

Worcester Youth honors 'outstanding' citizens

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services honored seven local people who made outstanding contributions to the community during the Berlin-based organization's open house last Friday.

Recognized were "Outstanding Supporter" Judge Peggy Kent and "Outstanding Contributors" Pat Oltman, Helen Wiley, Carol Rose and Suzanne Parks, and Mary Yenney and Susan Hogan.

"We really can't do what we do without the support of the community," said Steven Taylor, the nonprofit organization's executive director. "It's really critical to have community support to run the programs that we run here ... and make our community healthier and stronger, and that's really our mission."

Taylor said each of the honorees made a significant contribution. For each, Worcester Youth unveiled a sun-shaped sculpture that will remain on display inside the "Ray" room.

He said many of recipients were involved with Family Connections, a navigation program that helps connect impoverished families to resources, including food, clothing, medications, rent

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Local people are recognized as "Outstanding Supporters" and "Outstanding Contributors" during a ceremony at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin last Thursday. Pictured, from left, are Carol Rose, Dr. Jennifer Leggour, Mary Yenney, Steven Taylor, Susan Hogan, Pat Oltman, Judge Peggy Kent and Helen Wiley.

Mural project benefits Buckingham

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) The Young Audiences program, begun in Baltimore, may bill itself as "the nation's largest arts education network," but its impact locally has been in Berlin.

The nonprofit group recently sent artist Amanda Pellerin to Buckingham Elementary School there to work with students on a massive mural project made from pieces of clay.

Pellerin started working with the medium when she was 15 years old and planned to be a potter. She was working as an artist in Baltimore and teaching at colleges and community centers when a representative from

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Amanda Pellerin from the Baltimore-based Young Audiences program helps second grade students at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin make clay carvings for a mural.

Artists Giving Back event on Flower St. seeking donations

By Josh Davis
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(Nov. 15, 2018) A local nonprofit group is looking for some last-minute help with the annual "Artists Giving Back" event that has provided hundreds of hot meals for local people in need.

The event is hosted on Giving Tuesday each year by the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee. This year, that falls on Nov. 27.

Committee members are seeking volunteers and donations, with the deadline for volunteers on Nov. 20.

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Request for liquor license was tabled after public outcry

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) Public outcry of the Viking Tree Trading Company's pursuit of a county liquor license was apparently too much, as the business owners on Wednesday said they would withdraw the controversial application.

Several residents objected to the proposal during a Berlin Town Council meeting on Tuesday night, with virtually all of the public comments being negative.

The new business, set to open some time next year, was applying for a Class B beer-wine-liquor license for its 114 North Main Street location, which had been home to a video store. Its owners, Bryan and Nicole Brushmiller, who also own Burley Oak Brewing Company and the Burley Cafe, bought the building last year.

Carol Rose, chairwoman of the Berlin Historic District Commission, was the first to speak. Rose said she speaking both as a resident and as the commission chair.

"It's come to my attention that property at 114 North Main Street has applied for a Class B liquor license and the hearing is on Monday," she said. "When the owner of that property came to the historic district commission, we were informed it was a retail shop with clothing and so forth and, as a citizen, I do not think that we need [another] bar on Main Street."

Rose said the town already has several restaurants with bars and that Sisters, a retail store across the street on 113 North Main Street, "has a wine bar." The official Facebook description for Sisters reads, "Boutique, Clothing, Children, Garden, Gourmet & Home Accents. A 'Unique Shopping Experience' where you can enjoy wine or beer while shopping!"

"I'm just here to say that I don't think it's necessary," she said. "If anybody else feels that way, the hearing is this Monday."

Business owner Ernie Gerardi agreed.

"We have six restaurants that offer liquor service. Five of those have substantial offerings of food," he said. "I think that a permit for liquor [in a retail store] is inappropriate and unnecessary within our town. I don't think it really blends well. Just think if every retail store starts selling liquor – that would be very inappropriate."

Jeremy Blackford, the general manager of the Burley Inn Tavern in Berlin (unaffiliated with Burley Oak), also opposed "the proposed liquor license going into a retail store."

"I agree with them. I think another liquor license in this town – an already saturated town that has liquor licenses – would be just not needed," he said. "We have restaurants, cafes [and a] brewery that can sustain the need and

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"The financial support these families receive is not necessarily from Worcester Youth and Family, but instead from the faith-based community that we'll be honoring tonight," Taylor said.

Carol Rose and Suzanne Parks of Buckingham Presbyterian Church were honored jointly.

"Carol and Suzanne ... are extremely helpful and supportive to our neighbors and our friends," Taylor said. "They make themselves available at any time and are often responding to a family crisis. Their selfless work to support families deserves our recognition, because without their assistance many people might find themselves in frightening living situations."

Rose said she and Parks would share the recognition with "seven other ladies and one gentleman" on the Buckingham Deacon Board. She added the late Rev. Gary Baer "had the heart of Worcester Youth" and passed that onto the current board members.

"We're greatly honored and we will continue working with you," Rose said.

Mary Yenny and Susan Hogan of the Community Church of Ocean Pines were also honored together.

Taylor said both women devoted their lives to God and to helping people in need.

"They pride themselves on fairness and their ability to help others, and we thank them for everything they have done and continue to do for our community," he said.

Yenny joked that she's "been doing this job for 17 years and I'm tired." She said Hogan recently came on to help.

"You know after 17 years I can't give it up. She thinks I'm following her around, but I'm not," Yenny said with a laugh. "It's been a privilege of mine to be able to do this."

"And one of the things that I always say [is], 'we're out here to help the needy and not the greedy.' This is one thing we have to think about all the time and do the best with everyone - but make sure we're doing it for the right people," she added.

Wiley was honored for her work with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the

Church Mouse Thrift Shop that provides funding and outreach through the ministry.

Taylor called Wiley "a doer and an achiever."

"She has supported Worcester Youth and Family both financially and with clothing items from the thrift store," he said. "Helen especially likes supporting our adolescent girls' program, because she can see firsthand how the girls benefit from that experience. Helen is always supportive and excited about any opportunity that will benefit out young women, and our organization as a whole."

Wiley said she was humbled and honored, and called the sun sculpture "a sign of hope."

"We have to hold onto hope, with our country and the way things are going," she said. "By us helping each other and being willing to lend a helping hand, it will make a difference, because love is kind."

Wiley said the St. Paul's vestry made it a point to be "out among the people" and welcoming to all community members. She said she shared the honor with the many volunteers who currently help at the Church Mouse, and with her forbearers Ruth Neville, Violet Matthews and Annabelle Hastings who all worked well into their 90s.

"I want to honor them, too, because they're the ones that started it," she said. "I just stepped in ... and said, 'let me water this garden that you all started.'"

"The community is what it's really all about ... and I am so grateful for that," Wiley added.

Pat Oltman from Stevenson United Methodist Church was honored for her financial support, work with the Spirit Kitchen held each Wednesday, and for the food pantry that operates through the church.

"They also host our annual holiday dinner that includes about 20 low-income families that we support, or about 100 individuals associated with Worcester Youth and Family's youth programs," Taylor said. "Whenever there is an urgent need, we always call Pat and she always comes through."

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Judge Kent honored for her work with CASA program

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Oltman said her ties to Worcester Youth went “way, way back.”

“You are all such a pleasure and everything you do is wonderful,” she said.

CASA Director Angela Manos introduced Worcester County Circuit Court Judge Peggy Kent Judge Peggy Kent, whom she called a personal hero.

“We’re honoring her because of her support and her efforts on the bench, particularly through our CASA program,” Manos said. “She has guided children and families to better lives, and she has done so in a way that is respectful and empathetic to their situations.

“For 21 years, she has handled some of the most volatile cases that have come through our court system. Along the way, she has introduced family-friendly and effective legal tools that are used for the betterment of our community, like mediation, settlement conferences [and] alternative dispute resolution,” she added.

Manos said Kent led with wisdom, fairness, integrity and compassion, and was respected by members of both political parties.

“A mother that was struggling with addiction and at risk of losing her children came to me once and told me that she was shocked by the amount of respect that Judge Kent showed her in the courtroom,” Manos said. “She hadn’t been treated like that before, and she told me that it was Peggy’s kind words that motivated her to be a better mother, to stay sober, and to be there for her children. That is community leadership.”

Kent said she didn’t deserve to share

the stage with the other honorees, because they were all “right down in the trenches doing work.”

“I’m just presiding over the cases and, quite frankly, that’s just by virtue of luck,” she said. “But I will say that, that is my favorite docket. I have said that for years and it is the most emotional, but it is the most gratifying.

“There is always that little window of opportunity where somebody changes their life – after the fourth or fifth relapse they get it together, they get their kids back, they get a job, they become healthy. And those are the moments that make the rest of it all so worthwhile,” Kent added.

She praised the CASA program, which stands for “court appointed special advocates,” as well run, well recruited and filled with wonderful people.

“They are literally one child or one family, one volunteer. And it’s all volunteer work. They don’t get enough recognition for that,” Kent said.

“They bond with these children and they spend hours with the child, getting to know the child, reporting back to court, and some of these bonds last years and years ... it’s really wonderful to see. I love working with them.”

Worcester Youth Clinical Director Dr. Jennifer Leggour was also honored during the ceremony for 10 years of service at the nonprofit.

Phil Cropper and students at Worcester Technical High School provided food, Everett Spells offered live music, and Taylor Bank sponsored the event.

For more information on Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, visit www.gowoyo.org.



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Worcester County Circuit Court Judge Peggy Kent Judge is recognized as an “Outstanding Supporter” during an annual awards ceremony at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services in Berlin last Friday. Kent has presided over a number of cases relating to the non-profit, and said the work she has done with Worcester Youth was her “favorite docket”

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Proposed motion to lease Ocean Pines golf course fails

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) For the second straight month, Ocean Pines golf operations dominated the public comment period of a board of directors meeting.

Last month, several members of the golf community protested assertions by Director Frank Daly that temporarily closing the course could save money. On Saturday, many of the same golfers opposed a motion by Director Slobodan Trendic to lease the course.

Larry Perrone, president of the Ocean Pines Golf Council, said it was a case of "here we go again."

Perrone said outsourcing golf had already been tried, with Billy Casper Golf and Landscapes Unlimited each having a turn at managing the course during the last decade. The course lost money in both cases.

"This is the definition of insanity — trying to do the same thing over and over again, and not being successful," he said. "You can't make this golf course successful if we keep changing direction — and that's exactly what's going to happen here."

Perrone said Trendic was reacting to a recent editorial in the *Ocean Pines Progress*.

"Tom Stauss (the paper's publisher), his opinion is we should lease out the golf course. Next thing you know, Director Trendic has a motion on the floor to lease out the golf course," Perrone said. "I don't know who's wagging who here, but it sure looks like the tail is wagging the dog."

