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Outsourcing talk takes over Pines software meeting

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) An Ocean Pines meeting Tuesday took about an hour to get to the point that new software systems probably would not save money, but could vastly improve management processes and boost productivity.

Before that point could be made, however, the meeting, hosted by the budget and finance committee, was derailed by the notion of outsourcing.

The issue partially dates back to a motion on March 29 made by Director Tom Herrick to issue a request for proposals “for HOA financial management and accounting software ... as a turnkey project.”

Whether to outsource specific parts of Ocean Pines operations is also part of a larger debate that has waxed and waned within the association for years – or perhaps decades.

Director Slobodan Trendic was among the first to raise the issue, and was one of five board members present during the meeting, including Association President Doug Parks, who participated by phone.

Trendic said the technology working group, which has spent the last two years evaluating Ocean Pines systems and ideas before recommending Northstar Technologies, did a “phenomenal job.”

“However, I have a number of questions and concerns,” Trendic said, adding those included a lack of analysis of current industry trends and a recommendation he called a “one shoe fits all” solution.

He asked why so-called “back-office” solutions from Microsoft and Oracle were not considered, said Northstar systems were designed for hospitality and club management as opposed to management of homeowners associations, and wondered about professional references and customer reviews.

“I believe that the board is nowhere near the point to even entertain the decision on awarding a contract to [Northstar],” he said. “What I will do is ask the board to instruct the group to go back to the drawing board to start with some of

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TORCH RUNNERS IN BERLIN

Police and volunteers participating in the 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay race through downtown Berlin during the final leg of the Worcester County event. Part of a statewide program, the Torch Run has raised about \$35 million over the last three decades for Special Olympics Maryland. See STORY page 11

BFC, town officials clash over study

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Although progress might have been made, hard feelings apparently remain between the Town of Berlin and the Berlin Fire Company officials, judging from the exchanges between representatives of both Tuesday night.

At a meeting designed to help the public understand the fire company funding study released by Matrix Consulting Group in April, one town councilman walked out after the study and some council member comments were charac-

terized in rough fashion as uninformed.

Robert Finn, a senior manager with Matrix and retired fire and police chief from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, opened the meeting with about 20 minutes of background on the study.

The audience was almost all public officials and fire company personnel, including Mayor Gee Williams and Councilmen Dean Burrell, Elroy Brittingham, Thom Gulyas and Zack Tyndall, as well as Fire Company President David Fitzgerald.

Finn said work on the study started in mid-December and the finished product

included recommendations “that we think will enhance the relationship between the fire company and the town, and ensure that the service levels can continue and the fire company doesn’t run into any long-term funding issues.”

Between 2013 and 2017, Finn said, about 57 percent of calls were in town, while 43 percent were from elsewhere in Worcester County.

To pay for services, the town provides an annual payment of \$400,000 and EMS billing adds about \$350,000. Including county funding and private donations, fire company and EMS combined revenue is \$1.92 million, while expenses were \$1.785 million – and trending upward, Finn said.

“The expenses are rising at a faster rate than revenues are increasing, so, long term, that might be an issue,” Finn said. “One thing you don’t want is that your revenues and your operating expenses are so tight that there’s no opportunity to put aside funds for capital expenditures.”

Currently, Finn said, the fire company “puts aside and operates on a cash basis.”

“They save money, and when there’s enough money to buy a fire truck, they can buy a fire truck,” he said. “They don’t go into debt to purchase any of their cap-

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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams addresses what he called outdated accounting practices of the Berlin Fire Company during a public meeting with Matrix Consulting Group on Tuesday.

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Funding cuts said to affect fire co.

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ital assets. So, in terms of debt-to-earnings ratio, they're pretty solid because they don't carry any debt."

Rather than the town giving the company a flat amount, Finn said it was important to develop a contract for services "so that the fire company were treated like any other department in the town."

"Just like public works [or] the water department — they come in and present what they think they need for the next year in order to provide the operations," Finn said. "It gives a mechanism for the town to have some control over how the monies are spent, and it also gives an opportunity for the fire company to come in if something has changed from year to year — and they need more funding or less funding — to be able to present why that's the case to the town and be able to receive what they feel is appropriate funding for the next fiscal year."

Overall, Finn said, fiscal controls were strong and the fire company was "doing a good job managing their money."

Finn said the study called for using a customized EMS golf cart during downtown festivals, limiting responding vehicle use of Main Street, and converting the second floor of the Main Street fire station into an office space and living quarters.

He also said the downtown siren is a concern and recommended its use be transferred to the county for alerts during severe weather.

When the floor was opened to the public, resident Joe Shelton said he believes there's an ongoing "peeing contest between the city and the fire department," and compared it to a witch hunt.

Williams countered that town officials had never criticized the quality of fire or EMS services, although there were issues of "funding, accountability and transparency of finance."

"It's nobody's fault, but this is an inherited system where the financial accountability is much more in tune with the 1950s — not the 21st century," Williams said.

David Lewis from the Berlin Fire Company asked if a tax increase would be necessary to cover the apparent \$600,000 gulf between current fire and EMS funding and the fire and EMS needs shown in the study.

"The study indicated to us that \$1 million would be needed to fully fund EMS and fire," Williams said. "For us to generate an additional \$600,000 out of our budget, we would have increase the property tax rate by approximately 11 cents per [\$100 of evaluation]. If that's what ultimately has to be done, fine, but it has to be done together."

"If we work together, we'll find solutions," he continued. "We can get to a place where everyone benefits, and the public needs to know where that money is being used, how it's being invested, what's the operational expenses, what are the capital expenses, and how are these decisions

being made. And I think those are reasonable questions for the public to ask."

Tyndall estimated the increase would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home an additional \$220 each year, or about \$18 per month.

Marc Brown, a 33-year veteran of the Berlin Fire Company, said town funding totaled \$567,000 in 2011.

"Eight years later, inflation has cost us and now we're at \$400,000," he said. "That's just something to put in the back of your mind."

Brown said in more than three decades there has never been a year when the fire company did not present a budget request "and go line by line and answer every question [the Town Council] wanted to hear."

"We always didn't get what we wanted — sometimes they'd throw us a bone and we got a little more," Brown said. "It's always been a two-way street — until the last five or six years."

He said membership has suffered greatly because of the funding decrease, with more than 50 people who were serving in 2010 no longer with the fire company.

"We are feeling the effects of not being supported financially by our town — our membership is feeling the pain. It will cost the citizens," Brown said. "I hope it doesn't, but I could see that happening."

Brown compared the situation to hiring a contractor.

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Town officials say BFC's accounting practices outdated

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"If you brought a paving company in to pave the street ... would you want to audit him and know how he's running his business, or would you be satisfied with the service he's providing?" he said.

Burrell called for unity and said the Town Council is asking the citizens to "work with us – us and the fire department – to ensure that our fire department is funded equitably."

"If that takes a tax rate increase or whatever it takes to fund our fire department, we are ready to do that. But it has to come under the scrutiny of the public," Burrell said.

"I'm going to ask this group to take your opinions, your expertise, and let's bring them together – let's bring them together to work toward a solution," he continued. "I'm not talking about soundbites for the press or anything like that – I'm talking about genuinely working together. We can do this thing, I know we can."

Tyndall added the council and fire company recently had productive meetings and "we're all open to working with one another."

However, J Bergey, fire company CPA, had issues with some of the evening's comments.

"I'm sitting here listening to this shit ... and you don't know what you're talking about," he said.

For instance, he said, it was untrue the fire company operated on a cash basis.

"You all keep saying 'cash basis, cash basis.' That's the next thing that's going to be in the newspaper," Bergey said. "The financials are done on accrual basis – not cash basis."

"None of you know what you're talking about – that's the biggest part of it. You keep saying we move stuff around ... that's bullshit!" he added.

"You don't have any financial expertise," Bergey said. "You've got an auditor that's telling you the fire company is underfunded You've got 57 percent of the services and you pay 27 percent of the bottom line."

"Dean hit it right on the head – there's so many opinions and all that kind of bullshit going on – it's just a lot of mumbo-jumbo smoke and mirrors," he continued.

Williams sprung out of his seat when Bergey again claimed, "It's all just bullshit."

"No, it's not! It is not! It is not!" Williams said.

Burrell also stood up.

"I just want to say one more thing," Burrell said. "I talked about [us] having different ideas and different opinions, and I believe that is a good thing. But for this thing to work we're going to have to try to understand each other," he said. "I'm going to have to try to understand where you all are coming from, and you're going to have to try to understand where we are coming from."

"And, to sit in a public meeting and say, 'you don't know shit' – I don't want to be in here, so I bid you good night,"

Burrell said, leaving the room.

Following the meeting, on Wednesday morning, Bergey clarified what led to his frustration.

"Those guys were standing up there last night trying to piss in the community's boots and tell them that it was raining. It's so disingenuous to have someone stand up there that they have fed all this crazy shit, and this guy is a fireman – a professional fireman – and he's trying to intertwine his good fire recommendations about response times and all that stuff, and reconcile it with a 25 mile-per-hour speed limit and no sirens – it's so incongruent, it just pissed me off to no end."

Bergey said the consultant lacked credibility, referring to cash-basis accounting when talking about replacement reserves.

"To somebody that doesn't understand the financials – they're talking about something and not even using the right terminology, so how could anybody have a good understanding of what even

they were saying? That's what frustrated me about it," he said.

The real headline, Bergey said, was that the consultant comes from a fire company "that does the same amount of calls – around 1,400 fire and EMS calls per year" as the Berlin Fire Company, but with a three-times larger budget.

"Their budget for providing that service for their town and their community is \$6 million," Bergey said. "The Berlin Fire Company provides for their community three life-support ambulances 24/7 and a top-of-the-line fire service for \$1.9 million – it's three times as much for the same 1,400 calls per year."

"And that guy came from a service where they had no volunteers, and that's what the town is trying to get rid of. They want to get rid of the volunteer service so they can take over whatever they think they can do," he added.

He also balked at the consultant's suggestions to lower the speed limits in town and do away with the fire siren, the latter of which is still necessary because

the siren alerts firemen about five minutes before the outdated 911 systems can send phone or pager alerts, Bergey said.

"It's really getting to be to a ridiculous point, and it's pushed the volunteer fire company to where they cannot provide the service anymore," Bergey said.

"The main point is that the consultant that was telling them to cut back on a \$2 million budget for 1,400 calls was from a fire company that did the same 1,400 calls, and their budget was \$6 million – that's the real key to the whole thing," he continued. "I didn't want the newspapers and the people that were there that weren't financially savvy ... to understand that they were not using the right terminology, and whatever message they were trying to relay wasn't financially sound and it didn't make any sense."

"It's just real frustrating that the Town Council sees fit to spend money and not support their own community members that are volunteering their time. It's just really beyond me how they can do it," Bergey said.

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Williams statement on Bergey

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams on Wednesday emailed a statement addressing J. Bergey's comments during a public meeting Tuesday night on the findings of the Matrix Consulting Study.

He attached a copy of the most recent audit of the Berlin Fire Company, from June 30, 2017, and included the following:

"This most recent audit of BFC finances reports their assets include \$2,224,504 in cash, and another \$617,539 in restricted cash. This total of cash on hand equals \$2,842,043 of the BFC's total assets, including property and equipment, totals \$5,468,872. This information is on page 3 of the attached audit report.

"In April of this year, the Mayor and Council made an inquiry to the auditing firm as to the handling of money for the planned new station 3, east of Berlin on US 50. The response from PKS & Company was as follows:

- In 2015 the BFC moved approximately \$450,000 from the EMS building fund, contingency fund and operating funds and designated these funds for the proposed new building (Station 3).

- In 2016 and 2017, the funds received from Worcester County of approximately \$325,000 for out of town calls to service were designated for Station 3.

- Then in 2017, \$403,567 was moved from the new building fund to a fund for the main headquarters reducing the amount allocated for Station 3.

- During this time, the BFC received approximately \$112,000 of donations for Station 3 and incurred \$7,579 in expenses related to the proposed new building.

