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Berlin residents, led by Chrissy Ehrhart, hold a community gathering and prayer vigil for Patty Gregorio and Stephanie Fowler of Salt Water Media at Zenna Wellness Studio in Berlin on Monday night. A scooter struck Gregorio and Fowler on Saturday afternoon in Ocean City after the operator failed to stop at a red light on Coastal Highway at 41st Street. Fowler sustained only minor injuries, but Gregorio was taken to Shock Trauma in Baltimore. See story page 17.

Exodus: Renaud and OPA Elections Committee resign

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) In apparent fallout from the firing of Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson last week, one member of the board of directors and the entire membership of the Ocean Pines Elections Committee has resigned.

Former director Pat Renaud, who had one year left on his three-year term, announced Monday that he would step away from the board.

"I'm resigning today," Renaud said during a phone interview. "I've had enough."

Renaud said he had handed in a
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Thompson terminated; Brett Hill becomes GM

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson was fired last Friday in a 4-3 vote of the board of directors, as newly elected members of the board followed through on campaign promises to replace him.

Thompson, whose six-year tenure as the association's chief operating officer was a political lightning rod in the summer election, worked at the pleasure of the board and was dismissed for "convenience," or without specific cause.

New Director Brett Hill was appointed interim general manager until a permanent replacement can be found.

The vote in a closed meeting followed a special session of the board in the administration building. As the board wrapped up its more routine business, Hill called for a closed session to discuss "contractual issues ... specifically the general manager's contract."

Although Hill's motion related to a potential renegotiation of Thompson's agreement, he tabled his proposal once the closed session began and, according to reports, Director

Dave Stevens then introduced a prepared written motion to dismiss Thompson immediately.

"It was a guise – it was a setup," Director Pat Renaud said during an interview this week. "We were all shocked. When (Hill's motion) was tabled, Dave said, 'Well I have an alternative motion.' I said to him, before we table the motion, I'd like to know what the alternate is, and he said 'no.' So, they tabled the motion and he produced this alternative, which was to fire [Thompson].

"I thought it was unusual, at least from the standpoint of Brett, why didn't he go back and say, 'I won't vote for the motion – I would rather go back to the table.' But he didn't. So, it was a setup all the way."

According to Renaud, when Herrick appointed Hill as the interim general manager, Hill replied that he "had a business to run."

"He didn't object too strongly," Renaud added.

Thompson was not present during any portion of the meeting, but was presumed to be in his office working just a few feet away from the boardroom.

"[The directors] were all sort of sitting around looking at each other

and I said to Tom, you have to go tell him – you're the president," Renaud said. "He did not like that."

Leaving the building that night, Renaud said the lights were still on in Thompson's office.

"I don't think Bob was surprised about it at all, but I was surprised that it was this fast," Renaud said. "Obviously, this special meeting was a setup to get Bob. I hate to be that way, but the way it came down, that's what the whole intent of the meeting was – was to fire Bob."

Stevens, commenting during a phone interview this week, said the directors' next move would be to "reflect on the current situation or get as much information as we can before we proceed in any specific direction."

He speculated that Hill would "rely heavily" on existing staff for help.

"That would kind of be an interesting new concept," Stevens said.

Stevens went on to say the OPA Board president "automatically has the job" of general manager in the case of a termination.

"Then he can appoint someone else to do it for him," he said.

According to reports, Thompson's severance package includes nine

months pay and benefits, as well as compensation for any unused vacation time, believed to be valued at a total of close to \$200,000.

Reached for comment, Hill said he would "not be conducting any interviews this week." Instead, he issued a public statement on the matter.

Herrick, emailed questions about Thompson's termination, responded that the association would issue a press release on the matter. He declined to comment further.

Thompson became general manager in August 2010 after a newly elected board ended its contract with then-general manager Tom Olson, who had been brought on in October 2006.

That too was a complicated move in that Thompson, who operated a financial advisory business in West Ocean City, was a member of the board of directors while also running for Worcester County Commissioner against eventual winner Judy Boggs. He stepped down as a director to assume the general manager's post and closed his business.

Somewhat ironically, Olson fell out of favor with the board for failing to make the association's amenities, especially the yacht club, profitable.



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Brett Hill statement as new Ocean Pines GM

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) One day after the Ocean Pines Association announced it had terminated the contract of General Manager Bob Thompson, and that Board of Directors President Tom Herrick had appointed Director Brett Hill as his interim replacement, Hill released a public statement on the matter.

"To the residents of Ocean Pines, thank you to all of you who voted for me to serve on your Board of Directors," he wrote. "When I was

elected two weeks ago, I would never have thought in such a short period of time my peers would ask me to step up and serve the community as an interim general manager. I am very confident in the staff of our Association and I firmly believe that the community is in a strong position. This community is not run by one person, but a large staff that possess a wide range of skills and deep knowledge base within their trade to support the diversity of services offered by our HOA. That staff will still be here, as it was dur-

ing the last general manager change, continuing to support our daily operations.

"The next few months, under the guidance of the current board, will allow this community to take a fresh look at our future plans, and set the course for the next chapter of Ocean Pines. I believe the short tenure of the new board has already shown we have a great leadership team. We took aggressive steps early in the board year to start setting our financial plans, commenced budget reform and project evaluations, and we im-

plemented measures to begin moving our community forward. I am honored to work with a team of such fine individuals, and know with their support, we will quickly move to bring the best solution for the management of the Association.

"Additionally, I wish to thank all of those who support our community as volunteers, like myself. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but trust that with all of the support that exists within the community, we will make great things happen and enjoy the success together."



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State Highway Administration workers continue to replace stormwater drainage pipes under the road before dualization work can continue. The first batch of four crossings is expected to be complete after Labor Day on Route 113.

State Highway sets stormwater crossing schedule

Work will close Route 113 several times this month

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) With the first of four stormwater drainpipe replacements finally in the books, the State Highway Administration has released the preliminary schedule for two of three other crossings that will require lane closures overnight on Route 113.

According to SHA liaison Bob Rager, these crossings are just the beginning of this kind of work on the road as the decades-old dualization project proceeds towards the final phase, with roadwork estimated to be completed by spring 2019.

There is another phase to the road dualization to install an overpass at the junction of Route 113 and Snow Hill Road. No date has been given for the completion of this phase.

The road was closed and detoured earlier this week to complete the second crossing. Road crews installed a 42-inch pipe as a replacement for the existing one.

"We're allowing crews two nights to work up to the edge of roadway and get everything in place so the actual closure night runs smoothly," Rager said. "This worked well last week with the first one."

Because of holiday-related work restrictions, work on the third crossing, installing a 54-inch pipe, will be delayed until Tuesday, Sept. 6.

"We'll plan on doing the preliminary work Tuesday and Wednesday with a tentative Thursday night closure and detour," Rager said.

These closures will all used the same detours: Langmaid Road and Newark Road.

"For the fourth crossing, we're looking at a 72-inch pipe and slightly different detour using Basket Switch Road and Newark Road," he said.

No date has been provided for this installation yet.

"These first four were just roughly in the same area using mostly the same detour routes, so we lumped them together for public information purposes," Rager said.

Claims against Oglesby dismissed

Case will proceed against defendants; plaintiffs seek to appeal court's decision

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) District Court Judge J. Frederick Motz ruled on a number of motions brought by the defendants in the case between three former Pocomoke City police officers and a large number of government officials and staff last Friday, denying all but one. The charges against State's Attorney Beau Oglesby have been dismissed.

Motz, in his decision, said, "The claims raised by the plaintiffs are barred by the doctrine of absolute prosecutorial immunity."

The U.S. Supreme Court held in



Beau Oglesby

1976 that a state prosecuting attorney who acted within the scope of his duties in initiating, pursuing a criminal prosecution and presenting a case, is absolutely immune from civil damages.

The plaintiffs, former Police Chief Kelvin Sewell as well as former officers Lynell Green and Franklin Savage, alleged that Oglesby had acted outside of his duties when he read aloud, among colleagues, letters composed by a suspect during a meeting held in April 2014. The letters contained multiple instances of the word "nigga."

Savage, an African-American,

maintained repeated use of the word was unnecessary and uncomfortable in his presence, and led to the creation of a hostile work environment.

Savage claims another state's attorney, also black, left the room because of the language.

Other incidents allegedly perpetrated by Savage's colleagues followed this meeting, according to court documents.

Savage alleged that following this meeting, Oglesby's attitude towards him changed, and finally led to the decision by the State's Attorney to not call cases where Savage was involved.

Because of his inability to testify in court, Savage was terminated as a Pocomoke City police officer. He filed the lawsuit in January 2016.

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Former Pines GM Thompson talks about dismissal, future

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) Bob Thompson – once the general manager and now a private citizen living in Ocean Pines – remains upbeat after being dismissed from his job by the OPA Board of Directors last week.

Thompson said he was in his office working that Friday evening when Board President Tom Herrick delivered the news. He was not surprised by it, he said.

"Any time there's a change in a board of directors – and certainly in Ocean Pines – it opens up the opportunity for changes, either in direction or in management itself," he said. "I think Tom Herrick dealt with it appropriately. It's a tough situation."

Thompson served as general manager for six years, starting in August 2010, and was an elected member of the board before that.

"Any time you live in a community for 26 years and you serve on committees, you serve on the board and ultimately serving as the GM, obviously a change like that is something that can be a bit disappointing," Thompson said. "At the same time the board has the right to make decisions. The community voted for the



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new board members that were clear on the direction that they wanted to head in, and the community supported that.

"I can't really fault anybody – it's the process. That's the way it's supposed to be," he added. "The community spoke and the board took the action they thought they were elected to do. I can't have hard feelings about that."

Thompson feels he is leaving the association on strong footing. Ocean Pines was again named one of the safest communities in the state, based on its low crime rate, and amenities like the yacht club were honored by several publications as "best" in the region.

He was also quick to deflect much of the credit to his staff.

"I'm encouraged by the fact that we ended the year with one of our best financial years ever," he said. "There are a lot of things I can be real proud of, but probably the biggest thing I'm most proud of is the team we've built. We have a really strong group of leaders in each of the departments and I'm real proud of them. It's not what I've done to get us

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Renaud: GM firing 'one of main reasons' for resignation

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The letter, addressed to Board President Tom Herrick, stated, "Pursuant to Article V Board of Directors; Section 5.12(d) of the By-Laws of the Ocean Pines Association, I am resigning as Director effective immediately."

He said the termination of Thompson's contract was "one of the main reasons" for his resignation.

"Another reason is that I have had some health problems that I have to take care of," Renaud said. "I've had enough. I've talked to my doctor and everything. It's all done."

"I don't think there's anything I could accomplish in this year if I stayed on, except to be more frustrated" he added.

Renaud served as board president for the past year until Herrick's election to the position last month. He missed several meetings because of health issues and was once hospitalized after being diagnosed with sepsis and cellulitis.

According to Ocean Pines bylaws the directors must call a special meeting, or wait until the next regular meeting, in order to appoint a replacement for Renaud. As of press time no such meeting was scheduled.

Also this week, the last-remaining member of the OPA Elections Committee, Steve Smith, handed in his resignation. Last week Cheryl Bissell, Judy Butler and former committee Chairman Bill Wentworth also resigned.

In part, Wentworth said the committee members left because of controversies that arose during the last election cycle, which officially ended with the announcement of three new directors on Aug. 13.

Several of the candidates and some board members believed the votes should be counted in public as opposed to the closed vote-count under current Ocean Pines guidelines.

"It all rolls back to, we were in a situation where the bylaws and the resolutions, which everyone is expected to follow, we followed to the Nth degree and unfortunately we had two board of directors who didn't think it was important to follow those things," Wentworth said.

"They kept pimping the idea of, 'well it should be transparent – people should be able to be in there,' which is a violation – until they change it – of the resolutions and the bylaws."

Wentworth said the firing of Thompson affected the timeline of his decision.

"I definitely was not going to do another round of [committee work], but the fact of Bob Thompson being terminated certainly had an impact on my feelings toward exactly how I was going to end what I was doing," he said. "I had some things together for the year-end report, but I'm just

not going to do it."

"What's going on [with the new board] just makes no sense at all," Wentworth continued. "You've got a group of people who are in a situation for maybe seven or eight days, and then they're going to fire somebody. You just can't live with some of the things that they're doing – that they've done."

He went on to say there was "no rhyme or reason" to the actions of the new board.

"It seems to me they want to make change just for change's sake," he said. "I think it may have devastating effects on the direction of the community with what's going to happen."



Pat Renaud

"I feel sorry for the employees," Wentworth added. "They're under the gun. If they did that to the general manager with no provocation – or in the night of darkness so to speak – what could happen to one of these people if they happen to say the wrong thing? Are they going to just move them out? It's got to be a very uncomfortable climate for those people who are working in the administration office, and I feel for them."

A former director who lost his re-election bid in 2012, Wentworth alleged that current Board Vice President Dave Stevens was "the puppeteer of this whole thing." Wentworth previously served on the board with Stevens.

"From the time Bob Thompson was moved into the general manager's position by (former director) Bill Rakow, Dave Stevens' whole goal in life was to fire Bob Thompson," he said. "He has said that to me, when I was coming on the board of directors. 'Is there something I can do to help you, Dave?' 'Yeah, help me fire Bob Thompson.'"

Wentworth said it was ironic that the same candidates who ran on a promise of increased transparency were being anything but transparent as newly elected officials.

"They don't want anyone to call them – the president doesn't want to be getting phone calls," he said. "It's like everything's a secret – everything's undercover. And that's sad. It's just really, really sad."

Bob Thompson: 'I feel good leaving on a very high note'

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 at elevated levels – it's really the work that each of them have done bringing it to the team that's helped us reach those levels.

"I feel good leaving on a very high note with the community, I believe, in a better place then when I walked through the door," he added.

During the last six years Thompson developed close working relationships with his staff, and he acknowledged the change in leadership would be difficult for some of them.

"Any time you have a change, especially with such a close group that we had, it's hard. It's hard for me and I think it's hard for several of them," he said. "But they're strong, they're talented and I think they'll find a way to push through. They'll be professional and I do believe that the strength lies more so with them than it ever did with me. They'll be OK. We hired some really, really talented people that have stepped up and done a great job."