"I find that offensive," he continued. "The golf community has had enough."

Perrone said he and other golfers planned to "establish a war fund chest" so they could legally oppose any further attempt to close or outsource Ocean Pines golf.

Ann Shockley, chairwoman of the Women's Golf League in the Pines, also opposed Trendic's motion.

She said outsourcing food and beverage operations had worked because no one in the administration had expertise in restaurants. That's not so with golf, Shockley said, as Golf Director John Malinowski and Superintendent Andre Jordan are both experienced, and General Manager John Bailey was formerly an assistant PGA golf pro at the Evergreen Country Club in Haymarket, Virginia.

"I am tired of the golf course being a target every time ... finances are discussed," Shockley said. "It is an amenity. It gives value to Ocean Pines, value to the community ... and value to the properties."

"I do not expect amenities to make great profits — I expect them to enhance my lifestyle, and they're the reason I moved here and pay my assessment," she added.

Don McMullen, president of the Ocean Pines Men's Golf Association, said a number of 2019 tournaments had already been scheduled at the course. Moreover, he asked that members of the golf community be brought into these discussions be-

fore they reached the floor for a vote.

Nelson Fenwick said any company that leased the course would be more interested in making a profit than enhancing homeowners' experience. He said a profit-making approach could lead to a reduction in maintenance.

"It will start a downward spiral," he said. "The golf course deteriorates, less people play, less money. The answer? Cut maintenance again, until instead of having a golf course what we have is a dog track."

Joe Reynolds also urged the board not to support the motion. He said there had been plenty of talk about financial losses in golf during his three decades in the community, but added, "Quite frankly, we've gotten beyond that."

"Last year's audited financial report I believe indicated a \$5,000 operational profit. Let's not beat something when it's doing much better," Reynolds said. "Ten years ago or so golf lost ... half a million dollars."

"Golf is doing well. Malinowski and his people seem to be doing a good job. I don't know why we want to rock this boat at this time, but I would urge you not to do this," he added.

Two hours into the meeting, when the motion finally came up, it died for lack of a second.

Director Esther Diller briefly argued that information — including looking into leasing the golf course — was always a good thing, but Association President Doug Parks said the board had already gotten that.

"What I've observed is the willingness of people that are associated with the golf environment and not associated with the golf environment — board members [and] other committee members — all providing information," he said. "I think that dialog will continue."

OPA Board reach compromise on bulkhead motion

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) Ocean Pines Director Slobodan Trendic on Saturday asked to run the numbers on separate contracts for bulkhead replacement work and the materials needed to do the work, and the board eventually reached a compromise to do just that.

His original motion would have required General Manager John Bailey to issue a bid request "only for the installation-related services for bulkhead replacement work no later than November 30, 2018."

"This will enable OPA to have separate contracts for the installation services only and to contract directly with the preferred suppliers for required material,"

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Pines to explore bulkhead options

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Trendic said. "This approach will provide the association's membership with substantial financial saving over the life of the bulkhead replacement program."

Association Vice President Steve Tuttle opposed the motion, because the board already approved a contract for the next phase of bulkhead work that included both materials and installation.

"Secondly," he continued, "I question whether contractors are really going to be willing to bid on a contract where they do not supply the materials, primarily because that's where a significant part of their profit comes from," Tuttle said. "I don't see any guarantee of savings here."

He also warned of a potential "management nightmare" if an Ocean Pines employee were charged with overseeing the materials.

"We just went through a whole issue with [the] swim and racquet about storing bulkhead materials on Ocean Pines property and, all of the sudden now, if we do something like this, we're going to be storing materials on Ocean Pines property somewhere. That's an issue for me," Tuttle said.

Trendic said his motion was about lowering costs, and the recent decision to move bulkhead equipment and materials away from the swim and racquet club had driven up those costs.

"Therefore, it is really imperative and essential for the board and the association to look at any opportunities where the costs can be reduced," he said.

Director Colette Horn argued "the competitive bidding process that we use achieves this already," and said she was against diverting more staff time and resources when there were more pressing issues like deferred maintenance and drainage.

Association President Doug Parks wondered if contractors would artificially inflate their labor costs to offset the missing revenue for materials.

Two other directors, Esther Diller and Frank Daly, sided with Trendic.

Diller, in particular, said she felt like a broken record.

"I don't know why we're so afraid to get information, but we just constantly seem to be," Diller said. "We're not making any decisions here. We're just merely putting everything on the table. Then, we can make an educated decision - whether it's with this or anything else in this community. I will tell you, this is a frustration I have."

Daly added, "It is just what boards do" to gather information before making decisions.

Director Ted Moroney offered a friendly amendment, to remove the date and ask Bailey to seek bids for both a full service contract and one for "installation-related services" only, whenever the next phase of work needed to be done.

The amendment passed unanimously and the original motion, as amended, passed 5-2 with Horn and Moroney opposed.



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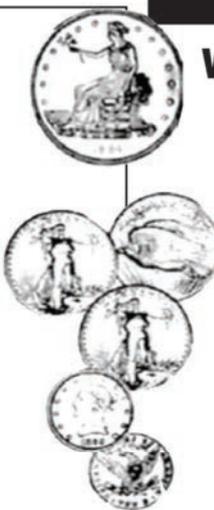
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CFO Viola shares his frustration

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) The frustration was apparent as Ocean Pines Chief Financial Officer John Viola on Saturday used the time for his monthly treasurer's report to address several lingering questions, presumably asked of him by board and community members.

Much of it was delivered in a stream of consciousness style that occasionally related to developing the fiscal 2020 budget and often referenced prior-year losses and previous administrations that had been difficult to work with.

He began the report by saying monthly numbers were not yet available, because the regular board meeting had been moved up in the calendar. Viola said he owed the association a 12-month forecast and that would happen "the next time I sit here."

Several minutes earlier, representatives from the Matt Ortt Companies made a presentation that included a handful of operational requests. Viola seemed puzzled at the time as to why they were there.

"Everything that they presented was definitely viable, definitely reasonable, certainly legit business requests," he said. "I agree with those ... they certainly have the right to ask to that and I would vote for it."

"It's something that needs to be fine tuned in the way it was presented. I think that'll work it's way out," Viola continued. "My point was not to Matt Ortt, but to Ocean Pines. There is a cost to all of that ... that will be reflected somewhere in our assessment."

He said assessments during the last five years had increased less than 1 percent, but added there should be no further charge this year for bulkheads or roads and bridges without a viable work plan. Viola, also the chairman of the budget and finance committee, said that group recommended "no further assessment to those two funds."

Overall, he said the reserve study concluded replacement reserves were adequately funded and there were "no Taj Mahals" included in any of those plans.

However, he said Ocean Pines also needed a strategic plan and noted about 50 percent of total spending was through public works, police and administration.

"If we want to cut spending, we always want to look at ... where the spend is," Viola said. "If we're going to cut costs, let's make sure we cut the cost where it makes sense. If we cut a cost somewhere where we're already bare minimum ... we're cutting costs at a cost that's going to cost us somewhere else."

He said legal fees this year had gone over budget just two or three months into the fiscal year.

"I was part of [the] team that put that budget together and made the recommendations last year," he said. "I thought, based upon the prior year, a lot of stuff went on here - I didn't think we'd have that stuff again. Well, [now] we have different types of stuff."

He added, "I believe our legal fees will do nothing but go up ... that's my assessment right now. They're not going to go down."

He also said audit fees were rising and the association had done "deep dives, low dives forensic dives, we got all kinds of dives."

"Guess what? That costs money. Not saying we shouldn't have it. But it costs money," he said. "Where does that money come from?"

On marketing, Viola said the association spent about \$25,000 to market the yacht club, but that the marketing efforts were not consistently reported. Golf marketing, for instance, came directly out of the golf budget, while that was apparently not so for the yacht club and aquatics.

"This is the type of stuff that I want to work on - not some of this other stuff that I have to work on," Viola said. "Right now, golf is getting hit with a marketing

number of ... \$70,000."

Viola said he had to deal with a certain amount of bizarre rhetoric, not the least of which was that there were "ghost employees" taking up space on the aquatics payroll.

"I can't tell you how many times I've been told that we have ghost employees at aquatics, but we haven't found them," Viola said.

At one point, he invoked author Ayn Rand and said, "When I look at the board, when I look at myself, when I look at the teams, I put it into two categories - and Ayn Rand got there before me."

"There's two types of people: producers and obstructers," he said. "When I look at myself and my team, I can look at and I can guess who the producers and the obstructers are. I can look at this board and tell you, in my opinion, who the producers and the obstructers are. It doesn't matter if you're a producer or obstructer - both cost money."

"Producers need to have an obstructer there to keep them in line, but let's make sure that what we're doing makes sense for this community, and it makes sense for 8,500 homeowners - not 6,500 that somebody's representing, or even somebody who is representing the people that voted for them and whatever their agenda was," Viola continued.

"We all have to do what's right for 8,500 homeowners. I try to do that in everything I do," he said. "Everybody at that table should be addressing what's best for Ocean Pines - 8,500 people. You can smell it when they're not."

Viola said he'd met with five of the seven board members extensively.

"Whether I agree with them or not doesn't matter," he said. "They want to understand what it is. I compliment them on that."

"My end, for the rest of the year and everything, I've got a very positive attitude with the board. We do have a lot to do. Hopefully we get it done," Viola said.

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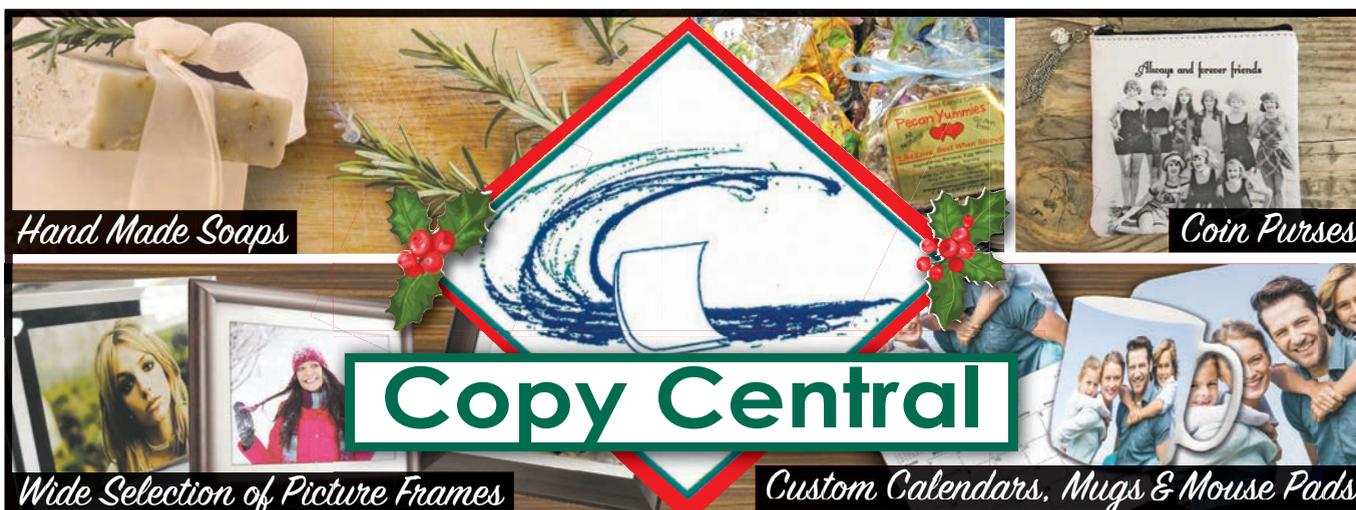
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Commission of two minds on Berlin home renovation

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) Some people play by the rules, while others might work around them in Berlin's Historic District.