"Unfortunately, near the end of the meeting there was a provocative statement, not made by any member of the Berlin Fire Company or any representative of the Town of Berlin, that sought to undermine

the credibility of our town's genuine concerns about the financial management of the BFC.

"A brief, but heated discussion followed and I recognize that my response was strong, but I maintain was appropriate, in light of the dispersions that were made to apparently undermine a better working relationship that both the Town and the BFC are working to accomplish.

"The town stands by the findings and recommendations of the Matrix Consulting report. We are looking forward to resolving any differences between the Town and the BFC and are confident a well-thought, well-defined contract for Fire-EMS services, currently being discussed between the Town and the Fire Company, is the foundation for long term success that will insure the continuation of top-notch fire-fighting and EMS services to the residents and guests of Berlin for decades to follow."



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R. Grant Helvey Sr. – Ocean Pines

Four challengers, five incumbents at forum

By **Brian Gilliland**
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) While the Worcester County Commissioners govern the entire county, the candidates' forum last Thursday at the Ocean Pines library had a decidedly Ocean Pines feel to it, as the county's largest population center took center stage from the nine incumbents and hopefuls in attendance.

Almost all of the challengers were there, and five sitting commissioners attended. On the challenger's side was Josh Nordstrom, District 1 Southern, Zackery Tyndall, District 3 Sinepuxent, Virgil Shockley, District 4 Western and Judy Butler, District 5 Ocean Pines.

Incumbents were Bud Church, District 3, Ted Elder District 4, Chip Bertino District 5, Jim Bunting, District 5 Northern, and Joe Mitrecic District 7 Ocean City.

Not attending were incumbents Merrill Lockfaw, District 1 Southern, who is facing Nordstrom in November, and Commissioner President Diana Purnell, who is running unopposed.

Bunting and Mitrecic are also running unopposed. Candidate Gary Millhoff, who is challenging Bud Church in the June 26 primary, was also not present at the forum.

All of the other contested races will be decided on Election Day, Nov. 6.

The forum was moderated by Stewart Dobson, editor of this newspaper, and consisted of questions prepared by event sponsor Coastal Association of Realtors,

and from the audience as well.

Sometimes the questions were posed to the board and the candidates took turns answering, but individual candidates were also expected to answer questions alone.

The questions didn't necessarily relate to the districts each candidate sought, but as a county commissioner, the candidate would be expected to vote on issues outside of his or her district at nearly every meeting.

Being in Ocean Pines, the issues most directly relating to that community fostered the most discussion. Chief among the residents' concerns was the proposed "Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation" on Peerless Road.

Bunting said the proposal has not been before the commissioners, but he said if the project met the rules as they were at the time the application was made, there was little the county could do but approve the project.

Bunting said the process is no different than if someone wanted to build a residential home on the property.

The issue that got the most discussion from the candidates, however, was that of Ocean City's request for a tax differential, and the impact that would have on the rest of the county.

"Ocean City's intention is not to unduly tax Worcester, but as a way to get more fair funding from the county," Mitrecic said. "Other areas get 70 per-

cent of their taxes back."

Intention or not, at least one sitting commissioner said that higher taxes in the rest of the county would be the result.

"If OC prevails in its lawsuit, taxes could go up four, five or seven cents because we don't know what the overlap is," Bertino said. "That's the way it's going to be. I don't think Ocean City gets to raise taxes on the rest of the county because they chose to duplicate services."

Bunting said he is against a tax differential or tax setoff because the money would never find its way back into the hands of the property owners. He said if a setoff was established for Ocean City, its government might keep most of the difference while offering a small tax cut to residents.

Shockley said he didn't think any tax differential would show up on Ocean City residents' tax bills, but said he also recalled the years when the council and the commissioners got along and lawsuits were unnecessary.

The audience also wanted to know when the orange barrels would be removed from Gum Point Road, and the question was posed to Ted Elder. He said Route 589 is one of the county's priority projects on the state register, and the county would have to wait to see which ideas would be acted on by the Hogan administration.

Opiates were also on the participants' minds, and Nordstrom said the county

would have to be prepared to join a lawsuit by governments to sue the pharmaceutical companies that marketed opiates for pain relief on the condition they were not addictive. Church said attacking the problem begins with education.

The audience was concerned about county workers making a livable wage. Shockley said no one in Worcester County with a family could survive on less than \$40,000 annually.

Bertino said the commissioners were looking at a plan to increase the pay of the county's lowest tier employees.

However, when the first phase of that plan was presented in January, Bertino, Bunting and Merrill Lockfaw voted against it.

Bertino's objection was procedural, rather than being hostile to the proposal.

"I understand the need, but I have a problem doing it now instead of at budget time," he said at the time.

When the county finally adopted the plan two weeks later, Bunting and Bertino remained opposed, while Lockfaw switched his vote to affirmative.

Early voting for the primary starts on June 14, and a voter must be registered as a Democrat or Republican in order to participate in the Maryland primary. The in-person primary is set for June 26.

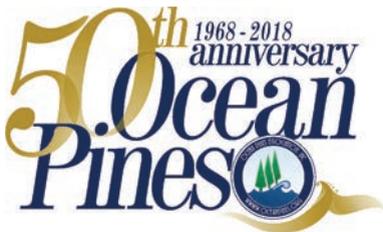
Of these candidates, the only one facing a primary challenge is Bud Church. The rest of the races will be decided Nov. 6.

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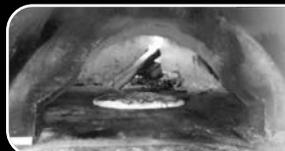
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the fundamental business decisions that need to be evaluated ... then we can decide on a best course of action for the association."

Trendic said the deeper evaluation needed to also consider outsourcing as an option.

"This is a hospitality solution – a club-management solution. We are an HOA. We are not in the hospitality business," he said. "Just imagine if we outsource the golf course, if we outsource food and beverage – we would eliminate 95 percent of our [point of sales] transactions, yet we are basing our business decision on a solution that's precisely designed for that instead of focusing on our core business needs."

Resident Joe Reynolds said he would like to see "the same good work" done by the technology group on software evaluation put toward "looking at outsourcing before we make any decision."

"I hope that this meeting today is not just a way to avoid doing that important second step," Reynolds said.

Len Hall, from the budget and finance committee, added, "From a membership standpoint if we don't address [outsourcing] ... you're going to have an awful lot of people in the community that say you all haven't done the complete job of evaluation."

Director Ted Moroney said people

needed to understand the definition of outsourcing in this instance.

"What you're really talking about ... [is] looking at an HOA management firm's computer systems to use those, just as you would with NorthStar or ABC or Microsoft or anybody else, to see if they would work out a deal for us to be able to use their systems," he said. "There's a confusion between grabbing the functional product, versus the management piece of that."

"That's different than saying, 'hey, we're going to outsource the management of Ocean Pines,'" Moroney added.

To that point, General Manager John Bailey said he contacted the local firm Legum and Norman to see if such a deal could be made to use their systems. As of Tuesday he was awaiting a reply.

Association Vice President Cheryl Jacobs clarified the technology work group was "never tasked with looking at outsourcing."

"We started from a point where we were beyond that by having a permanent GM and a permanent director of finance," she said.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola, who several times tried to pull the meeting back onto the track, said the purpose of the assembly was simple – to vet the cost analysis for the Northstar systems.

"Everything else that's come out here – and I'm not saying it shouldn't – those are all discussions ... that should've been addressed before today," he said. "My intent today was to review the financials and to sign off from [the committee] that I was comfortable with what we received with Northstar."

"The word outsourcing, that whole situation definitely needs to be addressed in Ocean Pines right now," Viola said. "It has to be addressed [because] it's creeping into these other projects."

Finally, on the subject of software, estimates provided during the meeting showed a \$1.01 million cost to run current systems over the next six years, versus \$893,300 plus perhaps a 5 percent contingency to switch to Northstar.

"It's basically going to cost us, in general, what it costs us today with a way better system, way better controls [and] reporting," Viola said. "In no way was this committee looking to save money on this. We want the right system."

Bailey said costs were "about the same, but you've got a whole different world of productivity and efficiencies with a new software system."

"Even if these [costs] come equal, you're going with a new system. It's not even a question," Viola said, adding he would follow up on the findings of the meeting with a formal letter to the board.

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Pines schedules reserve study mtg on Friday, June 22

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) "This will be an open meeting for everybody's brother – and we'll publicize the heck out of it," Ocean Pines Association General Manager John Bailey said last Thursday, as he described a newly scheduled session about the long-dormant reserve study.

The association in 2015 approved a \$31,800 contract with the Richmond, Virginia firm Design Management Associate and held meetings with company President Doug Green in 2016.

However, the study was never finalized despite the efforts of several boards and multiple advisory committees on the subject.

Bailey, during a budget and finance committee meeting last Thursday, said the purpose of the meeting was "to finalize the reserve study number and figure out those three questions – what percentage do we want to fund the reserves, what do we want to maintain as a minimum balance in there, and what's the inflation factor we want to utilize as we adjust it every year."

"Between completing the reserve study and the bulkhead reserves and the road reserves and feeding all that into the next budget process ... getting all four or five of those elements together at one time – that's going to be huge," Bailey said. "And then people can really see where we're spending the money and why we need to have these plans in place before we start spending the money."

He said homeowners regularly see figures of the millions in reserve accounts and ask "why don't we spend that on X, Y and Z?"

"There's a reason why we don't, and having a bunch of folks in that room going through that process and learning what that reserve fund is for and how it impacts the assessment and contribution to reserves across the board – that's going to be a tremendous asset to the community in every-

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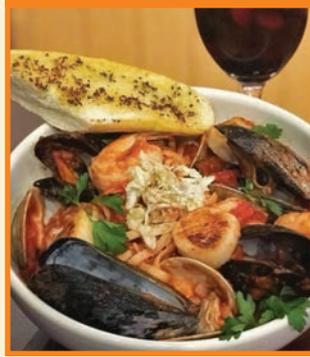
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GM Bailey says reserve study outcome not predetermined

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body's education of how this all works," Bailey said.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman John Viola agreed on the importance of the meeting and said his group would form a "sub-team" to be there. Members of the board of directors are also expected to attend, along with Doug Green.

Asked by Viola why the process has taken so long, Bailey admitted that he didn't know what transpired before he was hired last September. He did say, however, that the data became outdated and had to be completely scrubbed and then plugged back into the DMA computer model.

"The beauty of the DMA system is updates are easy," Bailey said. "But, again, we've never had those three questions answered by the community.

"I'm stressing the importance for the general membership to understand how all these big pieces fit together and I don't think, historically, we've done that," he continued. "Why did it take so long? For a variety of factors, but the point is we're getting down to it now."

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chairman Marty Clarke, a former board member, said the reserve study was not Ocean Pines' first.

"We did two – in 2003 and 2009. We used to do it the right way. It's been since then we've done it the wrong way," Clarke said. "For this thing to sit on a desk since 2016 is embarrassing to me as a homeowner.



John Bailey

"I just don't like to hear how bad it used to be – the worst it's ever been is right now," he added.

Clarke asked, somewhat sarcastically, if it were a foregone conclusion the study would determine "we need \$10 million in the bank?"

"The study is going to help us determine what percentage we want to fund it at [and] what minimum balance we want to do," Bailey said. "If that means we don't need whatever number we have, then that means we've got something to utilize in other ways – and there's plenty of stuff around here that we need to do."

"Perfect!" Clarke said. "I just want to make sure it's not a predetermined outcome – like the one in 2016 was."

The meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 22 at 9 a.m. in the Asateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

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McGuffey Club benefits thousands of students

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Showell Elementary School students were among the thousands of Worcester County children on Monday to receive bright orange McGuffey Bookworm Club backpacks filled with books for summer reading.

Now in its 13th year, McGuffey is a countywide program of the Worcester County Commission for Women and Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women, and covers all Worcester County elementary schools, including Seaside Christian Academy and Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. Roughly 8,000 books are distributed to 2,000 students each year.

On Monday, Elizabeth Davidson's third-grade students were first to line up at Showell.

