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Korean War veterans are honored at the beginning of the Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade on Flower Street in Berlin, last Saturday. Pictured, bottom row from left, are Preston Foreman Sr., Herbert Brittingham, Lorenzo Bowen, Wallace Purnell, Leo Cherry and John Dale Smack. Cherry served in Korea in 1966, but did not serve during the Korean War.

Attendance swells for Memorial Day parade in Berlin

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) The annual Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade on Monday was a roaring success by all accounts, with record attendance of more than 3,000, according to organizer estimates.

Several dozen veteran's organizations, school and youth groups, car clubs, police and fire personnel, and others marched from Stephen Decatur Middle School to a staging area near Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street.

Along with thousands of onlookers lining the streets were food tents selling everything from chicken and waffles, to oyster fritters and crab cakes. A large, inflatable bounce house for children was set up near the multipurpose building, and additional vendors sold colorful balloons and inflatable Spider-Men and Sponge Bobs from a rolling cart.

After the parade ended, there were dance-group performances and a basketball tournament at Henry Park, a gospel concert inside the multipurpose building, and horseshoes later in the afternoon.

Mayor Gee Williams, who gave a parade introduction after riding in a procession that included Korean War veterans, said Tuesday attendance obviously had increased.

"I think it was by far the largest crowd ... I've seen," he said. "Years ago, I used to park my car at Henry Park and there was maybe a couple cars in the parking lot."

This year the large lot across from Henry Park was nearly full, Williams said.

"It was just a delightful, jubilant crowd. And we all need that from time to time," he said. "It's great for the community, and it's a great way to honor our fallen soldiers and military folks."

"They gave everything, and I think they would be very proud of the way Berlin honors them through the Memorial Day Parade and early on Sun-

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Medicare patients taking certain infusion therapy drugs are experiencing issues with gaps in coverage nationwide, including in Berlin at the Atlantic General Hospital Infusion Center.

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Berlin patient struggles with policy

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"We will facilitate an acceptable transition or continue care here on campus," Yonker said. "There have been some barriers, and we are working with several alternative companies to help fill future gaps for our patients. Until these barriers are resolved, we continue to work directly with our patients."

Roger Follebout, community relations director at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, said the Salisbury hospital also transitioned patients on identical medications to home infusion therapy on Jan. 1 "for the same reasons as our counterparts at AGH."

"It is the accepted best practice for those patients who do not have exceptions based on specific criteria," he said.

Patient Valerie Norman, who takes intravenous immune globulin, also known as IVIG, said she received the letter from AGH during a visit to the hospital earlier this month.

"I have autoimmune diseases that require me to receive infusions that I've received for many years to maintain my health," she said in a phone interview earlier this month. "They're kind of like part of my family, because I have to go do this every three weeks."

"That was a letter that they actually decided to postdate March 12, telling me that they had decided that, for the benefit of myself and for my health insurance carrier, that they had chosen five medications and they would no longer be servicing me at their facility," she continued. "Anyone who received these medications would no longer be eligible to be treated at the infusion center."

Norman said when she and other patients, all of whom were covered by Medicare, asked why they could no longer be treated, they were told, "it was for our benefit."

"We said, actually it isn't, because Medicare doesn't cover these services outside of a hospital setting, so it would be financially unfeasible for us to receive what we need," she said. "They told us it was between us and

our doctor, and that our doctor should have informed us.

A spokesperson for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in an email statement, said Medicare helps pay for IVIG for people with a diagnosis of primary immune deficiency disease.

They added, "A doctor must decide that it's medically appropriate for the IVIG to be given in the patient's home. Part B covers the IVIG itself. But, Part B doesn't pay for other items and services related to the patient getting the IVIG at home."

Norman called the situation "very

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Infusion Therapy Patient
Valerie Norman

ugly."

"[The hospital] said it was our problem to figure out how to take care of our health care – not theirs – and they very much weren't very interested in helping us when we were obviously quite upset," she said.

She added representatives from Medicare said, "This was not what they wanted," because Medicare doesn't pay for home infusions.

"They said this is clearly about the profit for the hospital," Norman said.

"One of [AGH's] executives that came down to speak with us did admit that this was about the hospital's profit margin," she continued. "I'm like, well this is a nonprofit hospital that is really is only worried about their bottom line – you've chosen to kick out people who receive these five medications for your bottom line."

Because of the prohibitive cost of the medication, Norman said her only option is to stop treatment.

"I did as they had asked and spoke with my neurologist and they referred me to their home health services ... and the home health services informed me that, yes, Medicare does not cover this and it would require me to be a self-pay," she said.

"Looking at the Medicare statements that I received from the hospital, I already know that would require me to come up with \$13,000 to \$15,000 every 13 weeks, which, clearly, is not going to happen," Norman added.

She said the manufacturer may agree to provide the medication for a limited period of time, but, "they're obviously not going to pay for the nurse to come administer the drug, they're not going to pay for the equipment it would require ... so those would all come out of pocket."

"Even if they agree to give it for a short time period, manufacturers don't agree to give you drugs unendingly, forever," Norman said. "I'm not going to agree to take a drug for three months that I know I need for a lifetime commitment."

"Three months would just be three months, and then I would be right back where I am today. And the hospital just keeps saying, 'that's not our problem,'" she added.

Norman previously received treatments at an outpatient facility at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, but because policy changed there as well that is no longer an option.

"Unfortunately, that's the problem with this situation, that most of the hospitals have determined that these services ... are now covered under outpatient home infusion therapies [under most insurances], and so it is more cost-effective for a Blue Cross Blue Shield to pay a nurse to come to someone's home," she said. "Medicare, nationally, is the one standalone that will not do that – they want their patients to be seen in a hospital."

"I'm stuck between the federal government and their policies," Norman continued. "Medicare has a lot of safeguards and guardrails in place that they expect for their patients in case something goes wrong ... most of us are either disabled or elderly that are on these treatments – which is why we have Medicare."

"The hospital, despite being paid, they feel that they could make more

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'Broken coverage' could affect 25K with PIDD

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money putting someone else in the chair," Norman said.

She was not sure how many patients were affected by the new policy and said the hospital refused to provide that information.

"When I was there, there was me and another gentleman who were both being given our letters at the same time," Norman said, adding the other patient was "quite upset as well."

"We've been communicating back and forth to try and find an alternative," she said. "But there really isn't much of an alternative for us."

"At this point we're ... kind of at a standoff," Norman continued. "They've agreed that I'm coming back for my next treatment at the end of May, and then I don't know where we go from there."

If untreated, Norman said her autoimmune condition would cause her red blood cell count to drop and she may eventually require hospitalization.

"AGH is well aware of this as they often run my blood work," she said. "I am fearful of the coming months, but have little say as I cannot change Medicare or AGH. I had hopes that a nonprofit, 100 percent community-focused and patient-centered hospital wasn't just PR on their front page."

Norman's father, Frank Keller, in

an email to the paper earlier this month, said, "This story really needs to be told as this will be a death sentence for my daughter and many others."

Ken Van Pool, vice president of government affairs for the National Home Infusion Association, said patients nationwide were experiencing similar issues with their treatment.

"Medicare, when it comes to home infusion in general ... has a weird coverage paradigm," he said, adding many of the medications were affected by legislation passed in 2003.

"There is not a reimbursement for home infusion services or the supplies, so you really end up getting a reimbursement for the drug itself, which leads to broken coverage," he said. "IVIG is a unique scenario."

Van Pool said there was some coverage in Medicare Part B under the Durable Medical Equipment Benefit, or DME.

"There is a limited set of home infusion drugs that are covered in the Part B DME Benefit, because they require a mechanical infusion pump to

be delivered," he said. "The way it works is the durable medical equipment – the pump – is what's covered, and the drug is actually considered a supply to make that pump work. So it's a little odd in its coverage."

He said that applies to subcutaneous, or under the skin, Immune Globulin therapy, but not to intravenous treatments.

"In the case of IV Immune Globulin therapy, it's only covered for the diagnosis of primary immune deficiency disorder," Van Pool said, adding other diagnosis were covered in Medicare Part D. "It's a very tangled web when it comes to IVIG."

In the case of primary immune disorders, he said patients have to find a provider covered by Medicare Part B.

"There's kind of limited coverage ... because there's really no access to a home infusion provider because of the reimbursement structure," Van Pool said. "Home infusion providers really can't be able to provide these therapies when it's unreimbursed, except for the drug and maybe some of the supplies around it."

"That's where the problem lies and it's something that the Home Infusion Association has long sought to fix. It's a very big deal for us and we've been fighting for this for a while," he added.

Van Pool said home infusion providers "really are kind of underwater when providing [intravenous infusion] therapies."

"So often they can provide them through private coverage, so if we're talking about somebody that's a Blue Cross Blue Shield insured individual, they can get these therapies, but when they get into the Medicare space that coverage goes away," he said.

"It's a national issue and I'm not going to say that people aren't trying to fix this ... [but] we need to get some legislation passed"

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Ken Van Pool, VP of Government Affairs for the National Home Infusion Association

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Tretler: awareness, legislation 'goes a long way'

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those individuals age into Medicare coverage or go into disability Medicare coverage, there will be more and more," he said.

As for why patients were being transitioned to home-based care, Van Pool said the reasons were twofold.

"Immune-compromised individuals you don't want to have in the hospital [because] you could be spreading infection or catching infection, and they're really trying to get this individual into the home environment," he said. "Not only is the home environment convenient, it's actually a form of getting them out so these health care acquired-infection rates can go down – it becomes a public health

issue at that point."

He said home infusion treatments were "fairly readily available" locally.

"I can say on the Eastern Shore, there are providers. It really becomes a coverage problem," he said.

Ironically, the worst-case scenario for patients who cannot receive home care treatments is hospitalization.

"What will probably end up happening is either hospital-based care, which is a greater cost and effort and possibly clinically inappropriate, or a skilled nursing facility – again, not cost effective, not clinically appropriate, especially for someone who has a disability," Van Pool said. "At a younger age, that's just not good for the constitution of the individual."

In the case of Valerie Norman, Van Pool said, "I have no question in my mind that care would be available to this individual – it just wouldn't be appropriate care. And it's a travesty that that is the case."

"No one with an immune deficiency disorder really should be in one of those sites of care," he said.

He added the letter from AGH read as a "site of care optimization letter."

"The site of care that they're attempting to shift this lady to is a scenario where it's not availed because of the reimbursement structure," he said. "If this was a private-pay patient – if this was a Blue Cross Blue Shield – I have no doubt in my mind that they would have moved her right

along and found a home infusion provider.

"With this circumstance, you have them saying 'we want to optimize your site of care.' The letter is very straightforward – you'll save money, your insurer will save more. It's a good thing," Van Pool continued. "The problem in this circumstance is Medicare isn't keeping up."

Marilyn Tretler, vice president of communications for the National Home Infusion Association, said it is important to raise awareness for the issue.

"You can imagine there are a lot of patients out there in the same scenario," she said. "With legislative efforts and raising awareness, that goes a long way."

Entire community well represented at parade

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day morning during the American Legion Memorial Day Service," Williams continued. "I was very proud of everyone."

Parade emcee Gregory Purnell said organizers were thrilled with the increased number of units in the parade, as well as with the high turnout.

