important part of the three-legged stool, and they put that at the end," he said. "That should be in the forefront. We should get some type of feedback from the membership – let them tell us what direction they're looking for the board to represent them and go. Then, we can come up with a plan, based on what the community wants, and then figure out what the reserves should be to fund that plan."

Ocean Pines' comprehensive planning committee was working with Salisbury University group BEACON to conduct a communitywide survey that would be available to every resident, including renters.

Herrick said the survey instead should be exclusive to homeowners, and that the draft questions were too broad and too vague. He suggested the board use the survey to gauge public interest on a specific set of topics.

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Tom Terry



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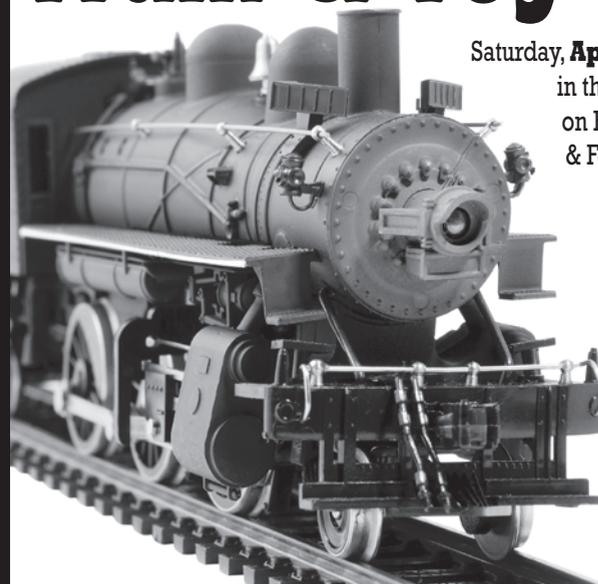
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Modest crowd, but rich information

Bertino, Bunting and Wor. Co. CAO Higgins talk '17 budget challenges at mtg.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 21, 2016) While by no means filling up the room, the Ocean Pines residents who did attend a town hall meeting on April 14 departed with a wealth of knowledge regarding Worcester County government's budgetary challenges for FY 2017.

The modest crowd of less than two-dozen at the Ocean Pines library saw a detailed Power Point presentation from County Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins. The data driven slide show laid out hard numbers for property and income tax rates, general fund revenues and assessable tax base levels.

"Our tax base has decreased by \$5 billion yet the state asks for \$761,000 more (in school funding)," he said. "Their answer is to raise property taxes and income taxes."

In FY 2009 Worcester County's state-calculated assessable tax base was \$20.2 billion, a figure that has dwindled to \$15.2 billion for FY 2017. Even that, however, is an improvement over the \$14.9 million assessment for the two previous fiscal years. County property values took the hard-

est hit in FY 2013, when they dropped to \$15.8 billion from a prior year figure of \$17.5 billion.

The meeting was organized and presided over by County Commissioners Chip Bertino and Commissioner President Jim Bunting, both of whom represent Ocean Pines. In his closing comments, Bertino referenced inequitable math to counter the state's financial logic as regards the schools funding formula, which mandates a specific level financial support from the county.

"We have two less students next year, but we have to pay \$761,000," he said. "Its not fair. We spend the most statewide by student."

Seemingly representing consensus on the contention, Bertino explained the commissioners are writing a letter highlighting their issues with state financial formulas.

"We'll be working over the summer to see if we can get something done in that regard," he said.

Other challenging FY 17 budget figures Higgins' presentation focused on was an approximately \$6.5 million shortfall between estimated revenues,

at approximately \$187.4 million, and requested expenditures, approximately \$193.9 million.

Bunting said the commissioners are working to identify spending reductions or locate additional revenue to balance the budget.

"It's a moving target and we've already started trying to close that gap," he said.

Possible budget cuts may be limited, as numerous Worcester residents are financially challenged and likely rely on municipal services for survival. For example, Bertino said 43.4 percent of county students currently qualify for free or reduced school lunches.

"In the southern part of the county it's extraordinary the number of families that live below the poverty line," he said.

Although Worcester registered the lowest income tax rate and second lowest property tax rate among Eastern Shore counties in 2016, Bertino was dismissive of creating additional revenue through either stream.

"We're not going to have a tax increase this year," he said. "Last year, we were looking at a tremendous

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'In the southern part of the county it's extraordinary the number of families that live below the poverty line'
County Commissioner
Chip Bertino

Terry: OPA reserves are 'not even close'

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'you're sitting on five percent,' virtually, on all the [reserves]. You're not even close to being where we need to be.

"There's no question there's got to be updates, but, all in all, the tool is really fantastic," Terry said. "I thought the board went through this presentation very well, receiving it, learning, paying attention, understanding ... There's still a whole lot more to learn and know, and this is not something that's going to be done in the next two or three weeks. This is a month after month effort to get us prepared for the development of the budget.

"There's a lot of good, serious, honest data available to us now for us to use, to start analyzing. I think Bob [Thompson] has got some evaluation to do, along with the staff, and we need to all work together, based on this information and using this tool, to do the options. That's the strength of this tool, as long as we find a way to use it effectively."

Herrick: 'help me to help' members

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"What do you want to do with the North Gate Bridge? What do you want to do with the parks and rec? Do we want to treat this community like an HOA, or do we want to open up our doors and have everybody else come in here? That's something that the association members should have feedback on how they want the board to proceed in the future," he said.

"I definitely think [the committee] could be capable of something like that," Herrick added. "They just need to focus on what the membership wants - and not what other people want - and ask the hard questions. I want to know exactly what you want to do with issues that we have in this community - not a feel-good, 'what do you want to see in the future?'"

"The board should have some input, with the comprehensive planning committee, to go over these questions. Help me to help [the membership]. That's really what I'm looking for."

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Hudson resigns from finance cmte.

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(April 21, 2016) Ocean Pines volunteer Dennis Hudson understands the concept of a Pyrrhic victory, and knows to win the larger war you avoid becoming mired in personal battles.

With an apparent impasse surmounted regarding inequitable county funding levels, Hudson opted to resign from the Ocean Pines Association Budget and Finance Committee.

"Sometimes you just have to step to the side," Hudson said.

The move followed an April 8 meeting at the Ocean Pines Library that included County Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting, OPA Finance Committee Chairwoman Pat Supik, OPA Vice President Cheryl Jacobs, OPA Treasurer Tom Terry and county Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins.

This year Ocean Pines has requested approximately \$1.84 million in grant funding from the county, which reflects about an 80 percent increase over last year's allocation of more than \$1.1 million.

By comparison Berlin's FY 17 budget request of \$1.79 million reflects a two percent increase, Pocomoke has asked for \$1.53 million or a four percent raise, and Snow Hill

is seeking a 10 percent escalation at \$1.62 million.

At an OPA Budget and Finance Committee meeting on March 23, Hudson, along with fellow committee member John Trumpower, aired their frustrations regarding higher levels of funding to the three county municipalities.

According to Hudson, Ocean Pines serves a population of 11,710 year-round residents, which is more than the combined populations of Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill at 10,864. He also noted that Ocean Pines ponies up three to four times more in property and income taxes than other towns in Worcester. The result is Ocean Pines receives the lowest funding per resident among these communities.

"This has been going on for five years," Hudson said. "People need to know what's going on."

At the March 23 meeting, Terry acknowledged that for the past five years Ocean Pines has submitted budget requests in line with the amounts Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill are allocated.

"This is the first year that it's been put really out into the sunlight, because it was time quite frankly," he said. "After five years, it's enough."

There is the impression that Ocean Pines can easily sustain services be-

cause it has more resources, Terry argued.

