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St. George's Greek Orthodox Church held its annual Blessing of the Waters ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 12. Although typically held at the inlet pier, this year's even was relocated to the beach at 90th Street – adjacent to the church itself – due to the pier being damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The ceremony was conducted by Metropolitan Evangelos, leader of the Metropolis of New Jersey, which is the Orthodox parochial district centered in New Jersey but also covering Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and the greater Philadelphia area. Following services in the church, priests and parishioners proceeded to the beach, where Metropolitan Evangelos lead prayers to bless the seas and tossed two blessed crosses into the waters – one to be retrieved by young men, and the other by young women. The children who recovered the crosses will be particularly blessed for the New Year.

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Residents say they knew little about turbine proposal

Council to give them chance to learn more

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — The Berlin Town Council, on Jan. 14, voted to table a motion to approve the installation of an electricity-producing wind turbine at the Savage substation after residents in the nearby Schoolfield Street neighborhood complained that they had not been adequately notified about the experimental project.

During its Dec. 10 meeting, the council took the extraordinary step of agreeing to have councilmembers and town officials canvass the Schoolfield Street neighborhood to gauge whether the community would accept the possible installation of the prototype of a patented direct drive wind turbine. The turbine's inventor, Doug Richards of Linwood, Ill.-based DDU Magnetics Inc., was on hand to respond to questions.

Richards told the council that any commercial merchandising generated by the first commercial application of the project would be shared between DDU and the town.

He estimated that the 50 kW direct drive wind turbine, if installed, could generate between 10- and 70-kw of energy, depending on how fast the wind blows. That power would be transferred directly to the substation, he said. The turbine stands at 90 feet from ground to its highest point, he said, and the center hub is 66 feet from the ground to the center.

Williams said the prototype was a demonstration project that officials are hoping will attract people who are interested in ways to create alternate energy from all over the world. The projected life span was estimated at between 10 and 15 years. After that, Richards said, the turbine would probably have to be refurbished, including repairing or replacing any damage that occurred to the turbine's fiberglass blades. The bearings

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Stormwater plan sails into stormy waters

Argument ensues over method of payment and other possible solutions

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — The Berlin Town Council got an earful Monday night about a feasibility study for stormwater management that town officials are using to prepare a fee structure for funding a self-sustained stormwater utility department.

The challenge to the plan came after Town Attorney David Gaskill introduced Ordinance 2013-01 to begin the official discussion on the proposed establishment of a stormwater utility department. A public hearing on the issue

is scheduled for Jan. 28.

But James R. Bergey Jr., a certified public accountant with the firm Bergey & Company PA in Berlin, called the feasibility study “very disingenuous.” He told the council that it was unconscionable “to saddle this small town” with a proposal based on an assumption that the estimated project costs of \$8.3 million could be funded with revenue bonds with no interest rates.

The study, “Financing Feasibility Study for Stormwater Management in Berlin, Maryland,” was prepared by the Environmental Finance Center's Stormwater Financing & Outreach Unit at the University of Maryland. It was primarily funded by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Town Creek Foundation, with Berlin contributing in-kind support.

The town was chosen as a subject for the study because the study's analysts considered it “a good candidate for the implementation of a project/program that is locally based, innovative, and sustainable and that will help to improve and restore water quality.”

According to the report, which was issued in October 2012, “The EFC intends to use the experiences of working in Berlin as a model for other interested small communities in Maryland and eventually throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.”

But at times, the debate over the value of the assumptions in the study became so heated that councilmembers called for decorum.

Bergey said later that he usually

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Berlin stormwater plan challenged over bonding method

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supported the changes the mayor and council have been attempting to implement and has considered their efforts genuine attempts to improve the town. "Their hearts are into it 100 percent," he said. The adoption of the recommendations from the feasibility study was one of the few exceptions, he said.

A key issue for Bergey, who is director for Calvin B. Taylor Bank and a treasurer for Atlantic General Hospital, was the structure of the proposed funding: revenue bonds versus general obligation bonds.

Revenue bonds are a year-to-year obligation, Bergey said. The town cannot use them to make a long-term payment obligation. General obligation bonds, however, are backed by the full faith and credit of the town's authority

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ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WHICH WAS ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2012

to tax its citizens and businesses, he said.

Based on the recommendations of the study, Bergey said town officials are proposing to establish a long-term payment obligation with revenue bonds by securing the debt service with the town's ability to raise general fund revenue.

"That's not a legal obligation," he said, because if future councils refuse to continue that structure for servicing the debt, the obligation would fall back

on the town for payment. The taxes that could result would send a lot of the town's small companies out of business because too many of them are already struggling.

Moreover, Bergey said the need for stormwater mitigation resulted from poor municipal planning and zoning oversight in the past that allowed property developers to build in areas known to be susceptible to flooding. He said the town should not create another bureaucratic burden in an attempt to

solve a problem that can be addressed with a common sense plan.

Bergey said the common sense solution would be to seek the same type of state grants that fund flood mitigation throughout the county's ditch system. Excavation equipment and a skilled excavator would be more economical than an additional level of bureaucracy, he told the council.

The fee structure the town proposed on Jan. 7, would charge homeowners \$50 per year per residence, and non-residential property owners \$25 per year per equivalent residential unit, based in part on the recommendations from the study.

The mayor and council said during that work session that their intent was to adopt a "fair and equitable" proposal that would have the least economical impact on the Berlin community.

According to the study, the total revenue per year using the recommended rate structures for residential and non-residential properties would be \$461,846. The anticipated revenue totals over the next 10 years from residential and nonresidential properties would still leave a deficit of approximately \$3.7 million, it said. "However, in order to fully maintain a sustainable stormwater management program with no deficit over 10 years, utility rates would need to be greatly increased or the level of service anticipated could not be sustained. The up-front necessary capital improvements in the first years of the program require Berlin to implement another funding mechanism in order to manage its 10-year program deficit," it said.

According to Bergey, town officials are proposing to borrow \$8.3 million then collect an insufficient amount to service the debt. What they have done is assumed that the annual \$461,846 collected will go towards principal for the bonds, he said. They are assuming someone will give them 8.3 million at zero percent interest without adequately considering what financial position the obligation will put the town in after 10 years, he warned.

But Town Administrator Anthony Carson said later that many state and federal agencies were aware of the proposed fee structure and did not express any concerns that the town would not be able to get the capital projects funded through loans, grants or bonds. Never in the report were interest rates discussed, he said.

Carson said officials were not planning to amortize a 10-year loan to pay for the project. The projects can be paid for with bond sales over periods of 20, 30 or more years. The town has many different bond options that they can choose from, according to Carson, who pointed out that bond funding was used for renovation to the town hall, for upgrades to the electric distribution system, and most recently for the wastewater treatment plant. "We will leave it up to the bond council to determine which is best," he said.

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Neighbors say they got little advance info on turbine plan

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would also need inspection at that time, he added.

The estimated cost of the turbine, according to Richards, was \$125,000, and the town's portion of that investment cost was estimated at between \$4,000 to \$5,000. Officials expect to recoup that cost outlay from savings gains within the first six to seven months of operation.

But both Richards and town officials were clearly surprised when it turned out that nearly half of the public audience for the meeting were Schoolfield Street residents who claimed they had either not been notified about the project, or had been notified but did not approve of it.

Linda Bowen told the panel that she first learned of the project from a notice about the public council meeting that was left in her door. She said town officials were seen being interviewed by broadcast news media in front of the substation, but that her husband, who had spoken with town representatives, still had not been given substantive information about the project.

Alphonso Holden Sr. expressed concerns that having a visible wind turbine in the area could negatively impact the property values of the neighborhood.

Preston Whaley said that he was aware that the project was being consid-

ered, but still had concerns about the potential for additional noise from the turbine and additional traffic that the high visibility structure would bring to the neighborhood.

"I'd appreciate it if you gave us more time to think about it," he said.

Whaley also suggested that the town consider conducting an impact study on how the structure might affect the surrounding area.

Several councilmembers and officials were clearly frustrated by the comments that residents had not been notified about the pending project. Elroy Brittingham, who originally suggested the door-to-door canvassing, said he and Electric Utility Director Timothy Lawrence had personally knocked on doors to try to notify community residents about the project. Mayor Gee Williams, noting that information on the project had also been reported in the local press, asked for suggestions about what could be done in the future to disseminate information to the residents more effectively.

Williams offered a conference room for the residents to meet with Lawrence and Richards to list their questions and concerns so that officials could address those concerns before the issue is brought before the council again.

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OBITUARIES

Frank Rembach

OCEAN PINES — Frank Rembach of Ocean Pines passed away Friday, Dec. 28, 2012. Born in South Africa on Feb. 17, 1937, he is survived by his soulmate of 43 years, Jeannette Rembach (née Baker) — to whom he was married 37 years.

Mr. Rembach was a talented artist and writer who wrote for the Smothers Brothers, All In The Family and other sitcoms. A writer and stage manager for Broadway plays, his works appeared onstage in South Africa, London and New York. A wonderful humanitarian, he established the first multi-racial theater group in South Africa.

In addition to his wife and many cherished friends, he is survived by sisters, Rosalind Baise and Evie Sachs of South Africa; brother, Don Rembach and his wife, Ursula, of Australia; brother-in-law, Paul Baker and his wife, Connie, of Easton Md.; 14 nieces and nephews; 11 great-nieces and nephews; and two great-great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Believe in Tomorrow Children's House by the Sea, P.O. Box 3627, Ocean City, Md. 21843.

Beatrice Mary Paglierani

OCEAN CITY — Beatrice Mary Paglierani, 74, passed away peacefully of pancreatic cancer on Tuesday, Jan. 1,

2013, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Born June 23, 1938, in San Francisco, Mrs. Paglierani had lived in Ocean City since 1963. She was born to the late Henri and Yola Di Gregorio. Henri passed on 40 years ago, but her mother, Yola, only recently died in 2011, at the age of 91, one day shy of her 92nd birthday.

"Bea" is survived by her loving husband, Louie, who built and developed much of old downtown Ocean City. He as a general contractor and she as his partner, secretary and interior decorator, hand-built their first project, the Sun Tan Motel, still on Second Street. They also built, owned or operated many other famous landmarks, restaurants, Boardwalk locations and condominiums around town, during the last 48 years.

In December 2012, the high school sweethearts celebrated 55 years of marriage.

She is survived by her loving and devoted daughter, Dina Paglierani and her husband, John Persico of Ocean City; her son, Dino Paglierani of Tampa, Fla.; her half sister, Linda Di Gregorio of Millbrae, Calif.; her nephew, Joey Paglierani, his wife, Brittany, and their two children, Grant and Troy of Ione, Calif.; her brother-in-law, Gary Paglierani of Fresno, Calif.; and her cousins, Jenny Breitmeyer of Modesto, Calif., Geri Di Gregorio of Fort Myers, Fla., and Marie and her husband, Charles Ceremi of Reno, Nev.

Mrs. Paglierani had many friends, notably,

Pam Stanton, her devoted and always dedicated caregiver, Anna Ward, the late Sandy Cropper and Angela Vermillion, who looked to her as their second mother and best friend.