"They were there in larger number this year and it was very apparent, even with the weather being a little

gray and cloudy," he said. "People were there from not only the Berlin community, but from other communities around."

"I also noticed the other Berlin community there. They were walking [across Route 113] and I saw them in good numbers. It wasn't overwhelming, but it was a very great beginning," Purnell added.

He said certificates and participa-

tion trophies were given to groups who marched in the parade, rather than outright judging entries similar to the annual Christmas parade downtown. Part of the reasoning is because the parade is meant to honor veterans.

"Everybody comes and they get a trophy, and it all says 'first place' because you are – you're a first-place unit and we want you to feel that way for being a participant," Purnell said. "But

I'm happy that we had more of the Berlin community in total in attendance.

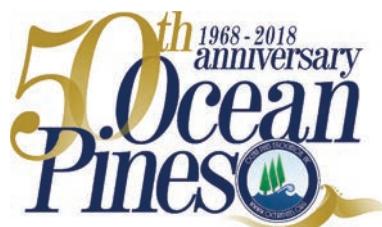
"The parade has become a reflection of the entire town of Berlin. People from all over the city and all over the town could be seen," he continued. "And we are very happy to have everyone be a part of our celebration – a bridge is replacing the wall in this town."

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Town Council denies Berlin Police Chief budget request

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) The Berlin Town Council on Monday voted 3-2 not to include an administrative assistant for Police Chief Arnold Downing in the fiscal year 2019 budget.

Downing, during a public budget workshop last month, said he was disappointed the request had been taken out of a previous budget draft.

"We put \$45,000 [in the budget]. The numbers came back and those numbers were changed," Downing said at the time. "I stood on the table a little bit and said, 'Why did the numbers go ahead and change?' especially without me having any idea or notice, and that's where we were."

He said the new position would be for high-level administrative work, including managing training and firearm records, and would free up himself and other officers to focus more on police work.

Councilman Dean Burrell, during a first reading for the fiscal 2019 budget on Monday, said he was surprised the position was not included, adding he only learned of the exclusion that day.

"We had spoken about that and we were provided what I felt was legitimate information, which expressed a genuine need. And to find that position was not

included was kind of disheartening," he said.

Mayor Gee Williams said Downing did not provide necessary information to Town Administrator Laura Allen, who helped prepare the budget.

Allen, when asked if she had received sufficient information, replied "no" and added, "The focus of his pitch to me was 'everybody else has one, I want one too."

"The process was incomplete and therefore the ability for the town administrator to make a recommendation to the mayor and council [was not there]," Williams said.

As an example, Williams said a request for information on calls for service in other communities as compared to Berlin was not answered.

"That's just one thing I know of and there were some other discussions," he said. "I don't think there was any ill intent here ... at the same time, I have concerns whenever we don't follow a process that's gotten us to a very good point financially, providing a more services than we ever have."

Williams repeatedly said the process was not followed and suggested an addition this late into budget development amounted to "going around the budget process."

"I'm not that type of guy. I just want



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Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing on Tuesday addresses his budget request for an administrative assistant. The request was not approved by a 3-2 council vote.

you to know that, but this is something I think is needed and if it's within my authority as a member of this council, I would like to move that that position be included in this year's budget," Burrell said.

"I will bring the motion up for a vote and also say, it's supposed to be my budget – why the hell didn't I know a damned thing about it?" Williams said. "I'm not hard to get along with – I'm very accessible. And the last I heard anything about this was in 2011 for heaven's sake."

Councilman Thom Gulyas said he understood both sides, but if Allen believed she asked for information and it was not provided, "I do feel that it's a

runaround."

"We do have this process ... I think it's something that we should stick with," he said. "It just seems a little strange to me that all the sudden it's thrown out there at the last minute that this position be brought in, and now here we are discussing it again."

"We all have our opinion, but the bottom line is we all have a vote," Burrell said. "I made a motion, so this could be either voted up or down. And, as always, I will stand by the decision of the council."

Downing, for his part, said he believed information was provided before the deadline he was given, adding there

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was a disconnect somewhere between the request and what information was given to the mayor and council.

"If I go ahead and give a document to a town administrator or make a statement, and the mayor makes a statement of why is this the first time we're hearing about it, then that's where the disconnect is," he said.

According to Downing, he was told the request needed to include a job description and salary.

"Those things were actually listed, they were sent," he said. "If it was not sufficient information, I have no problems and we can go ahead and say there was not sufficient information."

"I actually haven't had an assistant since I've been a police chief, which is 15 years and, if I have to wait another year or another year, I'll still do the same job that I've been doing the best I can do," Downing added.

Councilman Zack Tyndall asked if Downing was open to "working with the town administrator to try and figure out an amicable way to assess whether that position is a need."

"I don't have a problem working with the town administrator on anything," Downing said. "Moving forward, on this topic, I will definitely go ahead and work with her and provide whatever information is necessary."

"I feel like I don't have enough information to really say 'yes,'" Tyndall said.

Burrell, on the other hand, said he felt the information was sufficient, given the amount of public discussion over several meetings, "and my assumptions."

Burrell and Councilman Elroy Brittingham voted in favor of the motion to add the position, while Gulyas, Tyndall and Councilman Troy Purnell voted against it.

"I'm hoping ... that all parties can learn from this," Williams said. "The Berlin Police Department is doing a very good job ...but this is about a budget process and, let's face it, budgets are not fun. But I think the procedures that we've implemented and were all in place in the last several years have served us well."

The mayor and council will vote to adopt the fiscal 2019 budget during its next scheduled meeting, Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. A public hearing to allow for public comments must be held before its adoption.

Allen, on Monday, said the proposed fiscal 2019 budget totaled \$17,963 million, about 5.7 percent less than the previous budget.

She said capital projects totaled \$3.8 million, about 17 percent less than in fiscal 2018.

Also during the meeting, the council voted unanimously, 5-0, to retain the current property tax rate of 0.68 cents per \$100 of valuation.

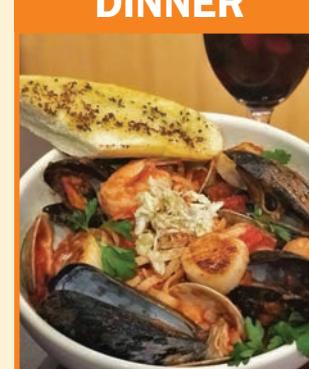


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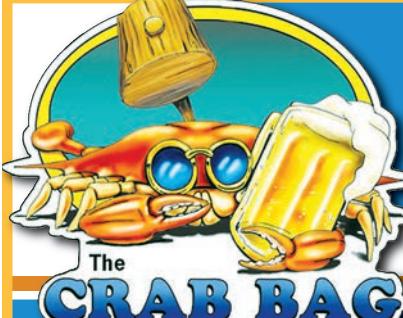
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No decision yet on software purchase for OPA operations

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors last Thursday again delayed a decision on whether to buy new financial and operational software, this time apparently because more information was requested by the budget and finance advisory committee.

The committee met last Wednesday, one day before the board meeting, presumably to discuss a recommendation. Meeting agendas for that group were last published online in 2016.

A decision on the software purchase was also delayed last month. Members of an association technology work group gave a presentation during a regular board meeting on April 28, and the directors adjourned to a closed session afterward to discuss a vendor contract, but no agreement was reached.

A motion last Thursday to "approve the purchase and implementation of NorthStar Community Association Management solution software to run the Ocean Pines operational environment" was postponed.

According to background on the motion, written by board President



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The Ocean Pines Board last week postponed a vote to purchase new operational and financial software. A decision on the software package was similarly delayed last month.

Doug Parks and provided in the meeting packet, the technology work group was formed two years ago to "address the current state" of technology supporting Ocean Pines' operations. A request for proposals for new software was released last December. Five vendors initially responded and four continued through an evaluation process.

"Based on the extensive evaluation that included a considering for outsourcing some of the operations, the TWG recommended NorthStar as the solution that best fit OPA," Parks wrote in the motion background.

"This enterprise software solution will allow for increased efficiencies and integration of disparate parts of the OPA operational environment. Based on the analysis, there is an expected cost savings over six years of approximately \$150,000 and will allow OPA staff to conduct their busi-

ness in a more effective manner to meet the needs of the membership," Parks said.

Initial costs for the software and its implementation were not published.

Parks did not attend the board meeting last Thursday. Vice President Cheryl Jacobs on his behalf withdrew the motion and read a prepared statement, apparently from Parks:

"After an additional review with the budget and finance committee, they've requested clarification on some of the information presented. In the interest of insuring that all details of the recommendation are fully understood, I am withdrawing the motion at this time. The requested clarification will be provided and work will continue to move forward with this initiative."

There is some urgency behind the

purchase of new systems because of the pending election, in August, when as many as three new directors could join the board and shift the policy toward outsourcing.

Director Tom Herrick, who will not remain after August, said in March looking into new systems would be "a disservice to the association." He instead favored outsourcing and moved, on March 29, to draft a request for proposals for financial management and accounting software "as a turnkey project." The motion was defeated, 6-1 with only Herrick voting in favor.

The budget and finance advisory committee scheduled a three-hour meeting today, Thursday, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

As of Monday, the next scheduled board meeting was June 23.



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Bailey updates several ongoing Pines projects

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey last Thursday provided rapid updates on the status of drainage remediation, the yacht club reopening, country club renovations, crabbing pier repair options, disclosure packets for real estate sales, and what's happening with the summer newsletter.

Bailey said a drainage working group has held three meetings. He said the group included himself, Public Works Director Eddie Wells, Facilities Manager Kevin Layfield, Worcester County Commissioner Jim Bunting, and residents and additional public works and county staff.

He said the first meeting was a strategy session with only county representatives, and the second was a brainstorming session with residents and staff.

"We came up with over 40 different areas that we've identified that we want to address in a report on drainage in Ocean Pines," Bailey said, adding the third meeting, two weeks ago, was to develop an outline of that report.

He said the next meeting is scheduled for June 12 at the public works building and a report with specific recommendations probably would be issued at the July board meeting.

Bailey said the yacht club is "rolling" after reopening two weeks ago.

"There are always hiccups, but we haven't heard or seen too many of those," he said. "The food has been very good. I hope you can talk about that with each other, and that we can move beyond what has transpired over the last year."

Bids would soon be reissued for country club renovations, Bailey said. The directors had hoped to have the project mostly finished in time for the current golf season, but initial bids came back much higher than expected, in the \$840,000 to \$880,000 range, he said.

He added costs could have climbed to more than \$1 million, because the disruption of golf operations would have required rental trailers for the golf shop and food operations, as well as onsite bathrooms.

Bailey suggested discussing phase two renovations and a plan for possible phase-three renovations at a board meeting in July. Phase one renovations, which only included the first floor of the two-story building, occurred last year.

"It may be a long time before we do phase three ... but at least we'll have an idea of what that [cost] might be," he said.

Bailey and staff met with a handful of homeowners to talk about repairs to the sanctuary crabbing pier, which is currently closed "for safety considerations," he said. He said the owners recommended removing the structure entirely.

"Thus, before proceeding any further, the question of whether we want a crabbing pier in this neighborhood – or another location – needs to be determined by the board," Bailey said.