Historic District Commission members last Wednesday expressed frustration over some unnamed projects while considering renovations to the home and business of Matthew Amey.

Amey, several commission members said, had earned their respect as a man of his word. He asked the commission to approve adding a wheelchair ramp, changing a retaining wall from wood to brick, making some siding and roof changes, adding a deck and fire escape, and enlarging a shed for his home on 8 Jefferson

Street. The building also doubles as the Wooden Octopus art studio and gallery.

Commission member Mary Moore said she was skeptical of some of the renovations, but Chairwoman Carol Rose vouched for Amey, saying the two had spoken extensively about his plans.

"He's been here to us numerous times," Rose said. "When he has been approved to do something with that property, it has been done exactly like we have approved it — unlike a lot of people in this town who do the opposite."

Moore said she did not have the benefit of talking to Amey outside of public meetings.

"You're saying, 'Well, I've had conversations with him.' Well, I have not. So I'm sitting here as a member thinking, do I give my seal of approval?" Moore said, adding some of the mockups Amey provided were hard to follow. "I found the whole

thing a little confusing, because it was a little rough."

"I'm just the opposite. I thought it was a really well put together packet, compared to some of the things we get," Rose said.

Amey admitted he rushed some of the computer drawings he gave to the commission and said if the final product were to deviate from those plans, he would return and ask for approval for those changes.

"If and when I do that, I will come before you with exactly how I want to

present it, because that's what I prefer to do, is get permission rather than forgiveness," he said.

"We've had disappointments," Moore said. "I'm not sitting here trying to be difficult. I'm just saying ... if I put my name on something, I don't like the ambiguity of it."

Commission members Laura Stearns and Norman Bunting vouched for Amey. Stearns said Amey and his wife were "quiet neighbors."

"I know you're a perfectionist and take pride in what you do," Bunting said. "[I think] this will look nice."

The commission approved all of the items except for the shed. Rose instead asked for a continuance and for Amey to return with more information next month.

"That's not a problem," Amey said.

Also during the meeting, the commission approved a pair of antique doors for a home on 414 South Main Street and a shed for a neighboring residence on 416 South Main Street.

Commission members also granted several changes for a home on 26 Broad Street. A contractor representing the homeowners said leaks in the attic were found when working to replace the existing roof. The changes were said address the problem.

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Pines crab pier taken down; Board considers alternatives

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) Contractors removed the floating portion of the crab pier in the Whitehorse Sanctuary neighborhood of Ocean Pines last Thursday.

The Ocean Pines Board on Oct. 20 approved a \$17,500 contract with Fisher Marine Construction Inc. to remove the pier.

An inspection by Snow Hill firm J Stacey Hart and Associates earlier this year “showed the structure is in dire need of replacement.”

General Manager John Bailey said at a public meeting in April that parts of the structure were either broken or missing. He recommended replacing the structure, although residents later asked that the area be converted into a nature preserve similar to Assateague State Park.

The board of directors has yet to make a decision in that regard, other than removing the floating portion. The existing dock was apparently left in place.

Director Ted Moroney on Tuesday said Bailey sent out bid requests to either replace the pier, create an observation platform, or to provide the board with alternatives.



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Contractors last week take down the floating portion of the crab pier in the Whitetail Sanctuary neighborhood of Ocean Pines.

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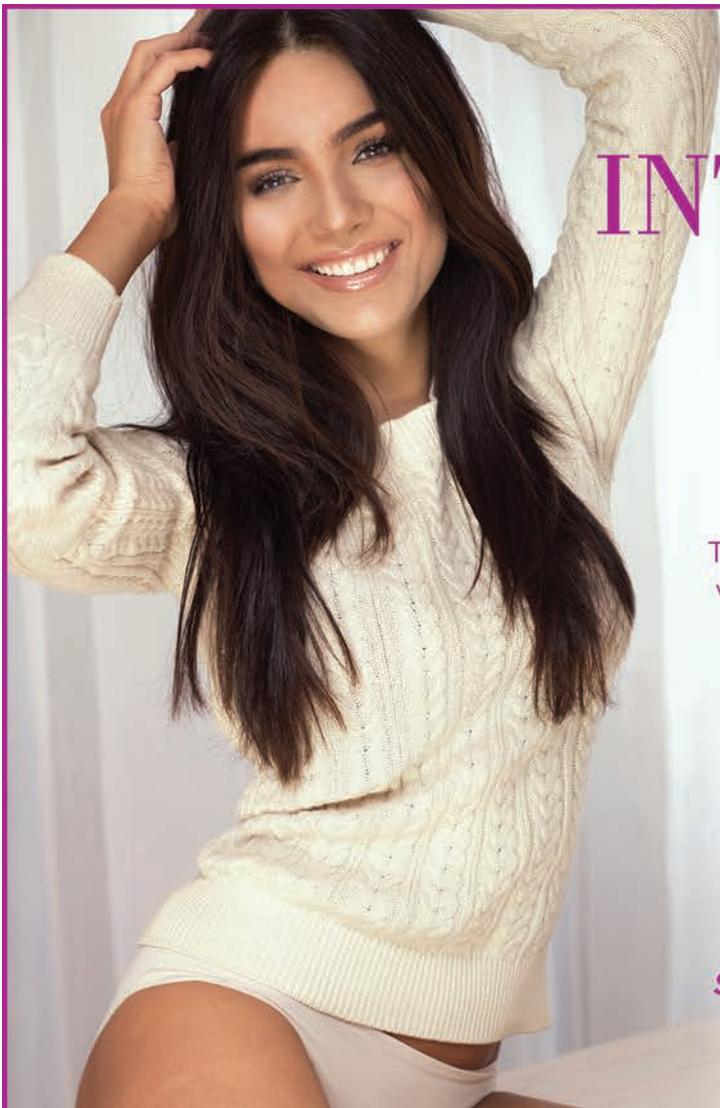
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Thefts from vehicles up in Berlin, Ocean Pines

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) Police in Berlin and Ocean Pines have confirmed the return of an unwelcome seasonal tradition: an increase in thefts.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing said about a dozen thefts from vehicles have occurred in the town since late September. He said there was one burglary involving a home last month.

"We're close to 12-14 thefts from automobiles ... all unlocked," Downing said, adding thefts were also up in Ocean Pines, Salisbury and Fruitland.

"Wicomico actually had their's on TV and advised everybody, 'Hey, it's that time of season,'" Downing said. "A lot of folks are now a little bit in the cold and need a little bit more funds. You [also] have the drug element, where people are still looking for money."

"This is nothing new," he continued. "This is something that happens every year, because the season itself lends it. People choose to rush a little bit more, they leave a little bit more inside [their cars], and they're shopping a little bit more ... and the bad guys know that."

He said items reported stolen ranged from cash, bank bags and pocket books, to cell phones and

other electronics. Most of the thefts occurred "between bed time and waking up time" and on the west side of Berlin, stretching from Westminster Drive to North Main Street.

"We can't say it enough: these people are going past 15 other cars and going to your car, because your car is the one that's unlocked," Downing said.

He said a dozen thefts could mean two people working together, "or they could be totally different people."

"When you're talking about quick items that people are grabbing off that they can translate into money real quick or to drugs real quick, if that model works for one person it's going to work for two people, or three people," Downing said. "And we can't assume that it's all related ... but a lot of times we've actually locked up one person and everything stops."

He said residents could help by passing on any information.

"Our biggest resource is going to be the eyes of the community," Downing said. "So many people have

residential cameras and those sort of things ... [but] we need people to go ahead and report. If I tell that we had 12 [thefts], it's probably closer to 20.

"It's frustrating in the sense that we make that same statement and we end up in the same spot," he continued. "People think that because we're in Berlin or Ocean Pines ... we don't have that kind of problem. We have to understand, the people themselves [that commit thefts] are not from here. They go ahead and bring the problem wherever they go."

'We're so close to two major corridors that people stop in, they shop, they eat - and they can also do bad things and keep on going.'

Berlin Police Chief
Arnold Downing

"We're so close to two major corridors that people stop in, they shop, they eat - and they can also do bad things and keep on going," Downing said.

Lindsay Richard, deputy communications manager for the Ocean City Police Department, said there has not been an increase in thefts from vehicles in the resort, with just two such incidents reported over the last two months.

Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey said there were "a few thefts from autos" recently in the commu-

nity, adding, "we may have a suspect."

Downing said there are also leads to suspects in Berlin.

Again, he urged residents to report any unusual activity, from thefts large and small, to video of people trespassing at night.

"The cameras that you have on your front door or your back, make sure that you go ahead and view those things and, if you see anybody cutting across your yard at 12 o'clock at night, give us a call and let us go ahead and look at those," he said. "Report anything suspicious."

He also asked residents who are going out of town for an extended period to notify police.

"Let us know and let us do periodic property checks. Let your neighbors know - those ones you trust ... turn lights on and off, move things around," he said. "And check out things, so we don't know 10 days later that something happened with your vehicle or your home instead of the one day, because time itself makes it harder to investigate the farther away it gets from the incident."

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Apple Drugs partially reopens after fire early Sat. morning

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) A fire early Saturday morning shut down the Apple Discount Drugs store in Berlin for several days.

Matthew Owens, chief deputy with the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office, said the incident was reported at about 4:15 a.m. and responding volunteer fire companies included Berlin, Showell, Ocean Pines, Ocean City and Newark.

"The units were on the scene for approximately two-and-a-half hours," Owens said. "There was severe fire damage to the roof area, with smoke and water damage to the interior of the building."

The cause of the fire is listed as accidental, Owens said.

Berlin Planning Director Dave Engelhart during a Town Council meeting on Tuesday said the large, illuminated Apple logo facing the

highway is what actually caused the fire. He said damage to the building was largely water damage and the fire marshal planned to reassess the condition of the building during the next several days. Engelhart said he would also visit the site.

