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Neighborhood still weighing impact of wind turbine next door

Petition being circulated to determine residents' feeling on town project

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Linda Bowen stood on her front porch on Jan. 21 and pointed to the large transformer towers directly across the street on the substation yard. Noting the constant light buzzing that they emit, she said she is skeptical about assurances that sounds from a proposed wind turbine there won't add to the noise.

Her doubts and those of other Schoolfield Street residents, who also raised concerns about possible safety

and environmental issues, were expressed to the Berlin Town Council earlier this month, when the council discussed the proposed wind turbine the town wants to install at the Savage Substation at the end of the block.

Councilmember Elroy Brittingham said that he would support the decision of the residents, who asked for more time to gather additional information on potential impacts the installation might have on the community.

Douglas Richard, of DDU Magnetics Inc. designed the turbine, which, unlike current products, does not require a gearbox to function. The mechanism in the gearbox is what emits noise in turbines, he said.

According to Richard, the town has

agreed to provide the permits and service connections and meter operation, while DDU would provide the turbine, inverter, transportation, tower engineering, project management and structural foundation.

The turbine would symbolize the next generation of alternate energy and the town is anxious to make a name nationally as the first municipality to adopt it. But apparently not at the expense of residents who do not wish to see it in their front yards.

Bowen said her Schoolfield Street neighbors, several of whom are relatives, were surprised to learn that the proposed agreement was about to be adopted at the Jan. 14 council meeting. She lives directly across for the substa-

tion, which she said was itself a development that surprised neighbors several years ago.

Bowen said a petition is circulating to poll residents to determine whether the turbine will receive community approval. She said the petition results are expected to be presented to the council in February.

Research on how wind turbines affect communities across the country show a mixed picture, which may or may not be the case if the innovations included in Richard's gearbox-free turbine design live up to expectations.

The primary complaints of residents living in other communities with turbines seem to be the noise, their negative affects on wildlife and birds,

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BRRRR

Flags snap in the crisp wind with a backdrop of visiting Canadian geese at the Veterans Memorial near Ocean Pines after the first snowfall of the year.

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Warrant leads to drug arrest

Raid produces pounds of pot, bags of heroin in home near Buckingham

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Jan. 25, 2013) A Berlin home was raided last week and its resident was charged with several serious drug offenses, including possession of heroin with the intent to distribute it in a school zone.

Members of the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team executed a search and seizure warrant on Jan. 16 at the West Street residence of Joseph Tyler Shanahan, 25. The warrant was obtained because of information learned during an investigation into the ongoing distribution of marijuana and heroin.

The Berlin Police Department's SWAT team entered the residence and took Shanahan into custody.

During a search of the residence, police found 987 grams of marijuana (2.17 pounds), 99 individually wrapped bags of heroin and \$1,510 in cash.

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WAITING FOR SUN

A flock of ducks and geese warm themselves in the sunshine on the pond near Ocean Pines' South Gate after last week's dusting of snow.

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Drug bust entails charges for being in school zone

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Shanahan was taken to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office in Snow Hill for processing. He was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of heroin, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, possession with the intent to distribute heroin, possession with the intent to distribute marijuana in a school zone, possession with the intent to distribute heroin in school zone and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shanahan was charged with possession of marijuana and heroin with the intent to distribute those drugs in a school zone because his residence is near Buckingham Elementary School.

He was being held in the Worcester County Jail on \$250,000 bond. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 15 in District Court in Snow Hill.

In addition to the Berlin Police Department's SWAT Team and K-9 unit, the Worcester County Criminal Enforcement Team was assisted by the Ocean City Police Department Narcotics Unit, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, the Worcester County State's Attorney's Office and Maryland State Police.

This arrest was unrelated to Operation Smackdown, the investigation into a local heroin distribution network of the Ocean City Police Department that led to the arrest of 26 people in early December.

This was not Shanahan's first brush with the law. He pleaded guilty May 5, 2010 to possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute it and was given a suspended 18-month jail sentence. He was allowed to participate in adult drug court instead of going to jail.

On July 1, 2011, he was found guilty of possession of methadone and was sentenced to 18 months in jail with all suspended, but three months and one day.

On Feb. 13, 2013, he pleaded guilty to second-degree assault and was again sentenced to 18 months in jail, with all but one month suspended.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Marijuana

Three Virginia Beach residents were charged Jan. 19 with possession of marijuana after a Berlin police officer found marijuana in their vehicle.

The officer stopped the vehicle on Route 113 and Old Ocean City Boulevard at about 5 p.m. because of a traffic violation. After detecting the odor of marijuana, the officer searched and found two devices containing the drug.

Bao Minh On, 18, William J. Weigel, 19 and a 17-year-old boy were charged with possession of the drug. On, the driver, was also charged with possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute it.

Drug distribution

Two New York City residents were charged Jan. 18 with drug offenses after a Maryland State Police trooper stopped their truck for speeding at Route 113 and Route 575 at about 1 p.m.

The trooper smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle when he approached the truck.

According to Maryland State Police, the trooper found 430.39 grams (approximately 15 ounces) of marijuana, two smoking devices and a digital scale with trace amounts of marijuana on it.

Susan M. Liebowitz, 49, and the driver, William Russell Thomas, 53, were both charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and two counts of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute it.

Disorderly conduct

Two men were charged Jan. 11 with disorderly conduct after being involved in an altercation outside a North Ocean City bar.

Ocean City police officers saw a member of the bar's security staff try to get Jeffrey Douglas Messick, 39, of West Ocean City, off Ian Michael Roth, 24, of Selbyville, Del.

Another man, who had a bleeding cut above his eye, told police that Roth had assaulted him.

Others at the establishment told police that Roth had been fighting with a woman and security camera footage showed him pulling a woman out of the bar. He reportedly started fighting with men who tried to break up his fight with the woman. Messick was reportedly one of those men. According to charging documents, Messick later said someone struck him, but he did not know who and he just reacted.

Alleged theft

A 28-year-old Berlin man was arrested Jan. 10 on a District Court arrest warrant on charges of theft of less than \$1,000, conspiracy theft of less than \$1,000, a theft scheme of more than \$10,000 to less than \$100,000 and two counts of forgery of private documents.

Christopher George Ashley was released on personal recognizance, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office stated in a press release.

Burglary charge

A Worcester County Sheriff's Office deputy arrested Rachel Katherine Oettel of Lewes, Del., on Jan. 11 on a District Court arrest warrant on charges of first-degree burglary, theft of less than \$1,000 and theft from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

She was held in the Worcester County Jail on \$7,500 bond.