As for the community itself, Thompson said he was "absolutely" upbeat about the future of Ocean Pines.

"I've been here a long time. For me, I support the community where I live

and I think I've shown that over the years," he said. "I've raised my kids here, I've been involved building playgrounds and being on all the committees. I was very active and involved, and I think I did it with integrity and being upfront. Admittedly I have a strong personality, but that's part of what I believe a good leader has to do."

While he was general manager, Thompson was known for not taking any vacation days. That trend, he said, would continue.

"I'm not one to sit around, so I'll be seeking other endeavors as quickly as I can. I still have kids I have to put through college," he said. "I like to be busy, I like to be involved, and I'll still certainly help if there's any questions from either the current board, any of the department heads have or if I can be of any assistance."

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve the community for six years," Thompson continued. "I feel real good from where we started to where we are. From when I arrived to when I departed, I think the community is stronger for it and I feel pretty good about that. I like to think I leave a place a little better then when I stepped into it, and with the team in place now, I feel very comfortable that's occurred."

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Continuum of Worcester economic development

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) Improving the local economy is a tall order for any person, and has proven especially difficult to balance here because of a divide that exists somewhere to the south of Berlin — where, currently, the tourism/hospitality market falls away and the agricultural aspects take precedence.

Yet those are the responsibilities vested in the economic development department, an office that has been as volatile in the past as the weather that rules the county's major economic drivers: tourism and agriculture.

The previous occupant, Bill Badger, tended his resignation after almost four years during this time last year. His deputy and protégé, Merry Mears, was named director shortly after he left. A few months after that, the County Commissioners named John Azzolini the deputy director of the department.

In the meantime, Badger said he's done some project-based consulting in Baltimore, Annapolis and Delaware on "projects that found him" from his long history in the industry and state. In 2014, Badger was inducted into the Maryland Economic Development Association Hall of Fame.

"I am pleased they picked Merry. I saw the end coming and worked hard to get her ready," he said. "Part of my mission was to build on our strengths — hospitality and agriculture — but to diversify our economy."

Badger said he would have preferred that diversification to occur in the high-tech sector.

He was also keeping tabs on some projects that started during his tenure, the proposed sports arena and excursion train linking Berlin and Snow Hill.

"The hockey arena is going to be a challenge, because there's usually some form of government investment, but the commissioners had no taste for it," he said.

Competition might also be a problem, Badger continued, due to the end of alcohol prohibition at the nearby Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, which, like the proposed arena, is dependent on state funds.

The fear is the state won't invest the money it'll take to build an arena

because of the money it's already spent on the WYCC, thereby competing against itself.

The excursion train also began on Badger's watch, and although he said he regrets not being able to see it through he said he was glad to see the project continuing.

"I think you can expect to hear something on the train by the end of the year," Mears said.

Currently, she said, there are five entities with skin in the game, though not all have been identified. The towns of Berlin and Snow Hill are both involved, as is the railroad. Nondisclosure agreements limit what Mears is able to discuss.

"It's an ongoing conversation and it's going to take a bit of time," she said.

The sports arena is also progressing, and Mears said she expects the results of the phase-one feasibility study, conducted by the Maryland Stadium Authority, to be delivered by November.

"It's going to tell us some basic information — not business plan information, but basic feasibility and whether or not we should proceed to phase two," she said.

How many people are likely to utilize the proposed facility, along with projected locations for the arena, are also likely to be included with the study, Mears said.

"Bill and I did a lot of work on defining what a diverse economy in Worcester County would be," she said. "We have tourism and hospitality, and both agriculture and health-care are kind of tied for third. We also have some manufacturing towards the south end," she said. "The aerospace industry, through Wallops Island, remains on the plate."

Not necessarily recommending homebrew aerospace solutions themselves, Mears said, but small businesses that develop products or services used by that industry could find a place in Pocomoke's small business incubator.

Earlier this year, the Baltimore Business Journal named the Worcester County Small Business and Technology Incubator as one of the top 20 in the state, offering low rent and high-speed internet access, along with a host of other services to fledgling companies.

"I'm also interested in renewable energy — offshore wind is one to keep your eye on, but it's mostly sitting at the state level for now," she said.

Putting the county to work is bigger than any one person, industry or director, so finding that balance in order to improve conditions across Worcester is a continuing goal of the economic development office.

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Mayor Gee Williams formally announces Berlin reelection bid

(Sept. 1, 2016) Berlin Mayor Gee Williams filed the paperwork to run for reelection this week, seeking a third consecutive term.

As of press time only a single opponent has filed against the incumbent mayor, District 2 Councilwoman Lisa Hall.

In a press release on Monday, Williams said his priority was "the work that remains to be done in building a Better Berlin."

"Serving as Berlin's mayor for the past eight years has been one of the most challenging, but also rewarding, experiences of my life," Williams said in the release. "I believe that by actively encouraging partnerships with all levels of government, the business community, advocates for environmental stewardship and with citizens in every neighborhood, we have made significant strides in our ongoing effort to become a better Berlin."

"Building on the work that has been ongoing for over two decades, I wish to continue to serve the citizens of Berlin in helping to add some more important blocks to a foundation that will allow our community to prosper, not just today but for the generations who will follow, while preserving our unique quality of life that is precious to all of us," he added.

Williams said he views this election as one in which Berlin citizens have a clear choice – to maintain the direction the town has taken during the last several years, or to "reverse course and back down from the challenges and opportunities that are before the community."

"I strongly believe Berlin should not get caught up in the negative outlook, extreme pessimism and cynical attitude that some people have succumbed to in their outlook about our nation's future. In Berlin we have so much to be grateful for, but we must never rest on our laurels and take our community for

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DISTRICT CHAMPS

The Worcester County Commissioners on Aug. 16 present commendations to members of the Berlin Little League Senior All Stars for winning the Maryland District 8 Tournament and bringing home the 2016 Maryland state championship for their age division. Worcester County is extremely proud of the Berlin Little League Senior All Stars Coach Eric Snelsire, Manager Cameron McDonough, Assistant Coach Ned Delaney, Team Parent Jocelyn Snelsire, and team members #6 Stephen Bontempo, #7 Gavin Bunting, #5 Dawson Delaney, #4 Robert Figgs, #2 Shea Griffin, #8 Christian Harrington, #12 Jeffrey McDonough, #42 Tristan McDonough, #9 Zachary Pilarski, #3 Hunter Selzer, #1 Jacob Shockley, #22 Hayden Snelsire and #19 William Wheatley, Jr.

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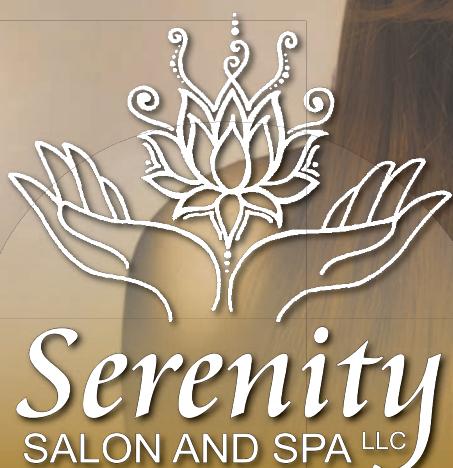
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Williams will seek third term, face Lisa Hall in Oct. election

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granted," he said. "Everything that Berlin has achieved has been the result of first believing in each other, rolling up our sleeves and going to work to meet the challenges and opportunities we collectively face, and, just as importantly, being grateful for all we have and share together."

If reelected, Williams said he would use citizen engagement and the principles of "Smart Growth America" to "plan and support incremental and sustainable growth that can be maintained and adapted to changing expectations, needs and economic conditions over time."

"A stable and growing local economy is very important, but must always be balanced with preserving our small-town charm and a real sense of interpersonal connections," he said. "Smart growth does not mean no growth, or even highly restrained growth. It does require putting different areas and assets in our community to their best use while maintaining our ongoing commitment of balancing economic opportunity with a quality of life that is based on our common sense of place."

A key decision, he said, would be determining the long-range growth boundaries of Berlin, and Williams advocated creating a "no-growth zone" around the town, exempting "the portion of U.S. [Route] 50 that is just east of Seahawk Road, just beyond the property Berlin annexed for the Oceans East apartments that is expected to soon begin construction."

"The corridor of U.S. 50 between Berlin's eastern most boundary and West Ocean City is not under the authority of the Town of Berlin, but is being developed through the oversight of Worcester County," he said.

"Berlin's commitment to planned growth must be inclusive, thoughtful and take the long view so it can serve as a template for the remainder of the 21st century, not just the next few years," Williams continued. "The planning and forethought of building a better Berlin will be considerable and require citizens of goodwill to be respectful of a wide range of hopes, dreams and opinions."

"If we do not engage in this process, no matter how challenging, we will just end up being the sum total of random development that while meeting all the requirements of our town code, does not benefit from any overall vision for the future of Berlin," Williams added.

A former local journalist, Williams said his career evolved into that of "state public servant [with the Maryland State Highway Administration], to a professional in our nonprofit community, and now also as an elected public servant."

"During that time I have had a unique opportunity to see how so many diverse segments of our community must work together for the greater good to be achieved," he said. "I will continue to work to create and maintain an experience for both residents and guests that makes Berlin a destination community. It is certainly necessary for the Town of Berlin to continue to strongly support our two primary economic drivers, which are medical care driven by the establishment of Atlantic General Hospital and a steadily growing hospitality industry."

"A great community is not always about money," he added. "But as Berlin learned the hard way for most of the last century, a thriving local economy is a practical necessity in order to provide the fuel for all the other things in the public sector we value for a good and decent life. It is because of our economic growth that making a significant start to the redevelopment of the former Tyson property into another community asset for our residents as Berlin Falls Park is also [a] third-term priority."

"Providing our Berlin Police Department personnel with all the facilities, tools and technology they need to continue making our town uncommonly safe through their very successful approach of 'community policing' is another immediate priority. This is just one more example of how we build a better community when we work together and look out for each other."

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Worcester County schools back in session

Students to be given iPads, Chromebooks and laptops based on their grade levels

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2016) More than 6,500 students are getting ready to attend Worcester County's 14 public schools for the 2016-2017 school year with Tuesday, Sept. 6, marking the first day back in session.

"We are very excited to welcome our students back into the halls of our schools," Carrie Sterrs, schools spokesperson, said. "We look forward to providing the students of Worcester County with challenging and innovative learning opportunities."

An estimated 6,628 students will fill Worcester's halls this year with

633 teachers in the district, compared to last year when 6,631 students were enrolled and 657 teachers taught in the county.

The 180-day school year is slated to end Friday, June 16, with three cancellation days allowed for snow and other inclement weather days. The last day of school will be adjusted if the county school system does not use the days or they exceed that number, Sterrs said.

While students spend 180 days in class, the state requires teachers to work 188 days. Some of those are professional days, which gives time off for students, but requires teachers to report for a full day. There are four of those days scheduled during this year – three at the end of each marking period and one on Election Day, November 8.

The schools will continue to implement technology during the fall with kindergarten through third graders receiving iPads, fourth to eighth grade utilizing Chromebooks and high school students each given a laptop.

"Two highlights for the start of our school year are our digital distribution and Freshman Seahawk Day," Thomas Zimmer, principal of Stephen Decatur High School, said. "With the county's growing digital initiative, our ninth and tenth graders will be receiving laptops on Wednesday night."

The annual Freshman Seahawk Day took place yesterday, Thursday, Sept. 1, when incoming freshman came for morning orientation, and go on an abbreviated schedule of classes to meet teachers and learn to navi-

gate the building. Upper class students were in attendance to assist, and freshman heard about what goes on during the school year at Decatur.

"Quite honestly, I look forward to the kids coming back refreshed and rejuvenated," Zimmer said. "Some have physically grown. Seeing the shining floors, teachers reinvigorated and ready to start the school year – I am very fortunate to be a principal at a great high school with wonderful students and staff. I look forward to every school year. It is a fresh start for everyone."

Annette Wallace, principal of Pocomoke High School, echoed Zimmer by saying she looks forward to every school year because it gives students and teachers a fresh start.

"It's always exciting to turn a page and get a fresh start," Wallace said. "Seventy percent of our kids live in poverty and they face a lot of challenges in the summer. I really love back to school because they are coming back to a safe place and get to learn so much in a healthy and safe environment."

This year, Pocomoke High School is applying the mantra, "be a game changer" as its theme.

"I refer to the school and our kids as the Dream Team," Wallace said. "I am excited about our theme and the positive change it will bring for the school year."

Back to school preparations begin once the previous school year ends. Assessment scores come back in July and teachers look to see what areas they can make improvements.

"I am really excited for the school year," Wallace said. "It is my fifth year of being a principal at Pocomoke and every year is a fresh start. I always play the Christmas song, 'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year' because it's the best time of the year for us."

Over at Snow Hill High School, a freshman seminar class will be offered for the first time providing students the opportunity to learn keyboarding skills, PSAT or SAT strategies and improving their digital literacy in conjunction with the laptop distribution for ninth grade students, which took place yesterday.

"It is a way to get them off to a good start," Kimberly Purvis, principal at Snow Hill High School, said. "Some kids struggle and we wanted to provide extra support for those students."

The entire summer is spent making sure everything is ready for the upcoming school year from reviewing emergency plans, to providing flexi-

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Administrators excited for start of new school yr.

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ble schedules and making sure the building is clean.

"We focus on academics, safety and their environment," Purvis said. "We want to make sure all students are challenged with multiple opportunities to explore and they are prepared for life beyond Snow Hill High School."

Worcester County Public School holidays for the 2016-2017 school year are:

- Oct. 21: Maryland State Education Association Convention
- Nov. 8: Countywide Professional Day and Election Day
- Nov. 11: Professional day and Veterans Day
- Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 2: Winter break
- Jan. 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Feb. 1: High school exams, half-day for high school students
- Feb. 2: High school exams, half-day for all students
- Feb. 3: Professional day
- Feb. 20: Presidents Day
- April 13: Professional day
- April 14-17: Spring break
- May 29: Memorial Day
- June 15-16: High school exams, half-days for all students

Pines board spends bulk of special meeting on updates

Directors discuss latest on Manklin, country club, beach club and W.H. Park

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) The bulk of a special Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors session last Friday dealt with a series of project updates requested during the Aug. 22 organizational meeting.