A private viewing and burial was held last week. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 7000, El Segundo, Calif. 90245 (www.pancan.org) or the Johns Hopkins Pancreatic Cancer Center, 600 Wolfe St., Baltimore, Md. 21231.

Geraldine J. Smith

OCEAN CITY — Geraldine J. Smith, 85, of Ocean City and formerly of Perry Hall, Md., died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at Brandywine Assisted Living off Fenwick Island. Born in Oak City, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Joshua Mac and Clara T. (Moye) Johnson.

She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Perry Hall, Md.

Mrs. Smith is survived by a daughter, Diane Cikanovich and her husband, Christopher, of Ocean City; two grandchildren, Marilyn VanDerMark and Kenneth Cikanovich; and two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Evan VanDerMark. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert K. Smith.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 12, at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Perry Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church, Chapel Restoration Fund, 9534

Bel Air Road, Perry Hall, Md. 21236.

Albert Joseph Sgro

OCEAN PINES — Albert Joseph Sgro of Ocean Pines, a retired Baltimore County educator, passed away suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, after a brief illness.

Born June 3, 1925, in Indiana, Pa., Mr. Sgro was one of 11 children. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty Graziano Sgro; three sisters, Ann Nastasi, Florence Marshall and Catherine Shimmel; as well as nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Mr. Sgro served in the Navy during World War II at the headquarters of Admiral Chester Nimitz. After the war, he graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He was a highly respected educator in Baltimore County Public Schools for 27 years, serving as a teacher, department chair, assistant principal and principal. After his retirement from Baltimore County Public Schools, Mr. Sgro had successful careers as a real estate counselor at Grempler Realty, and as an employment administrator at Martin Marietta Aerospace.

However, Mr. Sgro never really retired as he kept active at his church, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, and served in many capacities. He was also active in the community, and was the 2011 award winner of the Dispatch's Charitable Souls Campaign for "being on the front lines" of charity work. In addition, Mr. Sgro re-

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ceived the Order of Merit from the Diocese of Wilmington in October 2007, in recognition of outstanding service to the diocese.

Mr. Sgro also worked hard to care for his extended family as needed, and spoiled his many nieces and nephews wonderfully. "Uncle Albert" will be missed sorely by his large, extended family.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 12, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11211 Beauchamp Road, Berlin. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. John Neumann Catholic Church, and designated for the most Blessed Sacrament School Scholarship Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Alan R. Korth

BERLIN — Alan Raymond Korth, 83, died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. Born in Jersey City, N.J., he was the son of the late H. Oscar Korth and Gertrude Anna Peek Korth. He is survived by his daughter, Karen; stepdaughters, Diane and Michelle; a brother, Fred Korth of Collingswood, N.J.; and sisters, Gertrude Johnson of Detroit, Mich., and Elsie Julianna of Pine Hill, N.J. He was preceded in death by his brothers, William, Clifford, Richard and Harold Korth.

He also leaves several nieces, nephews and good friend, David Dypsky.

Mr. Korth had served in the United States Army during the Korean War and

later worked for Camden County Health Services Center in New Jersey until he retired. He attended the First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, where he had been choir member, director and soloist. He was past commander of VFW Post 3620 in Gloucester County, N.J.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City on 13th Street in Ocean City. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Alex Ayers will officiate. Interment will be in the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock Md.

A donation in his memory may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Gloria Marie St. André

OCEAN CITY — Gloria Marie St. André, 82, died peacefully at her home in Ocean City on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Paul H. St. André, and one niece, Mary Ellen of Maryland. She was preceded in death by her sister, Deloris.

Mrs. St. André was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Ocean City.

Service and interment will be private for the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Luke's Catholic Church, 100th Street, Ocean City, Md. 21811. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Johnny William Cloudie Willis

WILLARDS — Johnny William Cloudie Willis, 85, of Willards, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013. He was the son of the late Cloudie Milton Willis and Lee Etta Layton Willis.

Mr. Willis was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Mae Nottingham Willis in 2000. He is survived by two sisters, Pauline Evelyn Strah and Etta Mae Timmons of Pennsylvania, as well as several nieces and nephews, and Rosalie Palmer, his long-time caregiver and guardian.

Mr. Willis had been a member of Minuteman WWII, a private civilian group, as well as the WWII Airfare-Strategic Air Command.

Services and interment will be private for the family. Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Frank R. Groh

BERLIN — Frank Raymond Groh, 81, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Yonkers, N.Y., he was the son of the late Frank Grohowski and Mary O'Bara Grohowski. He is survived by his wife, Irene Groh, and daughter, Lisa G. Marks and her husband, David, of McLean, Va. He leaves behind two grandchildren, Daniel and Serena Marks.

Mr. Groh had served in the United States Marine Corps. He participated in operations against enemy forces in South and Central Korea from 1951-1952. He had been employed in the banking field for nearly 50 years, retiring as vice president of the Bank of New York-Mellon. He served as president of the Credit Grantors Association of Westchester, and was recognized for his untiring devotion to the credit industry in 1996.

He was also a member of Boggs-Disharoon American Legion Post 123, and St. John Neumann Catholic Church. He loved fishing, golf and traveling, and he was an avid reader.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to Diakonia (provides emergency shelter and food services), 12747 Old Bridge Road, Ocean City, Md. 21842.

Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Linda Curry Rainey

OCEAN CITY — Linda Curry Rainey (née Magersupp), 58, of Ocean City, passed away Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013. She was the loving wife of Bob Rainey; cherished daughter-in-law of Gerry Rainey;

former wife of Russell A. Curry Sr.; beloved mother of Ryne A. Curry and Lacey Curry; stepmother of Lisa Curry Barrows and Russell A. Curry Jr.; devoted sister of Robert, Donald and Kenny Magersupp; admired aunt of Casey and Gage Magersupp, and Danielle Dodaro; grandmother of Tye and Ryne T. Curry; and step-grandmother of Meagan and Frankie Rotondo, and Allison and Cayden Curry.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Hubbard Funeral Home, Inc., in Baltimore. Interment followed at Loudon Park Cemetery, 3620 Wilkens Ave., in Baltimore.

Mark Bryan Bell

GIRDLETREE — Mark Bryan Bell, 44, of Girdletree, passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Salisbury, he was the son of Lillie Mae Goslee and the late Paul Bryan Bell. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Bell; a son, George Steininger Jr. of Girdletree; two daughters, Ashley Bell of Bivalve and Emily Bell of Girdletree; two grandchildren, Ashton and Landon Steininger; two sisters, Debbie Dykes of Fruitland and Gail Tawes of Delmar, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bell had been employed at McMillian Outdoor Power Equipment in Salisbury.

A funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 14, at First Baptist Church in Girdletree. The Revs. Keith Horner and Fred Zeller officiated. Interment was in First Baptist Church cemetery in Girdletree.

Donations may be made to First Baptist Church, 5912 Taylor Landing Road, Girdletree, Md. 21829, or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Samuel S. Bromley Sr.

BERLIN — Samuel Stewart Bromley Sr., 78, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Salisbury, he was the son

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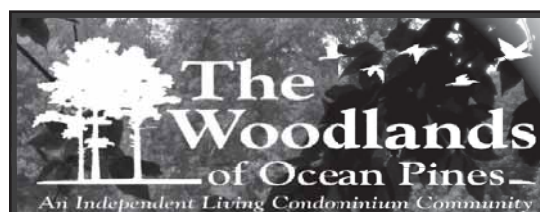
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of the late George Rexford Bromley and Mabel Brimer Bromley. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kay Parsons Bromley; a son, S. Stewart Bromley Jr. and his wife, Sharon, of Savannah, Ga.; and a daughter, Beverly Bromley Meadows and her husband, John, of Ocean Pines. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Sara and Sam Bromley, and Emily and Laura Meadows; a brother, George "Buzz" Bromley and his wife, Shirley, of Florida; sisters, Janet Shockley and her husband, Harold, of Salisbury and Nancy Hayden of Pennsylvania. He also leaves behind his devoted neighbors, Allen Mumford and John Holoway and their families.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Megan Meadows, and his sister, Mary Frances Bromley.

Mr. Bromley had been the owner and operator of the Berlin Ag Supply fertilizer business. He attended the Community Church at Ocean Pines. He was a proud member of the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company for 38 years, member of the Berlin Lions Club and football coach for the Berlin Little League. He was a golfing and gardening enthusiast, and loved tending to his lawn.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. The Rev. Bill Sterling officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. A donation in his memory may be made to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company, 214 N. Main St., Berlin, Md. 21811. Arrangements were handled by

Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Matilda R. Desmond

OCEAN PINES — Matilda Rose Desmond, 92, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. Born in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Antonio Forti and Maria Fusco Forti. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornelius, in 1994.

She is survived by her children, Daniel J. Desmond and his wife, Brenda, of Gerardstown, W.Va., Patricia Akowskey and her husband, James, of Ocean Pines, Timothy A. Desmond and his wife, Helen, of Davidsonville, Md., and James J. Desmond of Hyattsville, Md. She was adored grandmother to 24 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She leaves behind a sister, Marie Whitt of Waldorf, Md.

Mrs. Desmond was a homemaker. She loved her large family, and kept them close to her heart.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Jan. 15, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church near Ocean Pines. Interment followed on Wednesday at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Md. A donation in her memory may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

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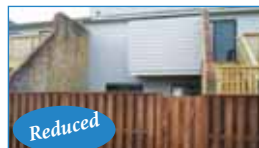


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OBITUARIES

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Elizabeth A. Shuster

OCEAN CITY — Elizabeth Anne Shuster, 78, died peacefully at her home on Friday, Jan. 11, 2013. Born in Patterson, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Edwin Gordon Hermann and Elizabeth Moncrief Hermann. She is survived by her husband, James D. Shuster, and a daughter, Mari Louise Shuster of Selbyville, Del.

After graduating from Bucknell University, Mrs. Shuster had worked as a school librarian at Newark Academy in Livingston, N.J. Later, she and her husband retired to the Eastern Shore. She became a member of the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum Society. Mrs. Shuster enjoyed the beach, reading and counted crossstitch.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1138 Parsons Road, Salisbury, Md. 21801, or the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, Md. 21842.

Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Ruth N. Hudson

HEBRON — Ruth Naomi Hudson, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at her home. Born in Gloucester, Va., she was the daughter of the late Lorenzo Wilkerson and Etta Woodward Wilkerson. She is survived by her husband, Jack H. Hudson, and a son, Joseph William Hahner and his

wife, Tammy, of Snow Hill. She was preceded in death by her first husband, George William Hahner in 1988, and a daughter, Etta Louise Bodencak in 1981.

She also leaves behind four grandchildren, Veronica Faye Hickman, Melanie Ruth Bodencak, Amanda Kathleen Abbott and Nicholas Joseph Hahner; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hudson had worked as an assembly line packer with Maryland Cup Corporation in Owings Mills, Md. She had been a member of the Moose Lodge in Baltimore County and the Elks Lodge in Selbyville, Del.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m., prior to the service. The Rev. Dr. Olin Shockley will officiate. Interment will follow in Bishopville Cemetery in Bishopville.