Director Slobodan Trendic said the sample size of homeowners, apparently just four, was too small. He asked for a public hearing to discuss options for the pier.

Bailey said there are questions about recent changes to the process for disclosure packets "related to the sale of any property in OPA," adding Section 11B-106 of the Maryland Homeowner's Association Act "Provides specific language regarding disclosures and notice for resale of lots" in Ocean Pines.

Apparently, not all of the state rules were being followed. Bailey said changes to the process were made "in order to reduce for the potential for liability."

Regarding the newsletter, Bailey said \$34,000 in budget cuts would not affect distribution of the summer issue.

Ocean Pines has published four quarterly newsletters and three activity guides each year, mailing all

seven to all homeowner addresses. This year, four quarterly newsletters and two activity guides will be produced and published online, and hard copies will be mailed upon request, Bailey said.

"We will still provide hard copies that are available pickup at all of our various locations throughout the community, such as here at the com-

munity center," Bailey added.

However, because of the importance of the summer newsletter, which includes coverage of the board of directors' election, Bailey said \$15,000 in the marketing budget would be reallocated to mail those "for all of the membership at all addresses, both within and without our physical boundaries."



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Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey last Thursday provided updates on projects including drainage, country club renovations, repairs at the crabbing pier, and the reopening of the yacht club.

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Pines projected losses still \$1.6M

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) Ocean Pines Board member Pat Supik last Thursday said projected losses for fiscal year 2018 were still about \$1.6 million.

The most recent monthly financial report, for year-to-date as of March 31, showed a negative operating variance of \$1.167 million.

On May 22, the association posted a statement online about an apparent delay in releasing financials for April.

"It has been customary for OPA to keep the year-end open for longer than the 13 business days that we target to deliver monthly internal financial statements during the other months within the fiscal year. OPA is informing the community that the April year-end internal statements will not be posted to the website within 13 business days.

"Keeping the period open longer will assist in accomplishing the objective of producing accurate statements, by capturing all fiscal year-end invoices and recording the appropriate accruals and other adjustments necessary prior to turning the financials over to our audit firm, SC&H," the statement read.

General Manager John Bailey, in an interview in March, said the 2018 budget deficit primarily comes from 10 areas.

According to Bailey, about half comes from food and beverage, with gross revenues at the yacht club off \$560,000 and gross revenues at the beach club missing the mark by \$285,000. A 20-percent food and beverage discount, implemented after budget adoption and without board approval, added another \$145,000.

Personnel costs related to several employee contracts were over budget by \$100,000. Contract closure and vacation payouts of several food and beverage employees added another \$140,000.

Two new unbudgeted platform tennis courts cost \$94,000. Unusually high uncollectible debt was \$70,000 more than what was budgeted.

Unbudgeted mold remediation at the yacht club ran \$55,000, legal services ran over budget by \$110,000 and auditing services, including the "deep dive" audit, were \$25,000 more than budget.

With the addition of \$363,640 in deficits from the previous fiscal year, the projected two-year total now stood at \$1,948,140, Bailey said in March.

Supik, during a board meeting last Thursday, said an end-of-year audit had begun and auditors were onsite last week to start field work. She said

that would include an evaluation of how association management responded to recommendations from the so-called "deep-dive audit" ordered last year.

"In addition, we've asked the auditors this year to perform additional procedures in the payroll area, making sure that we are in compliance with procedures that were recommended in payroll," Supik said.

She said forensic auditors were in Ocean Pines last Monday "after completing initial stages of planning."

Director Ted Moroney added information on how to contact forensic auditors with pertinent information would be released this week.

"The only thing that they ask is no rumor or innuendo," he said. "Put out facts, if you have them, so that we don't waste association money. If you have actual information, you will have an address and a contact name of a senior partner at [auditing firm] Gross Mendelsohn ... this week."

Several camps for grade schoolers at Worcester Prep

(May 31, 2018) Registration is now open for Worcester Prep Summer Camps for students entering grades 1-12 in September.

Two camp sessions are offered: July 9-13 and July 16-20. There are a wide variety of camps to choose from including S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Investigative Science, Famous Films Appreciation, Keeping Fit with Games Galore, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Basketball, Space, Arts, Cooking, Sewing & Crafting, Cartooning, and 2D Game Coding.

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Meet the fire study consultants, this Tuesday

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) The 90-page study on the Berlin Fire Company performed independently by the Matrix Consulting Group was released last month by the Town of Berlin, which commissioned the analysis to guide it with handling future funding requests from the company.

On Tuesday, June 5 representatives from Matrix will present and discuss the findings during an open meeting at Berlin Intermediate School on 309 Franklin Avenue starting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Gee Williams said it is difficult to gauge potential attendance at the meeting.

"We'd rather have too much space than not enough," he said. "I assume that people who have regularly been following the funding issues with the fire company probably at least looked at or maybe fully read the 90-page report that we have on our website, but for a lot of people that's a lot of material to process in one take."

"Also, some people are more audio learners than visual learners, in terms of the way they process information, so we thought that having someone that was literally involved in the study give a presentation would hopefully add clarification and maybe be able to boil down some of the many, many details into things that are more easily understood," Williams added.

In addition, he said members of the audience would be free to ask questions.

"The idea is, I think, most of town and the fire company want to be very transparent," Williams said. "We want people to know what the report says and then, working together, our goal is to implement all of the recommendations within a year."

"That's our goal as the mayor and council. We'll proceed and give it our best shot," he continued. "But I think it always starts with letting the public know why we're doing this."

Councilman Thom Gulyas called the meeting "a huge importance for people to come in and know what's going on."

"These are your tax dollars," he said. "We would love to hear their input and we want to know what you guys would like us to do, so definitely show up on June 5 and at least come listen."

For those who cannot attend, Gulyas urged citizens to take their questions and concerns to their council representatives.

"We'll be more than happy to be the mouthpiece – that's our job," he said. "But I definitely want more involvement from the town. They live here. This impacts them square in the face so, please, be there."

Berlin Fire Company President David Fitzgerald said he would also attend and would "look forward to answering any questions the public may

have."

"We have always encouraged the public to ask us questions relating to our operations and funding," he said. "As the funding study has confirmed, we are underfunded by the town for the services we provide, especially for emergency medical services."

"Volunteers still save the county and town taxpayers money by donating their time. However, the demand for emergency medical services requires paid staff," he continued. "The budget for

that alone is over \$1 million."

Fitzgerald said more than 50 percent of the EMS calls to the fire company come from within town limits.

"The town continues to prosper, which is good, but it puts increased demand on all services," he said.

To read the full text of the Matrix report, visit www.berlinmd.gov/berlin-fire-company-report-released.

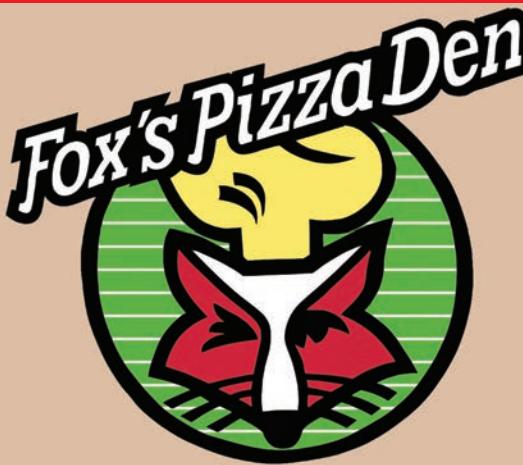
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Representatives from Matrix Consulting Group, the Berlin Fire Company and Berlin Town Council will be present during a public meeting about the recently released fire company study on Tuesday at Berlin Intermediate School.

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Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic, left, last Thursday argued a proposed new ethics resolution would have contributed to his ouster last year, when fellow board members several times proposed motions for his removal. Director Colette Horn, right, who proposed the new ethics motion did not agree. Also pictured is Director Tom Herrick.

Trendic questions new OPA ethics resolution

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) Ocean Pines Director Colette Horn presented a first reading of a new document on "Director Ethics and Conduct" at last Thursday's board meeting.

Formally known as Resolution B-08, the new policy was developed by an ethics work group created last year in the aftermath of an unusually con-

tentious board of directors' session.

That session included a failed attempt to oust Director Slobodan Trendic and culminated in the resignation of interim general manager and director Brett Hill.

Horn said the new resolution would "provide policy regarding ethics and conduct for members of the Board of Directors and officers of the Ocean Pines Association."

Trendic, however, said the proposal concerned him.

"I can understand and appreciate the intent, but there are a lot of things in this resolution that actually are ... a duplication of what already exists in several resolutions and, actually, the bylaws as well," he said, adding, "There are a number of flaws here."

"The only thing I can say is, if this resolution ... existed last year, I prob-

ably would not be sitting at this table today," Trendic added.

As an example, Trendic said the resolution would allow the board to create and staff an ethics committee.

"To me, that's self-serving and a conflict of interest in itself, especially if you have a majority of the board that might have a certain view and

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Berlin Bikeways proposal backed by council

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) A proposed new \$950,000, 1.8-mile Berlin Bikeway adjacent to the old railroad tracks was peddled successfully to the Berlin Town Council Monday, as concept of the bike path received its unanimous support.

The council also voted 5-0 to approve an application for a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation Bikeways program for the construction's first phase, which will run from Berlin Falls park on Old Ocean City Boulevard to Broad Street.

The cost of this leg of the project is estimated to be about \$300,000,

with the town accounting for 20 percent — \$75,000 — in matching funds or in-kind services.

Town Administrator Laura Allen said the project was broken into phases because the state has \$3 million overall for such projects, making it unlikely that Berlin would walk away with a third of it.

Maryland and Delaware Railroad, which owns the tracks, granted a right of way for the Berlin Bikeway and the Salisbury firm of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., funded by a Maryland Department of Transportation grant secured last October, drafted the concept plan.

Tim Metzner, a landscape archi-

tect for the firm described the proposed route during Monday's meeting at Town Hall. He said once the 10-foot-wide asphalt path is fully built, it would run from the Route 50 onramp to the end of Buckingham Lane.

Green stripes would be painted to alert cyclists and motorists when approaching five intersections along the path, and small rest stations would be constructed every 600-800 feet. Furnishings would include benches, water fountains and trash bins, Metzner said.

He and the council also discussed lighting for the bikeway, with a combination of the Victorian lights as seen on Main Street downtown, and

shorter path lights. Lighting is not expected to have much of an impact on residents near the path.

"Generally speaking, this is not to be apart from Berlin — this is a part of our historic community, so where it's practical I'd like to see us put in the Victorian lantern-style lights," Mayor Gee Williams said.

He added that lights were less necessary out in nature, but would be a benefit in highly trafficked areas to "compliment what we've built this whole town around, which is our historic heritage."

Councilman Zack Tyndall asked that emergency buttons be placed at the rest stations, and the rest of the council agreed.

Vote on 10 resolutions could occur June 23

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opinion of the issues, like last year," he said.

Trendic said although he respected the effort of the ethics group, he would prefer requiring directors to sign a code of ethics document similar to Ocean Pines employees, stating "they understand all the policies, rules [and] procedures."