Alleged forgery

A Worcester County Sheriff's Office deputy arrested Rodrigo Alves Valadao, 27, of Salisbury on Jan. 9 on a fugitive warrant through Delaware.

The charges were for forgery and uttering a bad check. Valadao was held at the Worcester County Jail on no bond.

MCBP seeking citizen aid for Bishopville pond restoration

BISHOPVILLE — The Maryland Coastal Bays Program will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29, to address a need to develop a volunteer group to help steward the Lizard Hill restoration project located on Cemetery Road in Bishopville.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Bishopville Firehouse.

MCBP representatives will discuss the Lizard Hill restoration site — what it used to be, what it is now and what the plans are for the site's future. MCBP is also looking to recruit community members to be part of a volunteer restoration group for the property. Interested individuals can sign up for the "Friends of Lizard Hill" volunteer group during the meeting.

The main objective of the Lizard Hill site is to serve as a wetland mitigation site. However, according to the MCBP, the site

is much more than that; secondary objectives include reintroducing an Atlantic white cedar forest community, which would encourage the return of important native species to the Coastal Bays region. The site also helps to reduce excess nutrient inputs into the St. Martins River. Lizard Hill has been an ongoing project of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, and so far the site is home to more than 8,000 new trees.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation exists to protect and conserve the waters and surrounding watershed of Maryland's Coastal Bays.

For more information about this meeting, contact Kara Grosse at kgrosse@md-coastalbays.com or call 410-213-2297, Ext. 111. For information about the Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation, visit www.mdcoastalbays.org.

Residents remain wary of impact of town wind turbine plan

Study says serious issues can be mitigated through certain required steps

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reduced aesthetics and reductions in real estate value.

As it turns out, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management has conducted an environmental impact study on wind turbines, although that study did not examine the gear box-free generator that DDU proposes to install.

The bureau's "Wind Energy Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement" was published June 2005 and is available online at <http://windeis.anl.gov/documents/fpei/s/index.cfm>.

According to the study "wind energy" or "wind power" describes the process by which the wind is used to generate either mechanical power or electricity. Once captured, the kinetic energy from the wind can be either be converted into mechanical power to be used for specific purposes (Eastern Shore farmers used windmills for years to pump water), or be converted into electrical power to be transferred into a utility grid and distributed to electricity customers.

The study included an assessment of the positive and negative environmental, social, and economic impacts wind turbines could pose.

According to the study, construction of a turbine can disturb as much as three acres with tower foundations extending 35 to 40 feet below the surface, and building the foundation may require blasting, and heavy vehicles. Protection against lightning could require drilling down to the closest aquifer, it said.

"To determine the potential noise impacts at nearby residences from wind turbine operations, sound level data would be needed," the study said. But it noted the sound pressure level of 58 to 62 decibels at a distance of 164 feet from the turbine, would generally be about the same level as conversational speech at a three-foot distance.

Whether the turbine noise is intrusive depends not only on the intensity of the sound and its frequency but also on the background noise, which varies with the level of human and animal activities and meteorological conditions, according to the study.

In general, according to the study, as the wind's velocity increases, the noise caused by the wind as it blows against structures, trees and plants becomes greater more quickly than it does from a turbine that's also picking up speed.

Subsequently, the study said it would be difficult to measure sound from modern wind turbines above a wind speed of 26 feet per second because the background wind noise would mask whatever noise the turbine produced.

"As a result, noise issues are more commonly a concern at lower wind speeds," it said.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Residents surrounding the William J. Savage Electric Substation on Schoolfield Street want more time to reach a consensus with their neighbors about the idea of a proposed wind turbine being installed on the site.

The study also said safety hazards that might arise during the operational phase of a turbine could be mitigated.

"These hazards include risks associated with major construction sites, rare tower failures, human-caused fire, Electromagnetic fields exposure, aviation safety interference, electromagnetic interference, low-frequency sound, and shadow flicker," it said.

To minimize those potential negative effects, the study recommended:

- establishing in the project design a sufficient setback from the turbine;

- adopting plans that comply with Federal Communication Commission regulations and to minimize EMI so it does not affect radar, microwaves, televisions, and radio transmissions;

- conducting signal strength studies to check for potential interference with public safety communication systems;

- complying with Federal Aviation Administration regulations, including lighting requirements, to avoid potential safety issues associated with proximity to airports, military bases or training areas, or landing strips; and

- developing a fire management strategy to minimize the potential for a human-caused fire.

The study also said, "direct impacts on threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife species could include injury or mortality, while indirect effects could involve reduction or fragmentation of habitat, reduction or displacement of habitat features such as cover and forage, exposure to contaminants," from chemical or fuel spills.

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The first snowfall of the year gives St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Main Street a Currier and Ives-like appearance.

Osteoporosis and stroke screenings coming to Pines

OCEAN PINES —To reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture, residents living in and around Ocean Pines may take part in a Life Line Screening on Jan. 22, at the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 239 Ocean Parkway.

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions, such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

"Without Life Line Screening, I wouldn't have known about the blockage until it might have been too late," said Anne Forrester of Oakland, Md., who attended a Life Line Screening.

Four key points every person needs to know:

- Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of permanent disability.

- 80 percent of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs prior to their stroke.

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Packages start at \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Piners get another chance to have leaves collected

OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Public Works Department's leaf vacuum trucks have made their way through Ocean Pines at least once this season to eliminate the pesky remnants of fall, and a second round is under way in the north end of the community.

The trucks will only vacuum leaves raked from drainage ditches and piled next to the roadway.

Leaves collected during yard cleanup may be deposited at the Public Works yard until Jan. 26. All other leaves, raked and bagged during yard cleanup, will be collected by Waste Management (up to four bags per pickup).

For more information, call 410-641-7425 or e-mail lmartin@oceanpines.org.

MAC has program on managing pain beginning in Feb.

SALISBURY — MAC Inc. Area Agency on Aging is offering the Chronic Pain Self-Management Program beginning in February. Those with chronic pain that lasts for more than three to six months, varies in intensity, affects one or more areas and creates stress, will benefit from the program.

This workshop was developed by Dr. Sandra LaFort at McGill University in Montreal and later in conjunction with Dr. Kate Lorig of Stanford University Patient Education Research Center.

Those who complete the program are expected to have more vitality, less pain, less dependence on others, improved mental health and are more involved in everyday activities.

This is a six-week workshop will begin Thursday, Feb. 14, at MAC Inc., 909 Progress Circle in Salisbury. The first session is from 1-3:30 p.m. There is no charge for the workshop, unless participants want to purchase the workbook or exercise CD.