Specifically, several of the new directors had asked then-General Manager Bob Thompson to clarify where the association was with its improvements at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, the country club and new or renovated bathrooms at White Horse Park and the beach club.

Thompson's contract was terminated during a closed session on Friday, following the open portion of the meeting. Director Brett Hill was appointed as interim general manager.

Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta spoke about Manklin Meadows and how the association had discussed improvements that included new courts and a repaired playground.

"Glad to be here. I'd rather do this than go home on weekends," Aveta said, referring to the 4:30 p.m. start

time of the meeting.

Aveta said the complex has four platform tennis courts, several tennis courts, a playground and a parking lot. He added that the racquet sports advisory committee and other related groups were consulted on the projects.

"We gathered from them their input as far as what would they like to see in terms of expanding the capabilities at the center," he said. Four concepts were originally developed.

The final design, approved by the board, included two phases of work. The first phase added four new pickle ball courts and two platform tennis courts, and the second phase added four additional pickle ball courts, for a total of eight, as well as "future platform tennis courts," Aveta said.

Aveta said Ocean Pines contacted 30 contractors, but only received one bid. He and officials from public works and recreation and parks had come up with a project estimate based partially on "a contract estimate we had based on a builder that's in Ohio that's done work for us in the past." In-house estimates were also used, he said.

According to information presented during previous board meetings, that estimate was about

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Updates, but no actions, on Pines projects

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\$250,000, while the lone bid was close to \$750,000.

"We didn't anticipate the complexity of the electrical design," Aveta said, explaining the disparity in the estimate and the bid. He added that OPA officials had believed an existing electrical hookup could accommodate expanded lighting for the new courts.

"The run was too far, so we actually had to bring primary power into the middle of the project and extend it out," he said. "That was a cost we were not counting on."

Stormwater mitigation required by the county also drove costs higher, he said.

"The lesson learned from that is we should have done more hardcore engineering analysis right upfront, involved electrical engineers [and] involved structural engineers to actually give us a hardcore estimate before we went into budget process. That's something we did not do," Aveta said.

On March 24, Thompson proposed a "restructured phase approach," Aveta said. That was then deferred to a special meeting on

March 29, when Thompson pitched an alternate phase one plan at a cost of \$150,000.

Aveta said the association had sought to explore ways to save money related to the ballooning stormwater fees, which included redesigned stormwater retention pools. When that did not work, raised platform tennis courts were explored that, in theory, would not require stormwater mitigation. That approach, however, did not work either, since it didn't change the impervious surface area and therefore did not lower costs.

"After [those] two efforts, we came to the conclusion [that] the design that we have is the only acceptable design for the current project configuration," Aveta said.

The new phase one, approved by a previous board vote, included an "expansion and resurfacing of the parking lot" and "repair and relocation associated with playground and community gardens" and "constructing fencing," Aveta said. No courts were included in that phase of work.

Thompson attempted to clarify that the new first phase only addressed the "playground side" of the complex, which includes the play-

ground and community gardens on the right-hand side when entering the complex.

He said new uprights for playground equipment were approved and "sitting in public works," and that the old equipment had been damaged because that area was "so soft and soggy."

Before installing it, he wanted to improve drainage in the area so the new equipment would not be similarly damaged.

"The uprights have always been bought and we're waiting to install them, but we need the earthwork accomplished so the stormwater works appropriately before we do uprights for the playground," Thompson said, adding that that work would be done in-house. That had not begun, he said, because the county had not yet approved the project.

Once county permits are awarded, Ocean Pines was "ready to do the work," Thompson said.

"I can't give you a timeframe until we get final approval from the county," he said, adding that bid requests would then be sent out for the earthwork and bio-retention ponds.

Hill said there were also estimates

in place to convert some of the existing tennis courts into either pickle ball or platform tennis courts, and that the pricing was low enough to not require board approval.

Thompson said the asphalt work related to that only received one bid. "We don't operate on one bid," he said, adding that projects costing more than \$5,000 required three or more bids. He hoped to tie that into a larger road-paving project in order to save money, provided a contractor would agree. Bids for that were due Sept. 1.

On the beach club bathrooms in Ocean City, Thompson said the association pursued bids to either renovate the current facilities or build new "standalone" bathrooms. He said three bids came back, including one for renovation and two for standalone structures.

He said the next step was to meet with Ocean City and Worcester County officials to verify their requirements for construction. Following that, Thompson said he would meet with the three bidders again, finish leveling the bids, and present that to the board. He did not give a

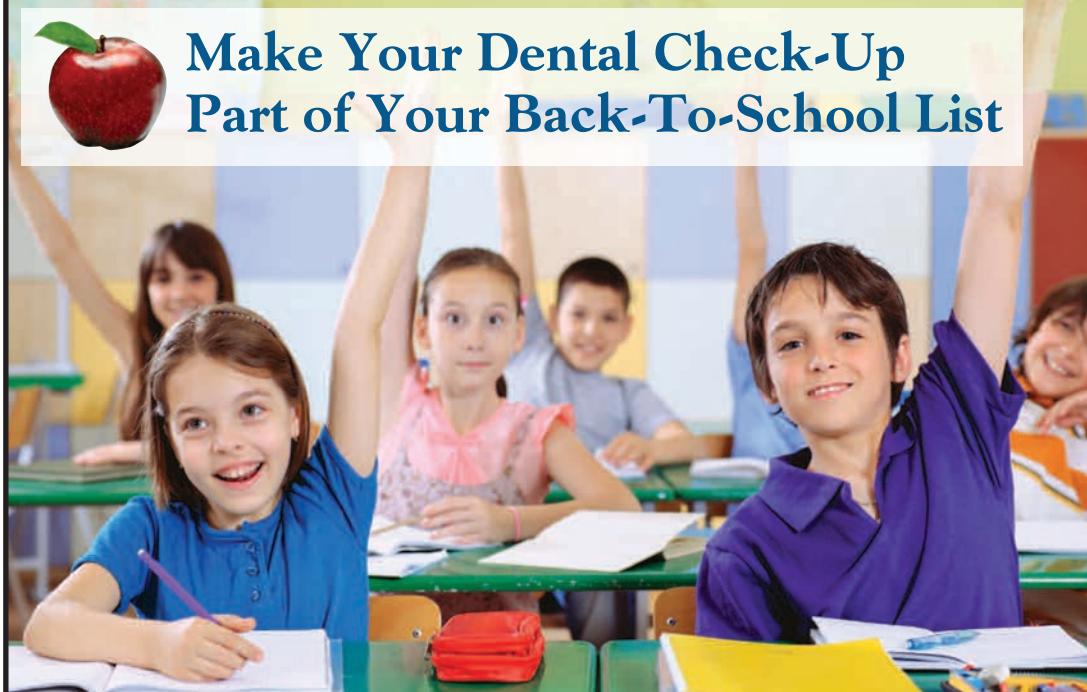
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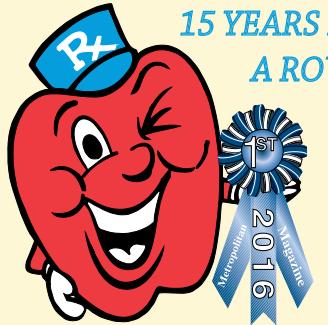


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OPA Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a special meeting in the administration building on Aug. 26.

Agenda swap

Director Brett Hill withdrew a motion related to park space at the Ocean Pines Swim and Racquet Club. Residents had complained that the site, which the association uses a staging ground for bulkhead repairs, included items left unattended that were potentially dangerous.

Hill said he had only received a copy of the contract with Fisher Marine, the contractor, that morning, although that was apparently incomplete. In addition, he said upon visiting the site he observed that some of the items in question were "related to the Department of Natural Resources." He said the motion would be better addressed during the Sept. 19 work session, giving the board more time to gather information.

He also withdrew another motion related to a proposed food truck, and substituted that with "another motion which I believe would solve the same problem I was trying to solve with the food truck." Specifically, Hill proposed the directors go into a closed session to discuss "contractual issues ... specifically the general manager's contract."

Another addition

Director Slobodan Trendic added a motion related to "the names of the streets" of a new development, Triple Crown Estates, being built by Steen Associates Inc. He moved to rename a portion of Winner Circle Drive to Preakness Drive.

Trendic said the developer, Marvin Steen, had just received approval from the Worcester County director of emergency services. Because the board was not scheduled to hold a regular meeting until late September, Trendic said Steen requested action during the special session.

That motion was unanimously approved.

Annual agenda

Director Cheryl Jacobs suggested a series of priorities for the new board. They included completing a capital improvement plan, reserve study and five-to-10-year plan, making the decision to repair or replace the country club based on an updated engineering report, refurbishing or replacing the beach club bathrooms, finishing improvements at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex, finishing improvements at the yacht club, finalizing the Section 17 turnover agreement, updating or reviewing resolutions M-01 and M-06 and developing a "better, mutually beneficial relationship with Worcester County."

"What I think would be a great way for us to start off the year ... is to jointly establish goals of what we hope to accomplish this year," she said. "As you know, if you don't know where you're going any road will take you there."

Country club engineering study due

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Timeline.

"The bids were not that far apart, interestingly enough, but the approaches were very different," Thompson said. "That's why we wanted to take that next step before we publicize it."

Thompson said Becker Morgan Group in Salisbury was updating a 2011 engineering study of the country club, which was requested by the board. He said that included a facility inspection, a study of utility usage, mechanical recommendations and an executive summary. He said the building was also being evaluated in terms of bringing it up to current codes.

"The goal is to have the final [report] by Sept. 2," he said. "Then we'll have to decide what our next steps will be."

As for the new White Horse Park bathrooms, Thompson said initial costs did not include tie-ins for county water and Choptank electric, as well as drafting, engineering and permits. That apparently increased a \$60,000 contract with Beach Construction Co. to \$86,000. When the board approved the project a 15 percent contingency fee was added, bringing the total to \$98,900.

Thompson said another bathroom, in addition to male and female rooms, was also added to the project.

"If you all follow the national news and all the what type of bathrooms do you have [debate], in lieu of having a male and a female — I'm not making that call and I'm not going to fight that out — we added another door with a 'family' bathroom," he said. "If you don't know what you are, just go to the family bathroom. I don't mean any disrespect, but I just didn't want us to have any issue."

He said \$145,000 had been budgeted for the project, and estimated Ocean Pines would spend about \$112,000 to complete it, including all necessary additions. The association is under contract with Beach Construction Co.

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Trendic seeks resignation of two Pines committee members

Director backs Steve Lind as chairman of volunteer advisory panel on OP clubs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) The relationship between the new Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors leadership and one of its advisory committees got off to a rocky start this week, based on emails provided to the Gazette.

On Aug. 28, new Director Slobodan Trendic, who was just named liaison to the clubs committee, contacted its chairman, Les Purcell.

Trendic introduced himself, asked for a list of the committee's goals and objectives, and offered his assistance

as the liaison.

He also noted that the committee was "fully staffed" and that Purcell's term was due to expire on Sept. 20.

Purcell replied on the following day, saying he met with committee Secretary Gary Miller "in order to facilitate the exchange of any information" and that he planned to present Trendic with a list of the committee's activities during the next few days.

He added that he had already submitted an application to serve his "final allowable" term as a committee member, one year, which would then expire on Sept. 20, 2017.

On Aug. 30, Trendic sent an email to Board President Tom Herrick, with copies to Miller and Purcell, saying he thanked Purcell for his years of service on the committee, but that "I do not endorse his application."

Instead, Trendic said he was backing an application submitted by former board candidate Steve Lind, whom he nominated as the new chairman of the committee.

"During his recent campaign, Mr. Lind demonstrated great leadership and communication skills," Trendic wrote. "In addition, his knowledge on the issues facing our Yacht Club, the Beach Club and the Country Club will enable the committee staff to excel in its goals and objectives for this year."

Trendic added, "Furthermore, I recommend that you please ask Mr. Miller to immediately resign from the Clubs Committee. The reason is the following. In the recent interview with the local newspaper, his comments as members of the committee were totally unprofessional and inappropriate. It reflected negatively on the OPA Board and its individual directors."

Miller sent an email response later that day, with copies also sent to several other directors and to the Gazette.

He asserted that he did not say anything "unprofessional or inappropriate" in the article, referencing a story published last Thursday.

"Les, me and the rest of the committee have done everything in our power to help foster the benefits of the YC, and the rest of the OP Clubs," he said.

He added that the article was not an interview, but was rather coverage of the most recent committee meeting, and said he was accused on another website of "bringing politics into the committee discussion."

"All we did was discuss problems we have encountered as a committee, what we might expect from the new BOD as far as help and support, and how to approach the new BOD to best help the different OP clubs," Miller wrote. "Of all the Advisory Committees, the CAC probably has to deal with the whims of the board more than any other. Do you really think comments from ex-board members suggesting that the YC be closed after

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Salt Water Media owners struck by scooter, Saturday

Driver failed to stop at red light on Coastal Highway; Gregorio seriously injured

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Sept. 1, 2016) Salt Water Media owners Stephanie Fowler and Patty Gregorio were struck by a scooter on Saturday afternoon after the operator failed to stop at a red light on Coastal Highway at 41st Street.

Police said the two Berlin business owners had just stepped off the sidewalk into the bus lane when a rental scooter ran a red light and hit them in the crosswalk. The scooter driver refused treatment from emergency medical services and was cited for traffic violations.

Fowler and Gregorio were both taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center for their injuries. Fowler was treated for bruises and road rash

Miller: 'I will not voluntarily resign from' committee

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Labor Day and how that or anything else would affect the YC is not worthy of discussion within the committee? It would be foolish and irresponsible if we did not understand that and make an effort to figure out how best to accomplish our goals within those restraints."

Addressing the request to Herrick that he be removed from the committee, Miller wrote that Trendic "made it perfectly clear that there is a new political agenda in Ocean Pines, and that includes those that volunteer to help. That agenda is also apparent by your nomination of Steve Lind, a former member of this committee who tried several times to get Les Purcell removed as chairman. It seems ironic that several BOD candidates that did not get elected have asked about joining the committee. Since the CAC is currently full, I guess this is the only way to force an opening and get your favorites on."