A donation in her memory may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, Md. 21093.

Kathleen B. Zinkhan

HEBRON — Kathleen B. Zinkhan, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Norman Frank and Mary Havlin Frank. She is survived by her sons, Lewis H. "Skeets" Zinkhan Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Berlin, and Michael

Zinkhan and his wife, Karen, of Phoenix, Md.; two grandchildren, Aaron Zinkhan and Shelby Zinkhan; a brother, Dickie Frank and his wife, Marianne, of Baltimore; a sister, Mary Frith and her husband, Jim of Stewartstown, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Zinkhan had been the first civilian female dispatcher in the Baltimore County Police Department. She had worked as a telephone operator with C&P Telephone Company in Cockeysville, Md., and at Aircraft Armaments, Inc. She moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1991 and worked with the Ocean City Transportation Department and Z-Hair Studios.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Lenny Corbin will officiate. Interment will be private for the family. A donation may be made to Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Ruth Duer Cherrix

SNOW HILL — Ruth Duer Cherrix, 90, of Snow Hill, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Snow Hill, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Alice Workman Duer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harris S. Cherrix in 1985. She is survived by her daughter, Linda C. Stevens of Snow Hill; a grandson, Michael C. Stevens of Snow Hill; a sister, Marybelle Blakeslee of Baltimore; and three nieces, Connie Kosarek of Plano, Texas, Sandra Stang of Georgia and Susan Phillips of Miami.

Mrs. Cherrix was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a lifetime member of Bates United Methodist Church, Worcester Chapter Order of Eastern Star and the Worcester Country Farm Bureau.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Bates United Methodist Church in Snow Hill. The Rev. Tina Whaley officiated. Donations may be made to Bates United Methodist Church, 116 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, Md. 21863.

Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Thomas G. Tochtermann III

BERLIN — Thomas G. Tochtermann III, 71, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 at his

home. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Thomas George Tochtermann and Antoinette Kolojeski Tochtermann. He is survived by his wife, Karen Dorothea Cook Tochtermann; and children, Lisa Marie Smith and her husband, Paulie, of Berlin, Laurie Michelle Tochtermann of Ocean City, and Thomas Joseph McGrath of Berlin. There is one grandson, Cruz Caiden Smith of Berlin.

Also surviving is a sister, Mary Cameron and her husband, Arthur of Great Falls, Va.; a nephew, Artie Cameron Jr.; and niece, Christianne Cameron.

Mr. Tochtermann was a 1960 graduate of McDonough School, and a graduate of the University of Maryland. He had worked for many years in sales with Owings Corning Fiberglass, P.E. Poole Heating and Air Conditioning and with Home Depot with its MET team.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Cremation will follow. Interment will be private. A donation in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1138 Parsons Road, Salisbury, Md. 21801.

Barbara Elaine Webb

OCEAN CITY — Barbara Elaine Webb, 77, of Ocean City died Monday, Jan. 14, 2013, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Claude B. Guest and Wilda Myrtle Allen Guest. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Conrad Webb in 1996. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Beall and her husband, Andrew, of West Friendship, Md.; a son, Steven Webb and his wife, Dawn, of Millington, Md.; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Webb was an avid bridge player and member of the Ocean City Beautification Committee. She was also involved in many community activities.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Interment will be 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Annapolis. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 108 N. Bedford St., Georgetown, Del. 19947. Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Alleged assault

A 37-year-old Fairfax, Va., man was charged Jan. 8, with second-degree assault after allegedly striking a woman in a mid-town Ocean City hotel room.

Ocean City police were called to the hotel, where desk clerks said they had received calls from guests who said they heard a couple fighting in a room.

When police went to the room, the door was open and they could see a woman who said they could enter. They saw that the woman had fresh bruises on her upper arms, neck, left leg and upper chest. She also had red marks on her forehead.

Police said furniture was in disarray, items were spilled or strewn about, plates were shattered in the kitchenette area and food was splattered against a wall. A piece of television equipment was also broken.

The woman reportedly told police that she and Carter Kolb Marlow had been living in the hotel since Dec. 17, and the fight started because she wanted him to take her home to Fairfax. He refused and threatened to leave her in Ocean City.

According to the charging document,

she said Marlow had assaulted her numerous times during the past few days.

Trouble at party

Ocean City police went to a party on 142nd Street at about 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 11 because of noise complaints and arrested the man who said he owned the residence.

When police arrived, Nevin Cornelius Scully, 20, was in the driveway. He said everyone present was of legal age.

Approximately 20 to 30 people were in the residence, but they started to leave when police knocked on the door.

Police saw a man holding a towel to his head. He told them someone had hit him with a bottle. The man had a 2-inch-long cut above his right eye and a cut behind his ear. Blood was running down his face.

Scully reportedly yelled to the man to tell police he fell down stairs. He also put up his arm in an attempt to keep the man from talking to police and emergency medical personnel.

When police tried to arrest Scully, he allegedly tried to pull two officers down,

cursed and pushed one officer.

Another police officer drew his Taser, pointed it at Scully and said he would use it if Scully did not allow police to handcuff him. Scully then complied.

Police charged Scully with second-degree assault, resisting arrest and obstructing and hindering. They also charged him with a noise violation.

Assistance sought

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's help regarding the Dec. 28 motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian.

At about 7 p.m. that evening, a woman was struck by a Ford car on Route 13 southbound in the area of Your Doc's In in Pocomoke. The investigation revealed that additional vehicles then struck the woman, who died of her injuries.

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OCEAN PINES – As it has done in the past, the Ocean Pines Garden Club this year will present two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of Stephen Decatur High School.

The purpose of the club's scholarship program is to stimulate interest in gardening, horticulture and agri-

culture, as well as the conservation and protection of the environment.

Eligibility requirements are:

■ The applicant is a full-time resident of Ocean Pines.

■ The applicant is a child or grandchild of a nonresident but active member of the Ocean Pines Garden Club.

■ The applicant agrees to follow the purpose of the scholarship as stated above, and plans to attend an accredited institution of higher learning.

The award may be used by the recipient to defray expenses at any approved degree or certificate-granting college or university, technical or vocational school. Applicants who address the purpose above will be considered by a selection committee composed of members of the Ocean Pines Garden Club as designated by the president of the club.

An application form must be submitted to a senior guidance counselor at Stephen Decatur High School by April 12. The club encourages students to look into this scholarship opportunity as the required interests cover a very wide area.

For example, pursuits such as golf course design and maintenance, landscaping (both private and commercial), and environmental care – and many others – all fall under the scholarship umbrella.

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Cervical cancer testing vital to surviving, treating disease

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By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN/OCEAN PINES — January is Cervical Health Awareness Month and Dr. Christine Neto, who provides women's health services at Atlantic General Health System's Ocean Pines Primary Care and Women's Health office and Pocomoke Medical Center, took time out of her schedule to speak about this deadly, but preventable, disease.

Neto is a board-certified OB/GYN with 15 years of experience and an associate professor to the Physician's Assistant program at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore.

According to the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health, cervical cancer slowly forms in tissues of the cervix (the organ connecting the uterus and vagina). Symptoms may not be obvious, but can be detected when cells from the cervix are examined during regular pap examinations. However, abnormal vaginal bleeding, discharges or pelvic pain may be potential symptoms that women should discuss

with their physicians.

Despite national statistics that show overall declining cancer death rates, cancers associated with the human papillomavirus (HPV) are increasing, according to the NCI. It is HPV that is most closely linked as a primary factor for cervical cancer, Neto said. The roughly 12,000 cases of cervical cancer that occur nationwide in 2012 were most frequently diagnosed in women in the 40- to 60-year old age range, especially those who are more sexually active, and is more common as a reaction to infection than from heredity, Neto said. Approximately 4,000 women die from the disease each year.

Neto added that women who use tobacco products also seem to have an increase in the amount of susceptibility to cervical cancer. "We are not really sure why that occurs," she said.

Also, the 30- to 40-year-old daughters of women who took diethylstilbestrol, a synthetic form of the hormone estrogen, during pregnancy in the 1960s have a level of susceptibility to the disease, according to Neto. She said race was not a significant mortality factor, except as it may relate to access to care.

But compared to other types of cancer, cervical cancer, to a certain extent,

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Dr. Christine Neto of Atlantic General Health System's Ocean Pines Primary Care and Women's Health office and Pocomoke Medical Center says that on the Eastern Shore prevention and treatment against cervical cancer are both accessible and relatively affordable.

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On Nov. 3, 2012, Chris Llinas, left, completed the Ironman Florida in 12 hours, 18 minutes and 59 seconds. Even more impressive, utilizing his connections with friends, colleagues and even strangers via social media, Llinas encouraged sponsorships for the Panama City Beach challenge with a promise that donations would be passed on to Diakonia in West Ocean City. Above, Llinas presents a \$5,000 check to Claudia Nagle, executive director of Diakonia, the transitional shelter that assists those struggling with homelessness.

Cancer screening costs make it both affordable, available

Visiting cancer specialist visits at least monthly for Lower Shore patients

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can be prevented. Neto said that on the Eastern Shore prevention and treatment are both accessible and relatively affordable.

In terms of prevention, she recommended that young girls be vaccinated against HPV and that women be screened for the disease every three years. The pap examination, which allows doctors to examine cells for visible abnormalities, is a "fairly painless" process, she said.

Neto said the cost of screening locally is roughly \$200: approximately \$50 in lab costs and \$150 for an examination and consultation, and most health insurance policies cover both. Moreover, on the Eastern Shore there are federally funded clinics, state health department services and nonprofit organizations that provide low cost screening, counseling and medical care, according to Neto.

For women who have been diagnosed with the disease, Neto said treatment could generally range from the removal of damaged cells, whether from the surface of the cervix or the cervix itself, to removal of the uterus, or in more severe cases through radiation and chemotherapy. A visiting cancer specialist from Baltimore's Mercy Medical Center treats patients on the Lower Eastern Shore once or twice a month, she said.

Dr. Neto graduated from the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore. Her office is located in Ocean Pines Primary Care & Women's Health at 11107 Racetrack Road and she can be reached at 410-208-9761.



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The Mexican-themed Plaza Tapatia restaurant which is expected to the week of Jan. 21, features a roomy bar and dining area perfect for game days, with flat-screen TVs and roomy booths.

Up and coming restaurant magnate

Plaza Tapatia owner sees realization of his dream restaurant in Ocean Pines

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — When the 11th Plaza Tapatia opens in Pennington Commons shopping center, on Route 589 across from the Ocean Pines South Gate, it will essentially be a “do-over” for 47-year-old owner Armando Saldaña.

Saldaña, the quintessential American dream story, said this newest location symbolizes for him the restaurant that he would have built if he had more than

the \$12,000 loan with which he started. “God has given me everything,” he said on Jan. 11.

Saldaña has designed the Mexican-themed restaurant with décor that is comfortable and welcoming, featuring a roomy bar perfect for game days, flat-screen TVs and roomy booths. The menu has more than 140 appetizers, entrees, vegetarian dishes and desserts, with imported beers and sodas. It’s enough to make a diner sing, “¡Qué gran comida!” (What a great meal!), while dancing a Mariachi.