He added the store had reopened, but was operating only through its drive-through window. Additional prescriptions were being filled at sister stores in Snow Hill and Fruitland, Engelhart said.

Zack Sherr, assistant director of store operations, confirmed damage was done to the upper part of the store near the Apple sign facing Route 113, and the front portion of store remains blocked off.

Sherr thanked the Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Berlin fire departments, Service Master, SVN - Sperry Van Ness, Absolute Security, McIntyre's Electrical Service and Pintail Builders.

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A fire struck the Apple Discount Drugs in Berlin early Saturday morning. The store was closed for several days, but partially reopened this week. A representative from Apple Drugs thanked responding fire companies, as well as the local businesses that helped the store to reopen. The blaze was ruled an accident, according to the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office.

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Worcester Schools get thousands in grants from CFES

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 15, 2018) Schools in Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties have \$96,242 in education grants from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Grants were announced last Thursday during the annual Community Foundation Awards ceremony in Salisbury.

Carrie N. Sterrs, Worcester County Public Schools coordinator of public relations and special programs, said the county is especially proud of the Mary Gay Calcott Award of Excellence given to Snow Hill Middle School.

The school's Project LIT Book Club took home the Calcott Award and a bonus grant from the Community Foundation's Mary Gay Calcott Memorial Fund.

"The award is named for the late Mary Gay Calcott, a professor of English at Salisbury University whose life embodied her ideals of teaching students to think, to express themselves with clarity and to care about the world they live in," according to a Community Foundation press release.

Additional Worcester County schools that received awards were:

- Snow Hill and Pocomoke High Schools will participate in the Project LIT book club, which helps teachers and students to increase access to high quality, culturally relevant books in and out of the classroom (organized by Cassidy Hamborsky).
- Buckingham Elementary School's April Eichelberger will create a Lending Library to enhance the use of its outdoor classroom and garden.
- Buckingham Elementary School will have an artist in residence who will work with the students to create a clay mural to display in the school, coordinated by Melissa Reid.
- Cedar Chapel Special School will create an interactive Lego wall to use as a hands-on tool for learning math concepts and creative communication.
- Cedar Chapel Special School will create "Zones of Regulation," which use colors and other visuals to identify emotions and to learn social skills.
- Ocean City Elementary School will pilot the Kimochis social emotional curriculum, which uses specially designed stuffed animals to teach students to identify emotions and express their feelings in a healthy way.
- Pocomoke Elementary School will purchase virtual reality headsets for their "Explore, Discover and Engage through 21st Century Learning" initiative.
- Pocomoke Middle School will purchase 500 copies of Jocko Willink's "The Way of the Warrior Kid" for a "One School, One Book" initiative led by teacher Jennifer Beach.
- Pocomoke Middle School will purchase new books to engage more students in their Project LIT book club, led by teacher Brian Cook.



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Education grants benefit Worcester

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- Pocomoke Middle School's new Surfriider Club, led by teacher Karen McCabe, will take a trip to Chincoteague Bay Field Station and lead the school in an Earth Day celebration.
- Pocomoke Middle School's Christina McQuaid will purchase restorative practice books to improve students' behavior and decision-making, and reduce office referrals.
- Snow Hill Elementary School will read "Stuart Little" as part of a new "One School, One Book" summer program led by Jennifer Spivey.
- Snow Hill Middle School will host their own Project LIT book club and will engage students in meaningful service work in the community, coordinated by Beau Williams.
- Stephen Decatur Middle School will purchase virtual reality headsets to take students on virtual field trips and bring history and science to life.

"The educators creating these programs are inspiring the future leaders of our community," Community Foundation President Erica Joseph said. "CFES believes education is vital to strengthening our communities. We are proud to have increased this year's Education Awards Grant funding by over \$24,000 from last year."

Education awards are made in conjunction with National Education Week through a competitive process to public and private grade schools throughout the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, according to the release.

"Grants are made to those schools that have developed innovative programs to enhance education and improve the social, emotional and physical well-being of their students and communities," the release said.



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Teachers from Worcester County Schools last Thursday receive thousands in grants from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore during an awards ceremony in Salisbury.

Woodell named crafter of month

(Nov. 15, 2018) The Pine'er Craft Club announces its Crafter of the Month for November is Beth Woodell.

Woodell has lived in Berlin since 2009 and is fluent in many types of crafts. She has been creating pure, natural, cold-process soap and other toiletries since 2011. All her soaps are made from scratch using common ingredients such as coconut oil, cocoa butter, shea butter and essential oils.

Woodell said it is not only gratifying, but also fun to create soap. Currently, her bathroom is a soap lab with over a dozen different creations in it.

Find Woodell's natural soaps and other creations in the Pine'er Artisans and Gift Shop under the brand name Savon de Pines. Many other artisans and crafters also have their items available for sale in the shop at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Buckingham Elementary gets resident artist

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Young Audiences called to ask for her help with a difficult project.

After that, "They said, could we hire you to do this work? And so that was the beginning of transferring into this doing this full time," Pellerin said. "And when I started doing this work, I found it really engaging and powerful."

At Buckingham during the last several weeks, Pellerin has helped first and second graders use patterns and a stylus to trace and cut out clay birds, which are then painted and fired in a kiln.

"They've been learning about those processes, and then they're using color resources to look and then interpret how they paint their own pieces," she said.

Third and fourth graders are drawing the originals and then carving them out of clay.

"They have a much longer time with me, so we had the time to brainstorm and really research. They use their Chromebooks to look at pictures or to project, and they're working on [things like] the buildings in Berlin," she said. "We had discussions and they said, 'These are the things that we think are important and these are the things that we see.'

"There's a lot of bunnies and squirrels, and then there's the Atlantic

Hotel and the [Island] Creamery – the iconic sort of places," Pellerin added.

The overall theme is community, she said.

"We've been talking about ... when we're showing all these pictures of things, how do we also show our values?" she said. "It's interesting to me that we're getting into the meat of the artwork and not just, 'this is fun, we're killing time.' We're talking about what is clay and where does it

come from, and that it's a natural resource and then what happens inside of a kiln? It changes state of matter, so there's some of the chemistry background of clay, which is so interesting to me."

There are also science lessons in the clay carvings of birds, she said, from their physiology to their habits.

"Why does this owl look like the bark of a tree? There's a reason," she said. "It's just so yummy when their

eyes light up and they're like, 'I get it!' And you see this transformation.

"And then there are times when I hear a kid say, 'I didn't know I was an artist.' So, it's really, really cool. That's definitely what keeps me hooked, is the relationship with the students and just knowing that they can see themselves in a different way when they do this kind of work," Pellerin added.

Mary Ann Moniodis, a second-grade teacher at Buckingham, said the project has given students an opportunity to learn about birds in a way that fits into the curriculum.

"We're exploring the different kinds and types of birds and we compare them, which is a big skill and something we work on in second grade," she said. "It's also allowed them to be creative and to use their hands. We don't really get a lot of time to paint here in the classroom or to do really creative things, because our day is so busy, so this is a really nice break for them."

Students were separated into small groups and many worked with children they might not know very well.

"It gave them a chance to pair up with kids that they don't normally do that with," Moniodis said. "So, there's new partnerships, and there's science and art. It's just one of those great opportunities that we don't get to do in our everyday schedule."

Buckingham art teacher Melissa Reid said students benefited by working with an unfamiliar art medium, and that Pellerin had a gift of engaging the students throughout the process.

"We don't have a kiln at Buckingham," Reid said. "So, they get to work in a totally different medium that they don't get a chance to work with, and [Pellerin] is someone who is so engaging and excited and invested."

She said the images she's seen so far provide striking visual representations of the town, from the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum on Main Street, to the basketball hoops at Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street.

"We've really worked hard to incorporate the kids' own experiences of Berlin," Reid said. "I would say they've really got a lot of different connections in this process."

Reid said Pellerin would come back in December to finish putting the mural together. She hopes to schedule a community reception for the finished piece at some point next month.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and the Maryland State Art's Council provided funding for the project, and the school is seeking an additional grant, Reid said. The Taylor House Museum helped provide historical images for the project and the Harrison Group has provided a hotel room for Pellerin.

"Lots of people have been involved in making this happen," Reid said.



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Second grade students in Mary Ann Moniodis' class at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin last Friday work on a mural project.

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Artists Giving Back event to deliver meals

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because, so far, no one has really stepped up to provide the protein part of the dinner," organizer Robin Tomaselli said.

Tomaselli, the owner of Baked Dessert Café in Berlin, said there's a tip jar in the store she plans to use for the event.

"But, it would be nice if there were people out there that don't have the time physically to be there [to volunteer] and they don't own a restaurant in Berlin, then they could certainly just give a monetary donation to Berlin Arts and Entertainment. And then all of that money would be used for that meal," she said.

Artists Giving Back began in 2016, after committee members became involved with youth groups overseen by Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

"Their counselor happened to mention to us that the kids get really stressed out during the holidays, because a lot of them rely on the school as their breakfast, lunch and dinner," Tomaselli said. "Any time there's any extended time off school, it stresses them out because they're not sure where that next meal is going to come from."

"That just shocked us," she continued. "You feel so insulated in your little town, like everything is just

chugging along well for everyone, but the truth is there are lots of kids in this county that are homeless. And I don't think a lot of people realize that."

Tomaselli said many local non-profits pitch in during December. Artists Giving Back was a way for committee members, with help from many local culinary artists, to do their part.

"We were lucky enough to contact Patrick Henry, who is a member at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and that church embraced the entire concept," she said. "They not only allow us to use the [banquet] hall, but their men's ministry also helps us actually prepare the meal."

Free meals are provided to anyone who comes and additional food is delivered to those who are homebound, with assistance from Police Chief Arnold Downing.

"One of the greatest gifts our community has happens to be our police chief, because every year that we've done, he's been right by our side, and every year he knows every person in our community that are shut-ins and would not be able to make it to get a meal," Tomaselli said.

"He drives around and shows us exactly where to deliver, and it's shocking when you drive with him that he not only knows everybody,

but they look forward to seeing him. As soon as he knocks on the door, for some of these people that are older and live alone, it just makes their entire day. You see it in their faces," she added.

Downing said the feeling was mutual and he would be a part of Artists Giving Back for as long as the event runs.

"It's just one of those things where I get blessed just as much as they do," Downing said. "It's definitely rewarding."

"I have an opportunity to deal with the church on a regular basis when we have barbecues and different things, and it's just a blessing to go ahead and give from our bounty," he continued. "As a church and as a community, we have a lot to offer and we have to understand where that came from. To think that we have the opportunity to show God's light in giving, whatever that is – whether that's a meal or just that time and interaction with that person – then they go ahead and see God's light in that time."

Spreading kindness, Tomaselli agreed, is something everyone could do more of.