"In past years, some of the positioning has been, Ocean Pines charges too much for dues, so they don't need any money," he said. "They have too much in reserves, so they don't need any money."

With frayed nerves clearly visible, the gathering on April 8 provided an opportunity to educate and placate. Lasting about an hour and 20 minutes, Terry said the meeting was informative.

"We learned how the county designs its budget," he said. "We just talked through where we were and how we could move forward to address the funding in Ocean Pines, and what's the formula, so we got educated in how they do it."

Looking ahead, Terry said Ocean Pines wants to work with the county and focus on providing equal services.

"We need to line up plans so each side knows what the other is doing," he said. "We're looking at population numbers but their formulas are not tied to population."

Another nuance of county funding that affects the Ocean Pines parks and recreation budget was also brought to light.

"One of the issues that came up in that meeting that I did not know
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Slight property tax hike could be part of county budget

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chasm and we worked darn hard to close that gap."

Difficult decisions regarding personnel and infrastructure were recalled by Bertino.

"For the fourth straight year, we weren't able to give county employees a raise," he said. "They understood and continued to do their jobs the best they could. We have a number of roads in the county that have not been repaved for a number of years."

Higgins' presentation showed that the \$6.5 million shortfall between revenues and expenditures could be funded by increasing property taxes by three and a half cents. Worcester's present rate of .835 per \$100 of assessed value is just below Queen Anne's .847 figure, and significantly higher than Talbot's .536 bottom tier rate. If Worcester's rates were increased to .87, it would still rank below the .952 tax rate in Wicomico.

The county will hold a FY 17 operating budget public hearing at Snow Hill High School on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. The commissioners have budget work sessions scheduled on May 10, May 18 and May 24. FY 17 budget and tax rate adoption takes place on June 7.

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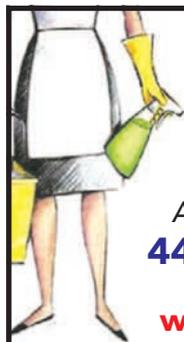
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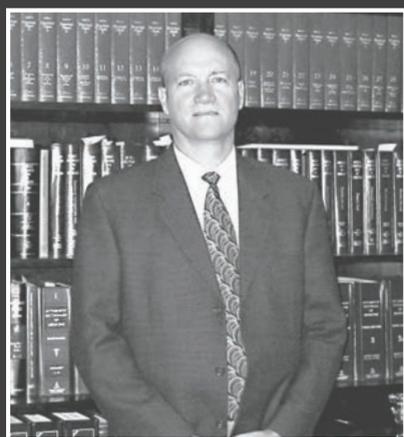
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Hudson hoping to remain involved in Pines community

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about was that the county can not fund anything that we have a pricing differential in," he said. "In other words, if we charge more for a non-OPA member to do something, none of their funds can go for that — it all has to be equal."

Asked to comment on Hudson's sayonara following what all involved parties characterized as an amicable meeting, Terry had no comment,

while Bertino expressed surprise at the departure.

For his part Hudson said he remains an involved community member and will continue to educate neighbors on issues of importance to Ocean Pines.

"I've been criticized that we didn't do a good job," he said. "For a volunteer, it's too much hassle. I really want them to concentrate on Ocean Pines — not on me."

Free educational seminars to be held in Ocean Pines

(April 21, 2016) The public is invited to attend one or more of the free informational seminars offered by the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department in the month of April. All seminars will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

Before a crisis happens, learn how to express your healthcare wishes, on Thursday, April 21, from 10-11 a.m. A social worker from Coastal Hospice will discuss how to put an advance directive in place, and will assist participants with filling out the forms.

Hileman Real Estate's Terri Bradford and Bethany Drew will present "Staging Your Home for Sale ... Get it Sold!" on Wednesday, April 27 from 3-5 p.m. They will discuss how to appeal to today's homebuyer, and share tips for making a successful sale.

State Farm Insurance agent Greg Reddell will discuss estate planning and long-term care at a seminar on Thursday, April 28, from 3:30-5 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. He will cover retirement realities, estate planning and how to remove risk that can derail plans.

Then, on Friday, April 29 from 5:30-7 p.m., Sonjia Tucker, a nurse practitioner at Atlantic General Hospital, will address living with chronic pain and how an interventional pain clinic can help.

All of these seminars are free and open to the public, but registration is required and spaces are limited. For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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Pocomoke to host monthly 4th Friday art stroll this week

Downtown open late as creativity takes over; town to honor H.S. sports teams

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) The upcoming 4th Friday Art Stroll in Pocomoke will serve as a backdrop to honor both the Pocomoke High School Basketball and Field Hockey teams for their state championship wins.

"We want everyone to wear their Pocomoke Warriors gear or blue and gold to show support for our teams," Pocomoke City Downtown Project Coordinator Karah Lacey said. "We'll be honoring them at 5:30."

For the rest of the time between 5 and 8 p.m., the monthly art stroll will follow the same basic structure as it has for the past three years. Downtown shops will be open late, artists and vendors will be exhibiting their wares, and games, music and fun will fill the air.

Along with free attendance to the event and the local museums, including the Delmarva Discovery Center, the Costen Museum and the Sturgis One Room Schoolhouse, the streets will be lined with paintings, photos, crafts, jewelry and sculpture — all available for purchase.

"We're opening it up to some more vendors — I've always been of the opinion that the more the merrier," Lacey said.

What Lacey describes as "flea market" or "yard sale" type vendors are still verboten, but certain kinds of resellers, such as cosmetics and handbags, are allowed. "There's just so much," Lacey said. "We do try to mainly focus on artists."

Paintings, photography, home décor, handmade soaps and body lotions will all be on display and on sale during the event.

"Jewelry is probably the most popular. It's a great chance for a unique, handcrafted piece," she said.

Musicians Alex and Shilo will perform.

Expect between 20 and 35 vendors, Lacey said, and a couple of hundred fellow browsers. More may be possible, as this is the inaugural 4th Friday for Pocomoke City this year. The series stops in September.

"The trend is starting to pick up. I talked with the organizers of the Berlin and Salisbury events, and they said the most important thing is to persevere. It was very encouraging," Lacey said.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, drinks and snow cones will be available for purchase.



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Sarah Slaysman Joins Embrace Home Loans Ocean City Branch

Embrace Home Loans is pleased to welcome Sarah Slaysman, Loan Officer, to the Rhode Island based lender's Ocean City branch. Slaysman brings with her more than 15 years of experience in mortgage banking. She has also placed in the top 3 in Gallop Customer Engagement and Associate Engagement surveys over the past five years. As a result of her exceptional customer service skills, Slaysman has consistently exceeded quarterly and annual sales goals, most recently for WSFS Bank.

Slaysman joined Embrace for a number of reasons. "I really wanted to work in the community where I live and where my kids go to school. This was a huge factor in choosing Embrace. I did a lot of research to see what kind of reputation Embrace had and what was important to them. I learned that customer service - doing the right thing for the borrower - was particularly

important to the company. And, because it is so important to me as well, I chose Embrace." So far Slaysman has not been disappointed. "I look forward to coming into the office. The team I work with here impresses me every day. Our branch manager leads with real enthusiasm and the team is smart, efficient and hard working."

When it comes to current market conditions, Slaysman takes a global view. "While there are financial struggles happening all over the world, as well as in our own country, I am optimistic. Day in and day out I see people working hard, saving money and willing to make tough choices so they can enjoy homeownership, rather than being burdened by it." While Slaysman enjoys helping home buyers purchase a home, she also enjoys assisting customers refinance existing mortgage loans. "I very much enjoy helping a borrower refinance a high interest loan into a lower, more manageable rate so that they are able to save money or finally take that much deserved vacation." Slaysman is adamant that customers not assume they won't qualify. "It's so important that everyone who can, takes advantage of these low rates while they last."