Space is limited to 20 participants per workshop. For additional information, call 410-742-0505, Ext. 137 or 144.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Schneider Jr.

FLORIDA — Thomas Edward "Tommy" Schneider Jr., 31, died while fishing off the coast of Florida. Born May 29, 1981, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, he was the son of Jennifer Lynn Barrett Schneider and Thomas E. Schneider of Ocean City.

Mr. Schneider was a fishing boat captain, as were his father, grandfather, Paul G. Schneider and his great-grandfather, Carrol Paul Schneider. He worked hard at sea, often traveling from Florida to Nova Scotia, fishing for shrimp, scallops and flounder. He and two other men went down when they were struck by a rogue wave off the coast of Florida.

Mr. Schneider is survived by his wife, Dianne Harrison Schneider; his grandparents, Dr. Charles and Elaine Barrett; and his stepfather, Ron. Also surviving are his uncle, Paul G. Schneider Jr. and his wife, Lynda; cousins, Nora and Jessica of Annapolis; and his second cousins, Eddie Thomas Schneider, Donny Edward Schneider and Darla Ann and her husband, Jeff, of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul G. Schneider and Virginia Jane Schneider of Schneider Seafoods Inc. and Ginny's Crab Shack of Annapolis and Southern Seafoods in

Port Canaveral, Fla.; his great-aunt, Lynda Schneider; his uncle, Eddie T. Schneider Sr. of Florida; his stepmother, Anne Schneider; and his stepbrother and sister, Jonathan Moneymaker and Elise M. Feldt of Virginia.

"Tommy" was doing what he loved on the big wide ocean.

Nils F. Edwards

OCEAN CITY — Nils F. Edwards, 80, of Ocean City died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Philadelphia, He was the son of the late Freddy Otto and Inger (Thomsen) Edwards.

Mr. Edwards had been a construction superintendent for many years and was a member and past Exalted Ruler of the Ocean City Elks Lodge. He was also a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia K. Edwards of Ocean City; three daughters, Lori S. Edwards of Downingtown, Pa., Karen M. Madrigale (Michael) of Glenmoore, Pa., Robbin L. Kulek of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Noel B. Kremer of Marshallton, Pa.; and five grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville, Del., where friends may call an hour before the service. In lieu of flowers, dona-

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Education, transportation lead funding in O'Malley's budget

Route 113 engineering work would get \$1.2M, schools see slight jump

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — The continuation of the Route 113 expansion project might be taking just a small slice of Gov. Martin O'Malley's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, but it's there.

Buried down in O'Malley's plan to spend \$927.9 million on highway projects throughout the state is \$1.2 million to continue engineering for the Route 113 dual highway project that ultimately will convert to four lanes the two-lane stretch of highway between Berlin and Snow Hill.

O'Malley's highway budget, however, is approximately 2.5 percent of the total \$37 billion spending package he proposed to the General Assembly last Wednesday.

The budget also proposes an increase of \$317 million in assistance to local governments, bringing that total to \$7 billion for the next fiscal year.

The lion's share of the local education funding is targeted for K-12 programs, with more than \$6 billion in proposed aid slated for local school systems. Another \$286.6 million would go to community colleges.

O'Malley proposed increasing aid to local police and safety departments by 48 percent or, a \$21.9 million increase, while directing more than \$15 million into one-time transportation grants for municipal governments.

The proposed budget included \$7 million for a new competitive grants initiative designed to accelerate digital learning environments and for programs to support primary and secondary students seeking degrees in science, technology, engineering and math, according to a summary of the budget proposal.

A county breakdown of proposed K-12 education spending showed a \$4,357 per student allocation for Worcester for a total of \$27.2 million. Of that, \$7.9 million would be for the state's share of local school system retirement costs.

The state calculates the amount of aid each county receives based on a formula that compares the size of the tax to the number of students. Because of the second homes and resort-area properties, Worcester's tax base-to-student ratio is higher than it is in many other counties, even though residents' income here overall is below the state average. The estimated number of eligible full-time students under the formula was 6,243.

In other budget proposals, the state directly reimburses community colleges for the employer costs of defined contribution plans that are offered as an alternative to the state's defined benefit pension plan. It pays the entire cost of the state's pension and retirement benefits for eligible teachers, administrators, and other community college employees, according to the summary.

The budget included \$6 million to fund a statewide program for out-of-county or out-of-state students in regional or health manpower shortage programs.

Moreover, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore was one of four historically black colleges that would receive a share of \$194.7 million in state funding. Included in that allocation was \$22.7 million for the new Engineering and Aviation Science Building at UMES. The 2014 allocation for UMES was increased by 7.7 percent more than the 2013 budget.

The funding formula for local li-

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County taking nominations for 'Most Beautiful People'

WORCESTER COUNTY — Volunteers make Worcester County a better place to live, work and visit. To honor those whose contributions assure the continuation of vital services, Worcester County residents are invited to nominate individuals for the 2013 Worcester County's Most Beautiful People Volunteer Awards. Nominees should reside in and represent the volunteer spirit of Worcester County.

The deadline to submit nomination forms is Feb. 22, and a recognition cer-

emony for all volunteers nominated will be held at a later date.

Nomination forms are available at all five Worcester County branch libraries or by contacting Worcester County Volunteer Services Manager Cyndy Howell at 410-632-5656 or chowell@co.worcester.md.us.

The annual Worcester County's Most Beautiful People Volunteer Awards program has been integrated into the annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards recognition program.

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tions may be made to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md. 21811 or to the Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, Md. 21842.

James M. Whittles

SEBYVILLE, Del. — James M. Whittles, 84, of Selbyville, Del., and formerly of Wheaton, Md., died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, at Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, Del. Born in East Newark, N.J., he was the son of the late Fred and Catherine (Meehan) Whittles.

Mr. Whittles had been a bricklayer for many years. He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Ocean City, a member of the Knights of Columbus in Ocean City and Rosensteel, the American Legion in Wheaton

and the Bricklayers Union. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Marion Whittles of Selbyville; two sons, John J. Whittles and his wife, Tricia, of Laurel, Md.; and Vincent Whittles and his wife, Sherry, of Dameron, Md.; two daughters, Ann O'Neil and her husband, Kevin, of Laurel, Md., and Tammy M. Crain of Glen Burnie, Md.; a daughter-in-law, Diane Whittles of Severna Park, Md.; 14 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael G. Whittles.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Jan. 22, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Ocean City. Inurnment was in Delaware Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, Del. 19963.