"Particularly in the climate that we live in right now, in this world where you feel like everybody is so divided, it is just a beautiful reminder

that we have way more in common than not," she said. "And it's super important for all of us to be good stewards of our community."

"To me and, I think, the other members of the Arts and Entertainment Committee, this is one of the best events that we've done," Tomaselli continued. "As long as we remain a committee and we have the wherewithal, we'll continue to do this on Giving Tuesdays each year."

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John Viola's frustration was understandable

As an unpaid volunteer, John Viola, Ocean Pines' chief financial officer, appears to be getting a little weary of trying to explain there's no such thing as a free lunch, while also fending off crazy accusations about people taking advantage of the system.

That would be anyone's take on Viola's rant Saturday that covered a multitude of topics, including golf course management, cutting expenditures and people who don't exist on the payroll.

With regard to the latter, the budget and finance committee chairman advised the board of directors that he had been told repeatedly that the aquatics department had "ghost employees" on the payroll, even though no evidence of that exists. Still he and the staff, apparently, had to check it out.

Taking care of the budget and overseeing the association's finances is difficult enough without having to deal with things like that. Neither does he need to be the pivot man in arguments over whether the golf course would be better or worse off with private management (again), when it falls to him to explain why that twice-failed approach shouldn't be exhumed for another round.

It is also understandable that he's somewhat frustrated by discussions of cost-cutting or improvements, offerings and upgrades that never seem to get around to weighing the impact on the budget.

By his own admission, the finance department has bigger fish to fry to become the operation it should be, and he needs time to get that done.

Fortunately, he has a board he can work with, and his wide-ranging treasurer's report was just a matter of letting off a little steam and saying, in essence, "I can get this done if I'm not being peppered constantly with the little stuff."



Letters

Thank you to Berlin Police Department

Editor,
My two friends and I were heading back from Snow Hill Saturday night, Nov. 10, around 10:30 when we hit a deer on Route 113 north going thru Berlin. My friend was driving and lost steering and brakes.

Thankfully, we were near the entrance to Decatur Farms and could pull off the road. Immediately, we called 911 and the Berlin Police came to our aid within 10 minutes. They arranged for a tow truck to bring the car to the nearest auto body facility and put us at ease. Ofc. Kevin Floyd brought us home safely to our doors.

Thankfully, we were not hurt and the car sustained damage to the radiator and front end, but miraculously

the windshield was not affected. It could have been a lot worse.

We are so grateful for our fortunate circumstances and that the police were so kind and helpful to us. Not to mention the people that pulled over to ask if we were alright.

Again, many thanks for these public servants who put their lives on the line for us every day!

Barbara Kuhn,
Tina Quinn and
Carol Murphy,
Ocean Pines

Carozza will have hard time at capital

Editor,
On behalf of the people Jim Mathias has served and helped the last eight years, I say thank you Jim. We are grateful for your service and we appreciate your "lets for-

get political parties and get the job done" attitude.

I wish Ms. Carozza well, but I believe the majority of voters put party before common sense.

Ms. Carozza will be a novice Republican senator in a Democratic controlled state legislature that has a super majority. Ms. Carozza will be fortunate if Mike Miller says more than hello to her during the entire next session.

Jim Mathias was able to represent the Eastern Shore well, because he is or was a member of the super majority. Miller viewed Mathias as part of the team, someone to work with. He will not see Ms. Carozza in that light.

So again, I wish her well, but I don't expect Ms. Carozza to get a lot accomplished.

Tom Wallace
Berlin

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Taylorville Church reopens after renovation

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 15, 2018) Taylorville United Methodist Church in Berlin recently reopened after closing several months for repairs.

The 170-year-old church was in dire need of a new foundation, and all Sunday prayers had been relocated to the communal hall right next to the church while it underwent construction.

"Today, we have come together as a church family, brought God into our lives and raised this church up to a new foundation," Chairperson Bruce Clark said during the Nov. 4 Sunday service. "I want to thank my foundation committee for the job that they've done and their support. I also want to thank everyone for donating and supporting."

The project took roughly five months to complete after two years of planning, and cost \$130,000, which was raised by members of the church, local businesses and other churches in the area.

"I'd like to thank the individuals, the businesses and even other churches that helped make this a reality," Pastor Walt Crocker said during the service.

The church also received a 167-year-old surprise while building the

new foundation: the discovery of a time capsule unearthed for the first time since 1851. The box contained a New Testament, a small hymnal, a registry of the members at the time, and an old book from that era.

"We knew there was a cornerstone, which we replaced," Contrac-

tifact the best they could, and displayed photos of the original documents and objects during the service. A new time capsule as well as the original was placed back into the earth for the next generation to discover.

"They helped us to understand

now somebody will open this box and say, 'What is this?'"

In addition to the thumb drive, within the new time capsule members placed a bible signed by the congregation, a brick from the original foundation, a 150th anniversary plate, photo albums from 2004, 2012 and 2018, a new hymnal, photos of the original time capsule items, and a cornbread recipe.

"One thing has never changed in 150 years: they came together as a church family and built this church, and kept this church going [by] bringing God into their lives," Clark said.

Crocker expressed gratitude for the experience shared with his church as a result of this discovery, as well as the work that went into creating the new capsule.

"We're not trying to reach out not just to our community, but to those future generations as well," Crocker said. "We erected this church onto a new foundation. I trust it will last longer than the old one did. God has been good to us.

"The reality is, both in 1851 and here in 2018, we have the same foundation: the lord Jesus Christ," he continued. That's why we've survived this long, that's why we've been called to this place."



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Members of the Taylorville United Methodist Church on 11252 Adkins Road in Berlin celebrate the official reopening of the church on Sunday, Nov. 4. Pictured, from left, are Berlin resident Bruce Clark, Ocean Pines residents Larry and Donna Curry and Pastor Walt Crocker, from Selbyville.

tor Russel Snader said. "As we were pulling it out, we saw the top of it had been hollowed out and there was a small four-inch by seven-inch by three-inch-tall box. Most of the stuff inside was in pretty good shape."

Church members preserved the ar-

what it was to be a people of faith, not only as they reached out to their generation, but also to us as the future generation," Crocker said. "We in turn put together a new time capsule with records from this day and a thumb drive. Imagine 150 years from

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Winterfest of Lights brings Christmas to resort

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 15, 2018) Colorful lights, hot chocolate, a festive market and Santa Claus return to Northside Park on 125th Street for the 26th annual Winterfest of Lights, which kicks off today, Nov. 15.

“We wanted to create an event that people could come to, and they can have that holiday cheer, that wonderful feeling of warmth and giving that goes along with the holiday,” Ocean City Special Events Director Frank Miller said. “We want people to come here and feel the holiday season.”

The opening ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. today and includes Ocean City Elementary School’s “OC Stars” performing holiday songs and dance, in addition to an appearance from Santa Claus. Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan will flip the switch to illuminate the 50-foot Christmas tree and light displays, and officially open the Winterfest of Lights. In addition, there will be free rides on the Winterfest Express after the celebration.

New to the festival this year are moving light displays, Miller said.

“This year [the 50-foot tree] has animated garland wrapped around it, and we added a small sound system into the tree and [it] now dances to music,” Miller said. “There are three songs we created and the lights will

dance to the music. We’ve tried to cover the gamut. We’ve got oldies, modern [and] somewhat semi-classic rock. You have to come and listen to all three songs to get the feeling for

music. From Nov. 15 through Dec. 31, visitors will have the opportunity to see more than a million lights during their one-mile ride through the park.

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Colorful Christmas displays light up Northside Park in Ocean City during the Winterfest of Lights celebration, last year. The annual event reopens today, Nov. 15.

them.”

The 12-minute tram ride provides guests with an unforgettable experience, Miller said, through 58 acres of more than 400 displays from fairytale characters, to the 12 Days of Christmas accompanied with holiday

side a heated pavilion, which includes the Winterfest Village and features returning favorites such as an open Winterfest Marlin Marketplace, where ornaments, stocking stuffers, souvenirs and holiday gifts can be purchased.

Long lines should not discourage fans of the ride, as six trams will be set up during the weekends, meaning 65-70 passengers will board a tram every four minutes.

Jolly Roger Amusements will have a display for visitors to take photos, in what Miller called the “Instagram Hotspots.” There will be five designated hotspots this year compared to just three last year.

“These are photo opportunities for families and patrons, and those displays we try to change up every single year,” he said.

IG Burton is slated to have a Jeep on display, there will be an Asateague Island National Seashore photo opportunity, a sweets display courtesy of Candy Kitchen, and four poinsettia trees – including the large 12-foot favorite – will decorate the pavilion in a courtyard setting. Also new this year is a display from Ripley’s Believe It or Not.

“We always try to give new opportunities for photographs, and those are in addition to our hotspots like the Christmas tree and the Winterfest archway,” Miller said. “We always try to give something new to experience in the Winterfest pavilion.”

Santa resides in Kris Kringle’s Corner and is surrounded by Christmas trees. Candy Kitchen has decorated the jolly old elf’s section each year.