"I think the kids really look forward to it and it sets them up for success," Davidson said. "They might not have books at home, so having these books to start them off and kickoff summer is just a nice opportunity."

The program is well timed, because the Showell Elementary school year concludes with a reading celebration to stimulate excitement for summer reading, Davidson said.

"This just reinforces that, getting a chance to have these books," she said.

Davidson also underscored the importance of reading during time away

from school.

"Students who don't keep at it during the summertime can lose months of learning that they've gained in the classroom during the regular school year. Just to continue to read over the summer will set them up for success in fourth grade and prevent the summer slide," she said.

Showell Media Specialist Kate McCabe sees the benefit of McGuffey both as a teacher and a parent.

"When my children come home, they keep that book bag with them all year.

Throughout the summer they're filling it with other things, but they get to keep those books," she said. "As a teacher in school, to see children go home with a book they get to keep, it's just another way to support reading ... and that means a lot."

McCabe also recognized the importance of fighting the summer learning drop-off.

"Reading is important every day," she said. "This is just one moment that we're highlighting it and [the students] are

making a pledge to promise to keep reading, and that's going to help them succeed in every part of their life."

Copy Central owner Linda Dearing, who oversees the program, said it was started because the Commission for Women was looking for a worthwhile project to sponsor. The program was named after the McGuffey Readers series of textbooks widely used in American schools during the 19th and 20th centuries.

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Showell Elementary School students on Monday were among the thousands of Worcester County children given free books as part of the 13th annual McGuffey Bookworm Club. The program is overseen by the Worcester County Commission for Women and Friends of the Worcester County Commission for Women.

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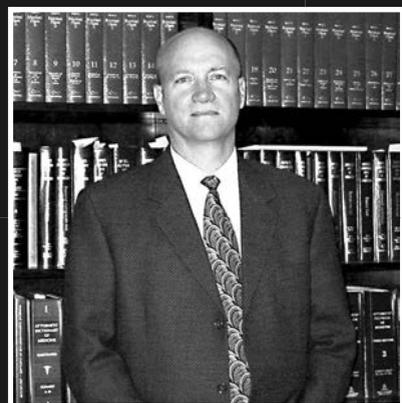
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Book donations help prevent summer learning drop-off

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“There was a need for children to have books, especially on the lower end of the county, to help maintain their reading level throughout the summer,” Dearing said.

She said students look forward to receiving their books and backpacks each year.

“They absolutely love it,” she said. “If it can excite them enough to be interested in books and make them want to get more at the library over the summer when they’re not in school, then that’s our objective – just to get them enthused enough to want to keep reading.”

Generally, the program distributes books to first, second and third graders. This year kindergarten students were also included.

“The economy has turned around a little bit and we’ve gotten some more funding, so we added kindergarten,” Dearing said. “Showell has 117 students alone and I know there’s probably about 125 at Ocean City Elementary ... I want to say maybe 500 kindergarten students [in Worcester County received books] this morning.”

The program is coordinated with the school system and requires dozens of volunteers at each school to hand out backpacks and help swear children into the McGuffey Bookworm Club. Also as-

sisting are women at the Worcester County Jail, who each year stuff the backpacks with books, bookmarks, and informational letters for parents.

For volunteers, the reward is “just the pleasure of seeing these children and their happy faces,” Dearing said.

“We have children who are in high school now that got these bags and books. That’s how many years we’ve been doing it,” she said.

The nonprofit endeavor is made possible by donations, which Dearing said in the past have included major sponsors like Verizon and Choptank Electric Cooperative, as well as area nonprofits like Kiwanis.

“Any nonprofit group or business that wants to sponsor a classroom or just any individual that would like to sponsor a student, they can contact me or anybody that they know on the commission. And it is tax deductible,” she said.

To donate to the McGuffey Bookworm Club, contact Dearing at Copy Central on 11065 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, call 410-208-0641, or visit www.copycentralmd.com.

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Police Torch Run keeps pace for Special Olympics

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) A brigade of volunteers and police officers on foot, on horseback, in cars and buses, even some on motorcycles, made their way through Ocean City and Berlin on Monday during the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay for Special Olympics Maryland.

The group of perhaps several hundred started at The Grand Hotel on 21st Street in Ocean City and also stopped along the Boardwalk, at the Ocean City Fire Department Station 5 in West Ocean City and Ocean City Elementary School, as well as in Berlin at Worcester Preparatory School, Buckingham Elementary School, downtown, and the Berlin Fire Company station on Main Street.

At Buckingham Elementary, participants were welcomed by what seemed to be the school's the entire student and teacher population, as they lined up outside on a sunny spring day to watch the spectacle and to provide a warm welcome.

Leading up to the event, participants sold commemorative T-shirts to raise money for Special Olympics Maryland. Participation in the run itself was \$15 per runner, or for the same price you could simply get the shirt and support the cause.

The local Torch Run is part of a larger statewide effort, split between eastern,



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Participants in the 2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay stop at Buckingham Elementary School on Monday to greet students. The annual event, part of a statewide program, has raised millions for Special Olympics Maryland during the last several decades.

western, central and southern Maryland, and each year ending in Towson.

Ocean City Police Sgt. Dennis G. Eade, who organized the local leg, said the event has raised more than \$35 million for Special Olympics Maryland in a little over three decades.

"The sale of these T-shirts is what raises all the funds for us," Eade said Monday during the stop at Buckingham. "When we actually do the Torch Run itself ... and we get out and get to see everybody and run the roads, it's about inclusion and awareness, and opening everybody's eyes to what it is exactly Special Olympics offers our folks with intellectual disabilities."

Eade has been involved in the Torch Run for two decades. Way back in the day, he said, the event was essentially one long run from Ocean City to Salisbury.

"We realized along the way that we were passing a lot of cornfields and chicken fields," he said. "We thought, if

it's about awareness, then we need to start getting into these communities and starting reaching out to schools and doing things like this, so that we can increase that awareness."

Hence the redrawn route that now includes three schools, two fire departments, the Ocean City Boardwalk, and a busy downtown-shopping district.

"We were wasting a lot of our energy and time running for nobody between here and Salisbury. We now make little stops like this, which means the world to us," he said. "This is what it's all about, when you cut right down to it - the interaction and awareness."

"A lot of people today will be asking what all this is about, and that's how we raise awareness for Special Olympics Maryland," Eade continued. "And I just love doing it."

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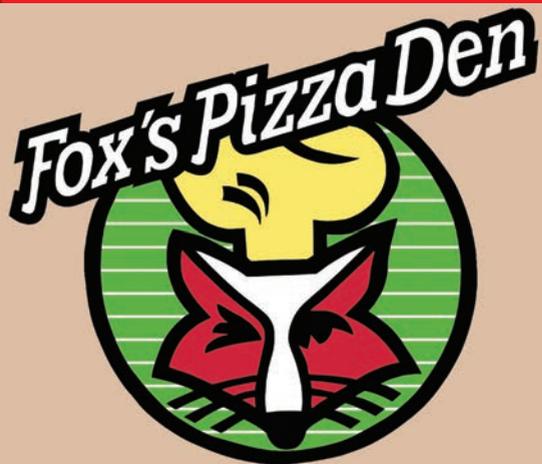
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Ocean Pines candidate draw will determine ballot order

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Ocean Pines voters can get their first look at candidates for the 2018 board of directors' election during the annual candidate draw on Friday.

Nine eligible candidates were announced in a May 16 Ocean Pines press release: Frank Daly, Esther Diller, Paula Gray, Arie Klapholz, Mark Mitchell, Ted Moroney, Gregory Turner, Steve Tuttle, and Scott Wagner.

This year, the top-two vote getters will win a three-year term in office, while the third-place finisher will inherit the final year of former director and interim general manager Brett Hill, who resigned last September.

The candidate draw, determining

ballot order, apparently will not include Hill, who again this year filed for office.

Hill's application last month was ruled invalid, reportedly because of assessments not paid on time.

The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors candidate application includes the following: "A Board candidate must be an owner of record on January 1st of the year of the election and not have unpaid annual charges or vote suspended by the Board as of May 15th of that year." Applicant signatures are required on that document.

Association Secretary Colette Horn, in a correspondence to Hill said, "I am applying the requirements contained in the bylaws and the board adopted policies. Unfortunately, based on the OPA's bylaws and polices, as of the close of business on May 15, 2018 you did not meet the eligibility requirements for candidacy to the board of directors."

Hill said the ruling would "definitely be challenged" and filed a complaint with the Maryland Attorney General's office last month. In an email on Tuesday, he said a complaint would also be filed in the Worcester County Circuit Court this week.

Hill responded to the allegations of unpaid assessments in a recent email.

"The assessments aren't late until May 31, and I most certainly will pay them. However, I don't have \$11 million in my bank account. So right now, those dollars serve me better in my custody instead of OPA's until the point they officially become late," he said.

The candidate draw is scheduled for 11 a.m. in the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway and will include an informational session for candidates hosted by the elections committee.

Key upcoming election dates include the first candidates' forum, June 20; voter eligibility deadline, July 3; ballots mailed, July 10; second candidates' forum (if warranted), July 14; ballot deadline, Aug. 8; ballots counted, Aug. 10; and the annual meeting, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. in the community center.



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Stephen Decatur High School held its annual STAR (Students Thriving on Achievement and Responsibility) breakfast sponsored by the Berlin-Ocean City Optimists on April 25 where 25 students were recognized for their exceptional behavior and/or strong academic performance. STAR honoree freshman Morgan Davis poses with Berlin Town Councilman Zackery Tyndall.



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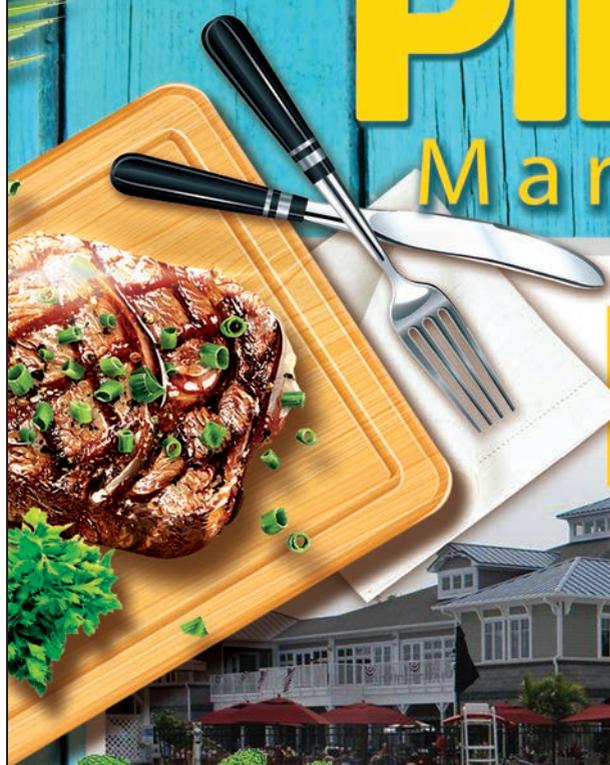
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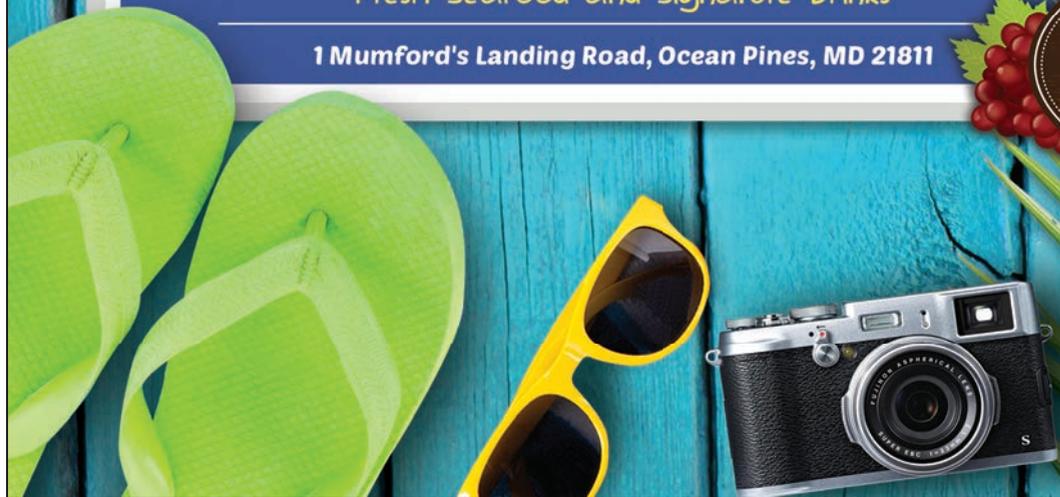


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Town of Berlin remembers PW Superintendent Purnell

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Residents and town officials gathered last Friday at Dr. William Henry Park in Berlin to remember former Public Works Superintendent Wendell Ennis Purnell.