Asked for a list of his personal favorite dishes, Saldaña ticked off chicken fajitas, salad fajitas, chimichangas and chuletas. He noted with pride that many diners in the West Ocean City and

Ocean Pines area are already familiar with the cuisine he offers.

Before the challenge of finding a lucrative location proved to be daunting, Saldaña faced the challenge of trying to find a job when he arrived on the Eastern Shore from California. He described a career track that started with dishwasher and evolved up through busboy, cashier, kitchen staff, cook, to manager — incrementally exposing him to every facet of restaurant operations along the way.

He said that he had sought to establish the first restaurant in the Ocean Pines area when he started in 1997. But when he was unable to find a location near Ocean Pines, he set up shop in the

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FINANCE

More than one way to shield business assets

Most business owners already know that incorporating or forming a limited liability company (LLC) can help shield them shelter from legal liability. But there are other asset-protection concerns that can affect businesses and personal assets. As time goes by, different asset-protection issues come up. Following are some



Chip Gordy,
MBA, CRPC

areas to consider:

■ **Protect wealth.** One thing to consider is buying liability insurance. The protection of a separate entity doesn’t prevent the need for liability insurance both for the business and for you personally. Prudently establish amounts and types of liability coverage for your business for particular needs and asset values, as well as coverage for your assets outside the business.

■ **Separate your assets.** You wouldn’t operate the business without a separate entity, so don’t tie up all your assets inside your business, unless you absolutely must. Having all your eggs in one basket could be almost as bad as having no basket at all.

■ **Keep a balance.** It isn’t always easy to balance the business’s cash needs with your longer-term personal financial goals, and decisions regarding this balance can make or break your business (as well as your personal financial statement). Growing and successful companies typically need funding, so you may benefit from keeping as much as possible of your available assets in the business to reduce its borrowing or capital needs.

On the other hand, consider your personal financial needs and your

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Plaza Tapatia opening in OP realization of a dream

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Bedtime Inn in Ocean City.

The California transplant used family recipes from his native Mexico to create his unique salsas and incorporated those flavors into the breakfast, lunch and dinner offerings at the Bedtime Inn location. The combination was a hit, as the items began to attract a following of diners looking for morning fare that was a little different than traditional ham and hash browns.

Saldaña credited the Bedside Inn's owner, El-Sayed Abu-Zaid, with giving him the opportunity to rent space for his first location — fully equipped, and his former employers at La Tolteca, where he was a manager, for partnering

with him as he struggled to find the capital needed to open that first restaurant.

From his humble beginnings, Saldaña has built a small chain of restaurants that now includes two locations in Salisbury, five other Maryland venues — Cambridge, Chestertown, Easton, Elkton and Pocomoke — as well as Delaware operations in Bear and Seaford.

No. 12 is slated to open in St. Michaels in March. But Saldaña lists the Ocean Pines location at 11007 Manklin Creek Road as No. 1, because he said that was where he had originally wanted to start.

"This is my baby," he said.

Plaza Tapatia will be open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon until 10 p.m. on Saturdays; and noon until 9 p.m. on Sundays. Street addresses and menu offerings are available online at www.plazatapatia.com.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Plaza Tapatia owner Armando Saldaña lists the Ocean Pines location as No. 1 and calls it "My Baby", because it symbolizes the restaurant he had sought to establish when he was first starting the chain.

FINANCE

Multiple ways to protect business assets

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ability to protect your assets from your business's creditors. This is exactly why you created a separate entity for your business in the first place.

■ Hold assets in separate entities.

By putting real estate or investment assets into a limited partnership, you can protect these assets to some degree from potential creditors. Even though creditors can take partnership interests, they will not be able to convert their investment to cash. Or consider establishing a trust to protect your in-

vestment assets from creditors. Assets that others give you (such as gifts or inheritances) can more easily be protected through established trusts that will hold the interest being transferred to you as beneficiary.

■ Buy life insurance. It's obvious you need to protect your business and family with adequate life insurance. Appropriate types and amounts of insurance can guard your family against being forced to sell the business to pay potential estate taxes should something happen to you. But don't stop your

planning there. Keep in mind that after your death, your family could suffer devastating economic hardship from lost business income.

Remember, running a business requires hard work. The same is true for protecting your personal and business assets. Work with your professional advisor(s) to develop an asset-protection plan today and continue to review it as your business grows and develops.

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Ribbon-cutting ceremony

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce will host a joint ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Station 7 restaurant, at 12702 Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City, on Friday Jan. 18, at 5 p.m.

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Named medical director

Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care recently announced Dr. Ghulam Waris, M.D. has been named as its medical director.

Dr. Waris has been with Coastal Hospice since 2007, serving as the attending physician for Coastal Hospice at the Lake inpatient facility, for home care patients, and for inpatient palliative consults at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. He is board certification in internal medicine, geriatrics, hospice and palliative medicine by the American Board of Medicine.

Dr. Waris will oversee patient care, provide medical direction to care teams, and assume leadership of the palliative care program. In addition to recruiting, training and supervising other hospice physicians, he will also advise the president and board of directors about medical issues and patient care programs and services. He will maintain effective and positive relationships with the medical community by consulting with them on pain and symptom management and in planning and providing professional educational programs.

Dr. Waris also serves as the medical director for the Holly Center in Salisbury, where has been on staff since 2002.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a private non-profit community program that provides traditional hospice services, palliative care, bereavement support, education and training to residents in Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester, and Somerset Counties on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Wind power takes lead in energy package bill

Fracking also on agenda as legislature prepares for moratorium's end

By Alexander Pyles
The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — Unpopular tax increases, sensitive social issues and the tremendously divisive bomb of gambling expansion all found their way through an often tense General Assembly in 2012.

But those issues have combined to divert attention from Maryland's evolving energy policy, which now includes plans to offer tax incentives and a guaranteed market for producers of offshore wind energy, as well as a debate over the controversial natural gas drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

Gov. Martin O'Malley has had a hand in both aspects of the policy. In 2011, he signed an executive order placing a moratorium on drilling in Western Maryland pending best practice and safety studies by an appointed commission. And for the last two years he's sponsored legislation that would have benefited offshore wind farm developers.

The wind bill seems likely to receive serious consideration this session, after back-to-back years in which it died in the Senate Finance Committee. This year, Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-Calvert and Prince George's, rearranged the committee to secure the number of votes needed to get the bill to the floor of the full Senate.

But the fracking moratorium expires in 2014, and some task force members say there still is no money to conduct the studies O'Malley mandated. Garrett and Allegany counties are both believed to sit atop a mile-deep deposit of rock-encased natural gas, called Marcellus Shale. Energy companies extract that gas by drilling down to the rock and

fracturing it using a blast of water and chemicals.

Del. Heather R. Mizeur, a Montgomery County Democrat, said this week that without money, the studies could not answer the 18 points O'Malley asked the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative Advisory Commission to address in a report that is due in a year's time.

She's proposed a bill that will give force of law to O'Malley's executive order and keep the moratorium in effect until money is raised for the safety studies to be completed. Del. A. Shane Robinson, D-Montgomery, has gone a step further, announcing plans to sponsor a bill that would permanently ban fracking.

"We have more questions than answers," said Mizeur, a member of the commission. "We have to have these answers before we make a decision. The oil and gas industry's trying to wait us out."

That may not be the case. The Daily Record reported in September that a number of natural gas companies have allowed leases signed with Western Maryland landowners to lapse. Industry advocates say companies aren't in any hurry to do business in Maryland because of the regulatory uncertainty.

But fracking could generate thousands of jobs in Western Maryland, an area hit particularly hard by the slow-

down of the coal mining industry and the recession's impact on tourism.

Miller said he recognized the economic value of fracking, and said he'd like to see money raised for studies.

"I'm for fracking; we've got to find a way to move forward on that measure," Miller said. "But we're not going to be able to do it until a study is in place. ... It's a resource, people in Western Maryland need to be able to benefit from the resource, the state taxpayers need to be able to benefit."

Miller said he thought the Senate could agree on the moratorium legislation, which could also allow state agencies to charge a fee to fund the safety study. But if that bill fails, he said, the legislature will not outlaw drilling.

"A ban on fracking is not going to pass, in my opinion," Miller said. "That's ludicrous. If they can't study the issue, then we're certainly not going to ban it."

Wind, however, appears to be the more pressing issue. If the bill does not pass this year, O'Malley could have difficulty garnering the necessary support in 2014, an election year.

Like fracking, developing an offshore wind farm is projected by some to create thousands of jobs in the state; however, it could necessitate slightly higher electricity rates for customers who use power generated by the turbines, which

would be built 10 miles off the coast of Ocean City.

O'Malley has not yet revealed what wind energy legislation might look like this year. Maryland Energy Administration officials declined to comment until the governor's bill is introduced, but the agency successfully presented a plan to the Board of Public Works last week that will allow a private contractor to begin surveying the ocean floor in advance of development.

Senate Minority Leader E.J. Pipkin, an Upper Shore Republican, promised there would be opposition to the wind bill from his party this year, in part due to its expense.

"Wind is an amazing proposal," Pipkin said. "Each year, it comes back, and each year, the economics get worse and worse and worse."

"The real question is, why does he keep bringing this back? ... I don't think the citizens of Maryland should be paying for wind power."

Despite the House of Delegates passing bills the last two years regarding both energy issues, neither fracking nor wind have been discussed by the full Senate in those sessions.

Miller, though, said that won't be the case this year.

"I think we could do something on wind power this year, and we can make a start on fracking," he said.

Lawmakers proposes 5-cent bottle fee

Deposit could increase rate of recycling as well as revenues to state

By Alexander Pyles
The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — A trio of Baltimore-area lawmakers on Monday unveiled a

plan to charge a 5-cent refundable fee on bottles and cans in an effort to increase recycling in Maryland.

Del. Maggie McIntosh, a Baltimore Democrat who chairs the House of Delegates' Environmental Matters Committee, said about 4 billion glass and plastic drink containers are sold in the state each year and put the current recycling rate at 22 percent.

She said the charge — which she described as a deposit rather than a fee or tax — could raise the rate to 75 percent and generate an extra \$50 million to \$200 million for the state each year.

Similar bills have been introduced in the General Assembly for years, with no success. Del. John A. Olszewski, D-Baltimore County, said this bill was different because of the deposit structure.

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"This one isn't a tax," Olszewski said. "It's a different way of doing things."

McIntosh said the 5-cent deposit was not a tax because it would be refunded if consumers returned their empty bottles and cans to a redemption center, which could be established by private businesses or by local jurisdictions.

"We as a country have to stop being disposable," said McIntosh, standing above the frequently bottle-strewn waterway between the Pier Six Concert Pavilion and Harbor East in Baltimore.

The bill is being backed by the Glass Packing Institute, the Container Recycling Institute and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Will Baker, president of the foundation, said the legislation could help reduce pollution in the Inner Harbor and ultimately the bay.

Recycling Institute President Susan Collins struck a more dollars-and-cents tone: "In study after study, financial incentives have been shown to produce the most dramatic increases in recycling rates," she said.