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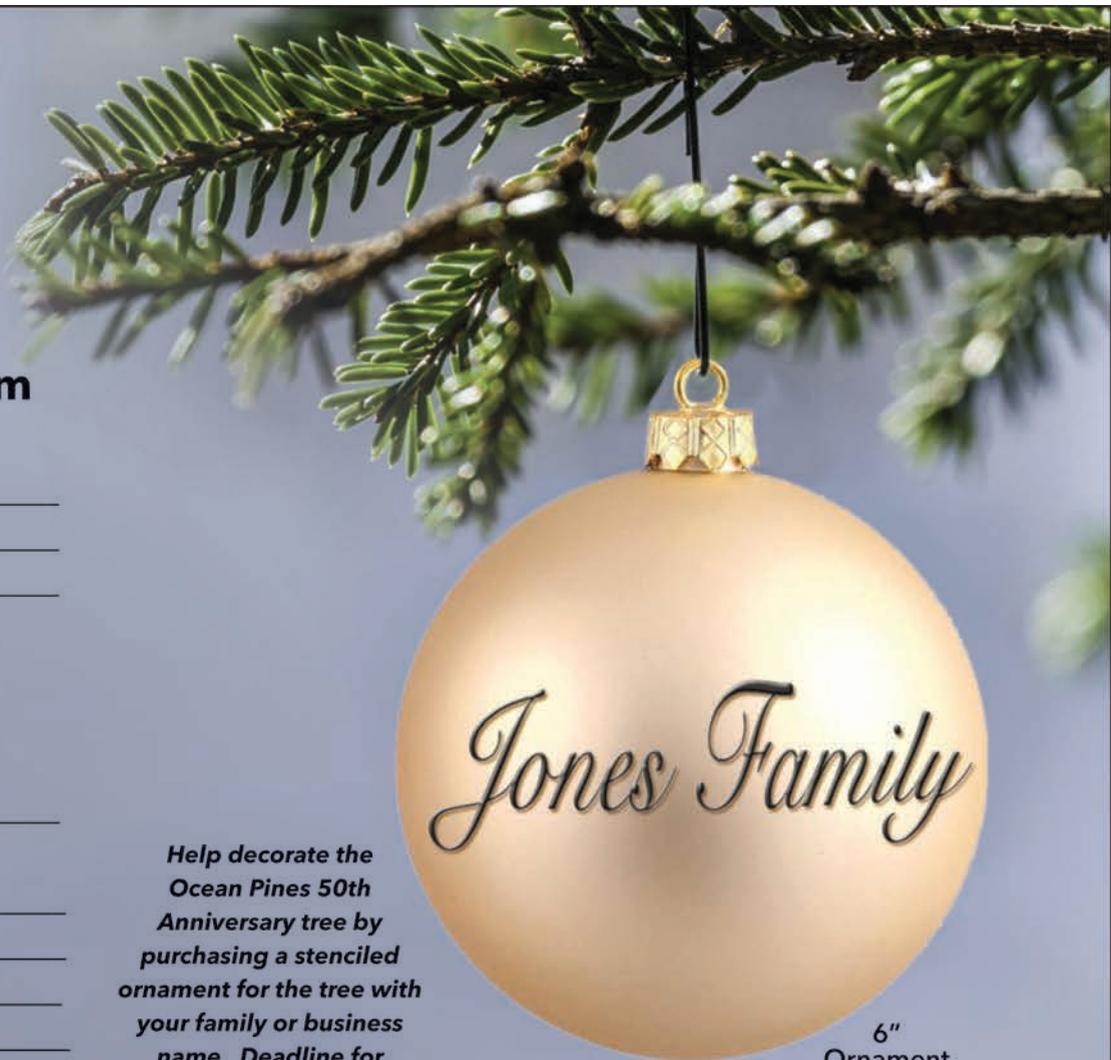
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New display teased for 2018 Winterfest celebration in OC

St. Nicholas will greet visitors and listen to Christmas wish lists through Dec. 23. Children also have the option to write a letter to Santa and put it in his mailbox.

Mrs. Claus will join Santa in spreading holiday cheer, with a focus on staying healthy and helping others.

Winterfest of Lights has become a yearly tradition for residents and families visiting during the holiday season. The city's crews began setup in early October to transform the park into a winter wonderland, with a different layout each year to keep the excursion fresh for returning visitors.

Last year, 109,210 passengers took a ride through illuminated Northside Park during the 46-night holiday spectacular, according to Miller. He hopes better weather this year will bring in larger crowds. The largest recorded attendance occurred in 2015, with a total of 126,924 patrons riding through the park.

The Jingle Bell Run and New Year's Eve fireworks show will also be returning this holiday season. The run is scheduled on Sunday, Dec. 2 and is sponsored by the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department and OC Tri Running. The race will take runners through the light dis-

plays at Northside Park.

The New Year's Eve celebration will include a midnight fireworks display, live entertainment, hot chocolate and a ride through the Winterfest of Lights.

For almost a decade, organizers have focused on refurbishing the more than 400 existing displays, which are stripped down and rewired, with bulbs and sockets regularly being replaced. This year, something completely new will be added to the displays.

"We are going to have a new display in the park this year," Miller said. "It's going to stand out unlike anything else we've had historically. It's always been 2-D displays at Northside Park. This year we have a three-dimensional element, which you'll have to come and see for yourself."

The nighttime holiday favorite festival runs nightly through Dec. 31 at Northside Park. Hours of operation are 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30-10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The cost to ride the train is \$5 for adults. Children 11 and younger ride for free.

For more information, call Ocean City's Recreation and Parks Department at 410-250-0125.

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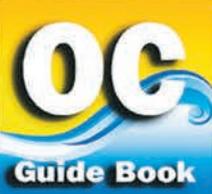
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New owners save Venable Cleaners

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 15, 2018) A dry-cleaning store on William Street in Berlin that had operated for nearly a century has avoided closure, now that it has been purchased by Peninsula Cleaners.

The Venable Cleaners company, first opened in 1924, nearly shuttered all of its locations because of financial instability.

"I saw that they were planning to close and I called the owner," Nick Kypreos, a partner in Peninsula Cleaners, said. "I spoke with Bill Venable, who owns the [property] in Berlin, and we came to an arrangement to take over the store and rent it from him, and to keep the business going and keep the employees employed."

The other two stores, in Ocean City, shut down as the leases expired. All of the clothing not picked up from those locations will be available at the William Street store.

Janet Evans, who worked for Venable Cleaners for more than 30 years, is happy with the outcome.

"My new owner, Nick, is a great guy," Evans said. "We have great service from something local and great customer access."

According to Kypreos, the company wanted to let customers know right away that the Berlin location was not

shutting down.

"We had to move quickly, because they had already been telling the customers they were closing and losing clientele," he said. "We made an announcement, called every customer and we notified them [that] we were staying open, and to carry on doing business with us."

Peninsula Cleaners has operated for



MORGAN PILZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Venable Cleaners employee Janet Evans is now a manger of the Berlin business, which was recently taken over by Peninsula Cleaners. It is located on William Street in Berlin.

45 years and has six locations, not including the latest addition of the William Street store. The dry-cleaning service also has locations in Wicomico and Sussex counties

Clothes will be cleaned at the company's plant in Seaford, Delaware. Additional services offered in Berlin include shoe repairs, tuxedo rentals and alterations, as well as drape, rug, linen

and tablecloth cleaning.

"We pride ourselves in using environmentally friendly cleaning methods," Kypreos said. "We installed a solar panel in our plant in Seaford. We try to be as environmentally friendly as we can."

Peninsula Cleaners offers a free pickup and delivery service as well. This service is extended throughout Worcester County.

"Our employees have a lot of experience, but we [also] view our employees as family," Kypreos said. "We feel happy we can maintain the Berlin store."

The William Street store will also serve as a drop-off location for WMDT's Keeping Warm on the Shore Coat Drive. The event kicked off Monday, Nov. 12, and will run through Saturday, Dec. 8. Residents are encouraged to donate gently used winter coats.

Peninsula Cleaners will collect and clean the coats so they can be distributed to local charities this winter. Last year, the company cleaned and distributed 2,200 coats.

"They clean the coats and distribute out through different organizations like the boys' and girls' clubs, and Diakonia," Evans said.

For more information about Peninsula Cleaners, visit www.peninsula-cleaners.com or call the Berlin store at 410-641-1400.



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Liquor license request to be tabled

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want for people to consume alcohol. I think having another outlet is just kind of overdoing it – it's overkill."

Summer Frederick added that she was "a little confused" about how a 1,300 square-foot building could include both "a retail shop and a 75-seat restaurant ... with a 12-seat bar."

"I read the liquor license [application] today," she said. "I guess we're just confused of where this space for 75 seats and 12 seats at a bar in a retail shop is going to fit into a 1,300 square-foot building. We just want answers about that."

Nicole Brushmiller encouraged people to "talk to the owners."

"I think what public perception is, versus [the] vision for this business, are not the same thing," she said. "It is a small town and I don't know why the communication stops and has gaps, but I would encourage everyone to talk to the owners and stop by," Brushmiller added.

She said the shop plans to offer mer-

chandise obtained by the family during its travels and adventures. That would include "some crafted drinks that they may see in their (own) adventures."

matter is on you all's end, because when the planning and zoning director went into the business, there was no mention of alcohol – or when they came to [the] historic district [commission]," she said. "We can play the tape. It was retail merchandise and items your husband and you found on your adventures."

"There was never, ever to anybody in this town [mention] about alcohol, beer, wine, bar, selling liquor – none of that. To anybody. Why not?" Rose asked.

"It's not that it was intentional – it's just evolving business creativity," Brushmiller said.

"That's not open communication," Rose said. "I'm telling you now, for the record, that wasn't always the business plan when we started," Brushmiller said. "It's kind of evolved."

Rose replied, "We look in the newspaper and see that you're going to the liquor board for this Class B license, and nobody knows about it. Where's the

legal standard that that board must decide is met before it can issue a license," he continued. "Anyone who has an interest in it – I would urge you, if you feel strongly about, go to the hearing."

Bryan Brushmiller had the last word on the topic during the meeting.

"I'd just like to say that I believe in abundance and that there's enough for everyone. Anything that we do in the Town of Berlin is to benefit the town," he said. "We are a town of tourism. We like to promote things that bring people to our town," he said.

Brushmiller, on Wednesday, said he planned to table the request and forwarded a statement to the *Gazette*:

"We are surprised of the reaction of a few business people in town. As business owners ourselves, we are just trying to set the store up for success, create a unique experience and bring more people to our town. We are considering to table the license in order to give an opportunity to the community to come by

Bluebird Farms to house new indoor farmer's market

By Morgan Pilz
Staff Writer

(Nov. 15, 2018) As the weather gets cooler, area residents and visitors will still be able to enjoy perusing locally grown produce and homemade goods at a new indoor farmer's market, which opened Sunday, Nov. 11.

At the market, around 20 vendors displayed their goods in a greenhouse at Bluebird Farms on 11207 Racetrack Road, near Ocean Pines.

Farmer's Market Organizer Robin Caldwell said she approached Bluebird owner Nancie Corbett to ask, "What do you do with that beautiful huge greenhouse during the winter?"

"She said, 'Well, I really don't do anything. I do Christmas trees in the winter and wreaths,'" Caldwell said. "I was in there and it was just so warm and beautiful, and it was cool outside. The next day I called her and said, 'Nancie, how about if we make a beautiful indoor farmer's market,' especially because there's a need for it."

Caldwell, a professional caterer, said the idea came to her after spending many Saturdays as a vendor at the Ocean Pines farmer's market in White Horse Park.

"I feel the winters around here can get a little bit long, so just having something people can go to on a Sunday will be great," she said. "The local vendors just do not want to be a vendor in the farmer's market in the winter. It's just too cold. We're not trying to compete with anybody, we're just trying to offer the services and the products in the winter months."

Another motivator for Caldwell was the rainy summer, which washed out potential profits on several weekends.

"This year it got rained out a lot and it's disappointing when it happens," she said.

Activities are being planned during the indoor market, such as visits from Santa Claus every Sunday during December, and wreath-making classes until the New Year.

"We will be having a lot of different activities," Caldwell said. "In January, we're going to keep it going and we're doing indoor goat yoga, some flower-arranging classes, and cooking classes just to keep them interested."