Slaysman was born and raised in Maryland. She graduated from Harford Community College. She has been a member of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce since 2010 and over the past five years has served as Volunteer Director of Bike to the Bay Finish Line and the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition 5K. Slaysman currently resides in Ocean Pines, MD with her husband and two children.

Sarah Slaysman NMLS ID # 732579, is employed by Embrace Home Loans and is licensed in Maryland and Delaware.

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Town of Berlin pens 'love letter' to three parks

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Preeminent, perennial volunteer Mike Wiley was the first person to arrive in Stephen Decatur Park Saturday morning at about 8:15 a.m. He came, armed with work gloves and gardening tools, a clipboard, and a box of yellow rubber bracelets, which read, "I have Berlin pride."

Mayor Gee Williams arrived next, followed by dozens of volunteers eager to get to work on a temperate, sunny morning, during the town's annual Berlin Clean-Up Day.

By 8:30 a.m., parks commission member Patricia Dufendach had arrived as well, pulling a wagon full of utensils behind her. She would largely direct the traffic of workers in the park that day.

"Today, the Berlin community came together to get rid of winter's ills and bring spring along," Dufendach said. "It was a lot of weeding. We've taken some time to put some gardens in, which, of course, takes weeding. And it was a lot of trimming, pulling out of noxious chickweed and dandelions."

Decatur Park, on Tripoli Street, is home to the most-trafficked playground in Berlin.

"Generally, it was a lot of getting together and cleaning up," Dufendach said. "If you're going to walk around the pathways [in the park] you'll notice a difference. You'll also notice a lot of love and care has gone into it. I kind of think of Clean-Up Day as a love letter from the people of Berlin to the parks."

Other helpers showed up at Berlin Falls, along with members of the public works staff, to help invigorate two long-neglected flowerbeds outside of the main building on Old Ocean City Boulevard.

That included cleaning and weeding the beds, planting dozens of flowers, and topping the areas off with mulch.

"We took a very small step towards beautifying the front of Berlin Falls park, and we're looking forward to opening the park up for passive use at the end of the spring," Town Administrator Laura Allen said. "I think people will be excited to see what it looks like."

At William Henry Park on Flower Street, volunteers and town staff installed four new park benches, added several new plants, mulched areas around the playground and picked up trash.

Most of the day's work was finished by noon, when people from all three parks gathered at Henry for a free lunch – hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and lemonade – cooked by members of SonRise Church.

"I think it's great to see people from the community come out to help beautify the town," Allen said. "It makes me feel appreciative that I live in such a nice place, where people are really willing to pitch in and help."



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Volunteers line up at Stephen Decatur Park, Saturday, to take part in Berlin Clean-Up Day.

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Annual Democrat dinner draws talk of party past, future

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Top local Democrats outlined their platform for the 2016 election during the 2016 Kennedy-King dinner in Berlin Saturday.

The event, held at the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street, raised money for the Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County, and including speeches by Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Sen. Jim Mathias, and former Salisbury Mayor Jim Ireton.

Ireton, who is running for U.S. House District 1 in the state – a seat currently held by Republican Andy Harris – emceed the evening’s festivities, which included a presentation by the Snow Hill Honor Guard, and a keynote address from Fred Mason, the president of the Maryland and D.C. chapter of the AFL-CIO.

“Worcester County needs you to be fired up,” Ireton told the crowd, largely made up of Democratic Party donors. “Our schools need you to be fired up. A woman’s right to choose needs you to be fired up. People who believe that the minimum wage should be the living wage need you to be fired up this evening.”

“Won’t Jim be great?” Williams said. “It’s going to be so much fun to have a congressman again.”

Two years ago, during the Kenney-King dinner at the hotel, Williams said Democrats in attendance all agreed, “We didn’t have a congressman; we don’t have a congressman – we have Andy Harris.”

Williams said the crowd then elected, by unanimous consent, to adopt District 7 Congressman Elijah Cummings as its representative.

“If Berlin has a problem, and we need congressional help, do you think I’m calling [Andy Harris]? No, I’m calling Elijah Cummings,” he said.

Williams said he was also supporting Del. Chris Van Hollen in his bid for the U.S. Senate.

Mathias arrived, a little late, but no less fired up, and addressed an enthusiastic crowd just after dinner and dessert was served.

Several times during the evening, he spoke about his late wife, Kathy.

“Kathy couldn’t make the ride up, God rest her, and she blesses us all and she sends her love to the Worcester County Democrats,” he said. “If she was alive, I think [her] TV would be smashed – with that Donald Trump – because she would have thrown the kitchen chairs through it and everything else at it, and that’s the truth.”

Mathias said he and Kathy sat together and cried on the night Barack Obama was first elected, in 2008.

“It was a beautiful evening, and we want to keep it that same way in November,” he said.

He also touted an expansion of the state’s equal pay laws, passed on April
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Several top local Democrats spoke during the annual Kennedy-King dinner, held Saturday at Atlantic Hotel in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, Fred Mason, president of the Maryland D.C. chapter of the AFL-CIO, Sen. Jim Mathias and former Salisbury mayor, and U.S. Congressional candidate Jim Ireton.

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Williams, Mathias, Ireton talk at Kennedy-King dinner

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9 by the Maryland House of Delegates, teased a third access route to the Eastern Shore, and spoke about the violence last year in Baltimore.

“This time last year, Baltimore was in an eruption,” he said. “We’re working to make sure that that dignity, that that respect, that those civil rights are held in the highest esteem for every citizen in our state, and I thank you for allowing me the privilege do that.”

“The equity, the civil rights, the justice is what you allow me to go and fight for every day,” Mathias continued, adding that his district was “a very challenging place,” performing at roughly 34 percent Democratic.

“I’m going to ask you, tonight, to change our district, one by one by one,” he said. “Give me something to work with. You want a third bay span? You want school after Labor Day? You want another expansion on the convention center? You’ve got to give me something to give back.”

Mason spoke about growing up in rural Virginia during the 1950s and 1960s.

“Many women with families would travel north to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, to work as live-in maids, taking care of the elderly and the families of the wealthy folks,” he

said. “These were women who that left their families, because the crops had been harvested, [there was] no more money coming in, and the only way that they could bring in money was to leave their families in those far-away places. Such was the life of my mother.”

Looking back on what he experienced, and what people in his family have experienced, Mason said he is dismayed when he hears someone say, “nothing has changed.”

“We have to put truth to that lie, because I will tell you that 2016 is not 1964,” he said. “Social and economic conditions have changed – maybe not as rapidly and as thoroughly as many of us would like, but they have changed nevertheless. America is a better place now than it was in 1964. And despite what Donald Trump and his ilk say about the whole ‘again’ thing – you know, those are code words.

“We have made progress, and there is no need to apologize for the progress that we have made. We are a more inclusive nation,” he added. “Our challenge, as Democrats, is to figure out how we can share this planet, how we can move forward, hand in hand – not at each other’s throat.



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The Snow Hill Honor Guard take part in the opening ceremonies of the annual Kennedy-King dinner, Saturday at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

“By your presence here this evening, I commend you, and I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Because, tonight, my wife and I get to stay in the Atlantic Hotel,” Mason said.

He went on to say the world in 2016 was “pregnant” with challenges.

“But it is also pregnant with great opportunities, and there is a role for each of us in this room to play,” he said. “Donald Trump wants to take us back to some ‘again’ period, where we

have already passed. But, there are some people that want to build a new America, that wants to strengthen and build on our democracy.

“Part of the way we can demonstrate that is by making sure that Jim Ireton is the next congressional representative,” Mason continued. “That is why the Maryland state and District of Columbia AFL-CIO, and the 350,000 members that we represent, we are proud to say that we are standing with you every step of the way.”