Miller said he did not speak for Purcell, but that "I will not voluntarily resign from the CAC. Bring it up at a public meeting and let the entire BOD vote on it."

Reached for additional comments, Trendic said "I wanted to be fully transparent with my views since they involve two Clubs Committee members."

"Being transparent was the reason Mr. Purcell and Mr. Miller were included in my message to President Herrick," Trendic said. "I also felt it was the right thing to do given the concerns raised in my message which came from the recent subject article."

while Gregorio, who took the worst of the impact, was sent to Shock Trauma in Baltimore.

On Sunday morning, Fowler said on Facebook they spent a long night at Shock Trauma and Gregorio has multiple facial fractures including her eye and jaw, which required doctors to wire her jaw shut.

"The amount of love and support that has flooded my phone and Facebook feed over the past two days has been tremendous in volume and completely overwhelming in warmth," Fowler posted on Facebook Monday afternoon. "When she realized just how many people were sending their love and good wishes, it moved her to tears. Thank you a million times, folks. It has helped her more than you know."

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Pines planning committee has breakthrough

Members moving toward conducting free survey as 'beta test' for OPA future

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) The members of the Ocean Pines Association Comprehensive Planning Committee appeared to reach something of a breakthrough during its last meeting on Aug. 25.

The five-member panel had been working for the better part of a year on creating a communitywide survey to gather data for a comprehensive plan – their mandate from the board of directors as one of its advisory groups.

The committee's last hurdle was how, exactly, it would implement the survey.

Previously the board had employed an outside group, Salisbury University's BEACON, to do just that. When the board and BEACON mutually dissolved their agreement, however, the committee was left to operate largely on its own.

Last Thursday the members of the

committee were still grappling with whether they should target only homeowners or all residents and stakeholders in Ocean Pines, as well as just how many people, per household, would be able to take the survey.

They were also unsure whether the questions would be delivered electronically, or through a massive mailing to the more than 8,000 homes in Ocean Pines.

The previous board of directors largely favored polling only association members, and some worried that opening up any questionnaire would lend itself to potential issues of fraudulent results.

Facilities Manager Jerry Aveta, the staff liaison to the group, suggested a simple solution to solve all of those problems.

"You could learn an awful lot by just doing something," he said.

Start simple, call it a "beta test," and then refine the process gradually, he suggested.

"You refine it each time you go through the cycle. You get better – it's like a wine," he said. "Try it and see – try it ... if you get good at this

you could do this a couple times a year."

The committee had long mulled using a free or low-cost method to deliver the survey and often came back to SurveyMonkey, an online, cloud-based software that specializes in survey development and analysis. The committee could set up the questionnaire on its own using that tool, alert the membership in Ocean Pines using its website, direct emails and regular newsletters, and see what kind of results that yields.

Chairman Frank Daly said he believed the general manager's office should be conducting this kind of survey on an annual basis and delivering the results to the board. The committee's role, he said, would then be "to see how that plan corresponds with the communitywide needs and priorities."

"I think you've settled on a wonderful way to ... get in the game and shape the future," Aveta said. "The committee has been struggling to do that and I think we've found a way on a process to start doing that."

Committee member Bill Neville agreed.

"You've been able to get us through a very difficult process," he said to Daly. "I would suggest the quick and easy electronic distribution makes sense – that would be the step to take."

Once the committee has the survey put together online, Aveta said that could yield a "powerful presentation" for the board of directors.

"Bring [the survey] to the board and let them see it, right in the meeting," he said. "I think that would be so impressive."

The committee members agreed to develop the survey, do a limited trial run, and present that to the board of directors during an upcoming work session, potentially by October.

"I think you have stumbled across what I think is a winning strategy," Aveta said. "If you incrementally approach it simply and develop it, and show what you're doing I think it's a winner – I really do. Don't promise them the world and you'll get there."

Sept. 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the community center is the next scheduled meeting for the committee.

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Rehoboth raw bar, ale house, Fins to fills Leaky Petes slot

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) Rehoboth restaurant and raw bar Fins is coming to downtown Berlin, filling the spot vacated by Leaky Pete's, which closed unexpectedly in July.

Owner Jeff Hamer opened the first Fins in Rehoboth in 2005, called Fins Fish House & Raw Bar. After operating a build-your-own sandwich shop for several years, he said he wanted to bring a similar approach to seafood.

"One of the things we do at the Fish House is building-your-own fish – we have a fish board with six sauces and we'll cook it three different ways, so you can come in and have a couple fish and have it 10 different ways 10 different times," Hamer said. "It gives you a little bit of a different variety that you don't get in a normal restaurant."

He opened a second seafood restaurant in Rehoboth, called Claws Seafood House, in 2006, followed by a third, Fins Ale House in 2013. In 2014, the alehouse expanded to include a brewery.

"We're going to bring our alehouse to Berlin," Hamer said. "We're not going to brew there, but that will actually be the first place in Worcester County that serves Big Oyster Beer, which is the beer that we brew at our

restaurant. That will be the only place that you can get it, in the beginning, in Worcester County."

He said the new location would also carry an Oktoberfest, pumpkin ale and the Hammerhead IPA, as well as four additional beers from other local breweries.

The Berlin location will also include a raw bar, and expect the build-your-own fish approach to carry over as well.

"We're looking to open somewhere in mid-October," Hamer said. "The building is in great shape, so it won't take too long to put our flair on it. We're very excited about the opportunity to be part of Berlin. It's a vibrant, growing energetic town and we couldn't be happier that we're going to be a part of it."

"It's going to be a great time," he added. "We hope to be an integral part of the community for many years to come."

Previously the location, 119 North Main Street, was Paco's Tex-Mex and Beyond in 2012, and later rebranded as Tex Mex & Country Cookin' two years later.

Leaky Pete's opened in June 2015, relocating from Cambridge and lasting just over a year. No reason for closing was given.



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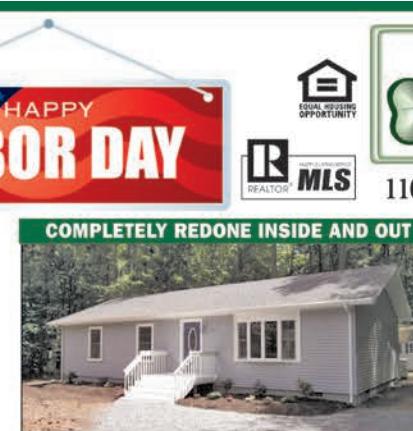
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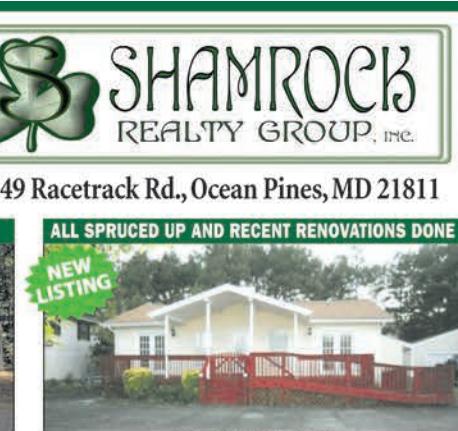


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Lucrative NYPD contract means more business for Snow Hill, Eastern Shore

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) With an increased threat of violence comes an increased need for protection, and Pocomoke City armor manufacturer Hardwire LLC is focused on meeting that need, while also supporting other local businesses.

"Right now we're filling the demand, and we can scale the way we're scaling because of the growing demand. It's good to see more and more armor in the system, because it used to be guns," George Tunis, founder of Hardwire, said. "We went for a while there when it was only guns."

Hardwire makes a variety of armor, but after several ambush-style shootings of police officers while in their patrol cars, Tunis said Hardwire began developing armor for those vehicles.

The company landed contracts with several police agencies, including the New York Police Department, for armor plating to reinforce patrol vehicle doors. Those doors, and the armor plating, need to be painted so they will match the rest of the vehicle, and must conform to the guidelines specific to the police agency in many regards, including color.

"I love the juxtaposition," Tunis said. "Thousands of car doors are being painted in Snow Hill because the armor is being made here."

Hardwire has subcontracted all of the paint jobs to Snow Hill Auto Body, just north of the U.S. 113/Business 113 split.

Tunis said he'd seen the shop every morning since it opened on his commute from West Ocean City to the office in Pocomoke City, never thinking he'd eventually be in business with them.

"People thought we were crazy when we opened here," John Fiscus, manager of Snow Hill Auto Body said.

The body shop is affiliated with

the Preston Automotive Group, and is tied in to the Pittsville Ford dealership, Fiscus said.

Currently, after hiring two new employees to help manage the workload, the staff of 18 paints 100 doors per night to order.

The armored doors are delivered in batches of 600, and delivered on pallets, Fiscus said. The doors need to be unwrapped from their shipping materials, sanded and cleaned before being painted to the receiving police department's specifications. The doors are placed on custom racks developed by Hardwire, painted and allowed to dry overnight.

From there they are prepared for shipping and sent along their way.

"We want to go up to 200 doors per night, in which case we'll need another two or three people," Fiscus said. "The paint jobs account for about 10 percent of our business at the shop."

Tunis said he was impressed with the operation at Snow Hill Auto Body.

"They have a relatively small staff,

and are very professional. The prototypes of what became these armored car doors were all done there," he said.

The increasing demand, and the local connection, has had benefits for Hardwire and Worcester's communities alike.

"We put armor in Seacrets after the Orlando shooting. We're doing more business with more restaurants, and we're trying to make Ocean City one of the safest places in the world," Tunis said. "Folks understand the value of our products. The schools understand the value. Shorebirds Stadium understands the value — they're the first stadium in the country protected by our armor — as you see all this happen you'll see us continue to grow."

But this line of thinking does have its drawbacks in that dwells on the what-ifs of attacks on people's lives.

"We love living here because it helps us decompress after we spend all day thinking about the things we're thinking about," he said.



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Brown Box Theatre bringing 'Cymbeline' to Worcester Co.

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) Boston-based Brown Box Theatre is returning to the area in September to present two weeks of Shakespeare.

This year the company, founded by Berlin native Kyler Taustin, will present "Cymbeline," a story that blends swash-buckling adventure with romantic intrigue. According to Taustin, several major plot elements also mirror the modern political climate.

Taustin will direct the production.

"Cymbeline" is about a young woman named Imogen who has married Posthumus, who is not of noble birth. Her father is not pleased with this fact and banishes him," Taustin said. "The play really surrounds multiple different plots, but the main one is with Imogen, who is dealing with the repercussions of her husband being banished."

While in Italy, Posthumus is confronted by a man named Iachimo who makes a bet that he can convince Imogen to commit adultery. She ultimately resists his temptations, but Iachimo convinces Posthumus that his estranged wife has been unfaithful to him.

"The travels continue from there, as Imogen is forced to try and prove her faithfulness as well as Posthumus dealing with the repercussions of the actions

he takes when he finds out his wife was [supposedly] unfaithful," Taustin said. "The play then surrounds a war that is about to take place in Britain because they have decided to no longer pay tribute to the Romans.

"It's a high-stakes play with all the best things that we love about Shakespeare – sword fights, the romance that you find in something like 'Romeo and Juliet,' it has the father-daughter relationship like in 'King Lear,' and it's a full, packed romance with some comedy and some tragedy," he added. "It's a really lovely night at the theater."

As a director, Taustin said he was drawn to the idea within the play of "truth being used and manipulated for personal/political gain."

"That is a theme that resonates so purely with our society today, especially in an election year," he said. "No matter what side you come from, I think certain truths are being manipulated for personal and political gain. I believe that we are in a society right now where truth is somehow being framed as being in the eye of the beholder."

"There are a variety of characters in this play that are forced to lie to stay true to what they know is right, and there are others who take the truth and manipulate it for their own gain," Taustin con-

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Swords fights are a regular occurrence in Brown Box Theatre's presentation of William Shakespeare's "Cymbeline." The company, for the sixth year, will bring free Shakespeare to several locales in Worcester County, starting Sept. 2.



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Free Shakespeare coming to Berlin, Pines, Pocomoke

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tinned. "There are both romantic and personal variances of that as well as political variances of that, where we have an evil queen who has gotten the king to stop paying tribute to Rome because she wants to be able to have more power."

"In the age of 'Brexit' and the age of what's happening right now in our political sector, I think this play has a lot of themes that we can relate to. While it's a minimally performed Shakespeare play, it's rife with themes and topics and characters that we can see and relate to, and I think it serves as a bit of a warning for the use of national pride as a means to an end, as opposed to true pride in country and respect for its values. You see that in a lot of different ways with these characters."

Last year's Brown Box Theatre production of "Taming of the Shrew" gender-swapped several of the roles — casting nine women and only one man — to drive home the misogynistic tendencies of one of the central characters, Petruchio.

This year, Taustin said the company would opt for a more straightforward approach.

"There's nothing that's as blatant as that with regards to how we're approaching the script," Taustin said. "We've already been complimented with taking what is a relatively complicated plot and taking one story, one tale, and really making sure that people can latch onto the language and the themes and characters that are within the script."

"Something that I work very hard on every production that we do, but especially for the Shakespeare, is to make sure that it's accessible to either someone who has read all or seen all of them, or to someone who is seeing their first Shakespeare play," he added. "Hopefully it will be accessible and open to any audience member that we reach on Delmarva."

Taustin said he hoped the takeaway would be for audiences to use the same filters for the truth that are present in the play and apply them to everyday life — especially when it comes to current national and global politics.

"The kaleidoscoping of the truth and the fracturing of reality is something that we should always be aware of and make sure that we question as a society, so we can make informed and productive decisions," he said.

Worcester County productions of William Shakespeare's "Cymbeline" include Sturgis Park in Snow Hill on Sept. 2, downtown Berlin at the corner of Main and Pitts streets on Sept. 4, White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Sept. 6, Cypress Park in Pocomoke City on Sept. 7, Northside Park in Ocean City on Sept. 9, and Sunset Park in Ocean City on Sept. 11.

All performances are free, open to the public and begin at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Brown Box Theatre productions will be announced this fall, including a new slate of shows that will run in the area in 2017.