Born Feb. 16, 1948 in Berlin, Purnell passed away on May 14 at Genesis HealthCare in Salisbury, according to his official obituary.

He graduated from Worcester High School in 1966 and married Patricia Purnell in 1975.

Famously soft spoken, Purnell worked for the Town of Berlin for more than four decades. He was also a member of Tyree A.M.E. Church in Berlin and served as a trustee and bass player.

Mayor Gee Williams last Friday presided over a well-attended remembrance that included planting of a dogwood tree – Purnell’s favorite – and placement of a plaque.

“I’m so pleased that our family of Berlin decided to do this as a special tribute in memory of our long, long friend Wendell

Purnell,” Williams said. “I’ve known Wendell since we were both 15 ... Wendell and I actually worked together the entire summer when we were 15 at my dad’s tavern.”

Williams said they were both short-order cooks at the tavern.

“I found, even back then, he was careful with his words, he was strategic with his words – but we had some fun!” he said. “And I do think that’s a tradition he carried on his whole life.

“As we all know, Wendell was a man of few words, but when he spoke it mattered,” Williams continued. “We are all so very lucky, so very fortunate, to have had him as a member of our family for so long. And I do think that this gathering is a tribute to the kind of man he was ... he cared about all people in this town and did an unbelievably great job – and didn’t have to say much to get it done.

“We’ll never forget him,” Williams said. “And I think that your decision as town employees and friends and family to remember him with a tree is something that’s very fitting, because the lifetime of that tree is going to be beyond all of us.”



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Patricia Purnell, wife of the late Wendell Purnell, talks with town officials during a remembrance at Dr. William Henry Park last Friday. Also pictured, from left, are Councilman Elroy Brittingham, Mayor Gee Williams, and Councilman Thom Gulyas.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Town of Berlin workers, friends and family last Friday gathered to dedicate a dogwood tree at Dr. William Henry Park to Wendell Purnell, who faithfully served the town in the public works department for more than four decades.

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Ocean Pines drops deficit estimate to \$1.2M

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Ocean Pines' deficit projection for fiscal year 2018 has been lowered to \$1.2 million, based on the April monthly financial report released last week that unofficially ended the fiscal period. Original estimates were as high as \$1.6 million.

During a budget and finance committee meeting last Thursday, Finance Director Steve Phillips partly credited measures put into place by General Manager John Bailey with helping slow some of the losses.

"J.B. implemented austerity measures a couple months ago, sat down with all the department heads and said, 'what can we do to cut back spending?'" Phillips said. "These are tough times so, obviously, that paid off."

Bailey said those measures saved

some, but added, "Most of the reduction in the estimate comes from conservative estimating up front, followed by practical, actual adjustments to true costs."

"Overall, it's good news because we were forecasting \$1.6 [million]," Phillips said. "We put in conservative numbers when we ended up preparing that forecast of \$1.6 [million] as a worst-case-scenario because, basically, we didn't want any surprises at the end of the year."

Phillips said the \$1.2 million in deficits was largely because amenity revenues did not match projections, with a total shortfall of just over \$1 million.

"That's 85 percent of our loss. We put a number in there we weren't able to achieve," he said.

He cautioned the numbers were

preliminary and could be adjusted based on the end-of-year audit.

Phillips, in an email last Friday, clarified some of the numbers contributing to the deficit.

A large portion comes from projected net revenues at the yacht club, off budget by \$741,640, and beach club, off budget by \$262,965.

A 20-percent food and beverage discount, implemented after budget adoption and without board approval, added another \$99,600, and combined write-offs because of bad inventory at both facilities totaled \$74,000.

Two new unbudgeted platform tennis courts cost \$107,167 and the decision to book an additional al-

lowance for uncollectible debt added \$134,252 as compared to the budget.

Legal services were over budget by \$47,270 and auditing services ran \$25,000 over budget.

Also notable was a budget adjustment for fire and EMS services of \$165,000, for early repayment of a loan.

Additionally, several departments finishing better than budget estimates offset some of the losses. Those include public works (\$97,000), parks and recreation (\$87,000), and golf (\$87,000).

With the addition of \$363,640 in deficits from the previous year, the two-year deficit total is now \$1,582,102, Phillips said.

'Concert on the Lawn' series starts Sunday at Taylor House

(June 7, 2018) The High and Wides kick off the 2018 Concert on the Lawn series on Sunday, June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on 208 North Main Street in Berlin.

The series is a program of the Berlin Heritage Foundation and is sponsored in part by Harrison Orchards.

"For over 20 years the foundation has been hosting these free concerts on the side yard of the Taylor House, and they continue to be one of our museum's most popular community events," Curator Susan Taylor said. "We've had some talented musicians perform on the lawn and we look forward to another exciting season this year with several groups new to the

series, including The High and Wides on June 10, Randy Lee Ashcroft & the Saltwater Cowboys on July 8, and Old School Ocean City Band on Sept. 9."

Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair and picnic to enjoy the free concerts. Performances are scheduled at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, June through September.

The Taylor House Museum is open from Memorial Day weekend through the end of October on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours are available anytime by appointment.

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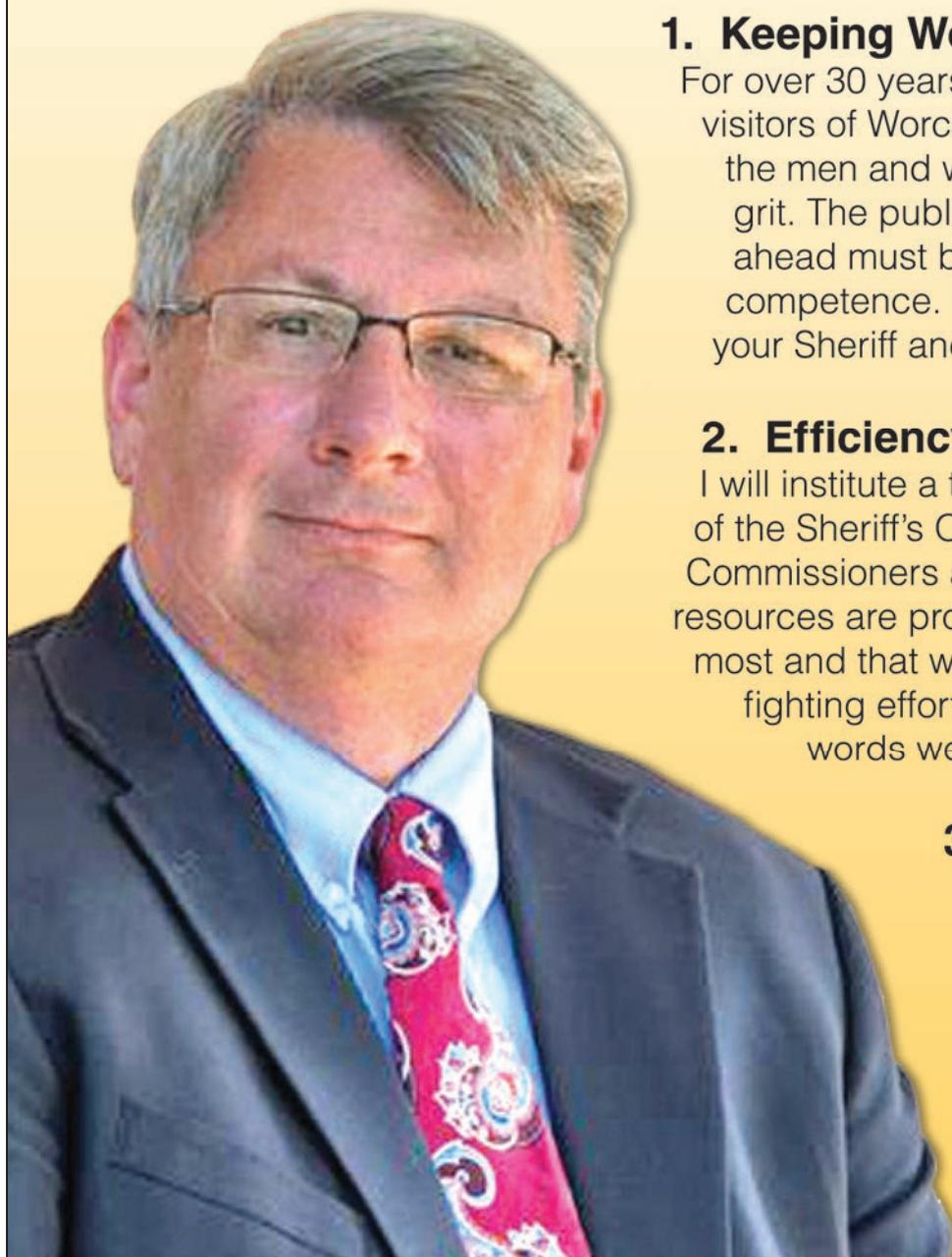
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Berlin Briefs

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) The Berlin mayor and council discussed the following items during a public meeting at Town Hall last Tuesday:

Special events

The council unanimously approved a new event, the Trinity Church Walk for Health on July 28 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stephen Decatur Park, and the return of National Night Out on Aug. 7 from 4-7 p.m. at Dr. William Henry Park.

The Walk for Health event is free and open to the public, and will include health screenings, according to organizer Crystal Lockwood.

Police Chief Arnold Downing said National Night Out, the local chapter of a popular national event bringing together communities and law enforcement, draws more than 500 people each year and includes food and family activities.

Bee City

After being lobbied by Salisbury University students at a meeting last month, the council unanimously endorsed a resolution designating Berlin as a "Bee City USA" affiliate.

The mission of Bee City USA is "to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators responsible for the reproduction of 90 percent of the world's wild plant species, by providing them with a healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides."

Water Resources/Public Works Director Jane Kreiter will be the primary contact for any bee-related initiatives or, as Town Administrator Laura Allen put it, the "queen bee."

Storm stories

Police Chief Arnold Downing said officers helped rescue three cars stuck during the recent rain storm, including one that trapped a mother and two children inside.

"We've had several people ask why do we have those military vehicles ... that's the reason why," Downing said, adding the surplus military vehicles also were used during snow rescues last winter.

"We remind folks not to go ahead and drive in high water," he said.

"Turn around — don't drown!" Town Administrator Laura Allen added.

Farmer's market update

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the new Berlin farmer's market would start on Sunday, June 17 on Artisan's Green, near Go Organic Grocer and House by Salvaged.

The market will run on Sundays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. through Sept. 30, and Wells said a grant from the See BERLIN BRIEFS Page 20



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CHANGE OF WATCH

The Ocean City Power Squadron, a local unit of the United States Power Squadrons, held the Change of Watch at the Golden Sands Hotel in Ocean City on April 28. The new officers were sworn in by District 5 representative, Past District Commander C.M. Kohlenberg. Pictured, from left, are Cdr. Anthony D. Smith, Lt/C Joseph A. Salafia, P/C Morton N. Brown, Lt/C Linda M. Hess, Lt/C Neal M. Lookner, Lt/C Bonnie M. Curro, 1st Lt. David McAlister, P/C John Hess and Kohlenberg.