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Schools would see slight increase in state funding

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brary systems allows jurisdictions with smaller tax bases to receive more aid per capita. The aid formula for Worcester libraries for 2014 would be \$407,000, with \$144,000 in direct aid and \$263,000 for retirement costs.

Transportation funding for other Eastern Shore counties included \$4.6 million for improvements to Route 404 in Caroline, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties; \$4 million to replace the Route 272 bridge over the Amtrak

rail system in Cecil County; and \$1.1 million for safety improvements at the routes 20 and 291 intersection in Kent County.

The motor vehicle fuel tax, motor vehicle registration fees, a share of the motor vehicle titling tax, and a share of the corporate income tax are designated as Highway User Revenues.

Worcester County's portion of that tax-based funding for construction and maintenance of local roads would be \$729,000, based on a formula that

calculates road mileage and vehicle registrations. The allocation for grants to fund local transportation services for elderly and disabled persons would be \$341,000, and the funding for one-time grants would be \$527,000.

Altogether, total state aid to local government would be \$7 billion under O'Malley's proposed budget, with Worcester County and its subdivisions in line for \$35.9 million, an increase of 8.7 percent over last year.

'Valentine's for Veterans' drive enters its 13th year

WORCESTER COUNTY — Start the year off by thanking a veteran with a Valentine's Day card. For the 13th year, cards will be sent to four veteran rehab medical centers to thank soldiers for their sacrifices and to let them know they are loved, appreciated and not forgotten.

All area schools, clubs, businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to participate with purchased cards (no

youth cards), but homemade cards are particularly appreciated. No postage is necessary and the cards should be addressed to "a veteran."

Valentines may be dropped off in Ocean Pines as Re/Max Office at 11049 Racetrack Road, Copy Central or the Ocean Pines library on Cathell Road, or the Ocean Pines Community Center in White Horse Park. The deadline is Monday, Jan. 28.

Linda Dearing and the Copy Central staff will then send the cards, along with some candy, to Charlotte Hall Veterans Hospital, Baltimore Rehab Center, Baltimore VA Medical Center and Perry Point Hospital.

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Charlotte Hall and Susann Palamara, both of Ocean City, show their patriotism during Saturday's fundraiser at the American Legion in Ocean City for wounded soldiers.



Nancy and Fred Engelke of Ocean Pines enjoy the annual Beef & Beer fundraiser to benefit wounded soldiers at the American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City on Saturday.



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FUN AND FUNDS FOR VETS
Ready to greet guests at Saturday's Beef & Beer fundraiser for wounded soldiers are, seated, LouAnn Trummel and Jack Scott, and, standing, Paul and Barbara Mazzel, all of Ocean Pines. The annual fundraiser was held by Star Charities. (Left) Singer Lee Taylor and Anna Foulz, founder of Star Charities, enjoy Saturday's fund-raiser at the American Legion, which was catered by Em'ings. Taylor sang with Earl's Dixieland Band.

Another round of Relay for Life fundraising under way in Wor.

Event planners begin series of meetings to prepare for May walk

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

WEST OCEAN CITY – Relay For Life of North Worcester County officially kicked off its fundraising efforts Jan. 16, at the Route 50 diner inside the Francis Scott Key Family Resort in West Ocean City.

Approximately 55 people attended the first of a handful of meetings to discuss and organize the 2013 Relay event, scheduled to take place May 10-11, at Frontier Town Campground, in West Ocean City. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is an annual all-night walk and gathering that brings together hundreds — if not thousands — of supporters to celebrate survivorship, remember loved ones who lost their battle with cancer and those currently fighting the disease.

During the 12-hour local fundraiser, members of each team will take turns walking laps around the campground track. Hundreds of walkers are expected to participate, helping to raise money for cancer research, awareness, advocacy, patient services and educational programs in the area.

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Cancer survivors participate in the ceremonial first lap of the night during the 2012 North Worcester County Relay For Life, held last May at Frontier Town Campground in West Ocean City. In 2012, 51 teams (approximately 400 people and including 108 survivor) participated, helping to raise \$140,000 (net) for the American Cancer Society.

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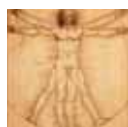
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North Worcester Relay for Life enters 16th year of fundraising

Area organization one of largest on peninsula helping to fight cancer

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The theme for last Wednesday's meeting was "Happy Birthday Sweet 16 Party," as this year marks the 16th annual North Worcester County Relay For Life.

Guests to the 1950s-style diner were encouraged to wear party hats and dress in era-appropriate attire.

North Worcester County Relay For Life chairwomen Dawn Hodge and Jill Elliott were presented with a banner by Theresa Young, the American Cancer Society's state vice president for Delmarva, indicating the local community per capita amount of \$3.66.

The \$3.66 was calculated by taking the money raised during last year's Relay For Life (\$140,000 net) and dividing it by the population/people who live in Worcester County. So, if every person who lives Worcester County donated \$3.66, that would equal the total amount raised during the 2012 Relay For Life event.

"That's a ton of money. It's a very high per capita," Hodge said.

Young also presented Hodge and Elliott with an award for incorporating the "education, advocacy, research and patient services" mission into all the North Worcester County's meetings, events and other activities. The local group is a member of the South Atlantic Division, which stretches from Delaware to Georgia.

North Worcester County Relay has one of the largest groups of "Grand Club" members on Delmarva, which, according to Debbie White, community manager of the ACS South Atlantic Division, has 24 similar participant-sized Relays. The region is noted for having 33 individuals who raised \$1,000 or



LISA CAPITELLI/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Relay For Life of North Worcester County kicked off its fundraising efforts on Jan. 16, at the Route 50 diner inside the Francis Scott Key Family Resort in West Ocean City. Approximately 55 people attend the celebration.

more during the 2012 Relay For Life.

This year's local Relay for Life theme is "Heroes of Hope ... We Save Lives ... Every Cancer, Every Community, Every Day."

As of Tuesday, 25 teams (approximately 111 people) have signed up to participate and more than \$19,800 in donations have been collected.

"We got a couple new teams [during the kickoff meeting], which is awesome," Hodge said.

Hodge said this year's goal is to have 60 teams and 125 survivors participate, and to generate \$150,000. In 2012, 51 teams participated (approximately 400 people), including 108 survivors, in the

North Worcester County Relay For Life.

The next North Worcester County Relay meeting is set for Feb. 7, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Ocean Pines library. The theme of the meeting is "Send a card to a friend day." Bring a new Relay friend and win a prize.

For more information, contact Hodge at 443-497-1198 or dawnhodge@comcast.net, or Elliott at 410-430-8131 or chilly@dmv.com; visit www.relayforlife.org/northworces-

term; or search "Relay For Life North Worcester County Maryland" on Facebook.