"The more I thought about it ... the more I thought that this is really not something that we should do," he said.

Horn did not agree.

"The purpose was to provide language that would give better guidance to the board, particularly in matters in which removal from the board might be under consideration," she said.

said. "And I do beg to differ that you would not be sitting at this table if this were in effect last year."

Also during the meeting, Director Ted Moroney presented first readings for nine "C" resolution amendments, including those related to the budget and finance, bylaws and resolutions, clubs, communications, elections, golf, recreation and parks, and aquat-

ics advisory committees.

The directors could hold second readings and vote on all 10 resolutions as soon as the next regular board meeting, June 23.

Full texts of the proposed changes are available online at www.ocean-pines.org/wpa-content/uploads/2018/05/5-24-18-Board-Packet-1.pdf.

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New pup 'Josiah' joins Cricket Ctr team in Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) Josiah, a 2-year-old Labrador retriever raised and professionally trained by nonprofit Canine Companions for Independence, was introduced this month by the Cricket Center in Berlin.

The dog will assist patients at the Cricket Center, which is the only child advocacy in Worcester County for sexually and physically abused children.

Executive Director Wendy Myers said she learned of the program about two years ago while attending a National Children's Alliance symposium on child abuse in Huntsville, Alabama.

"There was one segment where we learned about facility dogs and the benefit to, not just staff for vicarious trauma prevention, but also, obviously, for our victims," Myers said. "Lots of [child advocacy centers] are beginning to use facility dogs."

Vicarious trauma is the transference of trauma symptoms from a victim to a counselor or worker as he or she is exposed repeatedly to stories of abuse and witnesses the pain, fear and terror the victims have endured.

Canine Companions, according to its website, was formed in 1975 and "enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships."

Four types of dogs are raised and trained by the nonprofit: service dogs to assist adults with disabilities; hearing dogs for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing; skilled companions for children and adults with physical,



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Josiah, a 2-year-old Labrador retriever, recently joined the staff at the Cricket Center in Berlin as its new facility dog. The center is the only child advocacy in Worcester County for sexually and physically abused children.

cognitive and developmental disabilities; and facility dogs to work with special needs clients in a visitation, education, criminal justice, or health care setting.

Myers said it's a two-year process to train the dogs, followed by a two-week training period for the dog owner.

"He already had all the training he needed, but I needed to be trained," she said with a laugh. "On day four, I was matched with Josiah based on our needs, my personality, his personality [and] what his strengths and weaknesses are."

"We needed a dog that would be calming, a dog that would be able to

sit here and be very quiet, and a dog that could sit in a courtroom and be very comfortable for perhaps long periods of time," Myers continued. "He certainly fits all of that."

She said a local veterinarian will provide services for the dog, and special funding from the Cricket Center Foundation would help pay for additional expenses.

"The cost will be minimal and we won't be using any government funding for him," Myers said. "We certainly want to make that clear, because I don't want folks to think funding that's supposed to be going for the kids will be going to the dog."

While serving at the Cricket Cen-

ter, Josiah will greet and visit with trauma victims, play games with children, help calm children and, eventually, he will help in a courtroom setting.

"He's such a quick learner – it's extraordinary," Myers said. "And everyone is so enamored with him because of his demeanor. He's just so calming" not only to children, but also for staff.

"Vicarious trauma is a real issue in this field, so he certainly is a calming presence for us as a team and we'll be able to provide better services as a result," she continued. "His primary goal is to comfort our victims, but

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New Cricket Center facility dog Josiah stands in front of the handprint wall inside the Berlin child advocacy center. Each handprint represents a child served by the nonprofit center, which provides therapy, mental health, and family advocacy in Worcester County.

Facility dog helps not just patients, but also staffers

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certainly he's helping us too."

And the kids love him, Myers added.

"He's met quite a few kids already and it's amazing, because I feel like he can read what they want," she said. "There was one child that was really excited and he was able to bring her down a little bit, and then there was a child who was really timid and he kind of crouched down and approached her really low ... it's really amazing how he can read emotions and sort of adapt his demeanor to whatever the child needs."

At the end of the day, Josiah goes home with Myers.

"When the vest comes off, he's a dog," she said. "I take him and let him run and he's just like, 'yaaay!' He understands when he's not at work."

While Josiah is already paid for, services, staff, and new and better equipment for the center always need additional funding.

Myers added tickets go on sale soon for the annual "Evening at the Hobbit" fundraiser at The Hobbit restaurant in October, and donations to the Cricket Center are welcome throughout the year.

"We're in a period of growth at the center, not just because there are more victims of child abuse locally, but because as a community people are really starting to understand the long-term effects of abuse. And people are recognizing ... let's take care of these kids now," Myers said.

"We're really focusing on long-term goals, but we also want to grow the program in a way that's beneficial to everyone," she continued. "We're really focusing on what will make our program better."

Patients or insurance companies are never charged for services, which include therapy, mental health, and family advocacy, Myers said.

More important than donations, Myers said, is that people learn the signs and symptoms of abuse by visiting the center's website.

"Sometimes we're so busy in our daily lives we might not recognize something that could be happening to a child," she said. "If nothing is happening, then no worries. But one simple phone call could really make a difference for a child, so learn those signs and symptoms and learn how to report."

"It's easy – you just call here," she added.

To contact the center, call 410-641-0097 or send mail to The Cricket Center, PO Box 97, Berlin, Maryland, 21811.

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DONUTS WITH DAD

Jon Duffie joins his Worcester Prep Pre-Kindergartener, Colt, at "Donuts with Dad" on April 3, during the week-long Book Fair in the Guerrieri Library. Students invited their dads or a special guest to the Book Fair for complimentary donuts while purchasing books together.



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OPA Briefs

By **Josh Davis**

Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last Thursday discussed the following items during a regular board meeting in the community center:

Capital purchase requests

The board unanimously approved two bids of \$33,864 by Hertrich Ford of Milford, Delaware for two 2018 Ford Explorers for Ocean Pines Police. The bid, one of two received, was about \$1,000 below what was budgeted, \$35,000 for each.

General Manager John Bailey said a third bidder was contacted but did not respond.

The vote was 6-0, with Association President Doug Parks absent.

Fire depart budget update

The board approved a \$165,621 increase in the fiscal 2018 fire department budget "in order to comply with OPA responsibilities under the memorandum of understanding" between the association and fire department.

The adjustment was necessary "in order to properly close the FY 2017-2018 financial books," Director Ted Moroney said.

Moroney said \$216,777 to pay off fire department notes was transferred from capital reserves and held in a trust, although no board vote ever occurred to do so.

He said the action would restore "the proper value of the OPVFD Capital Reserve Fund pre-note retirement," meet capital replacement reserve contributions in the approved fiscal 2018 budget and ensure the association has followed legally agreed upon terms with the fire department.

The directors unanimously approved the motion without discussion.

Leaf drop-off

The board discussed bringing back spring leaf drop-off services, previously available to residents at the public works yard.

Bailey said the service was a casualty of fiscal 2019 budget sessions and cost about \$30,000 during the spring – and about \$100,000 during the fall. The former service was discontinued, and the latter remains.

"Leaves are usually a bit more important [during the fall]," Bailey said. "We eliminated having the yard open during the month of May to save \$30,000."

As an alternative, Bailey said the yard could be opened on Saturdays, June through November excluding holiday weekends, to allow residents to dispose of yard debris.

No garbage, construction debris or bulk trash would be allowed.

He said the cost of labor was estimated to be between \$4,000 and \$8,000 and could be monitored and

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Record-setting day during Beach Club reopening weekend

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(May 31, 2018) After the well-received reopening of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club two weeks ago, it was Beach Club's turn last weekend to take the spotlight with a record-setting reopening.

"It's no secret that the Beach Club is a crowd-favorite, attracting waves of permanent and seasonal residents each year," Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer said. "The record-setting reopening of the Ocean Pines Beach Club illustrates the excitement that surrounds one of our most prized amenities."

"The association is thrilled to have Matt Ort Companies heading up day-to-day operations, offering top-quality food and beverage services. And I love to call the Beach Club my second office!" Sawyer said.

Ralph DeAngelus, cofounder of Matt Ort Companies, said the beach club reopening "went spectacular."

"We broke the all-time single-day sales record for the beach club on Saturday – on our second day! How funny is that?" he said.

Based on Coastal Highway in Ocean City opposite Seacrets, the Ocean Pines Beach Club officially opened on Friday.

Along with record sales, DeAngelus said attendance figures at the beach club were similarly staggering.

"At one point in time, I think I saw, between the pool and the beach and inside, maybe upwards 2,000 people," he said.

The warm weather and mostly clear skies on Saturday certainly didn't hurt, DeAngelus said, but credit also goes to the new staff.

"Businesswise, we were just pre-



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(Top) Swimmers enjoy the reopening of the Ocean Pines Beach Club in Ocean City last weekend. The facility, under new management by the Matt Ort Companies, reportedly enjoyed a record sales day on Saturday. (Bottom) Ralph DeAngelus of the Matt Ort Companies said attendance at the Ocean Pines Beach Club was outstanding throughout the weekend, with perhaps as many as 2,000 people at one time including inside the facility, at the pool and on the beach.

pared. We were staffed for the weather and the impending onslaught of people," he said. "Don't get me wrong – we had our fair share of hiccups. You can't be open just two days and set a sales record and not have hiccups, but for the most part I was very happy with the way things went."

DeAngelus said numbers were not available for the yacht club but guessed sales there were similarly near record numbers.

"Although Saturday at the yacht club did not go as smoothly as we had hoped," he said. "It was twice as busy as we had expected, so we were doing

a lot of scrambling. But we salvaged it as best we could, and the most important thing is that we learned from it."

The yacht club was briefly closed for repairs on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

According to a post on the Ocean Pines Yacht Club Facebook page, "After a successful and busy week at the Yacht Club, Matt Ort Companies has to deal with necessary kitchen repairs on May 29 and 30. We are working to maintain quality food and beverage services by having a well-working kitchen. Thank you for your patience!"

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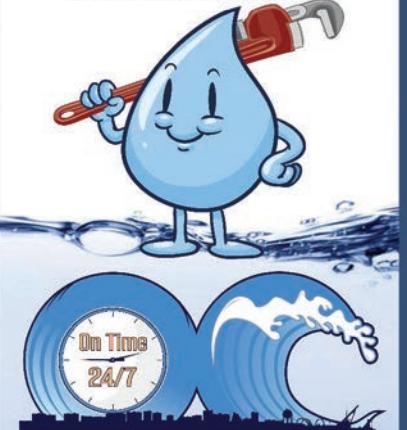
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SEMIFINALISTS

Two Worcester Prep students, seventh grader Lorelei Campbell, left, and ninth grader Hannah Perdue, advanced to the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Oratorical Competition semifinals on April 11, where Perdue won second place.