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Cleanup at Berlin Falls park to focus on site namesake

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(April 21, 2016) Not just the recipient of the new flowerbeds installed Saturday during Berlin Clean-Up Day, Berlin Falls is also getting plenty of other attention from town staff.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said Berlin submitted an application to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to change the site, a former Tyson's Chicken plant, from an industrial to a recreational classification.

"MDE came out in March, and they made some recommendations for us to make some modifications to the application and resubmit it, which we did," Allen said. "They don't expect it to be a problem, and they're very open to working with us."

Allen said MDE has reviewed the two phases of the environmental study conducted by the town, and asked for more testing of the lagoon areas.

"We did some additional testing, and [MDE] has come out and made some suggestions about changes we can make on the site before we make it available to the public, which we're doing," Allen said. "Right now, we're just waiting for them to give us that clearance. There's a process we're going through before we open [Berlin Falls] to the public."

Allen said the ponds on the property would be the focus of the next phase of remediation, and that the town would work with volunteer scientists from the Thriving Earth Exchange, who plan to visit the park this summer.

EA Engineering Science & Tech, a Berlin company, is also under contract with the town to perform "environmental assistance" at Berlin Falls.

"They'll be the ones who are designing the test schedule, and they'll be telling the scientists which tests need to happen in order for us to figure out how to remediate the ponds, and how much it's going to cost," Allen said. "For me, that's the next big step - what is it going to take to remediate those ponds?"

Allen said the town was trying to gather more information on exactly what went into - and what remains - in those waters. Initial tests revealed the presence of E. coli.

She added the focus, now, is largely on the sediment beds.

"The development of the park has evolved to where we really see those ponds as the focal point, and now we need to go a little more in depth to make sure that we understand the ins and outs of what's in those materials," Allen said. "We need to understand what's going on in the sediment before we start to remediate."

Eventually, Allen said waterfalls would be constructed in the ponds, and would become a star attraction of the park - hence its name.

During the next two-to-three years, she also speculated that people would see "significant train activity" on the property.

Allen said other park developments were largely "up in the air."



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Trump comes to Main St.

One might ask why Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, fresh off a Tuesday victory in New York, would shift gears on his bandwagon and direct it to small-town Berlin.

After all, the Republican voter turnout alone in the New York primary was 10 times greater than the total population of Worcester County and a hundred times greater than Berlin's.

In fact, Trump's 518,000 votes in the Empire State's preliminary round outstrip the Eastern Shore's year-round population by the tens of thousands.

There are, as it turns out, perfectly sensible reasons for the first visit by a presidential contender to this area since John F. Kennedy gave an address in Salisbury in May 1960.

First, as was demonstrated early this year up in New Hampshire and out in Iowa, it doesn't make that much of a difference where rallies are held in terms of national exposure, because the national media — print, broadcast and digital — will be there to deliver whatever the message might be to the rest of the country.

Secondly, in Trump's scramble to collect enough delegates to avoid a convention showdown in July, even the three who will be elected from the First Congressional District are important. Moreover, whoever wins the overall contest in the state will get all of Maryland's 38 delegates.

Finally, and even more importantly, Trump is a New Yorker through and through, so it stands to reason that his advisors would encourage him to demonstrate the ability to connect with Main Street USA. It just so happens that Main Street is here.



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"Billy said we can't build a castle here because the Sand Crab is an endangered species"

Letters

'Parenthood' protest planned

Editor,

Earlier this month Hillary Clinton stated in an interview, "the unborn person does not have Constitutional rights."

In February, White House Spokesman Josh Ernest stated, regarding funding to develop a vaccine for the Zika virus, "I think Democrats and Republicans

in Congress are interested in making sure pregnant women and unborn children in this country can be properly protected."

Unborn "person." Unborn "children."

So they admit the being in the womb is a person, even a child, but they believe if the person or child is not wanted (inconvenient), it's OK to kill the person or child and sell the body

parts.

I'm not quite sure how you square that circle.

Please join the Concerned Citizens of the Eastern Shore as we participate in a National Day of Protest against Planned Parenthood this Saturday, April 23, from 9-11 a.m., Planned Parenthood facility, 8579 Commerce Drive in Easton.

Carol Frazier
Ocean Pines

Spring indoor/outdoor flea market

(April 21, 2016) Treasure seekers are encouraged to hunt for bargains at Ocean Pines' semi-annual Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Gently used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles and more will be for sale. Flea market vendor spaces are still available. An indoor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents

and includes an 8-foot table and a chair.

Outdoor spaces, which will be located in the parking lot in front of the Ocean Pines administration building, are \$10 for all vendors. Outdoor vendors will need to provide their own tables and chairs.

Admission is free and open to the public. Free parking is also available at the community center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

Shoppers may also stop by the Ocean Pines Farmers Market for fresh produce, baked goods, meats and gourmet pantry and artisan-crafted items. The market is held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in White Horse Park, located next to the community center.

For more information about this event, or to inquire about participating as a vendor, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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MSO season finale takes trip through Romantic Legends

(April 21, 2016) Celebrate the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's Season Finale, "Romantic Legends," on Sunday, May 1, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, located at Route 589 and Racetrack Road at 3 p.m.

Concert tickets cost \$38 per person. The program will feature violinist Arnaud Sussmann, performing "Violin Concerto in D Minor, Opus 47."

Jean Sibelius wrote the selection, in 1904-1905. It is symphonic in scope, with the solo violin and all sections of the orchestra being equal voices.

Additional orchestral works will include the symphonic poem "In the Steppes of Central Asia," composed in 1880 by Alexander Borodin, and "Symphony No. 5 in D Major/D Minor, Opus 107," known as the "Reformation," composed by Felix Mendelssohn in 1830.

An end-of-season gala will follow the concert at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, located at 1 Mumford Landing, in Ocean Pines. This fundraiser for the MSO includes a plated dinner (choice of four entrees), cash bar, music, silent auctions and raffles. Dinner reservations are \$75 per person and are required no later than April 26.

Tickets for both events are available by contacting Gale Alford at 410-208-1590, or emailing galenbillalford@gmail.com.

Payment should be sent to MSO, P.O. Box 1697, Ocean Pines, Maryland 21811.



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Arnaud Sussmann will perform "Violin Concerto in D Minor, Opus 47" during the season finale of the Mid Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, May 1, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines.

Comcast names Leaders, Achievers

(April 21, 2016) The Comcast Foundation recently announced the 2016 recipients of its annual Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program awards in Maryland.

The Program recognizes students who strive to achieve their potential, who are catalysts for positive change in their communities, who are involved in their schools and who serve as models for their fellow students.

A total of 110 Maryland high school seniors – including Dynaisha Christian of Pocomoke High School and Reagan Dunham of Stephen Decatur High School of Worcester County – were awarded scholarships through the Comcast Foundation's annual Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program.

The philosophy behind the program is to give young people every opportunity to prepare for the future and to engage



D. Christian

them in their communities. The program also demonstrates the importance of civic involvement, and the value placed on civic involvement by the business community.

"I would like to congratulate these outstanding students who strive to improve their communities and show great commitment to academic excellence," said Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. "Thanks to support from community partners like Comcast, we can help ensure today's students become the next generation of exceptional leaders."

Comcast, joined by Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford; Maryland House Speaker, Michael E. Busch; and other local elected officials and



R. Dunham

school administrators, recognized the students at a special event held March 23, at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis.