Approximately 3.5 million people participate annually in Relay for Life in more than 5,000 communities. Relay takes place not only in the United States, but in more than 20 countries as well. The American Cancer Society will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.

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North Worcester County Relay for Life chairwomen Dawn Hodge, left, and Jill Elliott display a banner indicating the local per capita amount. The \$3.66 was calculated by taking the money raised during last year's Relay For Life (\$140,000 net) and dividing it by the population in Worcester County. Relay For Life of North Worcester County kicked off its fundraising efforts on Jan. 16, at the Route 50 diner inside the Francis Scott Key.

BUSINESS

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FINANCE

Roth IRA taxed now rather than later on earnings

In tax planning, the goal usually is to delay the payment of income taxes. Therefore, it can be hard to understand why it may make sense to convert a traditional individual retirement account (IRA) to a Roth IRA, which results in the current payment of income taxes.



Chip Gordy,
MBA, CRPC

Areas that benefit from Roth IRA conversion:

- You can pay the income taxes due from the conversion with funds outside the IRA. By doing this, you are actually increasing your IRA's value by the amount of tax paid. Amounts converted must be included in income if taxable when withdrawn (i.e., contributions and earnings in deductible IRAs and earnings in nondeductible IRAs), but are exempt from the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty.

- You expect your marginal tax rate at withdrawal to be equal to or greater than your current marginal tax rate. Increasing income tax brackets sometimes make it advantageous to convert to a Roth IRA.

- You won't make withdrawals from the Roth IRA for a long time (you generally need five to 10 years of tax-free compounding to compensate for the current payment of taxes).

- You don't expect to take withdrawals from your IRA. Since you aren't required to withdraw funds from a Roth IRA, even after age 70 1/2, your IRA balance can continue to grow on a tax-free basis.

- You want to leave your IRA balance to heirs or beneficiaries. With a Roth IRA, the recipient receives the proceeds free of federal income taxes. Also, if you don't withdraw funds from the Roth IRA after age 70 1/2, you could potentially leave your heirs with a much larger balance than from the

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Visiting Angels, Living Assistance Services company, describes itself as a national, private duty network of home care agencies and the nation's leader for providing non-medical senior care. A Berlin franchise of the chain has opened downtown.

Betz's angels help elderly, ill patients stay home

Company matches need of families and patients with in-home providers

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Tyler Betz's is the newest shingle in Berlin Main Street's collection of retail stores and offices and is hoping to help area families find resources to stave off a premature need for nursing home care.

The 36-year-old Berlin native is bringing his experience as a clinical social worker and family services professional

into a downtown business that caters to the needs of mostly Baby Boomers dealing with healthy but aging parents.

Betz is director and franchise owner of Visiting Angels, Living Assistance Services, which opened just off Main Street three weeks ago.

The Visiting Angels company describes itself as a national, private duty network of home care agencies and the nation's leader for providing non-medical senior care. "Our Angels provide in-home care, respite care, senior personal care, elder care, and companion care so that elderly adults can continue to live independently in their own homes throughout America," it said.

The office is decorated with warm and welcoming amenities and Betz, who grew up just down the road, was enthusiastic to talk about the services he is offering. He said he hopes to maintain an intimate list of clientele, 50 to 70 clients total, to ensure a personalized level of customer service.

Betz said that he discovered early in his career "That I'm the kind of person who likes to work with people." His goal for the service, he said, is "to be small, but good." He has already signed on two clients and seven employees since opening.

In that regard, Betz said the company can serve as a mechanism for matching experienced, competent, nonmedical

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Young Professionals' Committee of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce members, from left, Bethany Miller, Alison McCarty, Jessica Hales, President Anna Giles and Chrissy Ehrhart-Knight met at the Berlin Coffee House Jan. 23, for a morning of networking.

Though business is new, job of working with families isn't

Helping to keep elderly at home by providing assistance where needed

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companions, who can provide light housekeeping, meal preparation and company, with families who are looking for ways to keep their elderly loved ones in their own homes, with a little assistance.

"We'll fill in the gaps," between what a nurse and therapist will do and what family members often struggle to find the time to do.

Betz said his employees, and the additional workers he plans to hire, are primarily certified nursing assistants who work part-time shifts that can range between two to 12 hours, depending the needs of the client.

The service provided is structured around the individual needs of individual clients, who are interviewed for a needs assessment, preferably in their home environment, Betz said.

Although he is new to eldercare, Betz said he has been working with families and in the kinship care business since he was 21. He has worked with children in at-risk situations, for child protective services, as a teacher, and in the foster care system, throughout his career.

The types of services Visiting Angels companions provide includes bathing and dressing assistance, grooming, medication reminders, assistance with walk-



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Tyler Betz is a Berlin native, who spent his career serving in social services and kinship care. He has just opened a Visiting Angels franchise, which he hopes will help families keep their elderly loved ones in their own homes, at 12 Pitts St., in downtown Berlin.

ing, shopping and errands, meal preparation and light housekeeping, flexible hourly care and live-in care, friendly companionship and respite care for families.

The Berlin branch of Visiting Angels is at 12 Pitts Street and Betz can be contacted by telephone at 443-513-4149, or by e-mail at tbetz@visitingangels.com. The Web site is www.visitingangels.com/BerlinEasternShore.

FINANCE

Converting to Roth IRA not always the right thing to do

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traditional IRA. Some factors that may indicate you shouldn't convert to a Roth IRA include:

- You have to pay income taxes due from the conversion with IRA funds. The amount withheld for this purpose will be subject to income tax and the 10-percent penalty if you're younger than 59 1/2.

- You will make withdrawals after a short time. Thus, the tax-free compounding of earnings won't offset the current payment of income taxes.

- You expect your marginal tax rate when funds are withdrawn to be significantly lower than your current marginal tax rate. In this situation, you will typically experience better financial results by leaving the balance in your traditional IRA.

- Income from the conversion would increase your adjusted gross in-

come (AGI) to a level that increases your marginal tax rate or prevents you from using some tax credits, deductions, or exemptions.

- You expect to withdraw the majority of your IRA funds during retirement. Thus, the estate planning aspects of a Roth IRA are not of interest.

Amounts that have been rolled over from a qualified pension plan, such as a 401(k) plan, to a traditional IRA can also be converted to a Roth IRA. Once the balance is converted, qualified distributions can't be made until after the five-tax-year holding period.

— Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC is a financial advisor with Coastal Wealth Management, LLC, located at 10441 Racetrack Road, Unit 1, in Berlin, who specializes in wealth and retirement planning. He can be reached at 410-208-4545 or chip@coastalwealthgmt.com.