For more information, visit www.brownboxtheatre.org.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Rob Sosonovich, newly appointed head chef at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, chops parsley in the kitchen. The New Jersey native, who has been working at the club for several years, was promoted from his previous position as sous chef. He promised a more "blue collar" approach during his tenure than previous Executive Chef, Tim Ulrich.

OP Yacht Club gets new chef and fresh approach to menu

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) New Jersey native Rob Sosonovich was recently tapped to succeed departing Executive Chef Tim Ulrich at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Although relatively young, Sosonovich, 27, already has more than a decade of experience working in professional kitchens.

"I moved down here when I was 18 and I've been working in restaurants since I was 16," he said. "I started as a dishwasher and wasn't sure what I wanted to do with my career, and when I got into line cooking it started there – like a disease, it just takes you over. It's exhilarating is what it is."

"It's such a thrill – cooking a bunch of meals fast and having everybody loving your food," he added. "It's a lot of fun."

Sosonovich dates back to the old Ocean Pines yacht club. He started there as a sous chef and worked his way up.

Now, under his leadership, the club's restaurant, called "The Cove," is expected to take a decidedly more blue-collar approach to cooking.

"[Ulrich] was more of a high-class, fine dining [chef] – that's what they were going for," he said. "It was great food, but I don't think these people were quite ready for it. So, we're going to make fun, fresh food and just keep it simple."

He said a first draft of a new menu was finished, which features "hand-made food done creatively," and that it should be released during the second or third week of September.

"We're talking about fun, bar food for our customers, along with some nice, upscale entrees that you can get in the dining room. We also want to make the club family-friendly again,"

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'Blue collar' approach, lower prices promised at yacht club

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 Sosonovich said.

"We're going to have nice cuts of grass-fed steak, and we'll do things like shrimp and grits and fresh, local seafood. You go out 20 miles east and you can get some of the best seafood in the world – you might as well use it."

Several homemade flatbread options will be on the new menu as well.

Yacht Club Manager Jerry Lewis said he has heard complaints about pricing on previous menus, and that the restaurant was now headed toward more budget-friendly food.

"This summer's menu was far more price-conscious than the summer before, so I have heard less and less about the complaints about pricing. And actually, the menu that Rob has produced that we are going into pricing with right now I can tell you is going to be better priced than this summer's menu," Lewis said. "We're heading in that simplifying direction and the menu is going to expand much more – there's going to be more choice."

Sosonovich said he has enjoyed working in the community and that he's learned a great deal about the demographics of Ocean Pines during the last several years in the kitchen, including what works and what doesn't.

"It's a little difficult to accommo-

date all of them, but that's the direction that we're going for – you can be fine dining while still offering light fare," he said. "We're making the menu more crowd-friendly, and we'll still do our char nights and our wine clubs for the really nice fine dining."

On that note, Lewis said everyone had a different perception of exactly what a yacht club was – from something that is upscale and exclusive, to the neighborhood watering hole that is the opposite – inclusive.

"Everybody comes in here with their own preconceived notion of what they want their yacht club to be," he said. "For some, that's to be able to come in here and wine and dine their guests from out of town with the 'fine-dining' attitude, or they want to come in here and they want to bring their kids and have a very chill Saturday afternoon lunch with their family, or they want to come up on their boat and have a couple drinks and roll."

"It's something different for everybody," Lewis added. "You can't please 100 percent of the people 100 percent of the time, but we are trying darned hard to please as many of them as we can."

Ulrich, who helped open the new yacht club in 2014, left Ocean Pines for a position as the executive chef at Willow Oaks Country Club in Richmond.

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Opinion

Board showed disrespect

Let's take a breath and reflect on how the dismissal of Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson last week will affect the community's property owners, who are, after all, the real stakeholders in this mess.

How about not at all? Unless some unusually bizarre twist takes place — and no jokes about how bizarre that would have to be to qualify as "unusual" — property owners will experience about as much change as they did when Thompson took over for GM Tom Olson in 2010.

Back then, Olson had been expected to work toward making the association's amenities profitable. That didn't happen, he was let go and life went on. Thompson was brought in to do the things that Olson didn't or couldn't do and that, apparently, didn't happen either. Life will go on in this case as well.

Community association managers, like city managers and county administrators, come and go relatively quickly in the scheme of things, and rare to nonexistent would be a subsequent societal collapse.

Obviously, some lose their jobs because they can't do the work. In other instances, this turnover is more about politics and ego than it is ability, as some elected officials tend to believe they know more than the manager about how things should run, while the manager resents and resists the interference or is aligned with the wrong side in policy arguments.

The Thompson dismissal falls into the politics and ego category. Regardless of his performance, whether it was good, bad or indifferent, he gets the blame for all the things board members say they will fix — and can't — when they run for office.

The reality is there's no such thing as a quick turnaround of any major problem in any democratically elected government at any level. People desperately want to believe it can happen (see presidential elections for reference) and they're wrong.

Of greater concern to property owners is how Thompson's firing was handled.

The board's four-member majority sprang its privately discussed decision on the other three directors without notice and without discussion. That is such a clear sign of disrespect for them that the board's capacity to work together to address significant matters in the year ahead is close to ruined.

That's the real concern for property owners, who would no doubt like to see some progress made in certain areas instead of the usual disharmonious showdowns between factions that just don't trust each other.

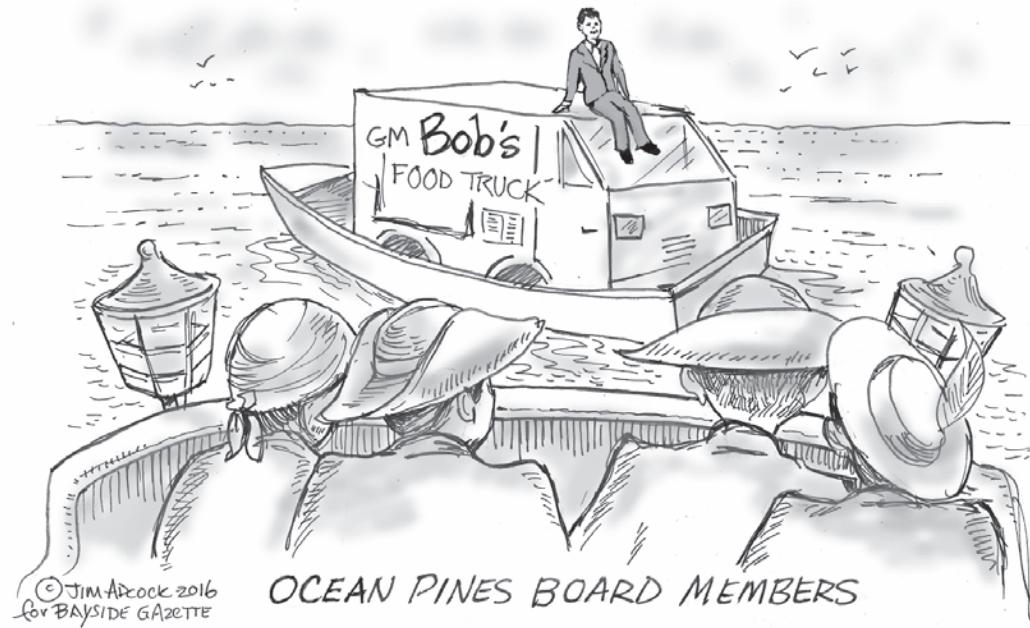
This also must be especially frustrating for the only two female members of the board, Cheryl Jacobs and Pat Supik, who, despite their considerable abilities (as well as Cheryl Jacobs' intelligent punch list of things the board should attend to) are apparently going to be ignored, as the male directors harrumph their way through the agendas.

Ocean Pines has been through manager controversies before without property owners feeling much of a ripple and that's how this one will play out as well.

But as for the board's effectiveness and its ability to function smoothly and respectfully? That's the question.

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MUTINY IN THE PINES



Letters

'New majority'

Editor,

To say I was shocked when the "new majority" (oh yes, there's always going to be a split) moved so quickly to fire the GM, particularly without doing their due diligence, is an understatement.

Rather than exercising the option to renegotiate the GM's contract, which his contract permitted, and using the time to put a more well thought out plan in place, instead the "new majority" used the clause to fire the GM for "convenience" (an interesting term).

In their haste, was it simply more convenient for them, costing Ocean Pines a great deal of money, rather than taking the time to do it right? This was an interesting choice given that the "new majority" had the votes to force the GM, who serves at their pleasure, to do their bidding.

This "new majority" seems intent on bending/breaking the rules to suit themselves, as evidenced by not posting

agendas to the public in a timely manner and making declarations, as opposed to voting. There were/are differing opinions about Mr. Thompson as the GM, but no matter on which side of that opinion you fall, the community deserved the option that could have saved money to have been explored.

During my past first year on the Board, I have been in favor of and worked toward getting things accomplished (which didn't always make some people happy).

Certain members of the "new majority" seem to be like-minded; for that, I welcome the company. There are others, however, who have a tendency to want to "throw the baby out with the bath water" and start everything over again and then drag things on and on to the point that nothing gets done. Funds are expended for studies by experts and then put on a shelf, never to be utilized.

I am very interested in seeing how this "new majority"

will tackle what they will identify as the problems in Ocean Pines, about which many complain.

At the first meeting, I urged the Board to start working on the new budget as soon as possible. At the second meeting, I suggested the Board jointly prepare a list of priorities to be accomplished this year, which feeds into development of the budget.

I provided a list of possible topics for consideration such as: completion of the Capital Improvement Plan and Reserve Study for the coming year as well as a 5-10 year plan; decision on whether to refurbish or replace the Country Club based on the updated engineering study and financial considerations; Beach Club Bathrooms; Manklin Meadows project completion; Yacht Club improvements; and, development of a better working relationship with Worcester County.

These were just suggestions for a starting point of a road

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map, because if you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there. I believe it would be wise for the Board to know where we want to go.

I have just learned that Mr. Pat Renaud, who suffered with health problems last year, has now submitted his resignation. While I am sure he would rather continue to serve the final year of his term working on behalf of Ocean Pines, understandably his health must come first.

Mr. Frank Daly, as the next highest vote getter, represents the opinion of the voters of Ocean Pines and therefore is the logical choice as Mr. Renaud's successor.

I look forward to continuing my role as a Director this year and to helping to navigate through the rocky waters we currently face, ultimately leading our community to safe shores to maintain the great community we love.

*Cheryl Jacobs
Ocean Pines Association
Board of Directors*

Worried about future

(The following was also sent to all of the members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors)

Editor,

You were elected to serve the membership of Ocean Pines, not your own interests, and it is quite obvious by tonight's actions that you have no intention

of representing the members. This is no surprise to many of us who love this community and until tonight I was proud to call Ocean Pine's home. I am extremely worried about the future of Ocean Pines under your leadership and your ability to maintain the most important function of the board of directors – to protect our investment and maintain the value of our homes.

I have full confidence that Bob Thompson, an extremely talented, dedicated and trustworthy leader, will land on his feet and I will continue to support him in any of his future endeavors, as will many members of the OPA.

I have every intention of gathering as many OPA members as possible to discuss what recourse we have in regards to your negligent actions.

*Terri Mohr
Ocean Pines*

Objective take

Editor,

Anticipating a deluge of letters excoriating the new majority's termination of the general manager, let me offer my objective, neutral take on the subject. OK, maybe not neutral, but certainly objective.

First, I'd like to point out that approximately 63 percent of the votes were cast for candidates not considered GM friendly (to say the least). That is a sizable majority. And the top-two vote getters were candidates who made their

dissatisfaction with the GM's performance, salary, bonus etc. well known, with one of those two indicating during the campaign that he favored termination as an option, and the other clearly leaning that way. The will of the people is crystal clear on this issue.

And now that the board has set the stage for a new direction, much speculation and criticism – maybe some of it vile – will be headed their way. Sure, the sour grapes will be tossed and will come from former board members as well as residents, but let's not forget that a GM being fired and a new GM being hired is exactly the way that Thompson got his job in Ocean Pines, and on a 4-3 vote just as this was. (But, unique to that situation was that Thompson was a former board member, he wasn't recruited through a regional/national job search as other GM's had been).

And as it has been with the last three or four GM terminations a board member takes the position until a replacement can be found. In this case it's new director Brett Hill, who is as competent – if not more so – than board members who served in the temporary capacity as GM in the past.

If the meeting (before they went into closed session) was indicative of the way these folks are going to govern, Ocean Pines is in good hands. This new majority is one sharp and savvy group of people. They proceeded methodically and strategically, [and] old-fashioned common sense ruled the day. It seemed to

me that they went into the public meeting with a strategy, and the meeting was a textbook illustration of a functional, civil board. The meeting was so relaxed and cordial, a lot of us were blindsided when we heard about the termination.

This board – again I'll use the word strategically – addressed ongoing/unresolved issues that had been raised at the last three or four meetings of the previous board, issues that have been discussed extensively on the Ocean Pines Forum and in two of our local newspapers, the Progress and the Gazette. And as things turned out, they were issues that were relevant to what was about to transpire in closed session because they were issues that reflected poorly on the GM's job performance. This new board addressed and remedied those issues and then they finalized the difficult decision that a change in management was warranted.

Now let's move on.

*Steve Lind
Ocean Pines*

This is transparency?

Editor,

Throughout the last campaign, I heard a lot about transparency and how the new board would be so open and let the residents be part of the process. During my last meeting I made a motion, in closed session, to renegotiate the contract with Landscapes Unlim-

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Letters

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ited to pay them to leave. They were brought in under false pretenses and have performed poorly and have not done much of anything they said they would do.

Their representative, who the board voted unanimously not to accept as our representative, but we got stuck with him anyway, flat out gave the board completely false information on several occasions during the budget process. We are wasting \$75,000 of our residents' money on something we could be doing ourselves and probably doing better. After my motion, Mr.'s Herrick and Stevens vehemently objected as it had not been made public and the residents did not have a chance to speak on it. The motion was ruled out of order and was not accepted.

Mr. Stevens bullied through a change in golf management companies to take charge of the golf course away from the general manager and probably went full speed ahead with firing the general manager this year because he lost his chance last year. He thought he had the votes last year, but Mr. Renaud came to the realization that Stevens and Clarke weren't being truthful with him and Renaud went with what was good for the community and not what was good for Stevens' need for payback.