One hundred and nine recipients of the 2016 Maryland Leaders and Achievers scholarships received \$1,000. Stephon Moody, a senior at Baltimore Renaissance Academy in Baltimore was awarded a \$10,000 Comcast Founders Scholarship – instituted in honor of Ralph J. Roberts, founder and chairman emeritus of Comcast Corporation – for a total of \$119,000 awarded this year to Maryland high school students.

To date, Comcast has awarded more than \$25 million to nearly 25,000 Leaders and Achievers Scholarship winners.

Berlin Ambassador Program seeking summer volunteers

(April 21, 2016) America's Coolest Small Town is looking for volunteers to help with Berlin's Ambassador Program.

The program received the 2015 Governor's Award for volunteerism.

"Berlin Ambassadors are a friendly face on Main Street that help our visitors with any questions they might have, hand out town information, and guide our guests towards shops, restaurants or attractions they are looking for," Sharon Timmons, administrative assistant for the economic and community development department, said.

Ambassadors are needed during the town's peak business hours, Memorial Day through Sept. 23, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 1-3 p.m.

Volunteer ambassadors will be representing Berlin and helping guests discover the variety of ways to spend time during their visit, and to learn about the town's many exciting events throughout the year.

Volunteer ambassadors receive an official Berlin Ambassador shirt, a "thank you" celebration at the end of the season, and the opportunity to meet new people and experience Berlin from a new perspective.

To sign up or learn more, contact Timmons at stimmons@berlinmd.gov or call 410-629-1716.

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Annual Birding Weekend flies in, April 21-24

Multi-state event expected to draw hundreds; outdoor events, kayaking planned

(April 21, 2016) The 2016 Delmarva Birding Weekend is set to bring hundreds of nature enthusiasts to the shore, April 21-24, to enjoy the full complement of Mid-Atlantic birds, as the region welcomes warblers, tanagers, and other spring migrants – and prepares to bid adieu to its loons, falcons and waterfowl as they head northward.

Registration for the event is open at www.delmarvabirding.com.

Outdoor lovers can register for just one field trip, or multiple field trips each day of the four-day event. On Thursday, you can get an early start to the weekend, with shorebirds along the Delaware Bayshore at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge and the Mispillion Harbor. On Friday, you can start your morning searching for rails by kayak on Delaware's inland bays, and enjoy a songbird and shorebird spectacle at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge in the afternoon.

Exploring the bald cypress swamps by kayak around Snow Hill, on Saturday morning, will add several warbler species to your list, and a boat trip behind Assateague and Ocean City in the afternoon can in-

crease your tally for the weekend to more than 100 species. You might choose to take an all-day boat trip to Smith Island on Saturday to welcome back breeding pelicans and herons, and enjoy a slice of Smith Island cake with lunch.

Several field trips have sold out, so interested birders are encouraged to register soon.

Guided by local birders with decades-long experience on the peninsula, the walking tours, boat trips, and canoe and kayak paddles will accommodate visitors from the curious nature lover to fowl fanatics. Every year, birdwatchers from surrounding states flock to the event.

"This is one of our biggest nature-oriented weekends," Lisa Challenger, tourism director for Worcester County, said. "People go crazy over the number of eagles and herons, but they will see a lot more than that birding with our guides around Assateague Island and our cypress swamps near Snow Hill."

Boasting patient and fun loving guides, new trips will feature jaunts around Laurel, Delaware – and Maryland's Chincoteague Bay – through some of the most pristine habitats on the East Coast.

For the first time, the Delmarva Birding Weekend is co-hosting a showing of the bird documentary "The Messenger," with the Rehoboth

Beach Film Society. The film will be shown on Friday, April 22, at the Cinema Art Theater in Lewes, Delaware.

"The April weekend is spectacular," Southern Delaware Tourism Director Scott Thomas said. "Picture slinking around a bend in your canoe on Trussum Pond to be met with one of the most beautiful yellows you've ever seen ... in the form of a prothonotary warbler. Or, spend a Friday afternoon at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, or boating around Lewes and the Delaware Bay, followed by craft beer and a movie. That's what the weekend is all about."

Social events for new and experienced birders are scheduled throughout the weekend. These "Tally Rallies" are held at local breweries, bars, and restaurants, and provide participants to add to the species checklist and swap birding stories with new friends.

Indeed, participants recount the event in terms of experiences, rather than simply observing birds – a majestic Bald Eagle soaring over the marsh, a loon in breeding plumage catching fish, or the eerie hoot and shadow of a barred owl at dusk. An outdoor experience is the true draw.

The Delmarva Peninsula is one of the country's premier birding areas, thanks to an extensive variety of habitat protected by our coastal parks, refuges and wildlife management

areas. More than 400 bird species have been recorded in the region, and previous weekend tallies have topped 200 species.

If boasting that many species isn't enough, participants should feel even better knowing that they've helped Delmarva's birds by promoting birding and habitat conservation. Birders, both novice and experienced, make an important statement about the economic value of birds and their habitats through the money they spend in local hotels, restaurants, and shops. Participants are encouraged to remind local businesses that they are here to enjoy Delmarva's natural areas and the birds that inhabit them.

"It's our vast shallow bays and large tracts of protected marshes and bald cypress forests that make the Delmarva Peninsula one of the finest birding regions in the nation," guide and organizer Jim Rapp said. "During the Weekend, our guests will hike on private farmland and woodland that are normally off-limits to birders, and our waterborne trips go where the birds are."

Co-organizer Dave Wilson added that none of our trips were physically taxing, and that the event provides a rare opportunity to tally 100 species in a day in places that are normally inaccessible to the public.

Sponsors for the events include Worcester County Tourism, Southern Delaware Tourism, the Boardwalk Hotel Group, the Delmarva Almanac, Hodges Taylor Art Consultancy, the Town of Snow Hill, MD, the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays, Somerset County (MD) Tourism, the Howard Johnson's Oceanfront Plaza Hotel, Days Inn Ocean City, the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center, Fager's Lighthouse, the Breakers Hotel and Suites, the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, and The Avenue Inn.

Additional sponsor and registration information, field trip descriptions and other resources for Delmarva Birding are available at www.delmarvabirding.com.

To become a sponsor or for additional information, contact Jim Rapp (443-614-0261) or Dave Wilson (443-523-2201) at Conservation Community Consulting at conservationcc@gmail.com.

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Household hazardous waste pickup planned for April 23

E-Cycling Collection Day running in tandem; drop off at West OC Park & Ride lot

(April 21, 2016) The Recycling Division of Worcester County Public Works, in conjunction with Maryland Environmental Services and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), will conduct Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Cycling (electronics recycling) Collection Day on Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ocean City Park & Ride Lot in West Ocean City.

Worcester County is hosting HHW and E-cycling to commemorate and extend the Earth

Day celebration, which takes place the day prior to the event. Proper disposal of HHW and electronics is among the many simple steps we can take that play a big role in helping to protect the planet, and ultimately, our own health.

Drop off HHW, including pesticides, pool chemicals, gas and other

fuels, oil-base paints, thinners and everyday hazardous wastes accumulating in and around the home for safe disposal. Electronic items, such as computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, radios, televisions and VCR's, will be collected and later recycled.

Recycling HHW and electronics saves valuable landfill space and helps protect the environment, as many of these items do not degrade, and contain poisonous materials that could seep out of the landfill and contaminate surrounding soil and groundwater.

HHW and E-cycling is open at no charge to Worcester County residents only. A representative from MDE will be on-site checking vehicle registration. Clean Ventures of Baltimore will be responsible for the safe disposal of all hazardous waste collected.

The electronics will be shipped to an electronics recycler for dismantling. For more information, contact Worcester County Recycling Manager Ron Taylor, at 410-632-3177.