Similar bills have been tough sells in part thanks to the arguments of beverage industry lobbyists in Annapolis. Olszewski said their voice had been powerful in previous sessions, but he said he felt the momentum was moving in the opposite direction this year.

But Ellen Valentino, executive vice president of the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Beverage Association, called the proposal "an ill-conceived, outdated and ineffective approach to encourage recycling." Few states run deposit programs, instead choosing to focus on curbside, single-stream recycling systems that allow cardboard, glass and plastic to all go in the same container. Many jurisdictions in Maryland — including Baltimore — have such a system in place.

Valentino said Delaware abandoned its deposit program in 2010 because of its unpopularity and the rise of single-stream recycling. The deposit amounted to a tax that would "add to the cost of virtually all beverage con-

tainers sold in Maryland."

"The scheme makes absolutely no sense when most Marylanders have the convenience of single-stream curbside recycling," she said. "There are better ways to increase recycling and reduce litter than this."

McIntosh predicted the beverage association's opposition, but stressed that the organization's members don't have to be involved in the redemption process if they don't want to be.

"The retailers, if they don't want to play, they don't have to play," McIntosh said.

Valentino said the retailers would not play, a point seconded by Walt Clocker, owner of Angel's Food Mart in Pasadena. Clocker, who is also president of the Maryland Retailers Association, said there would be too many administrative costs associated with becoming a redemption center for shops to do so.

Without enough convenient redemption centers, he said, the deposit becomes a tax.

"By having twin systems, there is going to be an added cost that's going to be passed along," Clocker said. "If the goal really is to cut down on trash and things like that, I think there's probably better ways to do it. If their goal is to raise money, why don't they come out and say that?"

Clocker said other options to reduce trash include instituting littering fines or promoting recycling at the community level. He stressed that retailers weren't opposed to cutting down on trash — they just don't agree with charging their customers extra coins per drink to do it.

"Our industry is open to certain fees that make sense," he said. "We've been in discussions about various bag taxes. And we're definitely open to the possibilities of those."

Sen. Bill Ferguson, D-Baltimore, also attended Monday's announcement. Sen. Brian E. Frosh, D-Montgomery, is the bill's Senate sponsor.

O'Malley plans gun legislation

By Alexander Pyles
The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — Gov. Martin O'Malley plans this week to introduce a "comprehensive" legislative package that would ban assault weapons, limit the size of gun magazines and make investments in mental health and school safety.

O'Malley revealed his plans at the start of a summit on reducing gun violence at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he was introducing New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, an outspoken advocate for gun control.

"There is a sickness in our country,

and that sickness is gun violence," O'Malley said.

He'll also propose new licensing requirements for hand guns, and has proposed the creation of two centers: one that would bring law enforcement officials together with school officials to properly address safety and another that would focus on early intervention and treatment for the mentally ill.

The two-day summit aims to identify the policy changes that are most likely to reduce gun violence in the United States. It was set up hastily following the December school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

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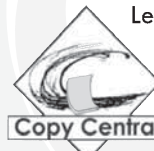
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Wind turbine project a good idea for town

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Seemingly caught off-guard by the news, residents' concerns were as much about communication as the project itself, which, if the prototype performs as promised, should result in a nice savings for the town with little impact to the community.

Town officials rightfully are pleased to have been considered for the project, as it is a perfect fit for their goal of finding projects that not only benefit the community, but do so in an environmentally responsible way.

The concerns raised were about the visibility of the structure and possible noise issues, which residents felt could affect both quality of life and property values, certainly valid concerns, and ones the town should have anticipated and addressed with an earlier town meeting.

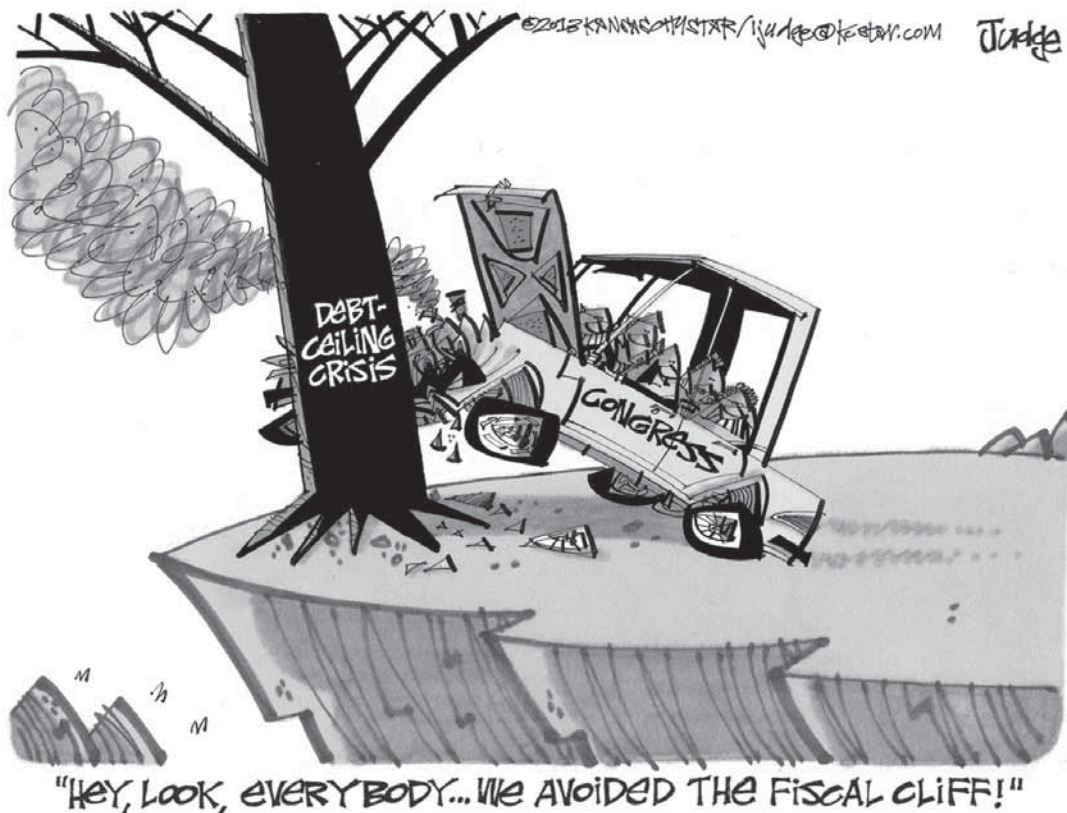
However, as the country works toward new energy sources, wind turbines should become less of an oddity and the design of the prototype being suggested operates differently than most turbines used today, with noise, the usual complaint of these structures, not being a factor.

Additionally, in the event that the experiment does not work to everyone's liking, the current draft of the contract (not yet approved) provides a 60-day removal clause. This should be an acceptable safety net to allay any concerns and a project that residents should be willing to give a try. The savings to the town, along with the ability to be a partner in helping find less costly energy for everyone, is something that is worth supporting.

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LETTERS

The community come through

Editor,

It never ceases to amaze me about how generous our community is. The Worcester County Humane Society and our four-legged friends are never forgotten during the holiday season. Both the business community and the residential community joined together to make this a Merry Christmas for our animals!

We would like to thank BJ's for making us the benefactor of its annual Christmas party. The generous donations of the community filled our food closet.

Harborside Bar & Grill graciously hosted our fifth Raffle Drawing Party. Food was generously donated from area

restaurants, including Adolfo's, Crab Alley, Green Turtle West, Hooters West, the Marlin Club, Liquid Assets, Lombardi's West, Southside Deli, Station 7, Superfresh, 45th Street Taphouse, Wawa, and Desserts by Melanie. Prizes were also donated by Bliss Salon, Blue Ox, The Original Greene Turtle, Carrabba's, Fager's Island, Fox Theatres, Furious Fitness, Grotto Pizza, Harvest Moon Cafe, Holiday Inn, Kirby's Pub, Kirby's Red Onion, Panera Bread, Paws & Claws, 28th Street Pit & Pub, Powerhouse Gym, Raggamuffin, Shore Breeze Cleaning Service and Victorian Charm.

We would also like to thank ABC Printers, Great Scott Broadcasting and Kendall Furnishings for helping to get the word out about

this fun event!

The annual raffle drawing party was held to select the winner of the Humane Society Big Raffle. Prizes were \$3,000, \$1,500 and \$500. Special thanks to Wal-Mart and Seacrets, who allowed us to sell the tickets at their venues. Watch for our 2013 Big Raffle!

A heartfelt "thank you" to all who support our no-kill shelter throughout the year, whether it is by donating food or supplies, attending our benefits, purchasing raffle tickets or volunteering your services. It is always appreciated.

Gina Castagna, Sandy Summers and Vonnie Baker, on behalf of the Ocean City Humane Society employees, volunteers and animals.

What's On Your Mind?

Please send your thoughts, issues, concerns, and opinions to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to ensure there is time for them to be considered for print.

COMMENTARY

It's time to raise the ante on open meetings

By Daily Record Staff
The Daily Record Newswire

Imagine that you were caught going 30 in a school zone — but instead of a fine or a court date, you are told to go back a block, retrace your route and take it a little slower this time.

That's essentially the penalty a public entity faces for violating the state's Open Meetings Act. Yes, there is the potential that any action taken behind closed doors will be deemed void. However, the risk is miniscule, given the "do-over" rule sanctioned by the state's highest court. While the closed-door action may violate the law, the entity can make things right simply by going back and doing things right.

With such low stakes, it's no wonder the Open Meetings Act could easily slip

the collective minds of otherwise well-meaning public servants — even knowledgeable, legally sophisticated public servants like those on the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents — when faced with a high-stakes decision like, say, shifting from the Atlantic Coast Conference to the Big Ten.

The lack of an enforcement mechanism was one of the main complaints aired last fall at hearings held by the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government. Now, one member of that committee has proposed raising the ante.

Del. Dan K. Morhaim, who also chairs the Government Operations subcommittee, is working on a bill to give enforcement powers to the three-member Open Meetings Compliance Board.

The delegate told MarylandReporter.com's Len Lazarick this week that he envisions fines on the offending public entity, ranging from \$1,000 for a first offense and up to \$10,000 for a third strike. He also wants to require a signed acknowledgment of the violation from the offending entity's members.

It's unclear whether the delegate's proposal would stand much chance in the General Assembly, a body whose appetite for such measures is like a camel's appetite for water: It can wait a long time between sips.

Like the Office of the State Prosecutor (created in 1976, given full subpoena powers in 2008), Maryland's current Open Meetings Act is a product of the scandal-plagued Watergate era.

Passed in 1977, the "sunshine law" was overhauled in 1991. Among the changes that year was the creation of the compliance board. Even now, the board has no budget allocation to call its own, which could present challenges if enforcement obligations are added to its current investigative and educational roles.

While that detail — and many others — have yet to be fleshed out, we see Del. Morhaim's proposal as a starting point for a much-needed debate about the strength and vitality of the law.