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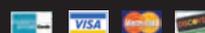


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Berlin Briefs

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Worcester County Arts Council would pay for live music.

The town also uses the privately owned space during the 3rd Thursday Luncheon Concert Series.

"There's nothing better than a great private-public partnership, and this is just a continuation of that unused space in downtown Berlin. It's a perfect location for a farmer's market," Wells said.

Nonprofit meeting

Allen said an orientation meeting for nonprofits wishing to secure town grants is scheduled for June 20 at 4 p.m. in the council chambers at Town Hall.

"If you want to apply, we need you to come to that meeting," Allen said.

Trash pickup

Allen said the town is having some issues with trash pickup.

"It seems not everybody is getting their trash out by 6 a.m. for pickup by our public works crews," she said "To the extent that the press could just help us remind folks that we need your trash out before 6 a.m. [would be beneficial]."

Baker Street kudos

Resident Suzanne Parks, formerly an outspoken critic of the poor condition of Baker Street, said recent road repairs there have made a world of difference.

"I'm here to thank the council for that they did," she said. "It's just 100 percent better. It doesn't sound like we have rumble strips on the street, the blacktop is wonderful, and I just want to thank you [on behalf of] all the residents on Baker Street."

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Community Briefs

Semifinalist

Laila Mirza, a graduating senior at Stephen Decatur High School, has been named one of 630 semifinalists in the 2018 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The semifinalists were selected from nearly 5,300 candidates.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 54th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

Finalists will be selected in May by a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the president and will be invited to Washington D.C. for several days in June to participate in a recognition ceremony and various other events.

Scholarship

Mediacom Communications presented Ryan Danaher, a 2018 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School,

with a \$1,000 scholarship as part of the company's World Class Scholarship Program.

The award recognizes the Bishopville resident for outstanding leadership and academic accomplishments.

Mediacom annually gives \$1,000 scholarships to 55 graduating seniors to provide support for the students' post-secondary education. This marks the 17th consecutive year Mediacom has funded World Class Scholarships for students who live in areas served by the cable and broadband company. On average, approximately 1,200 students apply for the scholarships each year.

Awarded

Comcast NBCUniversal awarded approximately \$110,000 in scholarships for the 2018-19 school year to 101 Maryland students as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program.

Among them were Worcester County students Pijah Johnson of Pocomoke High School and Laila Mirza of Worcester Technical High

School in Newark.

The program, funded by the Comcast Foundation, is a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship awarded to the best and brightest high school seniors for their community service, academic performance and leadership skills.

The students were recognized during a special event held at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis on May 16.

Since 2001, more than \$28 million has been awarded to nearly 27,000 high school seniors across the country as part of the Leaders and Achievers Program.

Singers needed

Delmarva women's a capella chorus is looking for singers for the Ocean Pines 50th anniversary celebration on June 21. The chorus needs 50 singers for this one-time event. Attend practice with the group on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. No auditions required. Call Jean Beatty, publicity chair, Delmarva Chorus, at 410-208-4149 for details.

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Opinion

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Canadian newsprint tariff just doesn't make sense

Dear Rep. Andy Harris,
In March, after the U.S. Department of Commerce imposed a second round of preliminary tariffs on Canadian newsprint, which constitutes about two-thirds of this country's supply, we asked you as our congressman to consider the damage that would do to newspapers large and small.

You replied that government has a duty to correct trade imbalances, implying that Canadian newsprint dumping is causing U.S. newsprint manufacturers to lose sales.

With a final tariff that could raise prices by 30 percent on the table this September, we repeat that is not the case. This country's paper producers, which oppose these import duties, are leaving the newsprint business because newspapers are using less of it every year.

The New York-based hedge fund, One Rock Capital, must have known that when it bought the struggling North Pacific Paper Co. in Longview, Washington in October 2016, because it filed its unfair trade complaint just 11 months later.

The question, then, is whether One Rock is asking for government help because it didn't understand the market, or is it using government to beef up its investment for purposes of profit later?

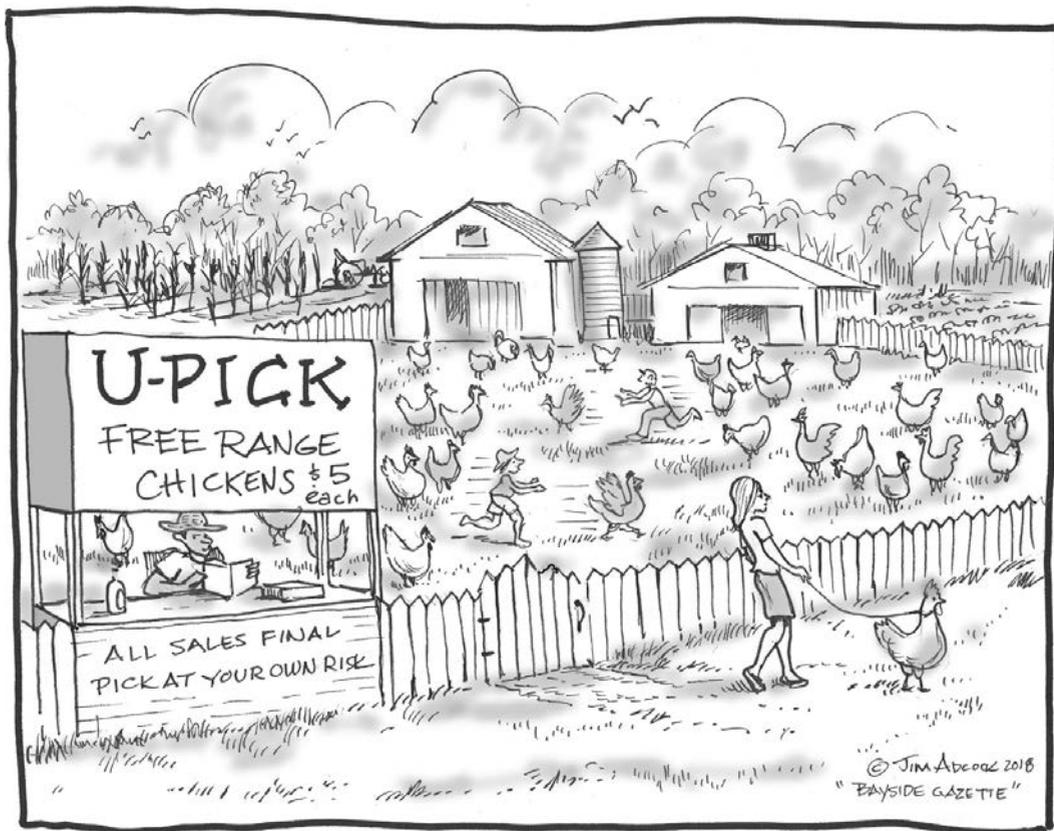
Meanwhile, newspapers need reasonably priced newsprint to survive and, on this level, to continue to serve as the main conduit of community information.

That's why we're wondering if this tariff proposition truly is about fair trade at all, since trying to correct a sales imbalance by forcing buyers out of business just doesn't make sense.

Maybe the government wants to punish newspapers, or it's backing a hedge fund to the detriment of everyone else, or it's another way to strike at friendly Canada in pursuit of some other goal. Whatever the reason, higher costs will kill scores of newspapers and cost thousands of jobs.

On June 14, newspaper representatives will visit the capital to explain how these tariffs will aggravate, not improve, the paper products situation. We ask you to listen to them and to help us protect the 18 jobs that we provide.

We don't pretend to know much about trade and economics, but it does seem illogical to believe that declining sales of anything can be fixed by raising the price.



Letters

CAFO bad example of repeating history

Editor,

I never thought it was a good idea to repeat bad history. So why are our county commissioners giving their stamp of approval for another chicken production facility on Peerless Road in Showell?

Wasn't it not so long ago that a chicken facility in that location was closed after years of discharging polluted wastewater of chicken manure and dead carcasses that were running off into the wetlands that are located there, and that spillage made its way to our St. Martins river by way of Shingle Landing Prong?

As of today, our river's pollutant grade is still poor. In other words, our river hasn't recovered from that pollution.

Now, after having said this, we are not against chicken facilities. However, we do believe this is the wrong place to build three chicken houses that will grow over half a million chickens a year and produce nearly 1,000 tons of manure a year. Been there, done that, and the result was catastrophic to our river and bay.

Let's learn from our past and not repeat it. Our bays and rivers need protection, so

everyone can enjoy them.

Bonnie Kamm
Bishopville

Protecting Shingle Landing Prong

Editor,

As a resident of Worcester County and someone who lives on the St. Martins River, I would like for those like myself to be aware of the impending development of a large chicken farm to be built in the vicinity of Rt. 113 and Peerless Road.

If you live down river on the St. Martins, like I do, then you can imagine my concern regarding this commercial development. Tentative approval has been granted for growing approximately 130,000 chickens a day with all the smell and manure that comes with this find of industry.

I have lived on the St. Martins River for 10 years and have noticed a marked difference in the quality of the water, more polluted drinking water, and an unwillingness to crab or kayak.

To make matters worse, I live on a piece of property that was a chicken farm and subdivided and have had to drill new wells and put additional controls on my septic system. Living with an already comprised immune sys-

tem, I find it difficult to imagine the effect this will have from this proposed development.

I think it is wrong for Maryland Department of the Environment to allow industrial properties to funnel wastewater from a chicken farm into our local streams. I am not opposed to commercial development of any kind, I am opposed to our local officials making decisions that put the local residents in harms way with no accountability for the poultry industry.

When, if ever will MDE test the water? Who will monitor the development so the concerns for run-off or water contamination will be addressed? Is it wrong to want answers?

Beatrice Largay
Berlin

Congrats to Pines parade winners

Editor,

Congratulations to the Judge's Choice awardees in the Ocean Pines 50th Anniversary Parade held on June 2: Ocean Pines Racquet Sports Club, Worcester County Marching Band, and Berkshire Hathaway Home Services PenFed Realty!

Judges for the parade were volunteers Susan Rabuck, Dags- See LETTERS Page 23

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Over 200 graduate from Decatur

Letters

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(June 7, 2018) Family, friends and loved ones showed roaring support for the 286 graduates of Stephen Decatur High School, Wednesday, May 30, at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street in Ocean City.

"This is a very special graduation class to me," Principal Thomas Zimmer said. "When I was first named a principal eight years ago, it was at Berlin Intermediate School and these students on stage were in fifth grade.

"I'd like to think we matured together. It was great to get to know them then and it has been a wonderful experience to see them mature and be ready to cross the stage and do great things in this world," he continued.

Special guests of the 64th Stephen Decatur graduation included Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Louis Taylor, Board of Education President William Gordy, Chief Academic Officer and Vice Superintendent Dr. John Quinn, and several members of the board of education.

"Each one of you has something great inside of you, something that is uniquely yours and when you share it with the world, we will all take notice," Taylor said.

The Worcester County Board of Education uses a three-tiered senior recognition program where each student receives a cumulative weighted GPA, which is calculated at the end of the third marking period in English, math, social studies, science, world languages and Advanced Placement courses. Class rank with valedictorian and salutatorian honors ended several years ago.

Students who earned a 5.05 GPA or higher received Summa Cum Laude honors. Those receiving a 4.9-5.04 GPA earned Magna Cum Laude accolades and students earning a 4.8-4.89 GPA were presented Cum Laude distinction. All honorees stood for recognition during the commencement ceremony.

The graduates received \$7.7 million in scholarships from colleges and universities. They accepted \$3.4 million.

Of the 286 graduates, 131 students (46 percent) will enroll at a four-year college or university in the fall. Eighty-four (29 percent) will enroll in a two-year college, two (1 percent) will study at a trade or technical school, 14 (5 percent) will enlist in the military, eight (3 percent) plan to work in a field related to their study, and 47 (16 percent) will work outside their field of study.

"Our class is not just about numbers," Lilian Rakow, class president, said. "Talk to anyone inside our school and out in the community, and they will agree that the class of 2018 is one of the most kind-hearted, friendly, inspired groups of young people they have ever seen. That being said, this is not where our legacy will end."