DDC presents Mother's Day natural spa workshop, May 7

Pocomoke museum to host body care product making class, provide recipe books

(April 21, 2016) Spend the afternoon on Saturday, May 7 relaxing at the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, and treat yourself to a natural spa experience. This is the perfect way to pamper moms for Mother's Day, or grab a few friends for a fun afternoon. From noon - 2 p.m., we'll be making

a variety of natural body care products, some to use during the class, and others to take home, or give as gifts. Each participant will receive a recipe booklet to take home and try even more products at home.

The workshop will take place at the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum at 2 Market St. in Pocomoke City. The fee is \$35, or \$30 for members. Call 410-957-9933, or email amy@DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org to register, or for more information.

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Snapshots



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LUNCH BUDDIES

Ocean Pines residents, from left, Robin Peoples, Anna Fultz, Harry Koch and Irmgarde Heinecke meet Buddy Trala, owner of Sunset Grille, second from left, while enjoying lunch at his West Ocean City restaurant recently.



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BOOK DRIVE

Stephen Decatur High School senior Maury Izzett peruses one of the thousands of books collected during the National English Honor Society (NEHS) book drive. NEHS members will be donating many of the books to local schools, shelters, hospitals and libraries.



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FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY

Two students, Eliza Chaufournier and Connor Cebula, were inducted to the Societe Honoraire de Francais Chapitre Bastille during the Worcester Prep Spanish and French Honor Society Induction Ceremony on March 29. They are pictured with French teacher Debbie Speier.



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DAR STATE CONFERENCE

The Maryland State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently held its 111th State Conference in Ellicott City. Attending from the area were, seated, from left, General Levin Winder Chapter Regent Barbara May, Nanticoke Chapter Associate Member Suzanne Smith, General Levin Winder Chapter Treasurer Pat Arata and Samuel Chase Chapter Regent Mary Anne Adkins, and standing, Maryland State Vice Regent Maureen Tipton, Vice Regent Lee Ellen Griffith, and Eleanor Mulligan.



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SDMS BUILDERS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Stephen Decatur Middle School has a Kiwanis sponsored student leadership club known as The Builders' Club. The group is fundraising in support of Multiple Sclerosis and sold baked goods during the Easter Celebration in Ocean Pines' White Horse Park on March 26. Pictured are Sydney Boger, left, and Veronika McCoy, two of the members.



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DAR HONORS VIETNAM VETERANS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) participated in "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" on March 30 at American Legion Post #166 in Ocean City. Twenty-nine Vietnam veterans received a commemorative lapel pin and certificate of appreciation in recognition of their valor, service and sacrifice during the Vietnam War. Pictured, from left, are General Levin Winder Chapter members Patricia Ayers, Suzanne Zantzinger, Pat Arata and Regent Barbara May.

Little League action continues during week two

(April 21, 2016) Berlin Little League play continued last week, with two Major League baseball and one Major League softball games.

McLaughlin picked up the save, striking out three in 1 1/3 innings. Royals' Adam Gardner went two for three with two RBIs in the loss.

Nationals 3 Orioles 2

Jack Quisgard brought home the winning run to give the Nationals the lead in the sixth inning, as they hung on to beat the Orioles 3-2, on Thursday. The Nationals scored two total runs in the sixth to secure the come-from-behind victory. The first run came on an RBI double by Brooks Kendall, and with the score tied at two, Quisgard came to the plate and singled, bringing home Kendall.

Brenner Gursky had an impres-

sive outing against the Orioles lineup, holding the team hitless over two innings and allowing no earned runs, walking one and striking out five. Meanwhile, the Oriole pitching trio of Eric Berry, Owen Knerr and Devin Pilarski combined for a total of 12 strikeouts. Devin Pilarski and Brandon Bradford recorded hits for the Orioles.

Major League softball Hurricanes 7 Razorbacks 6

On a clear, but chilly night, the Hurricanes held on for a slim victory, securing the last out with the bases loaded. Abby Wesche was the winning pitcher, striking out 10, while going two for three with a

triple and an RBI. Zoe Rayne led the offense with a triple, an RBI and two runs scored. Gianna Cauble also drove in a run, and Amaya Dichinger had a single and a run scored.

Logan Mays (two innings) and Jess Delisi (three innings) pitched a solid game for the losing squad, and the Razorbacks' offense scored three runs in the third inning. Jess Delisi had a RBI double, which, combined with singles by Morgan Sullivan and Claire Williams, fueled the scoring for the Razorbacks. The team also showed its patience at the plate, as they combined for three walks in the fifth inning. Naudia Bullock and Logan Mays also had RBI singles for the Razorbacks.

Reds best Blues during narrow platform play

Annual spring tournament draws dozens to Manklin Meadows sports complex

weather made for a perfect day. The format included two teams, with each team comprised of 20 players.

Each individual was assigned three 25-minute games, which lasted until noon. All four courts were filled with spirited players, while the remaining competitors watched and cheered for their team.

The teams were evenly matched, making for hard play and lots of

good drives, lobs and screen shots. The Reds defeated the Blues by a narrow margin of 145 to 136.

Following the matches, everyone enjoyed a luncheon of pulled pork and chicken, salad, fresh fruit, homemade macaroni and cheese, Betty's baked beans, and dessert. As usual, the members bought their hardy appetites and good company.

A special thanks goes to June and

Jim Freeman, Betty and John Biondi and Linda Horst for running the tournament.

Anyone interested in trying platform tennis can come to the Manklin Meadows Racquet Complex at noon, on any Saturday. Paddles and balls will be available. For more information, call Jim Freeman at 215-704-4592, or email jimisfreeman@verizon.net.

(April 21, 2016) Ocean Pines Platform Tennis held its annual spring tournament on Saturday morning, April 16, at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Complex.

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Cuisine

Oklahoma brisket enough for small army

It's funny how writing has lent itself so therapeutically to me in my aging years. There have certainly

been times during which I drone as I suffer from inescapable writer's block, and there are a few occasions on which I've had to take a week or two off to gather my thoughts.

But one

thing has remained constant; my desire to put into words precisely what it is that I get out of food. Whether it's an epiphany as to when I decided to a chef, or a fleeting moment in which I can literally smell and taste a dinner that I ate in Napa Valley nine years ago, food transports me much in the way that nature intended.

I was in the kitchen last week and found myself staring at a beautiful, full brisket. Consciously, I wasn't thinking about anything, but then I realized that I was reminiscing about a trip made to Kansas City a few years ago. The trip was five days of "meat sweats," during which we ate steak, crispy duck, bone marrow, burgers cooked in duck fat, burgers cooked in lard, fries cooked in both, and hefty house-baked rolls. Salads were a passing side-thought.

It was a trip with culinary ramifications that will doubtless never be countered, in that I was able to experience something of true lore; burnt ends. When we cook a brisket, or more to the point, when Oklahoma Joe's smokes a brisket, they nudge the meat with 19 hours of smoke in their secret blend of woods.

Some of the brisket is removed at the 13-hour mark, but the top chunk of meat is smoked for another six hours to give us the smoky black chunks of meat that act as delivery vehicles for the assorted sauces that come in beer six-packs on the table. The burnt ends are considered a great delicacy in this gas station-turned-barbecue mecca.

Looking around the dining room at Oklahoma Joe's, one can hardly help but notice the champion banners from barbecue competitions going back 20-plus years. Knowing that they have multiple, 500-pound smokers in the basement of the station only helps to resonate one's admiration for this true king of the barbecue.

What I found, and still find, so alluring about burnt ends is the crisp crust of the meat, that borders on



burnt without actually tasting of it, surrounding the moist and succulent meat on the interior. The crust accepts any of the sauces on your table with great aplomb, and you will hardly find a better food pairing. At least, I know that I haven't in my many years of travel.