The foundation of the Open Meetings Act is the notion that the public's business ought to be conducted in public. If that foundation is to stand, there must be consequences for neglecting or chipping away at it.

Get advice to survive fiscal cliff ramifications

By Kevin Fusco
The Daily Record Newswire

Resolution is a term that gets thrown around pretty liberally at the beginning of the year. Millions of Americans entered 2013 making resolutions to change their lives in some fashion and use the turning of the calendar as the catalyst. Congress had another type of resolution in its sights when it set out to address the fiscal cliff.

The resolution provided by Congress will be sweeping; few citizens will escape some form of tax increase. This fact alone should give many people reason to add to or alter their New Year's resolutions to include some changes on the financial planning front.

The biggest impact to most Americans from the fiscal cliff legislation will come from the expiration of the payroll tax holiday, with rates increasing to 6.2 percent from 4.2 percent. This increase will be especially painful to the many who didn't realize that the rates had been lowered the last few years. This 2 percent increase, which may not sound like a lot, will add up for most working Americans. A household making \$50,000 per year will now see its monthly take-home pay decrease by approximately \$80, which equates to \$1,000 per year.

Taxpayers should begin budgeting now for any decrease in annual income, but they also need to prioritize where to make spending cuts to compensate for it. The reduction in the payroll tax acted as a great opportunity to increase contributions to employer-sponsored retirement plans (401Ks, 403Bs, etc.), and those who took advantage of this timing can use the expiration of the holiday as an excuse to scale back contributions by

the amount they increased a few years ago.

While this will allow these taxpayers to "break even" in regard to take-home pay now that the 2 percent increase is reinstated, it could have a longer-term negative impact on financial independence during retirement. If they can afford it, most people would be wise to keep their qualified plan contribution steady and make up for the 2 percent loss in income from other areas, such as discretionary spending.

Increases in marginal tax rates will affect only individuals making more than \$400,000 and families making \$450,000 or more. Individuals and families at these income levels will see their marginal rate increase from 35 percent to 39.6 percent. As if this were not hefty enough, these same taxpayers will see their rate on the realization of long-term capital gains increase from 15 percent to 20 percent.

For anyone concerned about these increases, it becomes imperative to do a couple of things sooner rather than later.

First, consult with an accountant to determine how changes in the tax laws will affect you.

Second, begin to identify investments in after-tax accounts that you may be able to sell at a loss during the year to counteract gains that may exist toward the end. Using losses to negate gains is the easiest way to avoid paying higher capital gains tax rates, and often times investors wait too long to realize losses.

Lastly, make sure that the maximum allowable contribution is being made to any employer-sponsored retirement plan. These contributions are made

with pre-tax dollars, meaning that they do not count toward a worker's taxable income.

Another facet of the fiscal cliff legislation that will work against high-income earners is that the tax benefits of certain deductions are being phased out as well, and at income levels lower than those that apply to the increase in marginal tax rates. Individuals making \$250,000, or joint filers making more than \$300,000, can lose up to 80 percent of their deductions for property taxes, state income taxes, charitable contributions and mortgage interest.

Unfortunately, even with the revenues created by the aforementioned

tax increases, Congress is still left to battle over the fiscal cliff again in two months, along with a fresh debate on the debt ceiling. Where the revenue/tax debate has had a larger impact on personal bottom lines, the looming concerns should have a larger impact on the financial markets and how investors should position their portfolios in preparation for spending cuts and corporate tax increases.

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BAYSIDE LIFE



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Constance Sturgis, 86, is writing a play, "Before the Dream," which is scheduled to be performed in her church, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday observance.

Lifelong educator continues quest

Years of teaching school, helping community, she is now busy writing play

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Constance Sturgis has spent nearly her entire educational career trying to help the students under her charge and in her community build self esteem and, as she prepares to observe another Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, she's still at it.

The 86-year-old, teacher, organizer, activist, cancer survivor and mentor is writing a play, "Before the Dream," which is scheduled to be performed in her church, St. John's AME Church in Berlin, for the holiday observance.

"I'm excited about it," she said, noting that she was currently trying to organize singers for roles as part of a choir that is called for in the script.

Sturgis is also contemplating the possibility of starting a reading clinic if she can find enough volunteers to assist in the effort.

"I'm so upset to see so many young people who cannot read" or write properly, she said. She blames the advent of

texting and abbreviated computer messaging for decreasing literacy abilities in young people — especially in young men.

Sturgis expressed impatience with young people who, in her opinion, have become all too quick to accept dependency and to be unmotivated because of what she described as cultural deprivation on the Eastern Shore. She said it hinders the level of esteem building needed to help youngsters aspire to higher goals.

But she recalled harsh economic times in the past when grown men would come to her home after they finished long days of work so she could teach them the reading skills they needed to help them be better able to support their families.

Sturgis scolded some of today's young parents, "Instead of depending on food stamps, sit down and think about how you are going to feed your children." She said she wanted younger generations to think about what they can do to achieve and to like and respect themselves more than they do.

"Somebody needs something that you can do," she said, and suggested that MLK Day was one way of doing just that — by making it a day of service to others.

"If I were to leave anyone a legacy it would be for them to envision having a

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Constance Sturgis, 86, is pictured in the middle of her living room with a near-life sized stuffed white lion that she plans to use to inspire children to write.

Coastal Stewards schedule event at Assateague

BERLIN — The Coastal Stewards, the first Outdoor Afro youth leaders in the nation, are sponsoring a day at Assateague from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, at the Assateague Island National Seashore Environmental Education Center (former Visitor Center).

From the center, participants will grab a hot beverage (coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be provided) and head to the island. National Park Service Ranger Nick Clemons, a leader for the Children and Nature Network, along with Coastal Stewards and other local experts, will lead a beach-to-bay hike highlighting the nature of Assateague and its connection to African-American history.

After the hike, participants will convene for lunch (soup, bread, beverages provided) at the Assateague Island National Seashore Environmental Education Center. In the afternoon, participants will hear more about the importance of backyard habitats and build birdhouses and bird feeders out of recycled materials and take them home.

This Outdoor Afro outing is free, with sponsorship provided by the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, in partnership with Assateague Island National Seashore, Assateague Island State Park, Salisbury University's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, and Outdoor Afro.

"We are delighted to support this dynamic group of young Outdoor Afro leaders as they reconnect more people to our heritage and future in nature. They will be joined by leaders all around the country who are getting people outside to serve their community on MLK Day," said Rue Mapp, founder and CEO of Outdoor Afro. Learn more about Outdoor Afro at www.outdoorafro.com.

Park admission fees are waived on MLK Day. To register and receive more information, visit www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro-Delmarva.

Diversity series scheduled locally in county library

SNOW HILL — The Worcester and Somerset County Libraries will offer a series of programs on cultural diversity issues, with topics such as relating

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Sturgis wants students to see brighter future for themselves

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bigger brighter future, to believe in that vision, to put themselves in that vision, and to make it happen," she said.

Her walls are covered with certificates of recognition, awards for excellence and memorabilia from programs she has either initiated or participated in, and she beamed as she brought out letters from young men she has corresponded with through her prison ministry. All of it, she said, was designed to find unique and creative ways to encourage young people to learn new skills or to embrace fresh positive ideas.

Sturgis has used everything from plays, to her "Just Us Girls" social mentoring club, to organizing groups to participate in MLK Day activities, to trying to motivate young people in her community into pursuing a mindset of excellence.

In the middle of her living room sat a near-life sized stuffed white lion with wide azure blue eyes. Asked its purpose, she said she planned to take it to a Sunday school class at her church and have the children write stories about it or to describe what its presence might mean to them.

Sturgis, originally from Mardela, has been an overachiever practically since birth. She told how her father, a farmer, struggled during the Depression to care for his six children on his own after their

mother died when Sturgis was four. Without the modern governmental supports of public assistance and daycare, and without the financial resources to pay for a babysitter, there was no other option than to send her along with her school-bound siblings when she was five years old, she said.

The experience allowed her to achieve reading and writing proficiency at a very young age. Sturgis said she soon grew tired of farm work and left at age 16 to live with an aunt in Philadelphia, where she eventually attended what is now the Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

Sturgis said she came to Berlin to live with her sister and after 15 years of working in various manual labor jobs, attended the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, where she stayed on the honor roll as she majored in social studies and minored in French.

Sturgis' teaching career began at Worcester High School in Newark. "I felt, 'Just give me a job and I'll make it,'" she said. Later in her teaching career she taught social studies, English, and reading at Berlin Middle School.

Sturgis has one son, one grandson and one great grandson. She lost her husband in 2012.

Now, she said, she is ready to start yet again and plans to make the reading clinic her next endeavor.

Cultural diversity subject of new series

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to African-Americans, Native Americans, persons with disabilities, immigrant populations and religious sectors.

The series includes lectures from professors of local universities and presentations by local civic organizations facing challenges due to diversity. Roundtable discussions will be held by local scholars and public participation and discussion is encouraged.

The series takes places in January through May at multiple locations within the two county library systems. For a

complete listing of programs and events in Worcester County, visit www.worcesterlibrary.org or pick up a calendar of events booklet at any branch location. For a listing of events in Somerset County, visit www.somelib.org or pick up a calendar of events at any branch location.

This series is funded in part by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. For more information, contact Lisa Outten Stant, adult program and public relations manager, Worcester County Library, at 410-632-3970.



Upcoming Events

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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ONGOING EVENTS

BINGO NIGHT

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

SQUARE DANCING

Wednesdays
Ocean Pines Community Center, 7:15-9:15 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call 410-208-6777.

SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
Shepherd's Nook Thrift Shop open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community Church, Rt. 589, Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

DIAKONIA FURNITURE CENTER

Wednesday thru Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, 'Used to be Mine' Furniture Center. Corner of Rte 611 and Sunset Ave. 410-213-0243.

PINE'EER CRAFT & GIFT SHOP

Saturdays and Sundays
Pineëer Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by members.

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

Every first & third Saturday
Habitat for Humanity, 310 E. Market St., Snow Hill, 8 a.m. to noon. Building materials, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets, vanities, fixtures, furniture and more. Selection and prices vary depending on inventory. Proceeds fund the Flower Street, Berlin house construction.

STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-208-4014.

KIWANIS CLUB

Wednesdays
Meeting 7:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for third Wednesday which meets at The Woodlands in Ocean Pines. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

DELMARVA CHORUS

Mondays
The Delmarva Chorus under the direction of Carol Ludwig meets 7-9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. For more information call 410-208-4171.

SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS

Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month except for July, August and December at the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

Democratic Women of Worcester County meets 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m., the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members welcome.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturdays
VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

SANCTIONED BRIDGE

Mondays: noon
Tuesdays: 10 a.m.
Weekly open duplicate Bridge games. Ocean Pines Community Center. Cost is \$5, special games \$6. 1 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month is Swiss Teams. Partners guaranteed. Info: Felicia Daly, 410-208-1272, Pat Kanz, 410-641-8071.

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Fridays
Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays
Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or www.beachsingles.org.

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
On the corner of West and Main streets. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

TACO NIGHT

Thursdays
VFW Post 8296, 66th Street, Ocean City. Benefits veterans. Three tacos and a Corona plus dessert, \$8 per person.

BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus #9053, every second and fourth Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon.
\$8 per person, half price for 12 and younger. 9901 Coastal Highway,



OCEAN PINES GARDEN CLUB INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

The Ocean Pines Garden Club held its installation luncheon on Jan. 10, at the Ocean Pines Country Club. The program schedule for 2013 was presented and new officers were installed during a candle lighting ceremony that detailed the duties of each position. Pictured, from left, are President Barbara Ferger, Corresponding Secretary Daryl Carpenter and Co-Vice Presidents Gail Jankowski and Anita Roberts, Co-Vice President. Missing from photo are Recording Secretary Sharon Puser and Treasurer Carolyn Henglein, who will be sworn in at a later date. The OPGC holds its general meetings at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. New members are welcome.

PHOTO COURTESY GAIL PHILIPPI

Ocean City, rear St. Luke's Church. Info: 410-524-7994.

SI BOC GROUP

Second Tuesday of every month, the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines, 6 p.m. dinner, social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Info: President Marty Cropper, 410-213-1592.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

Non-denominational support group will meet 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at The Community Church at Ocean Pines, room 38 in the Thomas McKelvey Family Life Center. Info: 410-641-5433.

AARP

Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 meets at the Elks Lodge, 138th Street and Sinexpuent Avenue, 9:30 a.m., on the second Thursday of the month (January, June, October and November)

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Meets the third Wednesday of every month 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open

to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jesses-paddle.org

WEEKLY SALE

Fridays
Stevenson United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 5 Stevenson Lane, Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m..

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Skyline Bar & Grille at The Fenwick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing until 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and

drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Mondays
Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

ELKS BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Monthly book discussion. Take a book you've enjoyed or one that you want to discuss. Get ideas for new authors to try. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-0650.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

OC MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Buffet breakfast, 7-9:15 a.m., Clarion Resort Hotel, 101st Street. Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan will deliver welcome message, followed by scripture readings and songs. Guest speaker will be last. Tickets, \$16, sold in advance only. Info: 443-235-2669 or ocmayorsprayer-breakfast@comcast.net.

STORY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children 2-5 years old. Info: 410-208-4014.

PLAY TIME

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, infants to 5 years old, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program. Info: 410-632-3495.

ADULT KNITTING AND CROCHETING GROUP

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. An informal monthly group for people who

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love to knit or crochet to gather and share ideas, patterns and projects. Info: 410-957-0878.

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m. All interested citizens are invited to attend. The Worcester County Tea Party is a grassroots organization, not affiliated with any political party. Info: 410-430-7282, WorTeaParty@gmail.com or WorcesterCountyTeaParty.com.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S & AQUACULTURE TRADE EXPO

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Seminars, fishermen gear, equipment and more. Info: www.marylandwatermen.com or 800-626-2326.

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1 p.m. Group will discuss "Tanglewood Plantation," by Jocelyn Miller. All are welcome. Info: 410-641-0650.

BINGO

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

CROP TO END CANCER

Scrapbooking event and shopping expo. Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Silent and Chinese auctions, and vendors including Close to My Heart, Creative Memories, 31 Bags and Miche. Cost is \$40 to crop for the day. Benefits American Cancer Society. Reservations: 443-235-2926.

BAKED GOODS TABLE & PLATTERS

Eden United Methodist Church, 7451 Main St., Willards, 5-7 p.m. Baked goods table and platters available. Homemade soups and chicken salad. Eat in or take out. Info: Joyce Lecates, 410-749-9204.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S & AQUACULTURE TRADE EXPO

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Seminars, fishermen gear, equipment and more. Info: www.marylandwatermen.com or 800-626-2326.

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Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring noted

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STAR CHARITIES' ANNUAL BEEF & BEER DINNER

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 1-5 p.m. Guest speaker is Major Gen. James Adkins, Adjutant General, Maryland National Guard. All-you-can-eat buffet catered by Em-ings; live entertainment by Earl's Dixie Land Band, W W Tunes and Woodlands String Band; door prizes. Cost is \$26. Reservations required by calling Anna Foults, 410-641-7667; LouAnn Trummel, 410-208-9514; or Barbara Mazzei, 410-208-0430. Benefits wounded soldiers in Maryland.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, Willards, noon. Menu includes mashed potatoes, greens, string beans, macaroni and cheese, beets, biscuits, dessert and coffee. Cost is \$11 for adults. Carry-outs available. Info: 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

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SPORTS CARD, COMIC BOOK, COLLECTIBLE SHOW

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9 a.m. to noon. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, children 11 years and younger eat at half price. Info: 410-524-7994.

'SHARING SUNDAY'

Ocean Pines South Side Fire Station, 1-3 p.m. Collecting nonperishable food, paper goods and grocery cards. Donations are given to local food pantry. Info: Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County, 410-641-6683.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Great Books focuses on works that shape our culture and provide a deeper appreciation for what it means to be

human. Info: Don Winslow, 410-208-6613.

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin. Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Additional clinic offered for those who are apprehensive about the idea of using CPAP. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfling, 410-641-9726.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

HAND DANCING

House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal Highway, Fenwick, Del. Free lessons from 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-10 p.m. No cover charge. Info: DC Hand Dance Club, 302-541-0728.

DEM. WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by meeting at 10 a.m. All Democratic and Independent women are welcome. Info: 410-641-6683.

OUTDOOR AFRO MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Assateague Island National Seashore Environmental Education Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. National Park Service Ranger Nick Clemons, a natural leader for Children and Nature Network, along with Coastal Stewards and other local experts, will lead a beach to bay hike highlighting the nature of Assateague and its important connection to African American history. After the hike, participants will convene for lunch (soup, bread, beverages provided). In the afternoon, participants will learn more about the importance of backyard habitats and build birdhouses and bird feeders out of recycled materials and take them home. The outing is free of charge and park admission fees are waived on MLK Day. Register:

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TUESDAY, JAN. 22

BOREDOM BUSTERS

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Nature and science fun for children ages 6 to 12 years old. Info: 410-957-0878.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS SERIES - RACISM & DISCRIMINATION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Dr. Clara Small of Salisbury University will discuss effects of racism and discrimination on today's society. Info: 410-208-4014.

MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORT-FISHING ASSOCIATION ATLANTIC CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING

Lions Club, 12534 Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Info: Ron Smith, 732-779-2441 or smitty3894@aol.com.

BOOK SIGNING

Mio Fratello Italian Steakhouse, 38016 Fenwick Shoals Blvd., Selbyville, Del., 5-7 p.m. Local author, Carolyn Outlaw Kuhn, has written her first book, "Suffering in Silence." Portion of proceeds going to S.O.A.R., Selbyville. Del. Info: 410-487-1183.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

STORY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children 2-5 years old. Info: 410-524-1818.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for children 3 to 5 years old. Dress for a mess. Reserve your place: 410-208-4014.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alco-

holic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Skyline Bar & Grille at The Fenwick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing until 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 4:45-6 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

WINTER/SPRING ADULT ED

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, Jan. 23, Feb. 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, and May 8. Classes taught by Rabbi Susan Warshaw. Mussar on Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon, and and Introduction to Talmud, Wednesdays, noon to 1:30 p.m. Take a lunch. Info: Jaime, 410-641-4311.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

STORY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children 2-5 years old. Info: 410-208-4014.

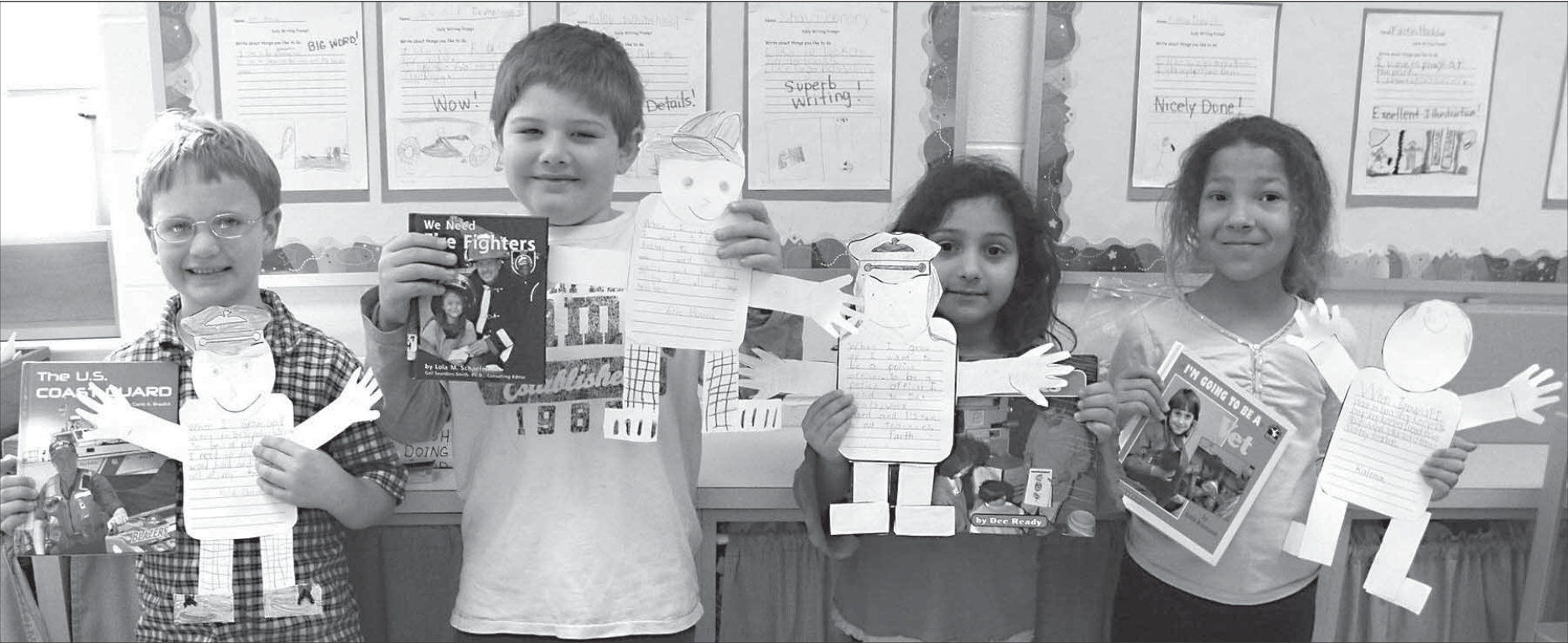
SOUP SALE

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fresh, homemade hot soups and biscuits and desserts. Carry-out available. Info: 410-289-7430.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING, LUNCHEON

Atlantic Hotel, 2 N. Main St., Berlin. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting starts at 11 a.m., lunch is served at noon and the speaker will begin at 12:30 p.m. Featuring Bill Badger, director, Department of Economic Development in Worcester County. To make reservations: Call Bev Bigler, 410-208-6018 or cwcandlewood@mchsi.com by Jan. 22.