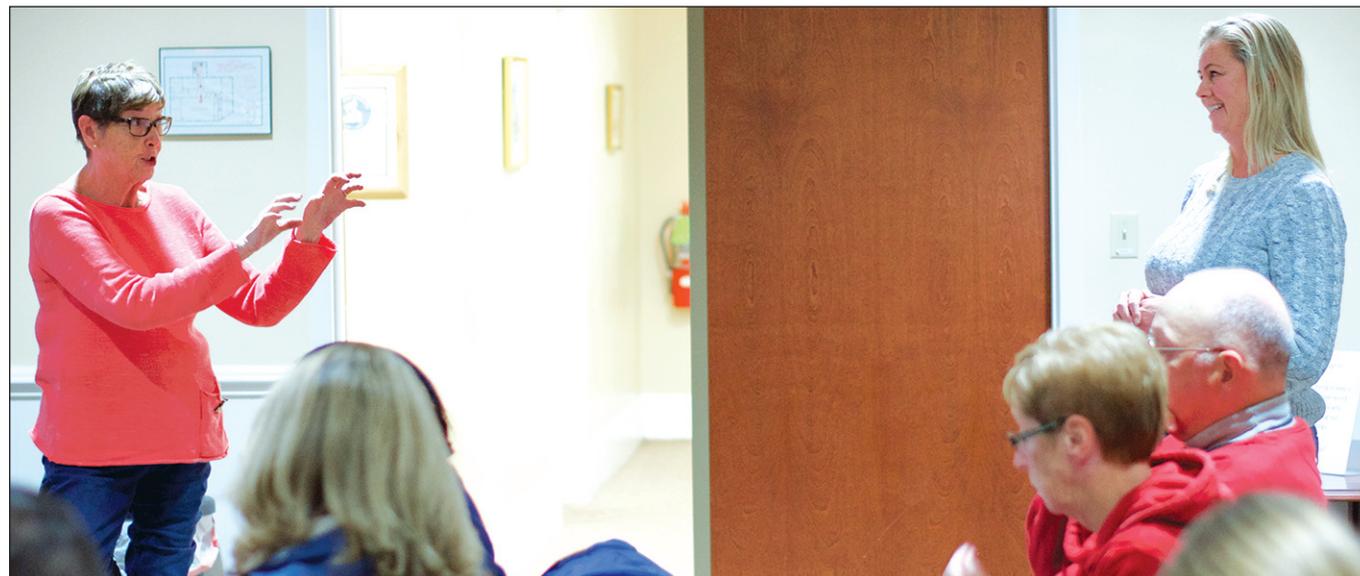
The market opened for the first time on Sunday, with promising results for Caldwell.

"It was a really great turnout," she said. "I'm sure this week will be even better."

The market will close in the spring, when Bluebird Farms resumes using the greenhouse to grow plants.

The farmer's market is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday, with expanded hours planned for holiday weekends.

For more information or to inquire about vendor spots, contact Bluebird Farms on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bluebirdfarmsproduce or call 410-208-4475.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Historic District Commission Chairwoman Carol Rose, left, during a Town Council meeting on Tuesday said she was not in favor of the Viking Tree Trading Co. application for a Class B beer-wine-liquor license, in part because the owners had not communicated that the store would sell alcohol in earlier public meetings. Co-owner Nicole Brushmiller, right, said she and the other owners were accessible and that the business plan for the shop had simply evolved over time.

communication?"

Mayor Gee Williams sought to restore order and Councilman Thom Gulyas asked Town Attorney David Gaskill to briefly explain the liquor license process.

"What I want to explain to everyone is that they have a hearing on the 19th at 1:10 p.m. with board the board of licensing commissioners in Snow Hill. That board decides whether to or not to issue a liquor license to this establishment," Gaskill said. "The Mayor and Council do not decide that issue."

"What the applicant will need to show, among other things, is that there is a public need for a license at that location to that board, because that is the

and voice any concerns they may have regarding that business and see the vision that we have in mind for the space," he said.

April Payne, administrator for the board of license commissioners, on Wednesday confirmed it was her understanding the applicant planned to withdraw the application, but that had not yet occurred.

The Worcester County Board of License Commissioners hearing was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. in the commissioners meeting room of the Worcester County Government Center on 1 West Market Street in Snow Hill.

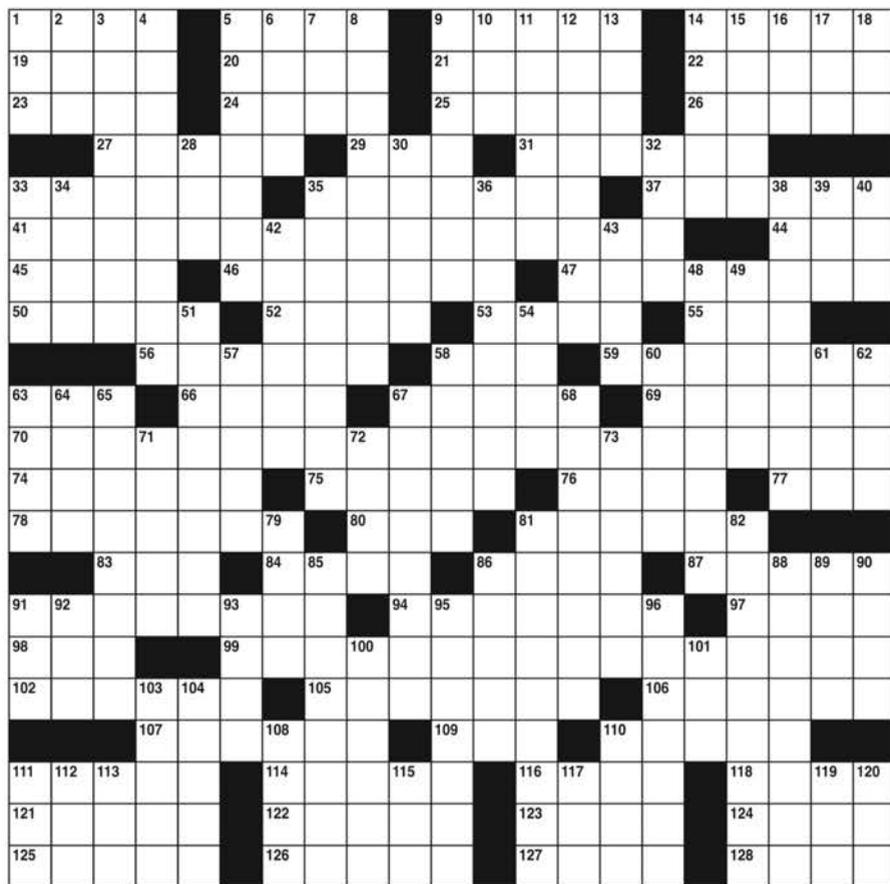
Puzzles

ESCAPE ROOM

BY ERIC BERLIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

This crossword represents an escape room, with four articles you'll need hidden inside. After you complete the grid, follow the directions at 41-, 70- and 99-Across to find what to do next. Working correctly will lead you to a four-word phrase with a total of 12 letters.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shakespearean father of three
 - 5 "I agree!"
 - 9 Enjoys the sun
 - 14 Pants material
 - 19 Approximately
 - 20 Sycophant
 - 21 Earth tone
 - 22 Movie with a shootout at high noon, maybe
 - 23 ___ Major
 - 24 Band bookings
 - 25 Outside the city
 - 26 Any member of Abba
 - 27 Automotive debut of 1957
 - 29 Some univ. hires
 - 31 Turkish inn
 - 33 Horror writer Peter
 - 35 Stole, in slang
 - 37 Cold treat
 - 41 What's needed in order to escape this crossword
 - 44 Sandwich loaf
 - 45 Pitcher Hershiser
 - 46 Declares to be true
 - 47 Indie rocker with the 2009 No. 3 album "Middle Cyclone"
 - 50 Not doing well
 - 52 A snap
- DOWN**
- 1 Name one can "skip to"
 - 2 Goof
 - 3 Confidently said
 - 4 Pre-GPS staple
 - 5 Subject with variables
 - 6 Daily ___ (British paper)
 - 7 Part of some physicals: Abbr.
 - 8 Attribute of many political ads
 - 9 Soup with a red color
 - 10 Prefix with pressure
 - 11 React with fear or delight
- ACROSS**
- 53 ___ jure (law phrase)
 - 55 Tobacconist ___ Sherman
 - 56 Virtuous ones
 - 58 N.Y.C. subway org.
 - 59 Words of denial
 - 63 Round fig.
 - 66 A little, musically
 - 67 Charcuterie stock
 - 69 Lycées, e.g.
 - 70 What to do with the items referenced in 41-Across
 - 74 Natural-light display
 - 75 Move smoothly to the next thing
 - 76 Great ___
 - 77 Billy ___ Williams
 - 78 Like Russia prior to 1917
 - 80 One of a couple
 - 81 Neon and others
 - 83 Apollo, to Zeus
 - 84 Offshore
 - 86 Possesses, to the Bard
 - 87 Kind of battery
 - 91 Final desperate effort
 - 94 Tickle the ___
 - 97 Prefix on some first-aid products
 - 98 "___ had it!"
 - 99 After following the instructions at 70-Across, how to escape this puzzle
 - 102 Not as much
 - 105 Ratings pioneer
 - 106 Edmonton athletes
- DOWN**
- 12 Ralph and Alice, on old TV
 - 13 Actress Ward
 - 14 Trig function
 - 15 Native Iowan
 - 16 Citizen of: Suffix
 - 17 Actor Beatty
 - 18 It's mined, all mined!
 - 28 Common middle name for girls
 - 30 Constantly fidgeting, say
 - 32 Game with 42 territory cards
 - 33 Slovenly type
 - 34 Prefix with byte
 - 35 "Famous ___" (slogan on Idaho license plates)
 - 36 Pause
 - 38 Went on and on
 - 39 Yiddish cries
 - 40 Second of April?
 - 42 Wretched smell
 - 43 "Hey! That hurts!"
 - 48 Kind of Hollywood romance
 - 49 Literary scholars debate what's in it
 - 51 Getting to the point?
 - 54 Solution to a maze
 - 57 Specks
 - 58 They might drop down
 - 60 Almost forever
 - 61 Nothing more than
 - 62 Latin 101 word
 - 63 Petty disagreement
 - 64 Also



- 65 Beleaguers
- 67 Horrible headache
- 68 Anesthesiologist's concern
- 71 "The Bridge at Narni" painter
- 72 Internet sensation
- 73 Nut whose name sounds like a sneeze
- 79 Shock, in a way
- 81 Flowering evergreen shrubs
- 82 Bucks
- 85 Administrants of corporal punishment
- 86 "Can you explain that further?"
- 88 Requiring intellect
- 89 It might end in a ZIP code: Abbr.
- 90 Ph.D. requirement: Abbr.
- 91 Tiny "tiny"
- 92 Forum greeting
- 93 Former Yankee nickname
- 95 Soft and smooth news for schoolkids
- 100 Semi fuel
- 101 Golfer Michelle
- 103 Kinds
- 104 "Awesome!"
- 108 California city north of Ventura
- 110 Mythical queen of Carthage
- 111 Your and my
- 112 It has a big deck
- 113 Aunt: Sp.
- 115 Toledo-to-Columbus dir.
- 117 A Kardashian
- 119 Dined
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Calendar

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

Thurs., Nov. 15

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Refreshments served at 9:45 a.m. The November project will be Painted Holiday Pillows. Cost is \$5 which includes pillow or \$3 if you supply your own. Everything you need to complete the project will be supplied.