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GUEST SPEAKER

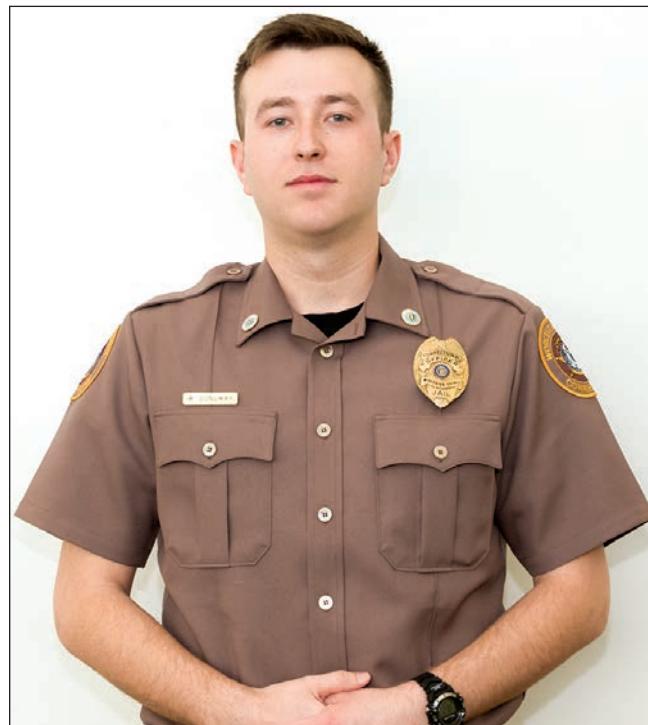
Sandy Winter, owner of 4STEPS Therapeutic Riding in Parsonsburg, Maryland, was the guest speaker during the weekly Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center. 4STEPS is a small personalized Premier Accredited PATH International Center for children and adults with physical, emotional and/or behavioral challenges. The organization enhances lives through horses. Winter was presented a \$400 donation from Kiwanis Club President Ralph Chinn.



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ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Three Stephen Decatur High School seniors were awarded scholarships for their academic achievements, extracurricular involvement and dedication to the community from The Women's Club of Ocean Pines. Recipients, from left, are Michael Mareno, Hallie Edmunds and Savannah Nilo. They are pictured with Women's Club members, from left, Second Chair Donna Potenza, First Chair Susan Palamara and Donna McCracken, Scholarship Committee chair.



NEW GRAD

Walter L. Donoway of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center graduated in the 101st entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

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FASHION SHOW

The Community Church at Ocean Pines held its 15th annual Fashion Show and luncheon on May 1. The show featured items from the church's Shepherd's Nook shop.

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reevaluated.

"On a bigger question, should we really be providing this service at all?" Moroney said.

"If you take \$130,000 a year to operate that ... that's \$15 per person sitting in here, and given everybody is bitching about assessments going up, there's a problem right there," he continued. "Everybody needs to remember that, whether it's this or drainage or anything else ... it costs [money]," he continued. "Frankly, I'm just not sure that we should be providing that service to the residents – I'm not sure that that's our responsibility to do that as a community."

"Those are questions we always ask – how much do you want us to do for the community and what are you willing to pay for it?" Vice President Cheryl Jacobs said, ending the conversation.

Discussion on discussions

Director Slobodan Trendic, following up on a discussion during a recent by-laws and resolutions committee meeting, recommended requiring that a statement of purpose and background on discussion topics be included in published board packets.

He said membership was not always aware of that information before meetings.

"Putting it out would only serve as a benefit to the membership, so they are aware of the topics that the board intends to discuss," he said.

Jacobs, Moroney and director Tom Herrick agreed.

"It gives a little bit of feedback and not only helps everybody else understand it, it helps all of us understand the reasoning behind what we're doing," Moroney said.

Appointments

The directors unanimously approved the appointment of four people to advisory committees: Lisa Schwartz to the architectural review committee (third term), Frank Daly to the strategic planning committee (second term), and John O'Connor (fourth term) and Leonard Hall (first term) to the budget and finance committee.

Closed session

The directors, by a 6-0 vote, adjourned after the regular session to a closed meeting.

Trendic said the purpose of the session was for a mid-year performance review of Bailey and a review of the Mediacom contract.

Jacobs, on Tuesday, said the former matter was required under the terms of Bailey's contract.

"The discussion associated with giving him his review was very productive on both sides," she said.

She could not go into detail regarding the latter review, but offered, "We are still negotiating with Mediacom."



PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR
Worcester Prep senior Deborah Marini of Lewes, Delaware, has been selected as one of only 630 semifinalists across the country to advance to the final round of the 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars competition. Out of nearly 3.5 million graduating seniors, more than 5,300 students were identified as candidates in the program and 630 semifinalists were selected. These semifinalists form the pool from which the 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be chosen. Application for the Presidential Scholars Program is by invitation only. Students do not apply nor do their schools nominate them. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars reviews the applications of all semifinalists in April and honors the winners in June. Marini will attend Brown University in the fall. Her academic achievements include: Cum Laude Society, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Art Honor Society. In addition to playing volleyball, participating in Mock Trial, and being voted Best All-Round Student, she also serves as the Class of 2018 class treasurer, newspaper editor, Creative Writing Club co-founder, Environmental Club and Speakers for Students.

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Opinion

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Outsourcing talk in Pines is premature

The campaign season is in full-swing in Ocean Pines and one of the platforms being touted by some candidates is to outsource administrative management and financials. One candidate also looks to outsource individual department directors as well.

Last year saw a tremendous amount of change, with almost a full sweep of high-level personnel throughout the organization, creating confusion and financial drain on the association. Now is not the time to create more upheaval.

This year, the board has taken many steps forward to get the organization back on track, with permanent hires for both the general manager and director of finance positions, along with launching a forensic audit, which should provide a better picture of what caused the large financial losses in the prior year and beyond.

Additionally, many of the recommendations from the deep dive audit report done earlier this year have been instituted along with Matt Ortt Company taking over the Yacht Club and Beach Club, both of which were in financial disarray and now seem to be heading in a more positive direction.

Certainly, the community should look toward candidates that promote fiscal responsibility, but replacing the management team at this juncture will only serve to create more distraction.

Allowing some time to see how the current staff changes help achieve a better financial picture along with recommendations from the forensic audit make more sense than making a move to outsource the entire operation.



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Letters

Hats off to Hats for Hospice

Editor,

The seventh annual Hats for Hospice Preakness Party benefiting Coastal Hospice was a record-setting success, despite heavy rains and a location change. The signature fundraiser for charity care hosted 177 attendees and raised more than \$22,000.

The funds raised support patients of Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties who do not have resources for care or who have needs that extend beyond their insurance coverage.

Every year, a dedicated committee of volunteers helps organize this Preakness Day event. We would like to personally thank co-chairs Diana Barber and Alan Merritt-Hyle, the Hats contest co-chair Kathleen Abercrombie, and committee members Nancie Booth, Jenna Bowne, Hope Morgan and Nancy Hall.

One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of the Charter Society Anchor Award to Dirk and Gayle Widdowson. The couple has cultivated significant financial support, volunteered much of their time to support the mis-

sion, and they demonstrate leadership, compassion and generosity.

Sponsorships are critical to the success of the event. We want to personally and publicly acknowledge the following sponsors for their support: Kuhn's Jewelers, Bruce and Cindy Leiner, Ronald and Hope Morgan, Phyllis Vinyard, Dirk and Gayle Widdowson, Diana and Ed Barber, Cato Gas and Oil, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Alan and William Hyle, Ginnie Malone Realty, Debbie and Rodney Abbott, Charles Brown Glass Co., Chesapeake AGH Cargo LLC, Companion Home Care, David and Donna Hanlin, Edward and Patricia Klopp, Nelson Insurance Company, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Jim and Jan Perdue, Silicato Development, Widdowson and Dashiell PA, William Staples Insurance and Financial, and Yard Designs.

The event would not have been complete without the 17 talented hat designers who turned hats donated by Vernon Powell Shoes into majestic pieces of art. The community voted for their favorite hats by sending in donations. Hats off to the designers!

Our appreciation goes out

to Ocean City Golf Club for hosting the event on short notice, and to our celebrity bartenders: Lisa Bryant of Delmarva Life on WBOC and Daniel Johnson, chief meteorologist on WMDF. We are also grateful for the in-kind support from Candy Kitchen, Impact Audio and City Florist.

Thanks to this generous community, we can continue to deliver on our promise to put our patients' needs and goals first in all we do.

Alane K. Capen
President, Coastal Hospice

Proposed CAFO needs more coverage

Editor,

I'm surprised that I haven't heard further about the CAFO proposed on Peerless Road in Showell. It seems that the initial proposal and permitting slipped by everyone unnoticed and now the fight that so many of our residents are in will go unnoticed as well.

I was thrilled to see the *Bayside Gazette* run a letter to the editor by Tom Weiland on May 10 about the CAFO, bringing attention to the environmental insensitivity of our

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local legislators and the poultry industry, but I wish I would continue see more to keep it in the minds eye of the public.

Members of the concerned citizens coalition "Protectors of the St. Martin River" (please find us on Facebook) were at a recent town hall meeting with the county commissioners to voice concerns over this CAFO, and it was disturbing to find that Commissioner Bertino and Commissioner Bunting clearly had no problem with the construction of this CAFO, even under the environmentally detrimental old zoning regulations.

The proposed site of this CAFO directs all runoff AND air pollutants directly toward Middle Branch, which connects to Shingle Landing Prong, Bishopville Prong and the St. Martin River. All of the improvements that the community has worked so very hard for to reinstate health and vigor in these waterways will be erased, the groundwater of the surrounding residential communities will be tainted, and the air will be laced with invisible (and some visible) toxins.

Yes, we live on the Eastern Shore, where the poultry industry is king. I am not so naive as to think that all the CAFOs will disappear and be replaced with good old-fashioned family farms. But these type of large-scale animal feeding and growing operations belong inland, away from tributaries and wa-

terways and away from residential areas and schools.

I don't know one local resident who isn't a water lover, or who doesn't have a great love for our environment, and so it hasn't surprised me that I haven't found one person who isn't absolutely appalled when they hear of the location of this facility.

I urge my fellow residents to join me in the fight against this CAFO and wonder if the county commissioners who have shown themselves to be so environmentally reckless are at all concerned about upcoming election results.

*Katelyn Grant
Bishopville*

Bad experience at Atlantic General

Editor,

The burn wound care at Atlantic General was a joke.

The PA I saw, after an hour-and-a-half wait, came in and started calling my burns a "rash" and it went downhill from there.

He said I was already doing what should be done and that he couldn't do anymore than I was already doing. Didn't offer any burn relief creams or suggestions, nor how to wrap the wounds, nor what order to put the creams I'm using on.

Huge disappointment and will not use Atlantic General services in the fu-

ture.

As a side note, the Richard Henson cancer center at Peninsula Regional did not return my call and message I placed after seeing that clown. They referred me there and, since it's Friday on a holiday weekend, I guess the nurse figured she'd leave.

So, it's across the bridge for me for anything cancer related from now on. Makes me appreciate the people at Anne Arundel Breast Center even more, and I am so glad I had my surgery and chemo (nine months) there!

*Colleen Salvio,
Pittsville*

Disappointed in elected officials on CAFO

Editor,

Perhaps I missed an article, but I was concerned that there does not seem to be any new news on the proposed CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) on Peerless road adjacent to Birch branch, one of the streams that feeds Shingle Landing Prong on the St. Martin's River.