You see, Bob Thompson didn't vote for Dave Stevens for president of the board seven years ago, and then Thompson took over the general man-

agers job from Stevens' good friend Tom Olson. Stevens has been furious with him since and has made it his mission to get him fired. This was never about performance and the good of the community, and all about Stevens' vendetta against Thompson.

Now the new board, that called for all this transparency, made a last-minute motion for something that is the most important decision made in the last six years and will affect the community for years to come, without advertising it and letting the residents speak on it. And the new president, who was against letting me make my motion, not only let it go through, but was apparently part of the process. I understand the group of the "new majority" was at the yacht club the night before, drinking, joking and laughing it up, and possibly violating Maryland Law in the process, so they knew what they were about to do, they just didn't feel the need to let the residents know.

Herrick told Bob Thompson to leave the closed meeting, but not leave the premises, so Herrick knew what was about to occur. So much for campaign promises. And we have seen numerous times in the past, that Mr. Stevens makes everybody else play by one set of rules, the actual bylaws and rules of law, and he plays by his own rules. And I bet none of these issues will be brought up on social media as they have been so many times before.

And I find it ironic that Mr. Hill actually made the motion to go into closed session to fire the general manager. Mr. Hill, as a new board member, met with the general manager last Wednesday and told him that he wasn't up to speed with what was going on and had no intentions of firing him until he had time to see what was going on. Then, two days before the vote, Mr. Hill told others that he really wasn't up to speed with what was happening in the community and wanted to take his time and gather more information on a lot of issues.

All of a sudden, two days later he makes the motion to go into closed session and votes to fire the general manager. Also, Hill, who has been here for a couple years and has attended two-to-three board meetings, is now in charge of this corporation.

In my opinion, it appears to me that Mr. Hill fell right into line in with the group that appears to treat integrity as unimportant and truth as a minor inconvenience. In an earlier letter I used the words "low moral character" to describe Mr. Trendic. I used those words because they were the exact words Mr. Herrick used to describe Mr. Trendic last year when they were running against each other, for the board and after Herrick found out about Trendic's drunken accident and fleeing the scene. Herrick used those words in public saying how he didn't think anyone should vote for Trendic because of his "low moral character."

Now they are buddies because they shared the vision of getting rid of the general manager, so to say I am not surprised by the actions of this group is an understatement. What is the old adage ... judge a man's character by the company he keeps?

Thank you Bob Thompson for all your years of dedicated service to this community. As some have said, you have accomplished more in your time than the last three general managers put together despite the obstacles of the same folks around here that have caused obstacles for the previous general managers. This community just made a huge mistake and will never be able to hire someone with the passion, enthusiasm, work ethic and integrity you brought. We just had the best year financially we have ever had and that is a tribute to your work and that of those who worked under you who worked so hard because they respected your leadership. You could have been paid twice as much and it still wouldn't have been enough for the hours you put in and the hell you went through.

Unfortunately, this is the Ocean Pines game, where we play "let's replace the general manager" because he didn't bow down and kiss the ring of the ... angry long-time board member and a clown behind a computer who have run this place for years and believe theirs is the only voice that needs to be heard. These guys will try to bring in a "yes man," like Mr. Aveta, who will do as they wish, which basically is nothing!

*Bill Cordwell
Ocean Pines*

Clinton: Job creator

Editor,

Wow. Where to begin, to verify the 23 titles by 11 authors cited by Ms. Hall [in a letter to the editor published last week]. The library maybe, but being almost 80 I am getting picky about where and on what to spend my reading minutes. So, to the Internet. After Googling "Hillary Clinton Books" Wikipedia provides a list, categorized and alphabetized. Poor Hillary. Only 12 pro, but 45 anti, 38 neutral, 46 children and juvenile and nine scholarly studies. Of the 45 anti-Hillary tomes, only 15 were on Ms. Hall's exhausting list (11 didn't make the Wikipedia cut). Ms. Hall might want to check out the ones she missed.

If nothing else, this exercise has led me to think that Hillary is certainly a job creator in keeping the publishing business afloat for the past 20 some years. Consider all the authors, editors, fact-checkers, bookbinders, paper mills, warehouse workers, delivery persons and their vehicles (and the makers of such vehicles), book stores and their employees, and don't forget librarians or Amazon or Kindle. All needed to keep this industry a going concern. My apologies to anyone omitted.

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First Friday features books, photographs by Doug Stephens

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) A little off the beaten path of downtown Snow Hill on River Street near Sturgis Park lies the new headquarters of the Lower Shore Land Trust, and for its second First Friday in town, the nonprofit will be exhibiting photographs and books by Doug Stephens that feature lower shore images also a bit off the beaten path.

Stephens, a land trust board member and real estate agent, ended up in that world to finance his artistic pursuits.

"I've been a Realtor for 29 years, but I only started in real estate because of the need to support my art," Stephens said. "I'm always trying to keep my art going."

As he was finishing college in 1983, having already exhausted every photography course the school offered, he said he ran out of things to do.

Having grown up on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, Stephens said he did what most people who run out of things to do find themselves doing: fishing.

"Through friends' fishing parties, I met a guy who owned a skipjack. I asked his permission to tag along during a race day," he said.

Skipjacks, the state boat of Maryland, are traditional oyster dredging sailing vessels. A few remain in use on the Chesapeake Bay.

The photos from these excursions led to his first book, 'Workin' with the Wind,' published in 2005. Nearly a decade later, he turned his focus to Smith Island, and published "Summer Harvest," another coffee table book featuring the lives of four watermen.

"Self-publishing is grueling. The book industry is very rigid with what it could do — it took up my weekends and my vacations. Marketing was the interesting part," he said.

And so, his focus on photography got tied up with what began as a job at his father's real estate company and became a career.

"I'm less active now but it's starting to pick up again," Stephens said. "I'm spending a lot of time on the Nanticoke River, and I'm starting to study that. I always find myself on the water's edge somehow."

Most, if not all, merchants in the downtown area will remain open until 8 p.m. this Friday during the celebration, and the regular First Friday festivities outside will continue until that time.

However, at 7:30 p.m. Brown Box Theater will present the Shakespeare play "Cymbeline" for free at Sturgis Park. The town recommends bringing chairs and blankets to the performance.



DOUG STEPHENS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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(Sept. 1, 2016) The Worcester County Veteran's Memorial at Ocean Pines will be holding its 10th annual golf tournament, Sept. 7, at the Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The format will be a Captain's choice scramble with a noon shotgun start. Cost is \$90 per golfer which includes, lunch, greens fee and practice balls. Dinner will follow at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club with a silent auction. To attend just dinner the cost is \$20.

Wounded warriors, members of Support Military Golf Association and members of the Coast Guard who are currently stationed in Ocean City will also be in attendance.

This tournament supports the Educational Outreach program of the Veterans Memorial Foundation which brings every fifth grade student in the county to the memorial. Docents and members of the Stephen Decatur High School NJROTC instruct the students about the branches of the military and the sacrifices veterans made as they defended U.S. freedoms. They also learn the proper handling of the flag and its history.

To play, or support with a donation, call Marie Gilmore at 410-726-2881, or email OPMarie@aol.com, or call Bob Rose at 410 926 2558, or BobRose1@comcast.net.

OP Recreation and Parks to offer adult coed softball

(Sept. 1, 2016) Play some fall ball by joining the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department's coed slow-pitch softball league.

This long-running adult league will be held on Wednesday evenings Sept. 14 – Oct. 26. Games will be played at the ball fields at Manklin Meadows Park, located at 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.

A league meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Team representatives are required to attend. Team rosters

are limited to 20 players and must include at least two females, who are required to be on the field at all times.

The cost to participate in the league, which is open to Ocean Pines residents and nonresidents, is \$300 per team.

For more information or to register, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an online version of the Ocean Pines Activity Guide, is available at OceanPines.org.

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Community Briefs

Dean's list

Berlin resident Tameya Dashae Tingle, a Salisbury University student majoring in Respiratory Therapy, was named to the university's dean's list for the spring semester.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C during the college career.

During the fall semester, Tingle will be doing her clinicals at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

Scholarships

Perdue Farms, through the Franklin P. and Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, has awarded \$70,000 in scholarships to 14 children of Perdue associates and independent contract farmers.

Two local students received scholarships.

Owen Dennis, son of Kent Dennis of Willards, and Elizabeth Bell of Bishopville, will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in engineering. He enjoys the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and

feels these disciplines make the world a better place.

Erin Smith, daughter of Dean and Robin Smith of Bishopville, will attend Christopher Newport University to pursue a degree in radiation. She plans to complete a medical degree in radiology and help in the accurate diagnosis of patient illnesses.

The Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Perdue Farms, awarded each student a \$5,000 scholarship. The Foundation was established in 1957 by company founder Arthur W. Perdue and is funded through the estates of Arthur W. Perdue and Frank Perdue. The Foundation has awarded scholarships to children of its associates and independent farm family partners every year since 1983.

Tickets available

Star Charities is selling tickets for its Friday, Sept. 16, V.I.P Social to be held in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open at 4 p.m. The event benefits Maryland Wounded Soldiers.

Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased by calling Barbara Peletier at 443-896-4914 or Anna Foulz at 410-641-7667. Food will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill with live entertainment by Sharon Sorrentino and Paul Mazzei, and music by D.J. Rupper. Dancing until 7:30 p.m. There will also be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Seating is limited.



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Suzanne Timmons enters 13th year in downtown Snow Hill

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) Sure, Suzanne Timmons admits, there are days when it might not seem worth it.

Certainly there are days when she counts the money she could be making by opening a second location in a busier town, or by simply up and moving The Sassy Girl Boutique from Green Street to other, busier places.

"I've had offers and have been approached to bring my shop to other places," she said. "Although it's tempting, this town is special to me and I've seen its potential."

That her husband, Kevin, was born and raised in Snow Hill is but one of the reasons.

"I've always enjoyed Snow Hill as a quaint, quiet town. I enjoy the people. We have a downtown that's friendly for pedestrians," she said. "I think I've always enjoyed the laid-back atmosphere."

But, there are consequences.

"I'm well aware that from an economic or bank account standpoint, I could be making more money," Timmons said. "But I have so many people in town that support me."

Besides, she adds, she makes a living.

"So many people want to see the town survive and grow," she said. "It makes me feel proud."

As it stands, Timmons is one of the people who have worked to make Snow Hill survive and grow the longest. She opened her original shop, Lost in the Country, in 2003 just down the block from where Sassy Girl now is. In October, she'll be celebrating her 13th year in business.

"In 2009 when the economy bottomed out I needed to reinvent or close," she said.

That's when Sassy Girl was born.

She began focusing on a broader spectrum of products, trying to draw more women through her door. She added more gifts, she added more signs — she began adding customers.

"I typically have some sort of special for First Friday," she said — this week's offering is a 25 percent discount on all Lindsay Phillips shoes, but her big fall open house is next week, Sept. 9-10, which is when holiday season starts for Timmons.

"September through December is the busiest time of my year, and I look forward to refreshing the store and changing things up."

Timmons has just returned from a buying trip, and is ready to start selling.

New handbags, new jewelry and scarves, new soaps and lotions — and almost a new Sassy Girl.

"I'm really just super excited about the direction the town is going in, especially with the addition of Michael Day — there's untapped adventure here in Snow Hill," she said.

"I'm very hopeful — as usual."



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Suzanne Timmons, owner of The Sassy Girl Boutique in downtown Snow Hill, has operated the shop for 13 years. She is currently adding in seasonal merchandise for the fall season, and is hopeful for the future of the downtown.

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Sept. 3: Sol Knoph, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw Duo, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Sept. 4: Monkee Paw Duo, 4:30 p.m.; Tear The Roof Off, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Sept. 5: Aaron Howell Trio, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

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Sept. 4: Rick & Regina, noon to 4 p.m.; Funk Shue, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 5: Nate Clendenen Duo, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 6: The Poole Brothers, 4-8 p.m.
Sept. 7: Chris Button and Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
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Sept. 3: DJ Slvsh, 9 p.m.
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Sept. 8: DJ Billy Gale, 9 p.m.

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Sept. 3: Opposite Directions, 5 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9 p.m.; Hot Tub Limo, 10 p.m.
Sept. 4: Everett Spells, 10 a.m. brunch; Colossal Fossil Sauce, 5:30 p.m.; DJ Rob Cee, 9:30 p.m.; Scotts New Band, 10 p.m.
Sept. 5: Zion Reggae Band, 5:30 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 9:30 p.m.; Scotts New Band, 10 p.m.

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12841 S. Harbor Road
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www.ocharboroside.com
Sept. 2: DJ Billy T, 4 p.m.
Sept. 3: Simple Truth/Side Project, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Sept. 4: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 5: Blake Haley, 4 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
Sept. 6: Funk Shue, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 7: Karaoke w/DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 8: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Sept. 3: Dave Sherman, 5-10 p.m.;

DJ Nuke'm, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 4: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 5: Dave Hawkins, 5-10 p.m.; Johnny Wilson, 10 p.m.
Sept. 6: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.
Sept. 8: Dave Sherman, 5-9 p.m.

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Sept. 3: Full Circle, 4 p.m.
Sept. 4: Over Time, 4 p.m.
Sept. 5: Tranzfusion, 4 p.m.

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Sept. 4: Bob Brotto, noon to 7 p.m.
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Sept. 3: DJ Cruz, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Digital Getdown, 1-5 p.m.; Band, 5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; DJ Bobby 'O, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Joe Bachman & The Tailgaters, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 4: DJ Bobby 'O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Somewhere Slow, 1-5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Jah Works; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; No Green Jelly Beanz, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
Sept. 5: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Sept. 6: S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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443-365-2576
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Purnell museum show and opening celebrates sewing

By Brian Gilliland

Associate Editor

(Sept. 1, 2016) The entries are in and waiting at the Julia Purnell Museum in Snow Hill until FiberFest! on Oct. 8, when the winners of the annual Delmarva Needle Art Show and Competition will be announced.

However, the submissions go on display today, and will remain available to the viewing public until Halloween.

In the past, Dr. Cindy Byrd, museum director, said more entries came from outside local shores but she's seen an inversion of that for this year's event.