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Wind energy bill will raise cost to business by up to 1.5 percent

O'Malley notes increase but says cost of wind as as resource won't go up

By Alexander Pyles

The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — Businesses would see their monthly electricity bills increase by up to 1.5 percent under off-shore wind energy legislation presented by Gov. Martin O'Malley on Tuesday.

The bill, O'Malley's third attempt to incentivize the development of an energy-producing wind farm 10 miles off the coast of Ocean City, would also limit residential ratepayers to a \$1.50 monthly increase while guaranteeing developers a market for wind.

"The most abundant form of renewable energy that we have, with the technology to harness today, is off-shore wind," O'Malley said, flanked by lawmakers, environmentalists and business and labor executives who stand to benefit from the manufacturing, installation and maintenance of wind turbines.

But O'Malley said developing the wind farm while keeping rate increases capped at the promised levels would be "a tough deal to put together." He suggested that a partnership with other states and the federal government would be critical to the wind farm's success.

O'Malley said he spoke with Delaware Gov. Jack A. Markell before Monday's inauguration of President Barack Obama and felt confident the two states could work together on economies of scale. Preliminary discussions are also taking place with Washington, D.C.

"Maryland will have to partner with others," O'Malley said.

A report by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory estimated that manufacturing and construction of a 200-

megawatt wind farm could support 850 jobs for five years. An additional 160 workers could be permanently employed to monitor operations and perform maintenance on the turbines.

Jim Dinegar, president and CEO of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, said Maryland's maritime workforce was plenty capable of servicing the turbines. And deep-sea divers, architects, engineers, steel rollers and riveters would all be needed to build the turbines.

"That's all a real strength," Dinegar said.

The House of Delegates passed similar wind legislation last year, 88-43. The bill had been bottled up in the Senate Finance Committee the last two years, but Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-Calvert and Prince George's, changed the committee roster to find the six votes necessary to bring the bill before the full Senate.

Sen. Thomas "Mac" Middleton, a Charles County Democrat who chairs the Finance Committee, said it was painful to watch the bill fail in the final hours of the regular session last year.

"One of the biggest disappointments that I had in last year's legislative session is to get the bill so close on sine die, to have had the bill pass the House and come up into the Senate and not be able to get that one additional vote," Middleton said.

This year, there are 24 co-sponsors of the bill in the Senate, the same number of votes needed to pass legislation in that chamber. Six of those sit on the Finance Committee — the same number needed to vote the bill to the full Senate.

"We do have the votes on the Senate Finance Committee," Middleton said.

Still, not every lawmaker is convinced wind energy will be the state's salvation. Sen. Joan Carter Conway, a Baltimore Democrat who chairs the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, said during a committee briefing on hydraulic fracturing — another much-debated energy production plan that involves drilling for natural gas in Western Maryland — that the cost of developing wind turbines and then producing wind energy outweighed the environmental benefit.

"Conceptually, it's probably a good thing," Conway said. "It doesn't necessarily help the ratepayers."

O'Malley, though, said it was likely that wind would eventually be a cheaper energy source than coal or natural gas.

"The price of the wind will not go up," O'Malley said. "It's the upfront capital investment that you have to make."

The U.S. Department of the Interior could begin making the sea floor off Maryland's coast available for leasing later this year. The earliest turbines could begin spinning is 2017, and O'Malley said there are still too many moving parts to project what a deal with developers or other jurisdictions might look like.

But the governor did provide his take on what failure to develop clean, renewable energy would mean for the state.

"If we do nothing, large chunks of Maryland will be underwater in the foreseeable future," he said. "There will be drought, there will be famine, there will be human suffering, pain and displacement, so ... that's the one thing that we really do know for sure."

Bill would push state's minimum wage to \$10

Proponents say higher wage will aid economy as workers spend more

By Alexander Pyles

The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — Two state lawmakers say raising Maryland's minimum wage to \$10 an hour will put millions of dollars into the economy and generate new jobs.

Sen. Robert J. Garagiola, D-Montgomery, and Del. Aisha N. Braveboy, D-Prince George's, announced on Tuesday

their sponsorship of legislation that would raise the wage from the federally mandated minimum of \$7.25 an hour to \$10 an hour by 2015 and mandate an annual indexing of the wage.

The bill would increase the minimum wage of tipped workers, such as restaurant waiters and waitresses, from 50 percent of the minimum wage to 70 percent.

Garagiola, the Senate's majority leader, called the raise a tool for economic development.

"If we put money in people's hands, that money gets in the economy," he said.

The Employment Policies Institute in Washington countered that some research indicates raising the minimum wage decreases employment, especially among teenagers and other entry-level workers.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 19 states plus the District of Columbia have minimum wages above the federal level, but none is as high as \$10 an hour. Washington state, whose rate is adjusted annually for inflation, is \$9.19.

Of Maryland's neighbors, only the District of Columbia has a higher minimum wage, \$8.25.

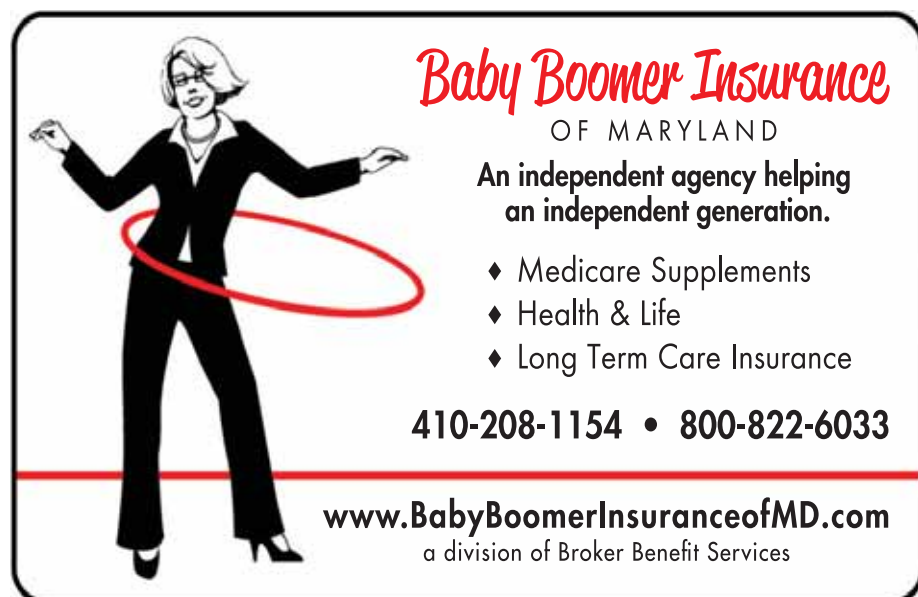


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Schools list their candidates for top teacher of year award

Atwood named top teacher at Cedar Chapel

Elizabeth Cotter Atwood has been named Cedar Chapel Special School's 2013 Teacher of the Year.