Because it is a tidal river, situated on low land, the river flow is not very strong. This means that anything that seeps, spills, or gets dumped into it does not wash away quickly.

As a result, St. Martin's is one of the dirtiest rivers in Maryland. The ground water table in this area is very high. Be-

cause of that, any overflow from the bio-retention pond proposed on the CAFO will likely not soak into the ground, but will overflow into the river.

The bio-retention pond is supposed to be a zero discharge facility. However, anybody who drives along St. Martins' Neck Road after a heavy rain or several days of rain can see the standing water in fields. The accidental overflow from the bio-retention pond will go directly into a wetlands area. This is of special concern because the proposed CAFO does not have an on-site caretaker.

A great deal time and money was spent on restoring the natural flow of the Bishopville Prong of the St. Martin's River so that fish could travel to spawning grounds. It doesn't make any sense to allow a facility, which will reverse the progress that's been made to clean up this scenic asset to our county.

Thousands live beside and many more visit St. Martin's to crab fish, sail and boat, both for recreational and commerce. It seems wrong that an outside group should be allowed to change everything for the locals and visitors.

I was very disappointed in the reaction of our elected official at the recent town hall meeting on Saturday. Mr. Bertino and Mr. Bunting displayed little concern about their constituents' anxiety regarding likely pollution of the St. Martin's River.

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Worcester Prep graduates 51 at commencement

Seniors receive more than \$5 million in scholarships

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 31, 2018) Fifty-one Worcester Preparatory seniors accepted their diplomas last Friday during the 46th annual commencement ceremony at the Berlin school.

Numerous awards and honors were presented to the graduates during the ceremony in the Athletic and Performing Arts Center, which also included the Upper School Chorus singing "Forever Young" and the Worcester Preparatory song.

The students will attend 36 schools across 15 states. One hundred and fifty-nine scholarships were awarded to the class of 2018, with a monetary value of \$5,141,541, according to Assistant Headmaster and Director of College Counseling Anthony D'Antonio.

Many of the awarded scholarships were for academic achievements or athletics, while others played upon a student's character, charitable contributions, community service, or engagement in the arts.

One such award was presented to William "Brenner" Maull, who re-



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Deborah Marini receives the American Legion Scholarship from Head of Upper School Michael Grosso, III, during the 46th annual commencement at Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin, last Friday.

ceived a nearly \$28,000 scholarship from Rev. David Michaud from his church, Saint Peter's Episcopal, in Salisbury. Maull will be going to the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

The salutatorian, Deborah Marini, who finished with a GPA of 100.47, will attend Brown University. The valedictorian, Anchita Batra, who earned a GPA of 101.63, will also be attending the University of Pennsylvania.

This graduation ceremony was even more special, as Headmaster Dr. Barry Tull will be retiring.

"Your years here all differ," Tull said in his address to the seniors. "But all of you in the years you have been here have become part of the fabric of this constitution. As members of the alumni association, you will always be a part of Worcester Prep."

Tull has been headmaster of the school for 33 years, and felt it was the right time to end his academic career. He has served Worcester Prep since it was founded 48 years ago.

"I guess we'll always be a part of Worcester Prep too," Tull said of him and his wife, Diane, assistant to the

headmaster, who is retiring as well. "And nothing makes us prouder than to be a part of your group."

The graduates also received a heartfelt message from their class president, Ethan Gaskill.

"I know that as a class of 51, we don't always see eye to eye and that is to be expected," Gaskill said. "But one thing has remained constant: a certain love and respect for one another that can only be truly felt through a family. And though it's a bit mushy, I think of you all one way or another as my family."

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May 31 - June 7

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Sunday 11-3	23 Pintail Dr., Ocean Pines	4BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$515,000	Phyllis Fennessey/Shamrock Realty
Saturday 1:30-4	#8 The Point, Ocean Pines	3BR/3.5BA	Townhome	\$399,000	Edie Brennan/Berkshire Hathaway PenFed

Anniversary Community Day planned Saturday in Pines

(May 31, 2018) The largest residential community of Worcester County will celebrate its rich history with food, fun and carnival games during the 50th anniversary Community Day, 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 2 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

"It's going to be a fun-filled day for the entire family," Debbie Bennington, event organizer of the Community Day, said.

Fun activities will include paintball, balloon darts, ping ball toss, cornhole, spike ball, KanJam, soft ball toss, Nerf guns, spin art, balloon rockets, duck pond, dunking booth, little and big bounce houses, photo booth, face painting, plinko board fun, and much more.

The Association will sell shirts that bear the 50th anniversary logo, created by contest winner Lisa Perez, during the event.

Music by DJ Extreme Paradise Promotions will set the stage for a fun atmosphere. The Pine Tones will perform at 2 p.m. Pony rides by Saddle Up Stables will also be available for children to enjoy.

Food and beverages will be avail-

able for purchase from the following vendors: the Tiki Hut Snow Cone truck, Eastern Shore Kettle Korn, DeNovo's, the Good Humor truck, Johnsons Bar B Q & Crab Cakes, and Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines/Ocean City.

Activities and games are also being provided by the Veterans Memorial Foundation, Ocean Pines Fire Department, Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Pine'eer Craft Club, Boy Scouts, Ocean City Beach Patrol, Shape-Ups, Copy Central, Ocean Pines Anglers Club, Democratic Women's Club, Ocean Pines Garden Club, Coastal Power Washing, OC Paint Ball, Berlin Intermediate School, Ocean Pines Ladies Golf Association, among others.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Mediacom, The Power of 2 Team & Maryland Title, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Avery Hall Insurance, and East Coast Construction sponsor the Community Day.

Residents, nonresidents and local dignitaries are invited to celebrate Ocean Pines' history at the 50th Anniversary Community Day event, at 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines.



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RECORD DAY

Organizers said a record crowd of more than 3,000 people attended the Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade on Flower Street in Berlin last Saturday. Korean War veterans were honored in a brief ceremony at the outset, and dozens more marching groups walked the parade route that began at Stephen Decatur Middle School and ended at Dr. William Henry Park.

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Duncan-Showell American Legion Post #231



Abu Lahab Temple No. 206 from Salisbury

Ocean Pines 50th anniversary parade scheduled for Saturday

(May 31, 2018) Ocean Pines Police will be closing a corridor of Ocean Parkway on Saturday, June 2 from 9:45-11 a.m. for the 50th Anniversary Parade.

Drivers heading northbound along the parkway from Mumford's Landing Road to White Horse Park should expect a temporary lane closure and parking restrictions.

"Police are re-routing traffic patterns to minimize residential inconvenience," Ocean Pines Police Chief Dave Massey said. "Residents living on the north side of the parkway in the parade route will not be able to utilize parkway access while the parade is in progress."

People attending the commemorative parade, which runs from 10-11 a.m., are encouraged to arrive early.

The southbound lane of the parkway will remain open for traffic flow, but police are requesting that all unnecessary travel be deferred during the parade, if possible.

St. Martins Lane will also remain open. Officers will allow traffic into the Ocean Pines Community Center

and Farmers & Artisans Market at 235 Ocean Parkway.

"Thank you for your cooperation during this special celebration of our community's 50th anniversary," Massey said.

Registered parade entries have been provided with final instructions regarding the staging area. Those times and staging plans remain in effect.

The parade, sponsored by Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Mediacom, The Power of 2 Team & Maryland Title, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Avery Hall Insurance and East Coast Construction, is free to onlookers and open to the public.

The judges' viewing area will be along Ocean Parkway at White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway. Three Judges' Choice awards will be presented at a later date.

For more information on anniversary events or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Denise Sawyer, director of marketing and public relations for the Ocean Pines Association, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006 or dsawyer@oceanpines.org.

Business Briefs

Promotion

Raymond M. Thompson, president and chief executive officer of Calvin B. Taylor Bank, has announced that Donna Weaver has been promoted to vice president.

She currently serves as the bank's compliance officer and internal auditor. Weaver began employment with the bank in October of 2011.



Donna Weaver

Her diverse banking career spans over 30 years and includes roles in compliance, branch audit, product development, marketing, branch oversight, loan operations and project management.

Her office is located at the bank's main office in downtown Berlin.

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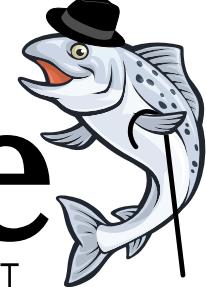
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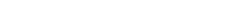
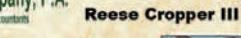
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June 6: Chris Button, 7 p.m.

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June 4: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson, Joe Smooth & Pete, 4-8 p.m.
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June 4: Blake Haley, 4-7 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.
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June 3: DJ Bobby-O, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; John McNutt Band, 5-9 p.m.; Dirty Heads w/Pacific Dub (*sold out*), 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 4: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; S.T.O.R.M., 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 5: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.; Buddha Council, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 6: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.; Buddha Council, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 7: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

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Law Enforcement Torch Run, Mon.

By Morgan Pilz

Staff Writer

(May 31, 2018) Law enforcement officers representing Worcester County and beyond will take part in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay for Special Olympics Maryland, on Monday, June 4.

Participants are encouraged to wear a Law Enforcement Torch Run T-Shirt, which costs \$15 and are available for purchase at the Ocean City Police Department Public Safety Building on 65th Street, with all proceeds going to Special Olympics Maryland. There will also be T-shirts and hats available the morning of the run, but sizes are not guaranteed.

This local relay event is part of a much larger effort which is split between four different sections of Maryland – Eastern, Western, Central and Southern – and throughout the week, thousands of Torch Run volunteers will cover hundreds of miles, eventually arriving in Towson where the individual flames will be united in the final leg ceremony.

"The run supports the Special Olympics of Maryland," said Lindsay Richard, public relations specialist for the Ocean City Police Department. "Many of our officers have been very active within the Special Olympics of Maryland organization,

and this run just supports that. So, we see a lot of our officers and community members participate to support that effort."

The festivities will begin at 8 a.m. on the Boardwalk at 21st Street, with Sgt. Dennis Eade discussing the history and purpose of the run. Special Olympics athletes will speak as well. Sgt. Eade has been participating in the run since 1997.

The actual Torch Run Relay is an awareness campaign to highlight united law enforcement efforts to benefit Special Olympics and create excitement for the Special Olympics Maryland Summer Games each year. This year's event will take place at Towson University, June 8-10.

"This will be my 21st year of involvement in the Ocean City Torch Run," Sgt. Eade said. "I've done it every single year that I've been here as both a seasonal police officer and a full-time police officer.

"Initially, I did it because it was an opportunity for camaraderie and to be with other police officers and give back to the community," Sgt. Eade added. "But once I got involved and I saw the true meaning and the true purpose behind it and got to interact with the Special Olympics athletes who benefit from this program, it was then really, why I participated in

this event."

While the relay is described as a "run," participants are not required to run, and are encouraged to join the event however they can.

"The [first] Maryland Torch Run began in 1986," Richard said. "Typically, we see upwards of 100 people participate in the run, and if you don't want to run people can ride their bike. There's also a tram that follows us so you can ride in the tram.

"It's not just for runners," she added. "It's for anyone that wants to support Special Olympics Maryland."

The general public is also invited to participate in the event.