STEAM STORYTIME 'BUILD A HOUSE FOR THE 3 LITTLE PIGS'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 AM. Build a house the Big Bad Wolf can't blow down. For 3 to 7 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME 'HARVEST'

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

2018 WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

Seacrets, Morley Hall, 117 49th St., 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The Film Festival will kick off at Seacrets with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a collection of adventure and action sport documentaries, and environmental films that are showcased in Nevada City, California each year. Fourteen films will be presented, each specifically selected by Assateague Coastal Trust. Tickets cost \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Ticket package discounts are also available. Tickets: www.ACTforBays.org/act-events or 410-629-1538.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road. Doors open at 5 p.m., speaker begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Jody Rushton, President of the National Federation of Republican Women. Cost is \$45. Reservations: Ann Lutz, annlutz60@gmail.com or 410-208-9767.

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adult audiences. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays - Harpoon Hanna's, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE 19944, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

Fri., Nov. 16

FIBER FRIENDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Bring your lap work and join this informal group. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcome. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, 703-507-0708, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FREE LUNCH AND LEARN: THE ABCS OF DIABETES

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Endocrinologist Dr. Faustino Macuha will discuss A1C, blood pressure and cholesterol and how to keep these numbers in check. Diabetes vendors will also be on hand to share information about the latest glucometers and insulin pumps, proper foot and eye care and more. Lunch is provided. Free and open to the public. Atlantic Diabetes Center, 410-208-9761

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 1:00 PM. Featuring "A Constellation of Vital Phenomena" by Anthony Marra. Copies of books are available in advance at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

Sat., Nov. 17

TURKEY SHOOT

Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Road, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Bring your own 12- or 20-gauge shotgun and ammo will be provided. Rounds start at \$2 per target. Prizes will be awarded. Breakfast, lunch and bake sale available. Proceeds benefit Ocean City/Berlin Boy Scout Troop 225. Matt Norman, scoutmaster@octroop225.org, 443-366-5882

WALK WITH A DOC

Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, 11144 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. There is a short presentation by a doctor on a current health topic followed by a walk around the pond at your own pace while you visit with others and have conversation with the doc. Family and pet friendly event. Michelle, 410-641-9268

CRAFTY SATURDAY MAKE AND TAKE 'THANKSGIVING'

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Create themed crafts using materials provided by the library. For all ages. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TURKEY TROT GOLF OPEN

Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, 9:30 AM. This is a 4-

person modified scramble featuring golf tournament and turkey feast. 410-213-7277, <http://www.eagleslandinggolf.com>

'AGING IN PLACE' (SENIOR CARE)

Tyree AME Church, 10049 Germantown Road, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Resources and information for seniors.

MAKE BAD ART: A STEAM PROGRAM

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 11:00 AM. Before you make something great, you have to start by being willing to make something terrible. — Dan Cumberland. Join the group as they risk making terrible things in order to make the most wonderful things. For children and teens. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7338 New Hope Road, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$13 for adults. Carry-outs available. 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251

5TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL PROJECT

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. The project begins with bowl-making sessions and culminates in a soup dinner. All ages get involved by hand-making ceramic soup bowls during bowl-making sessions held now through February. The cost is \$25 and includes the bowl and admission to the soup dinner on March 29, 2019. A complete schedule of sessions is available at www.artleagueofoceancity.org. Proceeds benefit Diakonia. Open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org>

'THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST' PERFORMANCE

Snow Hill High School Auditorium, 305 S. Church St., 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The play is presented by Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Tickets cost \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, active military and first responders; and free to those 9 and younger. There is also a one family package for \$45. Tickets are available at the door or at www.lower-shorepac.org.

FLANNEL FORMAL AT MERRY SHERWOOD

Merry Sherwood Plantation, 8909 Worcester Highway, 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Join the Lower Shore Land Trust and sponsors for an evening of great food, music and libations at the most famous pre-civil war mansion. Entertainment provided by the Resto Tribe. There will also be a silent auction. Tickets cost \$75. Proceeds support the Lower Shore Land Trust Pollinator Certification Pro-

gram. Info: www.lowershorelandtrust.org or 443-234-5587.

LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN WINTER FESTIVAL

On the Boardwalk at the Inlet, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Featuring holiday shopping, vendors, live music, tree lighting, kids' crafts, games and prizes, gift drawings and a visit from Santa. 410-289-1413, <http://www.downtownassociation.net>

JOHN WESLEY MEN OF MARION STATION IN CONCERT

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, 5:00 PM. Free will offering. Geraldine Rhock, 410-251-6424

ITALIAN DINNER & AUCTION

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, 5:00 PM. Featuring themed gift baskets, theater tickets, art work, homemade pies and more. Cost for adults is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Costs for children ages 5-12 is \$6 and free to those 4 and younger. Bethany21811@gmail.com, 410-641-2186

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006

Sun., Nov. 18

'THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST' PERFORMANCE

Snow Hill High School Auditorium, 305 S. Church St., 2:00 PM. The play is presented by Lower Shore Performing Arts Company. Tickets cost \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, active military and first responders; and free to those 9 and younger. There is also a one family package for \$45. Tickets are available at the door or at www.lowershorepac.org.

Mon., Nov. 19

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, 12:00 AM. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfling, 410-641-9726.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10:00 AM. Coffee served at 9:30 a.m. Sue Fotheril, co-executive of Strong

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Schools Maryland will speak at the meeting. Donations of food and/or checks will go to the Shepherd's Crook. Visitors welcome.

LAP TIME

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 AM. Children will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. For children under 2 years old. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

HOMESCHOOL BOOKCLUB

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1:30 PM. Homeschoolers ages 8 to 12 years are invited to join this monthly book club. Reserve a copy at of the book at the library. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS COURSE

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Participants will advance at their own pace. Break falls, rolls, self-defense and other movements will be taught. Register: 410-641-0650. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. TOPS is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Berlin group No. 169. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

NATIVE AMERICAN MEDICINE BAGS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 5:00 PM. Medicine bags are not for medications but rather for the heart, soul and well-being of a person. Join Dawn Manyfeathers and learn the true meaning of medicine bags and make one for yourself. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DELMARVA A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00 PM. All levels of singers and drop-ins welcome. Carol, 410-641-6876

Tues., Nov. 20

STORY TIME 'GIVING THANKS'

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 AM., For 2 to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Jo Davis, 410-629-6123

COLORING FOR CALMNESS AND CONVERSATION

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 2:00 PM. Monthly adult coloring session. Bring your own coloring pages or use the library's pages. Colored pencils, gel pens and felt tips available along with coffee and cookies. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FAMILY TIME 'MAGAZINE ART'

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Create art out of old magazines. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

Wed., Nov. 21

RSVP DEADLINE FOR 'HOLIDAY WRAPPINGS' LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

The American Cancer Society's "Holiday Wrappings" Luncheon & Fashion Show will be held on Dec. 4 at the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Check in is at 10 a.m., silent and Chinese auctions from 10:30 a.m. to noon, warm plated lunch serve at noon and fashion show begins at 1 p.m. Cost is \$45. RSVP, by Nov. 21, online at www.ascholidaywrappings.org. dpappo@aol.com, 443-880-2310

KNIT WITS

Berlin library, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. welcome. Free to attend. Sue Beaman, triscuitpete@msn.com, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs representative, Michelle Licata, is available to offer outreach services to veterans and their families on the third Wednesday of each month. No appointment necessary. 410-713-3482, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

PLAY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 AM. Learn. new skills while playing with the library's educational toys. For infant to 5 year old children. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays - Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM. 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>

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Regional Cancer Care Center Conference Room, 9707 Healthway Drive, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Women Supporting Women/AGH Support group for women and men who are battling breast cancer (current patients and survivors). Lunch is provided. RSVP: 410-548-7880.

SPECIAL MEDITATIVE LABYRINTH WALK

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 Baltimore Ave., 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. The public is invited to walk on the meditative labyrinth.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP/OC

Wednesdays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8:00 AM. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

OC/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays - Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St., 6:00 PM. cliff0917@aol.com, 302-540-2127

ONGOING EVENTS

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines Ocean City is collecting unwrapped toys at its weekly Wednesday meetings from 7-9 a.m. in the Asateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Deadline is Dec. 5, when the toys will be delivered to Worcester G.O.L.D. Dave Landis, 410-641-7330

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Northside Park, 200 125th St., and thoughtout Ocean City. Featuring more than one million holiday lights and hundreds of animated light displays throughout Northside Park. The Winterfest Village pavilion offers hot chocolate, photos with Santa and the Winterfest Express. Admission to board the train is \$5 for adults and free to children 11 years and younger. The event runs Nov. 15 through Dec. 31. Hours are Sunday-Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m.

SAUSAGE SALE

The Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will be selling fresh ground sage flavored sausage - hot or mild. Cost is \$20 for a 5-pound package. Orders must be placed by Nov. 15 by calling 443-735-7473. Pickup is Dec. 1 at the Bishopville Fire House, 8 a.m. to noon.

OP REC & PARKS BUS TRIPS

On Friday, Nov. 16, spend the day at Peddler's Village in New Hope, PA at the annual Merchants' Open House Weekend. Cap off the day with the Grand Illumination Celebration. The fee is \$45, which includes transportation only. *On Saturday, Dec. 1*, visit New York City

for shopping, spectacular decorations, watching a show or visiting the iconic tree at Rockefeller Center. Cost is \$85 and includes transportation only. *On Saturday, Dec. 15*, see "Jesus" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$115 and includes the show and transportation. These trips are open to the public. Reservations are required: 410-641-7052. Info: OceanPines.org.

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

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TOYS FOR TOTS DROP-OFF CENTER

Worcester County Recreation & Parks will serve as a public donation drop-off location. All are invited to participate by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy now through Dec. 10 in the Worcester County Recreation Center lobby, 6030 Public Landing Road, Snow Hill. Operating hours are available at www.worcesterrecandparks.org.

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Ocean City American Legion Post, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, at noon. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Info: firststatemarines.org

THE SHEPHERDS CROOK

St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave. in the DeWees Hall. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Offering dry food goods with NOEL carry out lunches on Saturdays. Use the DeWees Hall north entrance door located at the top of the driveway. Info: 410-289-3453. Volunteers contact Jane Ellis, 540-808-6055.

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