The 2018 graduates celebrated a successful academic and athletic year, earning multiple awards and achievements

for their skills in the classroom and on the field. Some other awards were presented for law, economics, engineering, writing and art.

"Through hard work, academic achievement, dedication and drive, they have left their mark on us," Zimmer said. "Now it is their time for them to go out and make their mark on the world."

Psychology teacher Courtney Bova was chosen by the students to be their graduation keynote speaker. Bova started at Stephen Decatur four years ago.

"All you sitting on this stage tonight

ing phase is about to begin," Zimmer said. "The world is wide and it is filled with opportunity. Seize those opportunities and strive to achieve whatever goals you have set."

"As Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel said: 'This is the world that you are born into and you are responsible for it,'" Taylor said. "That responsibility must seem like a heavy burden, but I am encouraged. I insist that each of you, after leaving the halls of Stephen Decatur High, [that] you use the knowledge gained here. The future depends not on the stars or fate, but on the decisions that each of you will make."



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Graduating seniors take their seats during Stephen Decatur High School's graduation ceremony at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street, Wednesday, May 30.

have made my last four years of Decatur truly unforgettable," Bova said. "I've gotten to see you grow and mature since your freshman year when we entered Decatur together on that day. We've had homerooms together, planned lib dubs, raised money for Relay for Life, tried cases in mock trials, and had so many lunchtime discussions where I think we solved just about every problem in the world.

"The fact that I get to be here tonight, to have had the opportunity to work with these amazing students sitting before you is truly humbling," Bova added. "Your caring and compassion comes through in all that you do, and I hope that moving forward you continue to embrace all of the opportunities presented to you, to make this world a better place, just like you did while you were in Stephen Decatur High School."

Each speaker offered words of wisdom for the graduates before they accepted their diplomas and turned their tassels.

"Be in the here and now," Bova said. "Take in this moment and all of the moments to come. We spend so much of our lives waiting for what happens next, we forget to see all the greatness around us. Take in a moment. Take in each day, even the crappy ones, because they go by way too fast."

"While it is true you will be leaving the security of your parents' homes and the security of the school that has nurtured you and guided you, and often protected you over the last four years, a new excit-

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boro Delaware, with Phyllis Mitchell and Andrea Hastings from Mitchell and Hastings Financial Services in West Ocean City.

Parade participants were so pleased to have so many residents and visitors cheering for them as they cruised, marched, or walked along Ocean Parkway on a day, which turned out to be perfect!

Volunteers from the Delmarva Chorus, Bob McConkey, Dot Waters and Sam Waters worked hard in the staging area, water station, and the pizza party for the 150 thirsty and hungry students, making the event a true success.

Happy 50th to Ocean Pines from some of you biggest fans!

Carol Ludwig, 50th Anniversary Committee, Ocean Pines

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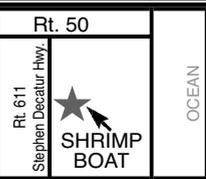
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Donated work highlights June 2nd Friday art stroll in Berlin

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Flush with a variety of donated local work, Baked Dessert Café in Berlin aims to help the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee Friday with its art show and sale.

Work at the shop on 4 Bay Street will remain on display throughout the month. "Basically, there's not going to be a price on anything – there will be a suggested donation amount," owner and committee Vice President Robin Tomaselli said. "In all honesty, it's about getting local artwork into the visitors' and locals' hands at whatever donation they would like to make."

Funds raised will support committee projects, which currently include several murals.

For example, Tomaselli said mural panels painted at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center last year would soon be installed on the outside of the historic building.

"In addition to that, we have a mural that Patrick Henry did about 25 years ago at Buckingham Elementary," she said. "Our intention is to reach out to Stephen Decatur High School and to work with students there to restore that piece ... and maybe even add to it. We've gotten Patrick Henry's blessing."

She said the finished product would be an indoor installation, possibly ending up at the high school.

"We just want to make sure that piece of artwork is preserved, particularly since when Patrick did it, he did it with students as kind of his outreach into art," Tomaselli said. "And it makes sense to us to reach out to Stephen Decatur High School, since Patrick was an art teacher there."

Also planned is a second bike rack, which would double as public art, to be installed outside the Worcester County Arts Council building on 6 Jefferson Street. The first such piece was put in last year outside J&M Meat Market on 101 William Street.

The committee also supports the Maker's Market that coincides with 2nd Fridays and runs May through October on the corner of Jefferson and Main street from 5-8:30 p.m., and on Commerce Street from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"We're chugging along," Tomaselli said, adding, "Arts and entertainment is a nonprofit and we rely on private donations and grants to do what we do."

Berlin's 2nd Friday festivities feature more than a dozen art displays in shops throughout the downtown area.

For more information on the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, visit www.artsinberlin.org.



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Donated artwork will feature this month at Baked Dessert Café in Berlin and during the 2nd Friday art stroll. Suggested donations, rather than list prices for the work, will benefit the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

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- J Visitor's Center** check out the artwork on our public art mural!

Registration open now for summer art camps

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Friday is the last day to register for the 25th annual Summer Arts Camp program at the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin.

“Over the years, the Summer Arts Camp has grown in popularity,” Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis said. “Close to 100 children attend our arts camp each year to discover their artistic talents through professional instruction

and hands-on experience.”

The camp will be held June 18-21 at Berlin Intermediate School from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day, and the program is open to children entering 3rd through 8th grades this fall.

The \$100 tuition covers art supplies, instruction, and a camp T-shirt, Mullis said. Bus transportation from Pocomoke and Snow Hill is available for an additional \$15 for the week.

“This program incorporates not only the visual arts, but also music, dance, and theater arts,” Mullis said. “This summer our camp offers a selection of six different art workshops that will allow children to explore various visual art techniques, such as painting, drawing, printmaking, clay sculpture, collage, jewelry making, and more.

“In addition, the returning and always popular musical theater workshop will introduce children to basic skills and elements of theatrical performance through acting and singing,” she added.

New this year is the “Gone Fishin” workshop designed to teach children about local fish and rubber replicas through the Japanese Gyotaku technique, which literally uses sea life as printmaking blocks.

Art teachers and professional artists will instruct all workshops.

Registration forms are available at the Worcester County Arts Council on 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin, or online at www.worcestercountycouncil.org.

“The week-long camp culminates each year with a one-hour gathering of family and friends to view exhibits of the final works of art and to enjoy the performances by the drama classes,” Mullis said. “The celebration allows children to enjoy an art experience that takes them from learning about the craft of art form to designing their own original piece, and finally to showing or performing the finished product.

“Creating something, be it a painting or play, song or dance, requires not only self-expression, but practice and patience,” she said.

Mullis added that the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club helps pay for some aspects of the classes.

“The funding provided over the years by the Optimist Club allows us to offer the quality art education for children and offer scholarships for children to attend the camp,” she said. “In addition, volunteering opportunities are offered for students 15 and older.”

For more information, contact Mullis at 410-641-0809.



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Emily Sandt last year won the annual T-shirt logo design contest out of 20 entries submitted to the Worcester County Arts Council. Her design will be printed on T-shirts and worn by all campers who participate in the 2018 WCAC summer arts camp for children.

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Town Cats of Ocean City

Western Night to benefit wounded Marines, July 12

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(June 7, 2018) Tickets are on sale now for the 21st annual Country Western Night at the Ocean Downs Casino on July 12.

The event, which will start at 5 p.m., was created by 92-year-old Anna Foulz and hosted each year by Ocean Pines nonprofit Star Charities for the benefit of wounded soldiers.

This year, money will be directed to those serving in the United States Marines.

Foulz said the event was started in part to honor her late husband, Carl.

"It's in my heart. My husband was a veteran and served for four years in the CBI [China Burma India Theater during World War II], and he was lucky to come home," she said. "But he told me some of the things they have to go through, so he started ..." nonprofit work for soldiers that continues today.

That includes the annual Holiday Gifts for Soldiers Overseas drive.

"Every October we do that, which



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Star Charities Founder Anna Foulz, center, is in the process of organizing the 21st annual Country Western Night fundraiser for wounded soldiers at the Ocean Downs Casino, July 12. Also pictured, from left, are Star Charities Secretary Susan Walter, Ocean Downs Food and Beverage Manager Vince Fudge, General Manager Bobbi Sample, and Marketing Director Crystal Layton.

was his idea, and we're still doing it," Foulz said. "And my heart goes out to these soldiers - no matter what. I know that they've suffered."

Foulz said the Country Western Night event generally draws about 125 people and takes up three levels of the restaurant section of the

casino, on 10218 Racetrack Road near Ocean Pines.

Tickets, \$26, include an all-you-can-eat buffet, door prizes, and live Johnny Cash music performed by Bob Jones.

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Chris Diller, 4-8 p.m.
June 11: Pat O, 4-8 p.m.
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9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Mike T,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Stellar Mojo,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 9: Cruz-in de Bay, 10 a.m.
to 6 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Anthem,
9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; DJ Bobby-O,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Tuff, 10
p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; Garden State
Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 10: DJ Bobby-O, 10 a.m. to
5 p.m.; Whiskeyhickon Boys, 5-9
p.m.; I&I Riddim Reggae, 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.;
Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 1:50
a.m.
June 11: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to 5
p.m.; Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; I&I Riddim
Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Davie, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 12: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to
5 p.m.; Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.;
I&I Riddim Reggae, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Mike T, 10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 13: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m. to
5 p.m.; Full Circle Duo, 5-9 p.m.;
Zion Reggae Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
DJ Cruz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.;
Matisyahu & Stephen Marley (sold
out) 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; The Rockets,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.; DJ Mike T,
10 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.
June 14: DJ Bobby-O, 11 a.m.
to 5 p.m.; Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.;
Innasense, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.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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June 8: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Bluegrass returns to Furnace Town

(June 7, 2018) Furnace Town Living Heritage recently announced the return of the Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ concert series for the 2018 season.

The family-friendly series features live bluegrass performances, a showcase of local craft breweries, and BBQ served by local restaurants.

The series begins Saturday, June 9, continues July 7 and wraps up on Aug. 4. Every event starts at 4 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.

The series is part of the Furnace Town Folk School. A master class workshop has been added from 1-2 p.m. for anyone interested in learning how to play bluegrass.

“The Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ Series is a great family event at Furnace Town”, said Executive Director Patrick Rofe. “The bluegrass performances are very popular. Families bring beach chairs and blankets and have a picnic while they watch the show. It’s a unique experience sitting in our historic 19th-century village in the Pocomoke Forest while listening to traditional bluegrass melodies – it’s easy to feel like you’ve stepped back in time.”

During the June 9 performance, Furnace Town presents Sarah Beth Meadows & Kellen Burger Road, an up-and-coming bluegrass band from the heart of West Virginia.

With soulful vocals and solid instrumentation, they are sure to bring joy and

“tappin’ toes” to any audience.

Sarah Beth Meadows, Trisha Anderson, Jubal Taylor and Josh Pitcock bring together a bluegrass sound of what West Virginia is all about – heart, soul and great time with good friends. Kellen Burger Road can bring out the hillbilly in everyone.

Beer from local craft breweries Evolution Craft Brewery Company and Tall Tales Brewery will be available for purchase. Barbecue will be served by NoBBQ or Backyard Louie’s BBQ, with dessert available from The Ugly Pie.

No Spare Time returns to Furnace Town for the second performance Saturday, July 7.

No Spare Time is a bluegrass band featuring some of the best musicians from the Eastern Shore of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. They are a contemporary bluegrass band with a hunger for the original, a reverence for their craft and a drive like nobody else.

They have a hard driving style of third-generation bluegrass with musicians Gary Bates, Mickey Justice, Larry Lynch, Wes Parks and Gary Weber.

Saturday, Aug. 4 Furnace Town welcomes John O’Dell & Windy Ridge – Scott Walker, banjo; Brad Sams, bass; John O’Dell, guitar; David Probst, mandolin; and Tony Lyons, fiddle.

Over the last 35 years John O’Dell & Windy Ridge – as well as the Good Deale Bluegrass Band, of which O’Dell

was a founding member – have been entertaining audiences with traditional bluegrass and classic country music at some of the nation’s premier venues.