E. Atwood

Atwood received her Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from Robert's Wesleyan College, and her Master of Education in special education from Wilmington University.

Now in her sixth year at Cedar Chapel Special School, Atwood integrates the Common Core State Standards in conjunction with a functional life skills curriculum to a diverse population incorporating the principals of structured teaching. She seeks to empower all children to be lifelong learners, contributing members of society and productive citizens.

As a cooperating teacher for University Maryland Eastern Shore student interns, Accreditation For Growth Assistive Technology team member, Alternate Maryland School Assessment regional Community of Practice representative, Equal Measurements Coordinator and president of the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, Atwood advocates and celebrates diversity in partnerships with family and community.

Bankert to represent SDMS in TOY prigram

Stephen Decatur Middle School has named Mindy Bankert its Teacher of the Year for 2013. Bankert, a physical education teacher, has been teaching in Worcester County since 2008. She is the creator and advisor for the Equal Measurements program, an After School Academy program that partners SDMS students with Cedar Chapel students to help the developmentally challenged students participate in after-school athletics.



Mindy Bankert

Prior to joining the SDMS staff, she taught adaptive physical education, health and aquatics to severely challenged students ages 3 to 21 in Wicomico County. In addition to coaching varsity soccer and softball there, she also coached Special Olympics swimming, basketball and track.

In 1994, Bankert graduated from Catonsville Community College, where she played soccer and softball. She then transferred to Salisbury University, where she earned two degrees, the first in marketing in 1996 and the second in physical education and health in 1998. She later returned to Salisbury University and earned her Master of Education degree in 2007.

SDMS was led by Bankert to be the first school on the Eastern Shore to participate in the "Ban the R Word" Campaign in 2009. This anti-bullying and

anti-disability campaign through the Special Olympics has grown to include Stephen Decatur High School.

Fohner is OC Elementary Teacher of the Year

Ocean City Elementary School is proud to announce Jennifer Fohner is the school's 2013 Teacher of the Year.



Jennifer Fohner

Fohner, a pre-kindergarten teacher, nurtures her young students as she provides fun, learning experiences that help the students grow socially as well as cognitively.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood and special education and a master's degree in reading and literacy. She has been teaching for the past 14 years — the first seven in Anne Arundel County, where she taught pre-kindergarten at a private school/child care and was the director for several years, and the last seven years at Ocean City Elementary.

While at OCES, Fohner taught early intervention and was a resource teacher for two years, and for the past five years, she has been teaching pre-kindergarten. As a member of the Math Accreditation for Growth Implementation Committee, Fohner has designed and implemented math lessons for families to use at home with household manipulatives. Over the past several years, Fohner has taught Summer Academy for pre-kindergarten students and is currently teaching the After School Homework Academy for fourth-grade students.

Senter to represent BIS in TOY program

Berlin Intermediate School has named Amanda Senter its 2013 Teacher of the Year.

Senter has been teaching reading/language arts and math to fifth-graders at Berlin Intermediate School for 12 years. She graduated summa cum laude from Salisbury University with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and a master's in post-secondary education.



Amanda Senter

She believes that building a community of learners helps students become more comfortable taking risks and helps to build more autonomous learners. Senter motivates her students with lessons that are hands-on and infused with the arts and believes hosting Salisbury University's co-teachers play an important role in her students' success.

Senter currently serves on the AFG reading committee, mentors new teachers and is a former team leader. Amanda and her husband, Justin, live in Salisbury with their two children.

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EDITORIAL

OP should put hold on dues increase

In the proposed budget submitted for review for the OPA finance committee and board is a \$43 increase in dues for the upcoming year. That's close in keeping with a five-year forecast done in 2009 for years 2010 through 2015.

Property owners have already seen a substantial rise in dues in the past few years, much of it to be used to bolster reserves, without a solid long-term plan for the new monies being collected. While General Manager Bob Thompson has been tasked to provide such a plan later this year, asking residents to ante up more money before a realistic and approved plan is in place, does not make sense.

Additionally, with continued concerns about amenities not meeting expectations, a better plan is to look at ways to reduce expenses and give property owners a break, while seeing if budgets being set for both the Yacht Club and golf course are realistic – which hasn't been the case for years.

No one knows what the true numbers will look like once the Yacht Club is fully operational and the proposed budget submitted by Casper for the golf course relies on an increase of more than over 47 percent in income. With performance and membership in decline and the track record for Casper meeting budgets not good, it would be more sensible for OPA to see how the year shapes up before asking property owners to pay more for underperforming assets.

Since 2009, OPA expenses have continued to rise while income has fallen short. The five-year projection, much of what was used to develop the increase in dues for years 2010 through 2015, shows

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Feds post plethora of new regulations

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — Financial regulations, including new “Truth in Lending” mortgage rules, a microloan program for start-up farmers and new locations for financial assistance related to damage from Hurricane Sandy, were recently published in the Federal Register.

Agencies also published notices relating to a risk assessment for small food producing operations and phone service rates for prison inmates.

■ Mortgage rules

The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection published a final rule Jan. 22, that implemented changes to “Truth in Lending” mortgage requirements as amended by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which requires creditors to establish escrow accounts for higher-priced mortgage loans secured by a first lien on a principal dwelling.

According to the new agency, "Our new rule will protect consumers from irresponsible mortgage lending by requiring lenders to ensure prospective buyers have the ability to repay their mortgage."

rowers from risky lending practices such as “no doc” and “interest only” features that contributed to many homeowners ending up in delinquency and foreclosure after the 2008 housing collapse, it said.

The rule lengthens the time for which a mandatory escrow account established for a higher-priced mortgage loan must be maintained, but exempts certain transactions from the statute's escrow requirement.

The primary exemption, the notice said, applies to mortgage transactions extended by creditors that operate predominantly in rural or underserved areas, originate a limited number of first-lien covered transactions, have assets below a certain threshold, and do not maintain escrow accounts on mortgage obligations they currently service.

The CFPB is an independent bureau within the Federal Reserve System that was created under the Dodd-Frank Act.

■ Farm program

A new microloan program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is designed to help small and family operations, beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers secure loans under \$35,000, Agriculture Secretary

Tom Vilsack announced Jan. 15.