To emulate this great dish, one can be a purist and stoke a wood fire for 19 hours, or one can be a pragmatist such as myself and use an electric (gasp) smoker. I'm pretty sure that Oklahoma Joe's uses Southern Pride smokers, but don't quote me on that. I asked the manager, and I recall that is what she said. Regardless, I'm pretty sure that they're not standing a 24-hour vigil at their restaurant.

Spend the money on a good smoker, either a Smokin-it or Bradley Box, or another unit that has a compression door, controlled smoked and temperature regulation. Don't worry, you can still drink all the beer you want for 19 hours – you just don't have to stand there basting, stoking, dousing and rekindling. But, if that's your thing, then have at it.

For me, I'll stick with my Smokin-it. It's failsafe and makes me a

scofflaw in the face of barbecue purists. But my brisket is perfect every time, without exception. And when I bite into the burnt ends, I go right back to Kansas City, as God intended.

19-hour Oklahoma Brisket

Enough for a small army

1 full brisket, fat trimmed to 3/4"
2 cups Dry rub (recipe follows)

1. Rub the brisket thoroughly with the dry spice mix and allow to sit in the refrigerator for at least two hours

2. At the end of your "sit," remove from the refrigerator and allow to slack at room temperature for about 45 minutes. Don't worry, nothing illegal has happened since you technically have a four-hour window

3. Heat the smoker to 195 degrees, and make sure that you can maintain that temperature for 19 hours

4. Use your choice of wood chips, but I'm a fan of the blends that contain hickory, cherry and apple. If you want more of a Texas feel, then use mesquite. This wood gives a very unique and robust smoked flavor to dishes

5. Place the brisket in the smoker are let 'er rip. Don't worry about the looks of the thing in the first few hours. Your crust will come with time, so sit back, grab a beer or three, and relax

6. Check the brisket at the 19 hour mark and revel in the knowledge that you just made this magnificent brisket

Dry Spice Rub

Makes about 2 cups

3/4 cup Kosher Salt
1/4 cup Sugar
1/4 cup Granulated garlic
2 Tbsp. Onion powder
1 Tbsp. Cayenne
3 Tbsp. Cocoa Powder
2 Tbsp. Black pepper
2 Tbsp. Dry thyme
2 Tbsp. paprika

1. Combine all of the spices thoroughly and store in an airtight container until ready to use

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April 23: Chest Pains, 9 p.m.
April 27: Sir Rod, 5 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head Towers Condominium
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Every Wednesday: Open Mic, 8 p.m. to midnight
Every Thursday: Chris Button & Dave Sherman, 5-9 p.m.
April 22: Sherman, 7-10 p.m.
April 23: Baltimore Boyz, 8-10 p.m.
April 24: Just Jay, 4-7 p.m.

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CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road
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410-641-0600
www.oceandowns.com
April 22: Sol Knopf, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
April 23: Everett Spells, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Aaron Howell Duo, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center
410-250-1449
www.duffysoc.com
April 22: Bob Hughes, 5-9 p.m.

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60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
www.fagers.com
April 22: The Stims, 5:30 p.m.; Alter Ego, 9:30 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9:30 p.m.
April 23: The Poole Brothers, 5:30 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9:30 p.m.; The Loop, 9:30 p.m.
April 24: Everett Spells, 10 a.m.
April 25: Bob Lougheed, Elvis Tribute, 8 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City

410-213-1846
www.ocharborside.com
April 22: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
April 23: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
April 24: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
April 28: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay
Fenwick Island, Del.
800-227-0525
302-539-3095
www.harpoonhannasrestaurant.com
April 22: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.
April 23: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.
April 28: Melissa Alesi, 5-9 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-524-7499
www.johnnyspizzapub.com
April 22: Tear The Roof Off, 9 p.m.
April 23: Rob Fahey & The Pieces, 9 p.m.
April 27: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 6 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant
In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
www.clarionoc.com
April 22-23: Power Play, 9:30 p.m. to

2 a.m.

ROPEWALK

82nd Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-1009
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Every Friday & Saturday: DJ

SECRETS

49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
www.secrets.com
April 22: The Freddie Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; The Amish Outlaws, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
April 23: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
April 28: Alex & Shiloh, 5-9 p.m.

SKYE RAW BAR & GRILLE

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
www.skyebaroc.com
April 23: TBA

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
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THURS. April 21

YOUNG & RESTLESS 'OCEAN DISCOVERIES' — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, 3 to 7 years old, will explore the ocean with art and science activities. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org. or 410-208-4014.

STORY TIME — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-632-3495.

FREE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE SEMINAR — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10-11 a.m. A Coastal Hospice social worker will explain how to express healthcare wishes before a crisis happens. Registration required: 410-641-7052.

COASTAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS TECHNOLOGY FAIR — Fountains Conference Center, 1800 Sweetbay Drive, Salisbury, 1:30-5 p.m. Technology vendors will present products and services. Business card exchange and happy hour will follow. Info: www.coastalrealtors.org or Veronica Bishop, 410-641-4409.

DOGGIE MINGLE — Northside Park, West Lagoon Field, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 6-8 p.m. Get out with your dog and work on socialization skills. Cost is \$10 per dog, which includes a doggie keepsake, light refreshments and space to mingle. Info: Anna Duffey, 410-250-0125 or aduffey@oceancitymd.gov.

DELMARVA BIRDING WEEKEND — Celebrating the migration of the spring suite of warblers, shorebirds, waterfowl and raptors. The weekend, April 21-24, will feature boat trips, paddling treks, and expeditions by foot. Registration, field trip descriptions and other resources: www.delmarvabirding.com; Jim Rapp, 443-614-0261; Dave Wilson, 443-523-2201; or conservationcc@gmail.com.

BIRDS & BREWS — Meet at Burley Oak Brewing Company at 6 p.m. for a free birding experience at Berlin Falls Park, located across the road from Burley Oak. Take binoculars and scopes to explore the trails and ponds. Return to Burley Oak to tally the birds that have been seen on the DBW trips and learn about other hotspots from DBW guides. Register on Delmarva Birding facebook page.

COTTAGE CAFÉ FUNDRAISER — Cottage Café, 33034 Coastal Hwy., Bethany Beach, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Cottage Café will donate 15% to American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Raffles and Chinese auction available. Info: Joann, 215-828-5521.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

FARMERS' MARKET — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, 3-6 p.m. Featuring local in season produce, baked products, eggs, honey, kettle corn, soaps and more. Info: 410-713-8803.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. Info: 410-251-8163.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 5:30-8 p.m. Free, six-week workshop that teaches self-management skills for those with Diabetes (or caring for someone with Diabetes). Pre-registration required: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

FRI. April 22

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CARVING COMPETITION — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Carvers and visitors from around the world convene for a prestigious competition of contemporary wildfowl art. Event includes judging, benefit auction, classes and seminars, demonstrations, children's activities and exhibitor booths of artisans and art supplies. Admission costs are \$10 for a Multi-Day Pass, \$8 for seniors and students and free to children 11 and younger with an adult. Group rate for six or more is \$6 per person. Info: www.wardmuseum.org.

MARYLAND STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City. Info: Recreation & Parks Department, 410-250-0125.

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JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT — University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Ella Fitzgerald Center, 30665 Student Services Center Lane, Princess Anne, 7 p.m. UMES Jazz and Popular Music ensembles perform. Free. Info: 410-651-6571.

STORY TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-208-4014.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke's Church), Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION — Adolfo's, 1301 Atlantic Ave # 2, Ocean City, 5-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and includes dinner, dessert and nonalcoholic beverage. A percentage of tickets will be donated to the Worcester County Humane Society. Auction items to bid on ranging from \$10 to \$1,000. Advance tickets: www.worcestercounty-humaneociety.org/boardwalkin-for-pets or in person at Adolfo's.