In addition, their songwriting and musicianship has afforded them the opportunity to produce three critically-acclaimed albums and to perform at hundreds of municipal, corporate, government, major league sports, and university-sponsored events, TV, and radio broadcasts.

Doors open at 4 p.m. and the performance are all from 5-7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 16 and members of Furnace Town.

Tickets can be purchased at www.eventbrite.com or at the door. For more information, visit www.furnacetown.org, call 410-632-2032 or email info@furnacetown.org.

Support provided by Mid-South Audio, Shore Craft Beer, T.E.A.M. Productions, Worcester County Arts Council, and WOW 101.1 & 99.3 Retro Country.

Sponsorships are still available. For more information about the Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ series, call Rofe at 410-632-2032.

Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Pine Tones Chorus to present spring concert on Sunday

(June 7, 2018) The Pine Tones Chorus will present its spring concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines, on Route 589 and Beauchamp Road, on Sunday, beginning at 3 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

The concert celebrates the 50th anniversary of Ocean Pines and features music from the 1968 era when the Ocean Pines community was founded.

Songs from the Beatles, and Simon & Garfunkel were smash hits of those days and still have wide appeal, such as “Let It Be” and “Bridge Over Troubled Water.”

Other award-winning selections of that year include “Up Up and Away” by the Johnny Mann Singers and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You” by Frankie Valli.

Fans of stage and screen will recall “Consider Yourself” from the show Oliver. The lively novelty song “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” will include some stagecraft touches.

The Pine Tones Chorus includes 50 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas. The chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas for more than 30 years.

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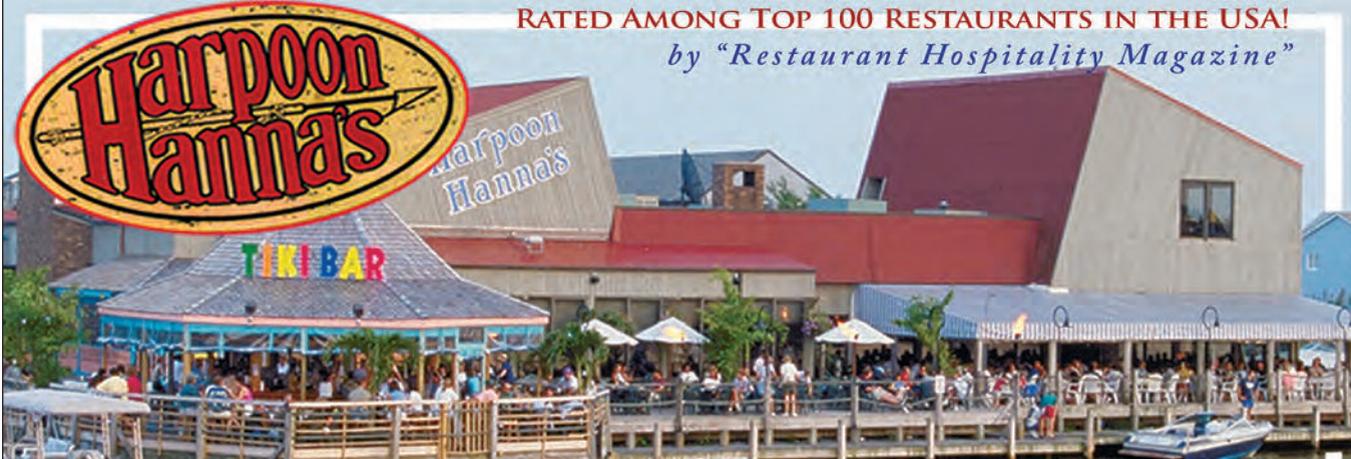
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The Pine Tones



Sharyn O'Hare, left, is joined by General Manager John Bailey and wife Meredith

FAMILY FUN

Following a well attended parade, crowds flock to the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial in Ocean Pines last Saturday for Community Day, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the association that included dozens of free games and activities for the whole family.

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



Children take turns at the dunk tank



Linda Shanahan for the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial



A wide shot of Community Day happenings



Commission Chip Bertino, left, is joined by Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer and Joe Reynolds of the Ocean Pines Forum

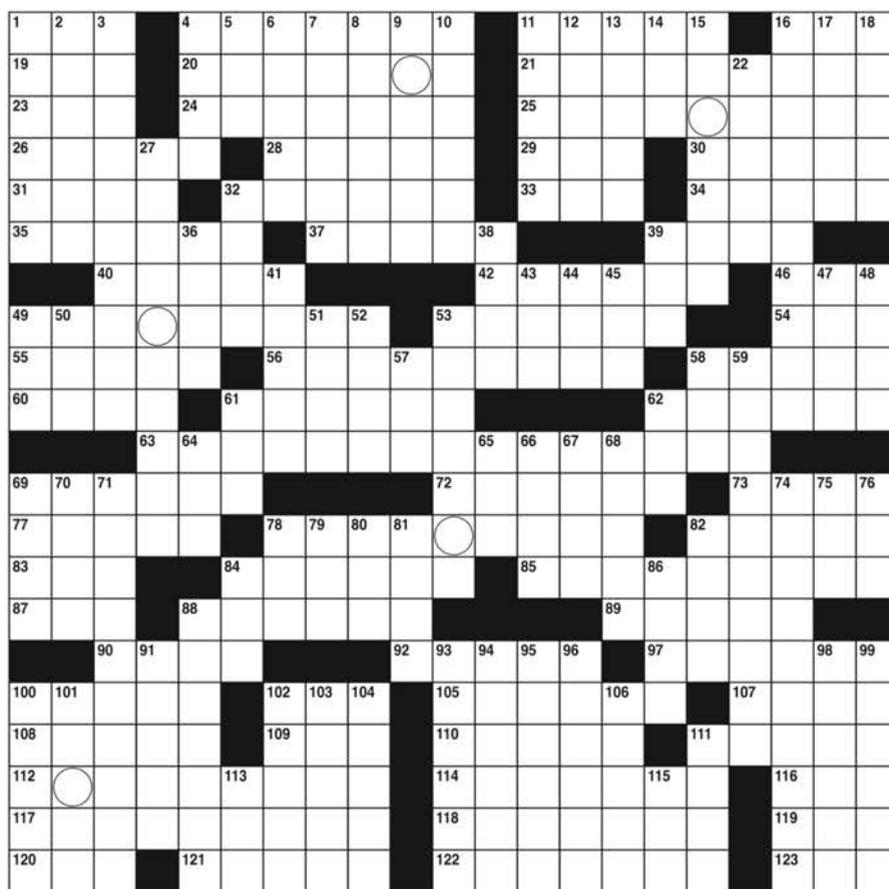
Puzzles

PROVING THEM WRONG

BY DAVID J. KAHN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Overawe
 - 4 Things falling out of Vogue?
 - 11 Words to a Spanish sweetheart
 - 16 Mover but not a shaker (one hopes)
 - 19 Atlantic 10 Conf. school
 - 20 Where techno music originated
 - 21 Belly
 - 23 Camel's-hair color
 - 24 Surplus
 - 25 Where the Sun shines?
 - 26 Doesn't let it go
 - 28 "Star Wars" name
 - 29 Got into a mess?
 - 30 Pie-eyed
 - 31 Wee bit
 - 32 Call it a day ... or a career
 - 33 Sunday delivery: Abbr.
 - 34 Woolly ruminant
 - 35 Very lowbrow
 - 37 Fabulous fabulist
 - 39 Achievement
 - 40 Riverboat hazard
 - 42 Linguists' interests
 - 46 Boat that landed on 94-Down
 - 49 Final, countrywide competition
 - 53 ___ tap
 - 54 Go (for)
- DOWN**
- 55 Salary negotiator
 - 56 Alternated
 - 58 Dress down
 - 60 Winner of 11 Grand Slam tennis titles
 - 61 Common seasoning for Italian sausage
 - 62 Elected
 - 63 Sports axiom refuted by this puzzle
 - 69 "The Handmaid's Tale" author
 - 72 Not with it
 - 73 Place in a 1969 western
 - 77 Serious devotee
 - 78 Papal-conclave members
 - 82 Ghostly
 - 83 He said, "It's not bragging if you can back it up"
 - 84 Group with five members in this puzzle, with "the"
 - 85 Court plea
 - 87 Sleep stage
 - 88 Relief
 - 89 Play the part of
 - 90 Father of Phobos, the god of fear
 - 92 Sound of the South
 - 97 Liability of note?
 - 100 Swagger
 - 102 ___ Minella (Muppet monkey)
 - 105 City ENE of Cleveland, O.
 - 107 Lady's title
 - 108 Anticipate
 - 109 Ball bearer
 - 110 Fruit-soda brand
 - 111 Temple of Isis site
 - 112 Where General Mills is headquartered
 - 114 Bank trouble?
 - 116 Dated
 - 117 "Be there in a jiffy!"
 - 118 Encountered
 - 119 Not be straight
 - 120 Cold War-era inits.
 - 121 Eppie's adoptive father, in a George Eliot novel
 - 122 Suffragist Elizabeth Cady ___
 - 123 Not opposin'
- ACROSS**
- 22 "Say cheese!"
 - 27 County name in 30 states
 - 32 House speaker after Boehner
 - 36 Sidesplitter
 - 38 ___ platter
 - 39 "Runaway" singer Shannon, 1961
 - 41 "I'm off"
 - 43 "My dear man"
 - 44 Novelist Patchett
 - 45 Fastball, in baseball slang
 - 47 See 18-Down
 - 48 Sharp
 - 49 Pick up
 - 50 Back
 - 51 Unaccompanied
 - 52 Company name ender after "&"
 - 53 First U.S. city to host the Olympics
 - 57 "Baseball" documentarian Burns
 - 58 Half a step?
 - 59 What ballplayers look forward to after playing on the road
 - 61 Sustained
 - 62 Cartoon collectible
 - 64 Mortar carrier
 - 65 Hampton ___
 - 66 Words of confidence
 - 67 Court plea, briefly
 - 68 Opera set in 1800 Rome
 - 69 Not even close?
 - 70 Floor piece
 - 71 German hunting dog
- DOWN**
- 1 Is up to the task
 - 2 Winston Churchill, notably
 - 3 One concerned with aging?
 - 4 Wedding pair
 - 5 State since 1864: Abbr.
 - 6 McQueen or King
 - 7 Things that corrections correct
 - 8 Tour hiree
 - 9 Aggressive types
 - 10 Typical intro?
 - 11 Heavy winds
 - 12 Maternally related
 - 13 Colleague of Freud
 - 14 Encountered
 - 15 Relatives of bobolinks
 - 16 Only African-American to win an Oscar, Tony and Emmy for acting
 - 17 Relevant, legally
 - 18 With 47-Down, driver's question

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- 74 1904 Jack London novel
- 75 Your, to Yves
- 76 Caste member
- 78 State with five teams in the 84-Across: Abbr.
- 79 Double-platinum album for Steely Dan
- 80 Mythological bird
- 81 Harriet Beecher Stowe novel subtitled "A Tale of the Great Dismal Swamp"
- 82 Lining up against
- 84 Ways of doing things, for short
- 86 Numerical prefix
- 88 Parlor pieces
- 91 Bankrupts
- 93 Points (to)
- 94 See 46-Across
- 95 Actress Ryder
- 96 Admits
- 98 Charlotte ___ (Caribbean capital)
- 99 Proffer
- 100 Greek island where Pythagoras and Epicurus were born
- 101 Delivery that's usually expected
- 102 Prop for a lion tamer
- 103 Insurance giant
- 104 Some calls on a police hotline
- 106 Kind of chips you shouldn't eat
- 111 Before being outed, for short
- 113 H.S. study
- 115 Native Oklahoman

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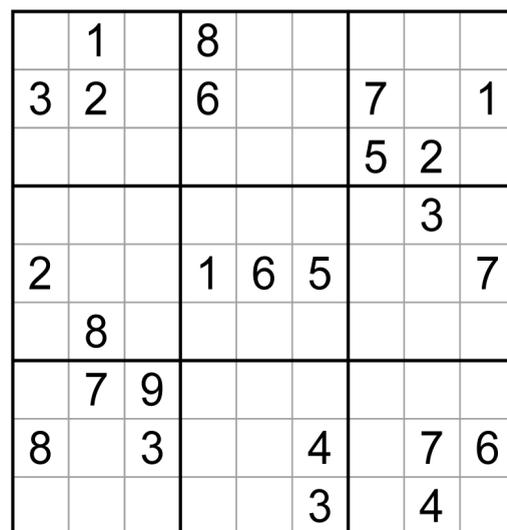
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HARD - 48

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



Answers to last week's puzzles

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



Cuisine

Fall in love with guacamole, all over again

Travel is a wonderful pastime when you are afflicted with the wanderlust gene, as am I and my children. We used to take our children to as many places as possible and that hasn't changed a bit.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

My 13-year-old was fortunate enough to travel to Costa Rica with a friend's family last month, and my oldest son spent a week in South America. He swears it was nothing but work, but I have faith that he did at least one fun, cool thing while he was down there.