"When you interact and get close to Special Olympic athletes themselves, then it's at that moment you find out what you're doing is so important and why you're doing it and why it's so important to the Special Olympics athletes," Sgt. Eade said. "For anybody who is interested in supporting the cause, just come out and see how happy, and how grateful, and how appreciative these special Olympics athletes are for this opportunity."

For more information, contact the Ocean City Police Department at 410-723-6610.

Ocean City/Worcester County Torch Run

8:30 a.m. – Pre-event ceremonies, The Grand Hotel, 21st Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City

8:30 a.m. – Torch Run Relay begins. Run will proceed from 21st Street to N. Division Street

9:9:15 a.m. – Run concludes at N. Division Street with photo opportunity and refreshment Participants will load a bus to proceed to West Ocean City for the second leg of the relay

9:30-9:45 a.m. – Meet at Ocean City Fire Department Station 5, Keyser Point Rd., West Ocean City

10 a.m. – Begin second leg to Ocean City Elementary School

10:15-10:30 a.m. – Conclude second leg at Ocean City Elementary (approximately half-mile run)

10:45 a.m. – Load bus for Berlin for third leg of the relay

11 a.m. – Arrive at Worcester County Athletic Complex to begin Berlin run (approximately one-mile run)

11:15 a.m. – Begin third leg, Berlin run, with stops at Worcester Prep and Buckingham Elementary School. Conclude at Berlin Fire Station with food and refreshment

11:45 a.m. to noon – Event concludes

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Ocean Pines Memorial Day Remembrance Festival

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Hundreds of people and elected officials of every stripe gathered to remember fallen troops on Monday at the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial, near the Ocean Pines Library. The event was emceed by Mike Beatty, USAF veteran and resort entertainer better known as "DJ Batman." Headlining the festival was Col. Janeen Birckhead-Morton, of the Army National Guard and Snow Hill native. In between speeches were songs performed by the Delmarva Chorus, Frankie Nanna, Ocean City Pipes and Drums, the WWIIlunes, Todd Crosby and Randy Lee Ashcraft. Gold star families, ones who lost a relative in active combat, were also presented with a tribute. A benediction was delivered by Rev. Connie Paulson of the Bethany United Methodist Church, and the finale consisted of a rifle volley by American Legion Posts 166 and 123 as well as a performance of "Taps" by Lt. Col. Richard Tanner, USMC (ret.).

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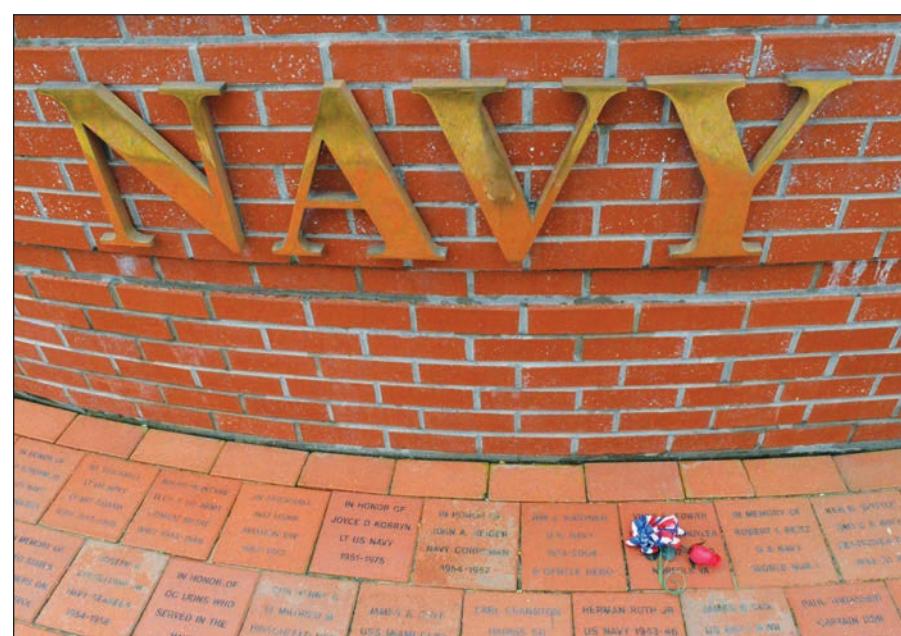
Mike "DJ Batman" Beatty, USAF veteran, emceed the festival



The Delmarva Chorus, led by Carol Ludwig



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It was a day of group and personal remembrance



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Keynote speaker Col. Janeen Birckhead-Morton

Puzzles

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ACROSS				
1 New Hampshire's 21 kilometers long	59	What a hungover person might have had	106	21
6 Simultaneously	60	Who said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference"	110	Action hero Steven
13 Actress Rivera	61	Line of work: Abbr.	111	Shape of every Baha'i temple
18 Layer of the earth	62	Crunchy sandwich, for short	112	Component of natural gas
19 Knight in a medieval romance	63	Pick, with "for"	113	Without smiling, say
20 Monopoly pieces	64	Prefix with cycle	114	"Workers of the world, unite!" and others
22 21	65	Replicas	115	Hurdles for aspiring D.A.s
25 But nevertheless	66	Doing evil		DOWN
26 Chicken choice	70		1	Pens
27 Practices crystal gazing	74		2	Erstwhile
28 LAX listing, for short	76	Moreno and Hayworth	3	Raiders' org.
29 Where the Bactrian camel is native	77	B&B	4	One covered with food stains, say
31 Leave unsaid	78	Old British firearms	5	Hellion
32 Scenery chewers	79	What "you know you make me wanna" do, in a classic R&B song	6	Transport "to Sugar Hill way up in Harlem"
33 Former Nebraska senator James	82	Loos	7	Sad, in French or Spanish
34 21	83	Dirección toward sunset	8	"____ that somethin'?"
40 One might be cast in a Harry Potter film	87	21	9	Bit of a scolding
41 Famous writer who entered West Point at 21	96	"Out of Africa" author Dinesen	10	End of an illness?
42 Alias of rapper Sean Combs	97	21st-century currency	11	Fu ____
43 Sadat and Arafat, e.g.	98	Competitor of Allure	12	Memory trace
47 Polling abbr.	99	bean	13	Inferior in quality
48 Certain dumbbell weight: Abbr.	100	The Stones' "Aftermath" and "Flowers"	14	Harleys, e.g.
51 21	101	The U.S.S. Maine sank in its harbor	15	Suffix with señor
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103 "M*A*S*H" actor David Ogden ____	105	Agent, informally	16	Sent an important message, once
			17	In sum
			18	Settlers of the Yucatán Peninsula
			21	Summer Olympics host after Atlanta
			23	Showcase
			24	Something a sea star can regenerate
			30	So much fun
			33	Nonpoisonous, as mushrooms
			35	California town whose name is Spanish for "the river"
			36	Put in (for)
			37	Sets of points on graphs
			38	Davis of old Hollywood
			39	He lost to Dwight twice
			44	Time span with a tilde
			45	Little girl, in Italy
			46	Parts of "at" symbols
			48	Big hits
			49	It starts with E, in two different ways
			50	State whose capital is 21-Down: Abbr.
			51	Clowns
			52	Twist open
			53	Brand of wafers
			54	Dossier contents
			55	Lots
			56	You, in Yucatán
			57	Italian city where St. Valentine was born
			58	Movers and shakers
			66	White's co-author of "The Elements of Style"
			67	Query from Judas

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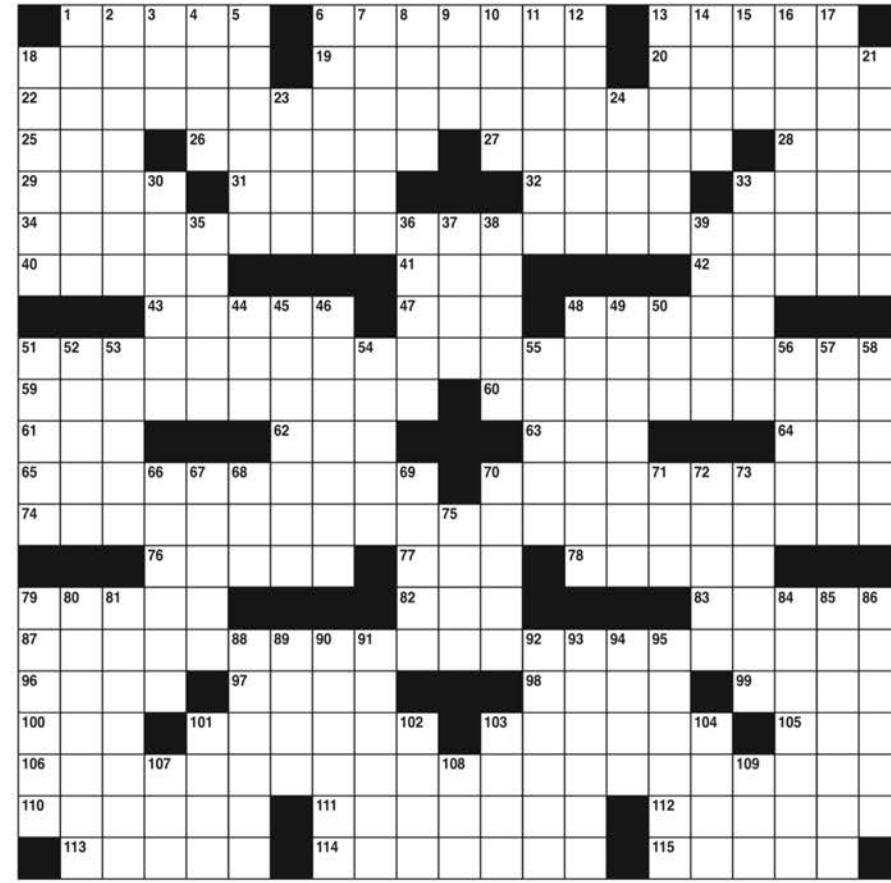
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68 Witty zinger	79 Guzzles	90 Smarts	101 Get better
69 Guardian Angel Curtis ____	80 Unlike dial-up internet service, informally	91 Bygone Cambodian leader with a palindromic name	102 Scandium's is 21: Abbr.
70 Capital of Belarus	81 How one might wish	92 George, Jane or Judy, on old TV	103 Sonic the Hedgehog creator
71 Unfriend?	84 Ogle	93 Contents of a saucer, maybe	104 Retired fliers, for short
72 Otherwise	85 Bars	94 "21 Grams" actress DuVall	107 ____ Fridays
73 Start for every Perry Mason title, with "The"	86 Tick away	95 Niblet	108 Witch
75 Old civil rights org.	88 Almost		109 "Huh?"
	89 Sirs, to Brits		

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HARD - 49

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Snapshots



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WORCESTER TOURISM WEEK

The Commissioners recently gathered with industry professionals from across the county to proclaim May 6-12 as Tourism Week in Worcester County and to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of Worcester County Tourism and its many state and local partners to grow tourism locally. Pictured, in front from left, are Gregory Purnell, Michael Day, Donna Abbott, Susan Jones, Lisa Challenger, and Melanie Pursel; second row, Denise Sawyer, Debbie Keitt, Ginger Flemming, Barbara Tull, Isabel Morris, Karah Lacey and Stacey Weisner; and in back, Commissioners Chip Bertino Diana Purnell, Jim Bunting, Ted Elder, Joe Mitrecic, Bud Church and Merrill Lockfaw.