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17TH ANNUAL BOARDWALKIN' FOR PETS — Ocean City Boardwalk Inlet, 9 a.m. to noon. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Raise money for the walk and receive prizes. There is a minimum donation of \$25 per person. Prizes awarded for highest earners as well as contests and prizes for largest dog, smallest dog, best dressed dog and best dog trick. Refreshments provided. Special hotel rates offered to participates at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn & Suites and the Clarion. Arrangements can be made in advance to adopt a shelter dog for the event by calling 410-213-0146. Take a photo of your cat (with contact information on back) and enter the Cutest Cat contest. Pre-register: www.worcestercountyhumaneociety.org/boardwalkin-for-pet or check out the Boardwalk'n for Pets facebook page. Info: Sandy Summers, 443-235-5647.

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YARD SALE AND FLEA MARKET — Frontier Town's Pony Espresso & Creamery, 8428 Stephen Decatur Hwy., Berlin, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaces are available for \$10 each and 10 percent of the vendor profits are donated directly to American Cancer Society. Info: Debbie, 410-641-0074 or debbie@frontiertown.com.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to noon. Indoor spaces are \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents and includes an eight-foot table and a chair. Outdoor spaces are \$10 for all vendors. Admission is free and open to the public. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks, 410-641-7052.

CANCER CRUSHERS YARD SALE — 31 Abbyshire Road, North Ocean Pines, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-CYCLING COLLECTION DAY — Ocean City Park & Ride Lot, West Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items being collected include pesticides, pool chemicals, gas and other fuels, oil-base paints, thinners and everyday hazardous wastes, as well as, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, radios, televisions and VCRs. Open at no charge to all Worcester County residents. Info: Ron Taylor, 410-632-3177.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, Saturdays through May 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage and coffee. Suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Huey Veterans Memorial Fund. Info: Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$6 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 corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

SUN. April 24

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CARVING COMPETITION — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carvers and visitors from around the world convene for a prestigious competition of contemporary wild-

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BUS TRIPS — On April 24 watch the Virginia International Tattoo at the Scope Arena, Norfolk, Va. This performance will feature more than 1,500 military and civilian performers from eight nations. Cost is \$85 and includes transportation and show ticket. All trips are open to the public. Reservations required: Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke's Church), Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and younger. Info: 410-524-7930.

WORCESTER COUNTY CHORAL CONCERT — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. Conductor is Jean Ane Shafferman. Accompanist is David Leahy.

4TH ANNUAL VINO BINGO — Costa Ventosa Winery and Vineyard, 9031 Whaleyville Road, Whaleyville, 3-6 p.m. Net proceeds benefit the Wino Hero's Relay for Life Team. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and include one glass of wine or beer, lite fare and 10 games of bingo. Also featuring 50/50, Chinese auction, raffles and more. Must be 21 or older. Tickets: DJ Thompson, 443-366-5440 or Susan Hutchinson, 443-880-0208.

TICKLED PAINT ARTWORKS FUNDRAISER — Touch of Italy located in the Holiday Inn at 67th Street, Ocean City, 2-5 p.m. Relay fo Life Team Angie's Angels offers "Painting Our World Purple." Cost is \$45 per seat. Tickets: www.tickled-paint.com or 410-713-2013. Info: AngiesAngelsRFL@gmail.com.

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. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Info:

Rob, 443-783-3529.

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.

AUDITIONS FOR THE ODD COUPLE, FEMALE VERSION — St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Two men and six women are needed for the July 22-24 and July 29-31 performances. By appointment beginning at 4 p.m. Call Jerry, 443-668-3072.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, Sundays through May 29, 9 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage and coffee. Suggested donation is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Huey Veterans Memorial Fund. Info: Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

MON. April 25

DWC GERANIUM SALE — To order geraniums from the Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County, call Harriet Batis at 302-988-1268. Orders and payments by April 25.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP — The Community Center in Captain's Cove, 4243 Captains Corridor, Greenbackville, Va., 1-3:30 p.m. Interactive six-week program. Registration required: 410-641-9268.

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

LIVE BETTER FIT CLUB — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. Arrive by 5:30 p.m., workout starts by 5:45 p.m. Come workout with the famous trainers you've seen on T.V., such as Shaun T, Autumn Calabrese and others. Cost is \$5. Take water and a mat (optional). Info: Sandy: 443-340-0988.

LINE DANCING — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Lessons and dancing. Cost is \$8 per person. BYOB. Info: Sandy, 443-340-0988.

TUES. April 26

ATLANTIC COAST CHAPTER OF THE MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTSFISHING ASSO-

CIATION MEETING — Siculi's Restaurant, 104 N. Main St., Berlin. Doors open at 7 p.m., meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be updates on fishery regulations and two guest speakers. Open to the public and guests are welcome.

OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING — Atlantic General Dermatology and Atlantic General Women's Health, 38394 Dupont Highway, Selbyville, Del., 4:30-6 p.m. Ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. Tours, refreshments and meet the providers. Info: 302-524-5007 or 302-564-0001.

STRONG WOMEN IN BUSINESS LUNCHEON — Ocean Golf Resorts Club, 10655 Cathell Road, Berlin, noon to 1:15 p.m. Cathy Stevens Molz, LCSW-C: Communications and Psychotherapist, will help participants master attitudes and words to achieve effective communication with others. Free course. Bring a lunch or order chicken salad or club wrap with chips and a drink for \$8. Pre-registration required: Lisa, 410-546-1900, ltwilley@marylandcapital.org or www.marylandcapital.org.

FREE COMMUNITY TALK ON 'POSTURE' — Urban Nectar, 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6 p.m. Talk by Dr. Carey Sigafosse, chiropractor from Chiro-100.

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.

WED. April 27

YOUNG & RESTLESS 'OCEAN DISCOVERIES' — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Children, 3 to 7 years old, will explore the ocean with art and science activities. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org. or 410-641-0650.

STORY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-524-1818.

FREE HOME STAGING SEMINAR — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 3-5 p.m. Hileman Real Estate's Terri Bradford and Bethany Drew will discuss how to appeal to today's home buyer. Registration required: 410-641-7052.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SIMPLE SUPPER — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke's Church), Ocean City, last Wednesday of each month, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$7. Cash bar. Info: 410-524-7994.

'IRISH GENEALOGY: TIPS, TECHNIQUES, TALES AND LESSONS LEARNED' — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 2 p.m. Mike Healy, an Irish American United States Military Academy, West Point and Trinity College, Dublin graduate, will discuss proven research methods for finding Irish ancestors' origins and historical records.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5 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.

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 or www.kiwanisofopoc.org.

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.

ONGOING EVENTS

FIRST LADY'S RAFFLE — The Republican Women of Worcester County are holding a raffle for two tickets to the First Lady's Luncheon on March 13 at the Gaithersburg Washingtonian Marriot Hotel. Transportation is included. Cost of the raffle tickets are \$10 each. Winner will be drawn at the club's general meeting luncheon on April 28. Info: Sandy Zitzer, 443-253-5730.

SPRING RESTAURANT WEEK — Participating restaurants in Ocean City offer great deals on their fantastic menu items through May 1. Info: Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, 410-289-6733 or www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com.

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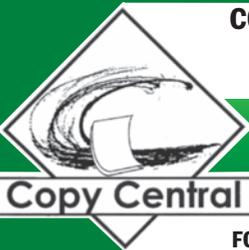
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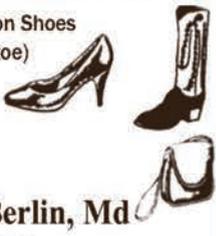
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