"Every entry has been from nearby areas except I think we have one from Pennsylvania," Byrd said. "We do have eight first-time contributors, and there are quite a few returning people."

Overall, Byrd said the number of entries has remained consistent with previous years.

"We're always thrilled to have new people but it's also gratifying to have people who love us and want to come back year after year. I like to see local people participate in things that are part of their culture."

These aren't all throw rugs and infant caps either.

"We look at a variety of media, and some obviously have historic value," she said.

Included are a few modern reproductions of existing needlepoint samplers, which were essentially demonstrations of young girls' sewing skills.

Byrd said these types of work were routinely produced between the 1700s and 1900s.

"But we have more contemporary pieces too," she said. "There's a piece based off one of the horses on the Trimper's carousel, and some beautiful examples of felting."

Byrd said both the practical side of stitching — like hats, scarves and pillows — and "art for art's sake" will both be well represented in this year's exhibit and competition.

"There's a long tradition of old materials made new, and one piece I especially like, for nostalgic reasons, is a memory quilt using fabrics and linens from family members," she said. "Patterns were cut to memorialize the love and labor of these family members."

Another entry that impresses Byrd is a piece called "Little Red," which is a theme box based on the fairy tale, and inside the box is a handmade Red Riding Hood doll.

"We've been doing this for well over a decade, and the event was conceived in honor of Julia Purnell and her work," Byrd said.

Within the museum's collection, Byrd said, are pieces by Purnell completed when she was 9 and 92 years old.

Town Councilwoman Jenny Hall, an accomplished needle worker herself, Byrd said, will be judging this year's competition, but there will also be a People's Choice award that can be voted on until FiberFest! later this year.



BRIAN GILLILAND/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Museum Director Dr. Cindy Byrd showcases some of the entries into the annual Delmarva Needle Art Show and Competition, which begins today at the Julia Purnell Museum in Snow Hill. The awards ceremony will take place during FiberFest! on Oct. 8.

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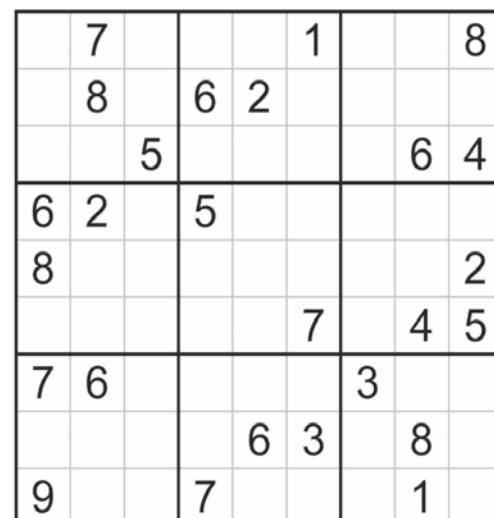
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HARD - 41

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



Answers to last week's puzzles



THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST

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ACROSS				
1 Ditch	48 Get by	87 Newspaper essay on why not to go outdoors?	6 What the “1” of “1/2” represents	
6 See-through clothing material	49 Super ____	89 Skit show, for short	7 Intellectual	
10 Listens to Shakespeare?	50 Listen to violinist Itzhak’s music?	90 E-cigarette output	8 Litigate	
15 Taiping Rebellion general	52 Like blue moons	91 Frat-boy types	9 Home-remedy drink	
18 Tourist’s report	53 Norm: Abbr.	92 Assn.	10 Bill of “Trainwreck”	
20 Ring or sphere	54 California missionary Junípero ____	93 Top of the agenda	11 Aladdin, e.g.	
21 Mail	55 “Ready to relieve ‘em of a ____ or two” (“Les Misérables” lyric)	95 Fastener with a ring-shaped head	12 “Ratatouille” rat	
22 Reason to scream, “Why won’t this damn thing locate airplanes?!?”?	56 Stamp incorrectly, in a way	97 Cries of approval	13 Embroiled (in)	
23 Honorary title in Wisconsin?	58 Group that appeared in the movie “Grease”	101 Tennis’s King of Clay	14 Biological pouch	
25 ____ Aduba of “Orange Is the New Black”	60 Oscars grp.	102 Cry from comic-book civilians	15 Los Angeles Lakers’ home until 1999	
26 Insect that shorted out an early computer, spawning the term “computer bug”	64 Out of gas, informally	105 Futile	16 Assent to a married mujer	
27 “Ciao”	65 Soft drink favored by the Marines?	107 Meadow	17 89-Across character played by Adam Sandler	
29 Surmise	68 Stephen of “Interview With the Vampire”	108 Woody playing a medieval baron?	19 “Tao Te Ching” philosopher	
30 Hamiltons	69 Sticky spots?	110 Books written entirely in chat rooms?	21 Mailed	
32 Domain of “Hamilton”	71 Cathedral feature	113 Robert of “Airplane!”	24 “Howdy”	
34 City with 500 attractions?	72 Blazing successes	114 Singer LaBelle	28 “____, verily”	
36 Takes in	74 “Oh, you’re funny-y-y-y ...”	115 TLC and Destiny’s Child	31 Gray, say	
38 Bay ____	76 Indian wear	116 Most “Doctor Who” characters, for short	33 Mythical father of Harmonia, strangely enough	
39 Section of “Aida,” e.g.	77 Super ____	117 “What if ...,” informally	35 Southern chain	
41 Letters after CD	78 Setting for the beginning of “The Book of Mormon”	118 ____ cone	37 Took in	
42 “Hey, let’s gather 100 people to enact laws and ratify treaties”?	79 Church response that’s taken as a given?	119 On edge	39 America’s Cup, e.g.	
46 Fired (up)	83 Lead-in to Pablo or Carlos		40 Rostand protagonist ____ de Bergerac	
47 Glow	84 Like Navy SEALS		42 Sunday delivery	
	85 “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” sounds		43 Bush labor secretary Chao	
	86 “Got it”		44 Sips	
			45 Puts under	
			46 Bits of truth	
			47 Name on many a college hall, informally	
			50 One easily bowled over?	
			51 Laugh-filled broadcast	
			53 Racer’s brand	

A crossword puzzle grid with a 17x17 grid of squares. Some squares are blacked out, while others are white. Numbered entries are placed in the white squares, indicating the length of the word and its position. The grid includes the following numbered entries:

- 1: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- 18: 19
- 20: 21
- 22:
- 23: 24
- 25: 26, 27, 28, 29
- 30: 31, 32, 33, 34, 35
- 36: 37, 38, 39, 40, 41
- 42: 43, 44, 45, 46, 47
- 48: 49, 50, 51
- 52: 53, 54, 55
- 56: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63
- 64: 65, 66, 67, 68
- 69: 70, 71, 72, 73
- 74: 75, 76, 77, 78
- 79: 80, 81, 82, 83, 84
- 85: 86, 87, 88
- 89: 90, 91, 92
- 93: 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100
- 101: 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107
- 108: 109, 110, 111, 112
- 113: 114, 115
- 116: 117, 118, 119

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 57 Noted tea locale | 70 "That means ..." | 84 Eternally, to poets | 99 Goes, "Ow, ow, ow!" |
| 58 The Titanic, e.g. | 73 Passing remarks? | 87 Words of concession | 100 Like the response
"Talk to the hand!" |
| 59 Gucci competitor | 75 Showed over | 88 Liable to spoil? | |
| 61 Bit of expert advice | 77 Nisan observances | 90 Cousin of a lemming | 103 Adele, voicewise |
| 62 Fill with gas | 79 Green spirit | 91 Sch. whose honor
code includes
chastity | 104 Spot checkers? |
| 63 Like pageant
contestants,
typically | 80 Something felt at
Christmas | 94 Staffs | 106 One of Asta's
masters |
| 66 "Full speed ahead!" | 81 Post-Christmas
events | 95 Start of a few choice
words? | 109 College-level H.S.
courses |
| 67 Push-up muscle,
informally | 82 Hit upside the head,
in slang | 96 Big dipper | 111 "Dios ____!" |
| | | 97 Hail Mary | 112 The "V" of fashion's |

ResortQuest, Keller Williams to partner

(Sept. 1, 2016) Keller Williams Realty announces that 50 of the area's top real estate professionals from ResortQuest are partnering with Keller Williams Realty on the Delaware Coast, making it one of the largest real estate firms in Sussex County.

Since the early 1970s, ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals has offered comprehensive vacation rental and homeowner association management services on the Delaware Coast. Keller Williams Realty is North America's largest real estate sales franchise.

"We're excited to welcome ResortQuest to the Keller Williams family," Delaware team leader Brigit Taylor said. "This company succeeds through its people, and having them join our Keller Williams Realty family is a huge win for us."

"Our goal is to be the real estate brokerage of choice for agents, providing them with the tools and resources so that they can service their clients at the highest level," Matt Fetick, operating partner of Keller Williams Realty, said. "Our merger with ResortQuest is one more step in that direction."

Keller Williams promotes an agent-centric business model that focuses on cutting-edge training, profit sharing and wealth-building opportunities.

Keller Williams Realty will now have three offices in the Delaware resort area: 18344 Coastal Highway, Lewes and 33012 Coastal Highway, Bethany Beach and 37458 Lion Drive, Fenwick Plaza, (on Route 54), West Fenwick. Sales associates also work from ResortQuest office at 37458 Lion Drive on Route 54 in West Fenwick and two offices at Sea Colony: The Marketplace shopping center and Edgewater House lobby on the oceanfront.

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Keller Williams Realty announces that 50 of the area's top real estate professionals from ResortQuest are partnering with Keller Williams Realty on the Delaware Coast making it one of the largest real estate firms in Sussex County. Pictured, from left, are Paul Richardson, Keller Williams; Matt Fetick, Keller Williams, CEO & team leader; Brigit Taylor, Keller Williams team leader; Jamie Wells, ResortQuest Area general manager, Rentals; Patrick Davis, Wyndham/ResortQuest, vice president, Mid-Atlantic; Tom Olson, ResortQuest Area general manager, Property Management.

franchise company in the world, with approximately 700 offices and 150,000 associates in more than a dozen countries around the world. The company has grown exponentially since the opening of the first Keller Williams Realty office in 1983, and continues to cultivate an agent-centric, education-based, technology-driven culture that rewards associates as stakeholders.

The company also provides specialized agents in luxury homes and commercial real estate properties. For more information or to search for homes for sale visit Keller Williams Realty online at www.kw.com. For more information about Keller Williams Worldwide, visit www.kwworldwide.com.

ResortQuest Delaware Real Estate, LLC, a subsidiary of Wyndham Vacation Rentals North America, LLC, provided vacation rental, and homeowner association management services to Bethany Beach, Sea Colony and other communities in Delaware's Quiet Resorts, Maryland and the surrounding coastal areas since the early 1970s.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Tommy Vach, of the Ocean City Surf Club, was the guest speaker during the weekly Wednesday morning meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City on June 29. The Ocean City Surf Club was formed to celebrate the ocean community, its heritage and future. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club Speakers and Programs Chair J. Graham Caldwell, Vach and Kiwanis Club President Mark Joseph.

ANNIVERSARY

Ellen and Tom Oneto celebrated 67 years together along with Tom's 89th birthday on Aug. 7. They have 10 children. The couple have been members of the Ocean City Aviation Association for 17 years. Tom is a past president of the organization.



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LOCAL PILOT

Lt. Andrew Murrell completed Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi, in May. During the previous 1.5 years of instruction, he flew the T-6 Texan turboprop trainer before transitioning to the T-38 Talon jet trainer. During the Wings presentation ceremony, he was awarded the Commander's Trophy by Major General Richard Perrault as the top class graduate. Upon completion of a two-month summer program in Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals in Texas and later, survival training in Washington state, Murrell will report to Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona where he will train to fly the A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog). Murrell is from Ocean City and is a 2010 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and a 2014 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy.



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SCHOLARSHIP

Kira Yates, a Sherwood High School senior, located in Sandy Spring, Maryland, was given a monetary educational award by Ocean Pines Chapter AK of PEO for her outstanding accomplishments in high school. She plans to attend the University of Maryland in the Honors Program. Pictured, from left, are Barbara Ferger, Donna Hickey, Yates and Margaret and Lita Yates.



GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Ocean Pines Garden Club visited the Arboretum at Salisbury University on July 14. The Arboretum consists of virtually the entire green space of the university and the ladies received an excellent tour by one of SU's knowledgeable horticulturists. The Ocean Pines Garden Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Meg Herrick, OPGC president, at 410-600-0315.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Ocean Pines Players President Karen McClure was the guest speaker during July 13 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City. She is pictured with Kiwanis Speakers & Programs Chair J. Graham Caldwell, left, and Club President Mark Joseph.



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VOLT LOAN

The Daily Brew Coffeehouse owner Lorissa McAllister received a Video Lottery Terminal (VOLT) small business loan check recently to renovate the first floor of a vacant downtown building and opened her new shop in July. Pictured, from left, are Snow Hill Mayor Charlie Doorman, Steve Primosh of the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, the state's designated fund manager, McAllister, Worcester County Economic Development Director Merry Mears and Snow Hill Councilman Michael Pruitt. The Daily Brew Coffeehouse is located on Washington Street in Snow Hill.



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ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club recently introduced its 2017-18 officers. Pictured, from left, are Kenneth Bates, secretary; Margaret Mudron, president-elect and treasurer; Clifford Berg, president; and Arlan Kinney, immediate past-president. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk.



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NEW OFFICERS

New platform tennis officers for the 2016-2017 year were recently installed. Pictured, from left, are Dawn Gallick (treasurer), Susan Morris (president), Vin Morris (vice president) and Jim Freeman (member at large). Ginger Burke (secretary) is not pictured.



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FAREWELL ELMER

July 20 was the last meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City that would have longtime member, Elmer Muth, in attendance. Muth served in the Army during WWII and was on Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He's also a longtime member of the American Legion in Ocean City. Elmer, now 91 years young, seated, is surrounded by fellow Kiwanians wishing him well in his move to Roswell, Georgia, to be near his daughter and family. Ralph Chinn, left, presented Muth with his official Kiwanis picture. President Mark Joseph is also pictured.