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NEW OFFICERS

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines announces new officers for 2018-2020. Pictured, from left, are Gail Reese, secretary; Irene Daly, treasurer; Joyce Piatti, first vice president; Donna McCracken, president; and Kay Hickman, second vice president. The purpose of the Women's Club is to promote civic and social activities, including educational and community outreach opportunities, for its members to benefit the community. In 2018, the Women's Club awarded \$2,700 in scholarships and donated \$1,600 to community organizations. To become a member, call Piatti at 410-302-0559. The Women's Club meets the first Thursday of the month (except July and August) at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.



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EDUCATION DONATION

Tom Sites, principal of Berlin Intermediate School and co-owner of the Fenwick Islander Motel in Fenwick Island, Delaware, recently made a contribution of \$5,000 to the Worcester County Education Foundation, on behalf of the Fenwick Islander Motel. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Education Foundation Vice Chair, Greg Shockley; Sites; Superintendent of Worcester County Schools, Lou Taylor; and WCEF Chairman, Todd Ferrante.



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SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVERS

The 34th annual Stephen Decatur High School Scholastic Achievement Awards Banquet was held on May 8 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street. Pictured, from left, are junior Kennedy Duke, sophomore Bobby Baker and seniors Lily Belle Baker and Hallie Edmunds after receiving their awards.



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PAJAMA PROGRAM

Laura Schroff, international and No. 1 bestselling author of the book, "An Invisible Thread," returned to Worcester Prep on April 10 to introduce her latest book, "Angels on Earth," to students in the Lower and Middle Schools. Earlier this year, Schroff spoke with Upper School students after they completed their summer reading which included "An Invisible Thread." Her latest book is a collection of stories about true acts of kindness, which ties into Worcester Prep's theme this year, "Empathy and Kindness." Schroff was also joined by Genevieve Piturro, founder of the Pajama Program, a nonprofit that provides new pajamas and books to children in need. Holding donated pajamas, from left, are MD/DC Pajama Program Chapter President Lolita Justice-Watkins, Head of Lower School Laura Holmes, Headmaster Dr. Barry Tull, Schroff, Head of Middle School Megan Wallace, and Piturro.



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JROTC CADET RECOGNIZED

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented a DAR Bronze ROTC Medal to Cadet John Seward, Jr. of Pocomoke High School. Recipients of this award must be either a junior or senior student in a secondary school JROTC program or a Junior College graduating senior, and the medals are worn according to JROTC protocol. Seward is pictured with General Levin Winder Chapter member Diane Kerbin.

Calendar

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STORY TIME 'DINOSAURS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy stories, movement, songs and crafts. For ages 2 to 5 years. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT

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

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 3 p.m. A lively chat about favorite good reads. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH SINGLES

Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 6 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

WOR. CO. COMMISSIONERS CANDIDATE FORUM

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The following candidates have confirmed their participation: Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, Judy Butler, Bud Church, Ted Elder, Joe Mitrecic, Joshua Nordstrom, Diana Purnell, Virgil Shockley and Zackery Tyndall. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments served. Info: Coastal Association of REALTORS® Facebook page.

BEACH LIGHTS

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FRI, JUNE 1

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Bahia Marina, 2107 Herring Way, Ocean City. Info: 410-289-7438, fish@bahiamarina.com or www.bahiamarina.com

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION

OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, 5-7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and see the new exhibits. Open to the public. Free admission. 410-524-9433, <https://artleagueofoceancity.org>

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Possible to win the \$1,000 big jackpot each week. 410-524-7994

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STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. Membership and info: Anna Foulz, 410-641-7667.

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SAT, JUNE 2

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10 a.m. to noon. The group meets once a month to share their creative writing. New members and occasional visitors welcome. This month's theme (optional) is "rhymes with June." Jean Marx, 443-880-0045

ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY DAY

Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, Berlin, 1 p.m. Activities include paintball, balloon darts, ping ball toss, cornhole, spike ball, Kan-Jam, soft ball toss, Surf guns, spin art, balloon rockets, duck pond, dunking booth, little and big bounce houses, photo booth, face painting, plinko board fun, pony rides and music by DJ Extreme Paradise Promotions. Food and beverages available for purchase.

BALTIMORE RAVENS ROOSTS PARADE

The Parade will proceed along Baltimore Avenue between 19th and 26th streets in Ocean City from 10 a.m. to noon. Showcasing more than 50 member roosts, players, cheerleaders, mascots, bands, floats and more. The Ravens Roosts Headquarters is located at the Castle in the Sand Hotel, 3701 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. Info: Sue Draper, sdraper65@verizon.net or www.councilrr.com

FORGE THRIFT-N-GIFT GRAND OPENING

FORGE Thrift-N-Gift, 7804 Gumboro Road, Pittsville, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store provides usual thrift store items as well as hand made gifts created by FORGE teens, youth and volunteers. www.forgeyouth.org

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

St. Paul's By-The-Sea, 302 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prepared cakes, jellies and other desserts available for purchase, along with Powellville fried oysters, hot dogs, ice cream and drinks. Craft items offered for sale

and several basket raffles. Docents will be present to lead tours of the church and new Fellowship Commons. 410-289-3453

RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFIT DANCE

American Legion Berlin Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., 6-10 p.m. Chinese auction, cash bar, food for purchase, raffles and photo booth. Featuring DJ Wiz. Admission is a \$5 donation.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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FARMERS MARKET

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

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SUN, JUNE 3

OC CRUZERS CAR DISPLAY

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walk on Somerset Street, Ocean City, 2:30-6 p.m. There will be about 15 vehicles on display and live music. Info: 410-289-7739 or www.ocdc.org

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SUNDAY OUTDOOR INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Bethany United Methodist Church, front lawn, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, MD, 8:30 a.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. bethany2181@gmail.com, 410-641-2186

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MON, JUNE 4

AARP MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Leslie Zimmerman Home Care Consultant. Bring food donations for Sarah's Pantry. 443-831-1791

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MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, June 4-6. The Maryland Safe Boating Certificate awarded successfully completing the course. Cost is \$15. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807 or CGAUX1205@gmail.com

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DELMARVA SWEET ADELINA CHORUS

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

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TUE, JUNE 5

EXHIBIT GRAND OPENING

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 3-6 p.m. Featuring "Hook, Line and History: The Story of Sport and Commercial Fishing in Ocean City." The exhibit is designed for all ages.

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ASK A MASTER GARDENER

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Got bugs or other plant problems? Bring your bagged samples by and let the master gardeners find solutions to your questions. 410-208-4014

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Worcester County Health Center, 9730

Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The group meets each Tuesday. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

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WED, JUNE 6

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Back to the Future." Weather permitting. Info: Ocean City Recreation & Parks, 410-250-0125 or www.oceancitymd.gov

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KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

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OP FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 3 to 7 p.m. Held every Wednesday (May 2-Sept. 26). Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats, jewelry, clothing, artwork and more. Open to the public. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group dances every Wednesday. Dance to the sounds of the '50s and '60s music. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans and local charities. Dance lessons offered the first and third Wednesday of each month from 5-5:45 p.m. Dancing follows until 9 p.m. Members and their guests welcome.

dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

OC/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. cliffo917@aol.com, 302-540-2127

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ONGOING EVENTS

EXERCISE ON THE BEACH

Assateague Island North Beach parking lot, 6633 Bayberry Drive, Berlin. Held Saturdays through September and Tuesdays in July and August, 8-9 a.m. Low impact exercise for all levels. Bring a beach towel. Suitable for ages 8 years and up. All gifts of donation go to Assateague Island National Seashore.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Held July 23-27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary Star Of The Sea, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. Each day at "Shipwrecked!! Rescued by Jesus," kids travel through faith-building rotations that reinforce relevant Bible points and immerse kids in new adventures. All are welcome. Register: vbspro.events/p/events/stmaryvgs18. Info: Rita, 410-289-7028 or reli-gioused@stmarystaroftheseaocmd.com.

KIWANIS DUCK RACE

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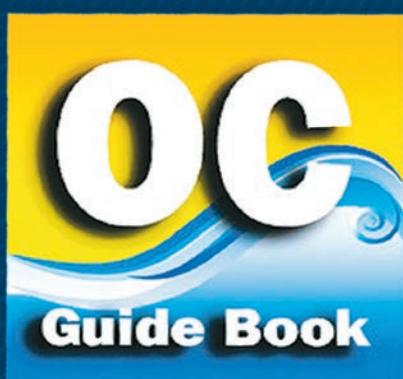
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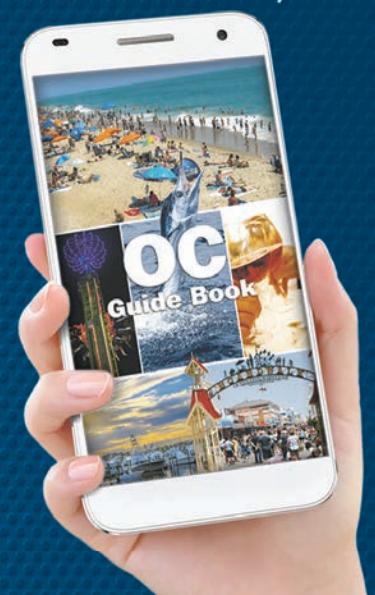
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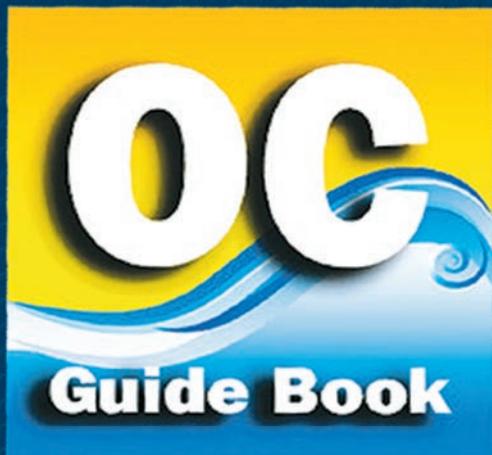
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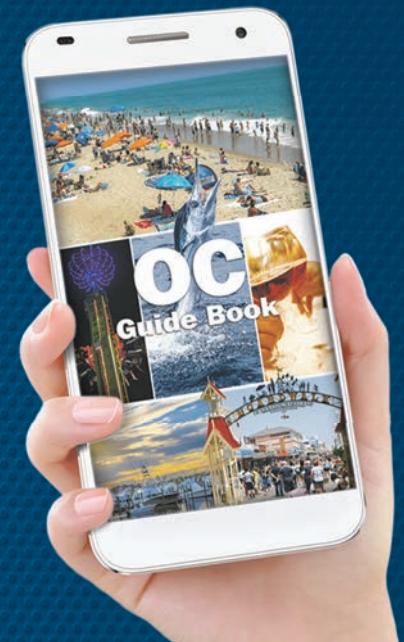
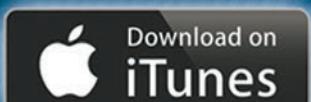
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