SNAPSHOTS



WHEN I GROW UP ... Deneen Nicole's first-grade class at Ocean City Elementary School made models of possible careers they would like to have when they grow up. They read and wrote about specific goals they have to achieve to be successful in that job field. Pictured, from left, are Kaleb Davis, Eric Braica, Faith Haddad and Kalena Ethridge. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



ACHIEVEMENT ON FIELD, IN CLASSROOM SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The National Soccer Coaches Association of America last week recognized Stephen Decatur High School girls varsity soccer team for its exceptional academic performance this year with a Team Academic Award. The team grade point average was 3.70 on a 4.0 scale. Pictured, from left, are Coach Misty Bunting, seniors Alex Pinto, Taylor Frederick and Tori Whigham, and Principal Tom Zimmer.



WORCESTER PREP ALUMNI SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Representatives of Worcester Preparatory School's alumni gathered to discuss ideas for alumni events and projects. Participating in the discussion, in front row from left, are Susan Winkleman Beauchamp, '83; Anna Dolle Bushnell, '96; Heather Lankford Hammond, '90; and Tara Frankel Becker, '91; in second row, Blair Falck Parsons, '01; Chris Hoen, '90; and Ashlee Reed Hidell, '00; and third row, Scott Mumford, '91; Alex Moore, '86; Mitch Parker, '76; and Steve Green, '93. Not pictured is Reese F. Cropper III, '78.



STONE SOUP SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Students in Jennifer Spicer's kindergarten class at Ocean City Elementary School followed a recipe to make Stone Soup after reading the folk tale in class. Pictured, from left, are Paige McAdams, Damira Hill, Aarnav Tiwari, Nicolas Rittersbacher and Julianna Wooden.

Art festival, craft show in OC

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY — Painters, photographers and sculptors will be among the approximately 90 exhibitors presenting and selling their wares this weekend at the Ocean City convention center as part of the 28th annual Nautical & Wildlife Art Festival and its sister event, the 26th annual North American Craft Show.

Both are juried events, according to organizer Donald Hastings, owner of Donald's Duck Shoppe & Gallery in the Gold Coast Mall on 115th Street, meaning artists' work must meet specific criteria and a standard of quality and originality to be accepted. Artisans must personally create their own product.

Hastings said the events, billed as "two great shows under one roof," complement each other well. Offering an assortment of media, the shows appeal to a variety of people, he said. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase art pieces and crafts that they won't find in a store, for all price ranges.

"Both shows have very creative people," Hastings said.

Featured in the art festival will be the work of nautical and wildlife painters, sculptors, photographers, carvers, model ship builders and multimedia artists. It truly is "the art of the wild, the excitement of the sea," Hastings said.

The art festival will showcase the work of approximately 40 artists.

"Anyone who knows anything about that artist will know their work because it is very unique to that person," Hastings said. "If you see a piece, you know they created it."

Artists whose work does not fit in with the nautical or wildlife theme will display their pieces in the craft show. Featured wares include photography, paintings, sculptures, leather goods, home decor, candles, furniture, jewelry and music.

The craft show will feature approximately 50 "imaginative and creative" vendors, Hastings said.

Maryland artists and crafters are scheduled to attend, but most will travel to Ocean City from 13 other states. While there are some newcomers this year, Hastings said at least 80 percent have participated in the event for many years, especially in the art festival. Most of those artists have developed a following and customers come back each January to see what new items they have to offer. More than 5,000 people attend the event annually, Hastings said.

Show hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission costs \$5 for adults, \$4 with AARP card. For students ages 13-17, admission costs \$4. Children 12 and younger are admitted free with a paid adult admission.

For more information, call 410-524-9177.

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- Across

1 Sting

7 Makes a love connection?

14 Like Big Mama Thornton’s “Hound Dog”

20 Inclined

21 Mollify

22 Limestone variety

23 Middle row

25 Ones getting hit on at salsa clubs?

26 File extensions

27 Gen. Bradley

28 Sledge who sang “When a Man Loves a Woman”

30 Master

31 Stretched, in a way

33 Nesting place for a bird

35 Horned Frogs’ sch.

36 Like magic squares

42 Investor’s bottom line

44 “Spider-Man” director Sam

45 Numerical prefix

46 Eco-conscious

47 Like letters marked “Return to sender”

49 Pizza topper

51 Author of “Unto the Sons”
- 54 Poison hemlock or Queen Anne’s lace

56 When the Festival de Cannes opens

58 “Peace ____ hand”

59 Comic actor Jacques

60 Company closing?

61 Silent screen star Naldi

62 Winging it?

66 Back door

68 Lift

69 “I’m impressed!”

70 Woodstock artist Guthrie

71 P.T.A.’s concern: Abbr.

72 Atlanta Braves’ div.

73 Knee-length hip-hop shirts

78 Mother who was a Nobel

80 Skeleton section

86 Rotating surveying tool

87 Hollywood’s Patricia and others

89 “It Happened One Night” director

90 Abruptly calls off plans, say

91 Show some irritation

93 See 114-Across

97 Published

98 Chorus after “All in favor”

100 Road sign that may elicit a groan

101 Used, as a dinner tray
- 103 Dance instruction

107 Ditch-digging, e.g.

108 ____-Seltzer

112 Hip

114 With 93-Across, 34-Down and 48-Down, what each line in the center square should do

117 Like some unexciting bids

118 One who’s beyond belief?

119 Revolutionary figure?

120 High-hat

121 Tennis Hall-of-Famer born in Bucharest

122 Get ready to ride, with “up”
- 12 Friendly introduction?

13 Parts of pounds

14 Short cut

15 Leaves out of the bag?

16 Bone connected to the oblique cord

17 Top row

18 Ancient Greek school

19 Start of an agreement that’s not really an agreement

24 Muslim leader

29 Light side

31 Tuscan export

32 Prie-____ (kneeling bench)

34 See 114-Across

36 Gershwin’s “The ____ Love”

37 Suffix with zillion

38 Fed. agents

39 Price abbr.

40 Coach Parseghian

41 Trail

43 Singer Dion

44 Hitch

48 See 114-Across

49 Snake along

50 Oil-rich land

52 H.S. senior’s exam, once

53 Division politique

55 Playwright Fugard

57 Beginning of ____ (watershed moment)

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- 62 “Yeah, that’ll happen”

63 Many a Rubens subject

64 Bottom row

65 Parisian schools

67 Sports car feature

74 Greenish shade

75 79-Down’s doings

76 Slippery

77 Mercedes models
- 79 Worshiper with a pentagram

81 German pronoun

82 Steamed bun in Chinese cookery

83 E.M.T. training

84 Drought-prone

85 Newspapers

88 Dates

91 Donnybrooks

92 Mete out
- 94 Co-star of “The Stunt Man”

95 “There Is ____ ...” (song by the Cure)

96 Monet’s Dutch subjects

99 Laundry problem

102 The Wright brothers’ home

104 “Hairspray” role

105 Some e-mail attachments
- 106 Diamonds, e.g.

108 Somewhat

109 Impart

110 Bow attachment

111 Price to play

113 Commandment adjective

115 Hand-held organizer, in brief

116 Hollywood’s home Abbr.



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Answers to last week’s puzzles

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A good pot of soup on a cold winter's day



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

The soup is on the stove. The weather is damp and cool. The house is not as warm as usual, being a little chillier today since we just received last month's utilities bill, but it smells like garlic, onion and sausage. The potatoes have been blanched and are ready to go in, and as I walk around, I can't help but to reminisce on my youth far yonder across the bridge when my mother would have pots of soup on the stove on days such as this.

How many times have I written about the halcyon days of youth? It's hard to say. Either way, I don't mind. Nostalgia is a welcomed friend to someone my age. And I have to admit that some memories just make me laugh, if not a little proud.

As a teenager, I was placed into the care of the Catholic school system in hopes that they could straighten me out. While I would probably need to write a few chapters that would help to explain why, I must submit to brevity in order to avoid massive edits. But don't worry, I don't think that I was necessarily an evil child. I was just an unfocused mess.

As I entered Saint Mary's Annapolis in 1983, my favorite bands were The Clash and The Sex Pistols, the seminal punk bands of the Second British Explosion in 1977. I stole my brother's Pistols album in 1981, it was recovered by my mother, and then even later recovered by me from the waste bin when I was lucky enough to find it there.

Music was everything to me, and as I had already started studying classical piano at Peabody Prep in Annapolis, it was probably a bit strange that I leaned toward anything that was not mainstream or classical. Once I accepted that my teacher was not going to help me branch out into jazz, blues and more dissonant "organized chaos," I decided to quit piano.

It happened to be right around this time that I walked into the Chart House in Eastport for my 15th birthday. One month later, I was a gunga din (salad bar knave). After one look at the line, I knew I wanted to cook. A tenacious youth (a euphemism for annoying little contemptible brat, maybe?) I convinced the managers to give me a shot and two weeks later the rest is history.

My consumption of sugar- and caffeine-laden drinks was staggering, as the busboys would bring us each our own pitcher of soda all night every night that



we worked.

The cooking was and is frenetic. Lots of things can and do go wrong. Two days are rarely ever the same, and I think this is exactly why I've been in the business so long.

But, alas, it's time to turn from memory lane and get a bowl of soup to go with the fond memories. I guess I'd call that a fair day.

Potato Kale Soup

(makes 1 gallon)

4 cloves garlic
1/2 shallot
1/2 white onion
2 Tbsp. European butter
1 quart chicken stock
2 cup half and half
1 quart Heavy cream
8 ounces Cooked sausage
12 ounces potatoes, blanched
2 cup kale, stemmed, cleaned and chopped
salt and pepper to taste

Step 1: Heat butter until foaming subsides but butter is not burned

Step 2: Add shallots and onion and cook until translucent

Step 3: Add minced garlic and cook for 3 minutes, ensuring that you do no burn it

Step 4: Add chicken stock and bring to a boil

Step 5: Immediately reduce to a simmer and reduce soup by 1/3

Step 6: Add half & half and cream and bring just to a simmer, being careful to not boil soup over onto stove

Step 7: Reduce by a fifth and add sausage. Cook for 15 minutes

Step 8: Add kale and potatoes and cook until kale is cooked but still a nice, bright green

Step 9: Do not season before this point since you will probably have salt in your sausage and/or chicken stock if you are using a store-bought stock

Step 10: Season with salt and black pepper to taste

This soup will go fast since it's so good, but if you want to preserve it, cool it down completely and properly (see note below), and then bag it up and freeze it. Then, pull it out as needed.

Proper cooling of soups

Take your soup and chill it by placing the metal soup pot in a sink surrounded by ice. Bags or containers of ice can be placed in soup to assist in cooling process. The goal is the following: Your soup should have reached a temperature of 165 degrees, and if you brought it to a boil, it would in effect be 212 degrees so I think you're safe.

Once it hits 165 again, however, you have to cool it to below 70 within two hours and then below 41 within the next four hours, for a total of six hours. Otherwise, it's just a playground for bacteria.

For those of you who are aware of the four-hour danger zone, this 6-hour procedure was developed and delivered by the FDA and is what you're supposed to do. The most critical part of the two-step process is to get it below 70 degrees within two hours since 70-125 degrees is a bacteria's most comfy temperature range.

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