Sitting on the couch one night, the girls lamented the fact that they haven't been anywhere this year, and they were concerned that we wouldn't be doing much after the restaurant opens (that's for a later date and not for this column), so I grabbed my laptop and made reservations for the three of us to fly to Central America for five days, just to get away and check out a place we had never been before.

Knowing many people locally who vacation in CR, I hit them up for information and we found ourselves in the country's Badlands, or Mal Pais. This is a town as well as the name of the region, as it is a fairly lawless area with practically no infrastructure to speak of. And it was stunning, from its pristine beauty to empty point breaks and authentic Costa Rican foods served at the Sodas Tipicas, which is the name for a traditional restaurant. The locals were wonderful and easy to talk to, and it was certainly a place that I would go back to the instant the opportunity arises.

Being off-season, the traffic was light and many of the locals in the small town of Montezuma wasted no time in learning our names. I hired a guide for two days; a young man named Steven who spoke five languages, including Swiss, who led us on harrowing back roads and through the jungle to give us a taste of the local life. Seaside waterfalls, great surf breaks, perfect swimming beaches and authentic food were all in order.

Returning home after one especially long day, I asked Steven about the tourists and where they come from. He said, "Amigo, they come from Iraq, Canada, the U.S., Africa, Australia, Mexico, South America,



India ... you name it. They come from everywhere in-season."

I nodded my head, contemplating what he was saying. And in a somber, deadpan moment, I looked at him and slowly said, with a touch of grief, "Yeah, we live in a beach town, too. But, all of our tourists ... come from ... Pennsylvania."

Of course, my girls got it but didn't let on, and he nodded with great sympathy. It was truly one of those moments that I wish that I had recorded.

On that same trip, we passed Soda Tipica Las Palmeras, a remote restaurant outside of town on a bumpy, rocky road that overlooks jungle, rocks and the Pacific. And this is truly the gift of Costa Rica; the food was unrivaled compared to the rest on the trip, and the best that I've had in years.

Fresh, vibrant and flavorful, it filled the bill and the girls fell in love with guacamole all over again, as it was served with chunks of yucas fritas. I make these quite a bit, but I've never served it with guacamole; definitely worth the extra steps!

So as I cross Costa Rica off my list and get ready for a trip to the Keys for a friend's wedding, I look forward to exploring the food and drink of the region, and knowing that yes, there will be a touch of Pennsylvania down there, and that is just fine. It's just a

joke people. Simmer down.

Guacamole, Yucas Fritas

Serves 4

3 Fresh, soft avocados
Juice of 1 lime
Handful of cilantro, half finely chopped and half whole
1/2 medium tomato, diced
1/4 red onion, finely diced
1 Jalapeno, finely diced
Fried yuca to dip (recipe follows)
Char-pickled Jalapeno (recipe follows)

1. Smash the avocado until they have a little chunk left but are mostly creamy

2. Add juice, chopped cilantro, tomato, onion and jalapeno and combine

3. Adjust seasoning and serve with the fried yuca and char-pickled jalapenos.

Yucas Fritas

Serves 4

2 fresh yuca roots
1 quart Chicken stock
oil for frying
Salt & Pepper

1. Peel the root and cut into long quarters lengthwise

2. Remove inner, fibrous core and discard

3. Cut the quarters into 3-inch pieces as shown in the picture

4. Bring the stock to a boil

5. Add the roots and cook until tender, removing to a paper towel so that they can "steam out" as I call it

6. When ready to serve, simply deep fry until the outside is super crispy and the inside is a molten fluffy pillow

7. Season with salt and pepper

Char-pickled Jalapeno

makes about a cup

1 cup sliced jalapeno, seeds in
dash of salt
1 tsp. Sugar

1/4 cup Good sherry vinegar

1. Spray a pan with vegetable oil and get very hot

2. Add chilies in a single layer and let them sit until darkened

3. Toss a little and ensure that they have cooked through and have a nice light char to them

4. Remove from heat, add the salt and sugar and toss and finish with vinegar

5. Allow to cool

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

Calendar

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THU, JUNE 7

'PLAY IT SAFE' ACTIVITIES

Townwide at various locations, Ocean City, MD, All Day. Free events for 2018 high school graduates including karaoke, volleyball, dodgeball, kayaking, bowling and more. Attend a 'Play It Safe' event and receive a wristband to ride the bus all week for \$5. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326, <http://playitsafeoceancity.com>

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BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. 302-436-9577, 410-524-0649, <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

BEACH LIGHTS

N. Division Street and beach, Ocean City, MD, 9 to 11 p.m. Special 3-minute displays at 9 p.m., 9:20 p.m., 9:40 p.m., 10 p.m., 10:20 p.m., 10:40 p.m. and 11 p.m. Featuring high-powered, colored search lights that move and sway to music.

FRI, JUNE 8

OC SURF FEST KICK OFF PARTY

Barn 34, 6-9 p.m. Kickoff party and leg-end inductions. Proceeds benefit the Ocean City Surf Club's programs. Brad, 443-366-5944, oceancitysurfclub.org

CRAB CAKE DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-6:30 p.m. Includes single crabcake sandwich with green beans and seasoned baked potato. Cost is \$10. Carryouts and bake table available.

'DANCING UNDER THE STARS'

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10223 Trappe Road, Berlin, 7-11 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and can be reserved by calling 410-641-0638. Light fare offered. Proceeds benefit the heritage center.

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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SAT, JUNE 9

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OC SURF FEST

Castle in the Sand, beachfront, 3701 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Anything Goes Team Challenge" features young, old, girls and guys riding whatever they want. Proceeds benefit the Ocean City Surf Club's programs. Admission is free. Brad, 443-366-5944, oceancitysurfclub.org

SAND DUELS BEACH SOCCER CHALLENGE

Ocean City beach from Wicomico to N. Division streets, June 9 and 10 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Open to all traditional and non-traditional soccer teams — featuring Recreational and Competitive brackets. westcoat@mac.com, 443-204-3785

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Speakers will be Zack Garmoe, a member of the Chesapeake Conservation Corp and Amanda Poskaitis, a marine scientist who coordinates the Coastal Bays oyster Gardening Program and horseshoe crab survey. All welcome. Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662

OP PICKLEBALL 2018 SUMMER CLASSIC

Manklin Meadows Racquet complex, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, June 9 and 10, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting. Come out and view competitive pickleball in action. Featuring 180 players from across the USA.

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Pickles Pub, 706 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, 5-9 p.m. New video games, music, food and drink specials, Wheel o Fortune, raffles, 50/50.

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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 corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

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SUN, JUNE 10

OC SURF FEST

Castle in the Sand, beachfront, 3701 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Walk Do Plank Pro" showcasing some of the best pro longboarders in the country, competing for money and prizes. Proceeds benefit the Ocean City Surf Club's programs. Admission is free. Brad, 443-366-5944, oceancitysurfclub.org

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CONCERT ON THE LAWN

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin. 6 p.m. The High and Wides will be performing this free concert. Bring a chair and a picnic. 410-641-1019, www.taylorhousemuseum.org

PINE TONES CHORUS CONCERT

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at the door. Dave Holloway, 410-641-5672 or June Todd, 410-289-7373

CAPT. SCHOEPF LIFEGUARD RELAY

Ocean City beach at 7th Street. Beach relay honoring contributions of Capt. Schoepf and the sacrifices of all past and present Ocean City Beach Patrol. 410-289-7556

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUFFET BREAKFAST

Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. All-you-can-eat includes two styles of eggs, sausage, bacon, fried potatoes, creamed chipped beef, toast, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. 410-524-7994

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. bethany21811@gmail.com, 410-641-2186

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MON, JUNE 11

RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE

Kylan Barn, 30603 Dusty Lane, Delmar, MD, 4 p.m. The ceremony will start at 5 p.m. Open to anyone interested in learning more about this barn-style wedding and event venue. There will be a DJ and light refreshments. 410-251-5914, www.kylanbarn.com

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Guest speaker will be Charlie Paparella, photographer, writer and editor. 410-208-4014

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DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE 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 12

RIBBON CUTTING

DRY 85 OC and Red Wine Bar OC, 12 48th St., Ocean City, noon. Join Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and distinguished guests for the official ribbon cutting for these two new restaurants. Lisa Bolter, lisa@redredwinebar.com

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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 13

34TH ANNUAL JR. GOLF SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

Ocean Pines Golf Club, 9 a.m. shot gun start. Entry fee is \$80, which includes greens fee, cart, team prizes, men's and ladies' closet-to-the-pin prizes, door prizes, continental breakfast, on-course refreshments and lunch at Taylor's Neighborhood Restaurant. Ocean Pines golf members' entry fee is \$50 with a cart package and \$65 without. Sign up individually or as a foursome. Entry deadline is June 6. Scotty Wheatley, 410-641-7486

FREE MOVIES ON THE BEACH

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

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. cliff0917@aol.com, 302-540-2127

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KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

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

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 corn, 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>

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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

Kiwanis is selling \$5 entries for the Aug. 24 race to benefit Kiwanis Children's programs like scholarships and student leadership clubs in local schools. Win up to \$3,000. The race will be held at Frontier Town Lazy River on Route 611. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets: 410-973-1233.

PINE'EER ARTISAN & GIFT SHOP OPEN

Pine'eer Artisan & Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

'ACHIEVING SURGICAL WEIGHT LOSS SUCCESS' SEMINAR

Atlantic General Bariatric Center Conference Room, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 207, Berlin. Takes place the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. This is a free, in-person seminar. Additional opportunities are also available in the form of an online webinar. Register: 410-641-9568.

STAR CHARITIES MONTHLY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Anyone interested is welcome. Info: Anna Foults, 410-641-7667.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. A reform Jewish Synagogue. Info: 410-641-4311.

AUMC THRIFT SHOP

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA is a process for individuals, adults and children 8 years and older, who are seeking Baptism. Also for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who want to come into the Catholic Church. Call Rita at 410-289-7038 or come to a session held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Father Connell Parish Center, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD. All are welcome.

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN

Support groups meet the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Atlantic General Hospital, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin; and the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at PRMC Cancer Institute, 11105 Cathage Road, Ocean Pines. 410-548-7880

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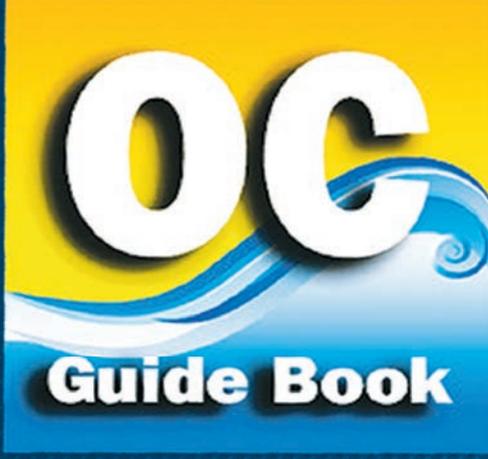
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