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WPS SUMMER CAMPS

Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) offered a creative selection of children's Summer Camps for two weeks in July including Cooking Around the World, The Force Awakens, Sports Academy, Games Galore, Super Story, Film Criticism, Code It, Science Sleuths, Algebra Boot Camp, Geocaching, and Disney Dining Delights. Camp Directors/WPS fifth grade teachers Alayne Shockley, left, and Camille Jenkins, along with their camp participants enjoy cooking in the Atlantic Hotel kitchen with Chef Leo D'Aleo in Berlin. The Cooking Around the World WPS Summer Camp took place July 11-15.

Cuisine

Remembrance of (camping) things past

My wife and daughters have always been more than happy and willing to go camping – as long as there's air conditioning and beds. And a shower.

Oh, and shopping is a plus as well.

As much of a blow as this may have been to my inner-camper, as of late I've been reminiscing the many trips we took to the Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Mountains in my youth. They were regular stomping grounds, and while they will always hold a special place in my heart, I now sit back and wonder if I truly liked it while it was actually

happening, or if I have internally revised those trips into halcyon memories.

For one, I constantly went to bed sweaty and always woke up in the middle of the night shivering from the mountain chill from head to toe. Basically, for two-to-four weeks a summer, I never really slept except for the seldom evening on which the mountain breeze was cool without being cold.

Of course my favorite part was the campfire, something that we emulate in our own back yard as much as possible, with s'mores and songs aplenty. The hikes to Sleepy Hollow and Hawksbill were always mesmerizing, and the swims and natural waterslides made things fun after the sweaty hike down and/or up.

But as the youngest of eight children in a single-income, government-employed family, there wasn't a mountain of cash laying around for fun things. In fact, one of my late mother's favorite stories was how we went to the mountains with a bunch of boxes of Bisquick, some country ham, \$150 and some lunchmeat. We picked blueberries nonstop at Big Meadows and ate blueberry pancakes every day.

Every.
Stinking.
Day.
For weeks.

How my brothers and I got around the inevitability that there would be no money for snacks, junk food or souvenirs was by collecting glass bottles for a nickel apiece. We would scout out the picnic areas, and by the last year we ran around like little beggars, asking picnickers if they were going to cash in their bottles. Most said that they were not, so we would kindly leave them a crate or box and ask them to put their empties in there so we wouldn't have to dig through the bear-proof trash cans.

It added up. In a day and age when a candy bar cost about 30 cents, it didn't take long to raise the cash. A cheap, wooden and completely unauthentic tomahawk might have cost \$3 or so. As such, we would set our goals high and raise about \$10-15 dollars each. Then we would live like kings.

As I write this, I can literally smell the campfire and the summer breeze in Virginia's mountains. I can hear the eagles calling out in the valley as we stand on any of a number of overlooks and rocks. And without question, I always go back to the food that we ate.

One of the things that my mom would cook would be Pillsbury biscuit dough donuts. She would flatten the biscuits, cut out a hole in the mid-



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII



dle, deep fry them in a cast iron skillet and then sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

Another fantastic complement to many of our dinners was Dutch oven garlic bread. More often than not, my mom would go to Snyder's grocery store and buy all of the "scratch & dent" foods for pennies on the dollar. I've written about the can room in our basement, and bakery items were never sacred in our eyes. If it was cheap, it was for us.

Mom would score a bunch of old bread and bring it along for the ride, and would make a great and easy garlic bread in the old Dutch oven. As spaghetti was another cheap meal that would feed an army, we could count on at least one spaghetti dinner outside the pop-up camper. And then the garlic bread would come, and we would all feel as rich as kings.

But when all is said and done, I don't think the girls will ever camp, and I'm OK with that. After all, it only means that I get to sleep in the AC too.

Dutch Oven Garlic Bread

serves 6

1-2 sticks salted butter (amount to your preference)

1/4 cup Freshly minced garlic

6 pieces Soft potato rolls, large
6 slices provolone

3 ounces Fresh mozzarella
Fresh herbs (optional)

1. Melt butter and garlic together and allow to cook until the garlic loses its heat. Do not let the butter turn brown

2. Open or slice bread so that the soft, cut part is facing up

3. Spread evenly in large Dutch oven and drizzle with the garlic butter

4. Place over fire with some hot embers on the lid. Hang the Dutch oven so that the bottom does not char

5. Check after about four minutes to see if the bread is getting any crust to it. Once there is a crust, Remove from fire

6. Top with the two cheeses and place back on the fire with some embers on the lid

7. *The amount of time to do this completely depends on the quality of your Dutch oven and the depth of the ring on the lid. The deeper the ring, the more hot embers you can put in there, so watch your bread carefully!*

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

Calendar

THU, SEP 1

OCEAN CITY HOTEL WEEK

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COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. 410-251-8163

BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Arlene or Kate, 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649

BINGO

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. 410-289-3166, http://www.alpost166.org

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. This eight hour course will be given each consecutive Thursday, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, plus an exam on Sept. 29. On the first day, registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes materials. Middle school and high school students are free. The course satisfies Maryland regulations for those born after July 1, 1972. Early registration is recommended. 410-726-1509, 410-641-6535, 410-641-8040 or 410-208-9747

FRI, SEP 2

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FIRST FRIDAY ART OPENING RECEPTION

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Featuring a special exhibition of Joseph Madeiros' kite folk art of Bermuda. Madeira won the Bookhammer Award at the Great Delaware Kite Festival in Lewes this year. All are welcome to this free event.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall (behind St. Luke's Church), 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. 410-524-7994

SAT, SEP. 3

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FARMERS MARKET

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, MD, 8 to 11 a.m. A \$6 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices. 410-524-8196

WINGS AND WHEELS EXPO

Ocean City Municipal Airport, 12724 Airport Road, West Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private aircraft, custom cars and antique military vehicles on display. Food, beverages and a variety of crafts available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Huey Memorial. Admission is \$5 for adults, children ages 11 and younger are admitted free. Steven Habeger, ocaawingswheels@gmail.com, 443-880-2413, http://oceancityaviationassn.org

2016 HOMECOMING FUNDRAISER

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. Offering a crab cake dinner with 2 sides for \$10, a crab cake sandwich for \$8, a chicken BBQ dinner with two sides for \$10 and a half BBQ chicken and roll for \$8. A bake sale will include cakes, cookies and apple dumplings. Info: Eloise Henry-Grody, 443-235-3214 or Patrick Henry, 443-880-4746

FREE FALL MOVIE NIGHT

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 10 p.m. Featuring Disney's "The Jungle Book." Concession stand open to purchase popcorn, candy and more. Take a chair or blanket. All are welcome. Kim Allison, 410-250-0125, http://www.oceancitymd.gov

LABOR DAY FIREWORKS

On the Beach at N. Division Street, Ocean City, MD, 10 p.m. Fireworks display, visible along the boardwalk. 800-626-2326, http://www.ocbeachlights.com

SUN, SEP. 4

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Labor Day weekend. Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, inquire@ocvisitor.com, 410-289-6733, http://oceancityhotelweek.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and younger. 410-524-7930

BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS

St. Paul's by-the Sea, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks/briefcases to a special service of blessing. Coffee and treats for all in DeWees Hall after the service. 410-289-3453

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 12 to 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Rob, 443-783-3529

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2:30 to 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. Bett, 410-202-9078

GOSPEL CONCERT

St. Matthews By-The-Sea UMC, 1000 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, DE, 7 p.m. Featuring "Bruce Willey's Gospel Café & Friends." Free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken for the artists. Info: Rita Williams, 302-436-1562 or St. Matthews Church office, 302-537-1402

POKÉMON GO

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Featuring 21 Pokéstops with lures, charging outlet stations, glow products, softball games and open sports field, food, drinks and ice cream. This event will take place along with the Sundaes in the Park event. Music by "The Janitors." Latest rumor is that Northside Park could be a Charmander Nest. The event will conclude with fireworks at 9 p.m. 410-250-0125

SUNDAES IN THE PARK AND FIREWORKS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. For a small fee, enjoy your own ice cream sundae creation. Free live entertainment by The Janitors (variety) and entertainment for the kids. The evening concludes with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Picnic baskets, chairs and blankets welcome. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

OC BEACH LIGHTS

N. Division Street and Beach, Ocean City, MD, 9:30 p.m. Lasers, lights, fire-

works, music, special effect and more. Show times: 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free event. 800-626-2326, http://ocbeachlights.com

MON, SEP. 5

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LABOR DAY PICNIC

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 12 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Democratic Clubs of Worcester County. Guest speakers and food. Cost is \$15. Reservations: Jan, 410-641-8217

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINA CHORUS

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

TUE, SEP. 6

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SNOW HILL ROTARY CLUB MEETING

All Hallows Church Parish House, 109 W. Market Street, Snow Hill, MD, 7:30 a.m. Contact agibb1@verizon.net or 410-546-1978 for more information.

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 38169 Dupont Blvd., Selbyville, DE, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service is offering master gardeners to help with gardening questions. Take your bagged samples by to find solutions to your plant problems. 410-208-4014

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Walgreens, 34960 Atlantic Ave. #2, Clarksville, DE, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Continued on Page 42

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Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. The classes are held every Tuesday from Sept. 6-Nov. 22. The 40 hours of education costs \$165, payable on Sept. 6. As a Master Gardener Intern, you will need to return the 40 hours as a Master Gardener Volunteer. Ginny Rosenkranz, 410-749-6141

FAMILY NIGHTS!

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 5:30 p.m. The theme is "Book Scavenger Hunt." Free program. 410-524-1818

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Berlin group 331. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. jeanduck47@gmail.com

BINGO

Pocomoke Elks Lodge 1624, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City, MD, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., early bingo at 7 p.m. and regular games start at 7:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. 410-957-3556

WED, SEP. 7

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KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

VETERANS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, Ocean Pines, MD, 12 p.m. Format will be a Captain's choice scramble with a noon shotgun start. Cost is \$90 which includes lunch, greens fee, practice balls and dinner, which will follow at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club with a silent auction. Dinner-only costs \$20. Also, attending will be wounded warriors, members of SMGA and members of the Coast Guard who are currently stationed in Ocean City. Proceeds benefit the Educational Outreach program of the Veterans Memorial Foundation. To play or donate, call Marie



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NEW LOCATION

Owner and chief instructor Jim Heaney, center, assisted by his co-owner and wife, Kim, and General Manager Selena KC held their Chesapeake Martial Arts grand opening and ribbon cutting on Aug. 20 at 11070 Cathell Rd., Suite 2A in Ocean Pines.

Gilmore, 410-726-2881, OPMarie@aol.com or Bob Rose, BobRose1@comcast.net, 410-926-2558

HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina Beach music. Meets every Wednesday. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 302-200-3262, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

BAR-HOP BENEFIT CRUISE

M.R. Ducks, 311 Talbot St., Ocean City, MD, 5:45 to 10 p.m. This cruise departs on the Explorer with Captain Jack from M.R. Ducks at 5:45 and stops at three waterfront bars. Return time is 10 p.m. Reservations accepted. Sponsored by the Ocean City Ravens Roost #44. Gary Miller, garywm@mchsi.com

2016 BERLIN ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUM

Coastal Association of Realtors, 314 Franklin Ave., Suite 106, Berlin, MD, 6 to 8 p.m. Meet the candidates running for Mayor and Town Council Districts 2 and 3. Open to the public. Free refreshments. 410-641-4409, <http://www.coastalrealtors.org>

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, MD, 6 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. kbates@taylorbank.com, 410-641-1700

BINGO

Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Every Wednesday. Located at the 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. 410-250-2645

CANDLELIGHT LABYRINTH WALK

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, DeWees Hall, 302 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. A replica of the 12th century original Labyrinth is available for walking with candlelight and sacred music anytime between 7-9 p.m., every Wednesday, through Sept. 28. Wheelchair accessible. Just off the Boardwalk at 3rd Street. Free parking behind the hall. Info: church office, 410-289-3453 or Penny, 443-880-7608

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 8 p.m. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month. All welcome. AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The Pinesteppers Square Dance Club of Ocean Pines will be hosting free workshops to introduce attendees to Modern Western Square Dancing. Casual dress suggested and light refreshments served. Info: Louise, 410-430-0284 or Dennis-Caller, 970-389-3383

ONGOING EVENTS

EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAYS

All K-12 teachers and staff receive free admission to Ripley's Believe It or Not! attractions in Baltimore and Ocean City from Sept. 6 through Oct. 16. Educators need to bring a current pay stub and photo ID. They can also bring up to five guests who will receive 50 percent discounts. www.ripleys.com/oceancity, www.ripleys.com/baltimore.

STAR CHARITIES V.I.P. SOCIAL

The social, to be held in the Ocean Pines Community Center, benefits Maryland Wounded Soldiers. Doors open at 4 p.m.

on Sept. 16. Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased by calling Barbara Peletier at 443-896-4914 or Anna Foulz at 410-641-7667. Food by Carrabba's Italian Grill. Live entertainment by Sharon Sorrentino and Paul Mazzei and music by DJ Rupper. Dancing until 7:30 p.m., door prizes and a 50/50.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Outdoor casual worship service on the church's front lawn. Take a lawn chair or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors. Rev. Connie, 410-641-5194, wesconnie55@gmail.com

YOGA ON THE BEACH

Assateague Island National Seashore, Berlin, MD. Held Saturdays, June through September at 8 a.m. Suitable for all levels including beginners and children, 8 and older. Take a beach towel and meet at the shade pavilion in the south end of North Beach parking lot of Assateague Island National Seashore. Yoga is free but park entrance fees are in effect. 443-614-3547, outreachAIA@gmail.com

AUMC THRIFT SHOP

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open Monday through Saturday, year round. Located behind the church with a donation drop off room that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 410-289-4458

SUMMER WORSHIP

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City. A casual service is held on the porch of Shenanigan's Pub at Fourth Street and the Boardwalk at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting, from May 29 through early fall. A traditional service is held at the church at 10 a.m. 410-289-7430

STAR CHARITIES MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Meeting of volunteers. Info: Anna Foulz, 410-641-7667.

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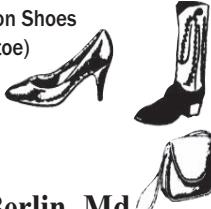
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