The intent of the program is to give farmers the resources that can help them raise the equity needed to qualify for commercial credit and expand their operations. The microloan program will also provide a less burdensome, more simplified application process in comparison to traditional farm loans.

Locally, producers interested in applying for a microloan may contact Maryland FSA State Office, 339 Busch's Frontage Road, Suite 104, Annapolis, MD 21409-5561; Phone: 443-482-2760; Fax: 410-757-9265.

■ Food risk report

The Food and Drug Administration on Jan. 16 announced the availability of the report, "Draft Qualitative Risk Assessment of Risk of Activity/Food Combinations for Activities (Outside the Farm Definition) Conducted in a Facility Co-Located on a Farm."

The document is intended to satisfy provisions in the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act that require the FDA to conduct a science-based risk analysis to help define food production activities outside the definition of a farm that would be considered low risk.

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Small outfits could be exempt from some rules

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FDA is using the results of the draft risk assessment to propose to exempt food facilities that are small or very small businesses that are engaged only in specific types of on-farm manufacturing, processing, packing, or holding activities.

Those businesses were identified in the risk assessment as low-risk activity/food combinations from the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for hazard analysis and risk-based preventive controls, according to the notice.

Comments on the draft can be submitted either electronically or in writing by Feb. 15. Electronic submissions can be made at <http://www.regulations.gov> and written submissions should be mailed to Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

Prison phone services

The Federal Communications Commission Jan. 22 asked for public input on pricing for inmate phone services to determine whether reasonable rates are being charged.

The public comment request was in response to a significant amount of renewed interest in two petitions that argued that inmate calling services rate reform is a public policy imperative because high ICS rates limit the ability of most inmates to maintain contact with their families.

According to the FCC, the first petition for rulemaking was filed in 2003 and requested the agency to prohibit exclusive inmate calling service agreements and collect call-only restrictions at privately-administered prisons and to require the facilities to permit multiple long distance carriers to interconnect with prison telephone systems.

The second petition was filed in 2007 and requested a requirement that would allow debit calling, prohibit per-call charges and establish rate caps for all interstate, interexchange inmate calling services.

The renewed interest has highlighted a wide disparity among interstate interexchange ICS rates, the FCC said. "We believe it is appropriate to seek comment to refresh the record and consider whether changes to our rules are necessary to ensure just and reasonable ICS rates for interstate, long distance calling at publicly and privately administered correctional facilities," officials said.

Initial comments are due on or before March 25 and reply comments are due on or before April 22. Comments should be labeled "WC Docket No. 12-375" and can be submitted through the FCC Web site, <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2>.

Don't raise dues until complete plan is available

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a \$13,267,922 projected income for 2012. As compared to the current projection of \$8,986,595, that's a substantial miss of \$4,281,237.

Meanwhile, \$9,055,054 was projected for expenses in 2012, before accounting for reserves, with actuals now looking to come in at \$9,269,521, an increase of \$214,467.

These numbers were revised the following year to \$12,885,945 for 2012 income and \$8,667,931 in expenses, with no updated revision available on the OPA Web site after that point. The dues increase being recommended is only slightly lower than the \$45 used in both projections.

While many agree that renovations to

most facilities are necessary, and are willing to pay for them, without certainty on how those dollars will be spent, while continuing to see amenities fall short year after year, is a good reason for holding the line on dues this year. Choosing instead to put a check on rising expenses, while seeing how income performance shakes out, is the more prudent choice.

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BAYSIDE LIFE

A doctor who makes house calls ... for your pet

And what you can do to protect your furry pals from winter's deep cold

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — As we await the forecast of Punxsutawney Phil, one local veterinarian provided advice on what dog and cat owners should know about caring for their pets during the last, coldest weeks of winter.

Dr. AnnaMarie Lange owns A. Lange Integrative Veterinary Medicine LLC (ALIVM), a Berlin-based house call practice where all examinations and procedures are done in the comfort of the patient's home. She has a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology, and she received her veterinary degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Lange said her practice is focused on health maintenance and disease prevention. She performs health checks, yearly physicals, blood work and vaccinations as well as acupuncture and food therapy. She practices integrative veterinary medicine and has made "the best of East and West for the health of your pet" her motto.

Lange agreed to provide some free tips on pet wellness and disease and injury prevention.

BG: What are the top priorities owners should be aware of as they try to keep their pets healthy over the winter months?

ALIVM: Pets should be kept inside as much as possible. Dogs that must be kept outdoors should have good shelter, warm bedding and fresh, clean, unfrozen water. They should be checked on often.

Cats will often seek shelter in a warm car engine, so tap on the hood a few times before starting your car during cold weather.

BG: Dog sweaters/rain ponchos. Which breeds do they help most and why?

ALIVM: The smaller the pet, the more quickly body heat is lost so small animals should never be left outside and should have a coat or sweater to protect them on walks.

BG: Is there anything owners should do to moisturize pet skin/hair during colder seasons?

ALIVM: Regular brushing and good nutrition help keep pets' coats in the best condition to protect them in cold weather.



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Dr. Anna Marie Lange, owner of A. Lange Integrative Veterinary Medicine LLC, says pets need adequate and safe shelter, warm bedding and fresh clean, unfrozen water when the weather turns frigid.

BG: What is the best way to protect a pet's pads when roads/sidewalks have been salted?

ALIVM: Salt, chemicals and ice can be picked up on paws during bad weather. Not only can these things harm the paws, the pet may also ingest them while licking their paws. Check, clean and dry paws and coat when your pet comes in after a trip outside. A thin coat of petroleum gel can help protect a dog's paws but feet should still be checked and cleaned after walks.

Also, remember, snow and ice can decrease a pet's sense of smell (a major navigational tool) so more pets are lost in the winter than other times of the year. Make sure your pet has an ID tag and, ideally, is microchipped.

Prevent dogs from walking on frozen lakes or ponds as the ice may be thinner than it looks.

BG: How frequently should pets be washed and how?

ALIVM: If a pet must be washed during cold weather, be sure that the coat is completely dry before allowing them to go outside.

BG: What is the best low-cost way to treat minor colds and flu?

ALIVM: The best practice is to have cold and flu symptoms evaluated by a veterinarian, because owners often underestimated the severity of a problem.

Lange added two critical winter safety tips:

- be aware of the dangers associated with fireplaces and heaters, and take measures to protect your pet — and your home; and

- remember that ethylene glycol (antifreeze) is highly toxic and even small amounts can kill an animal. Antifreeze has a sweet taste and so is very attractive to pets. Clean any spills thoroughly and seek professional help immediately if you suspect exposure to ethylene glycol.

As a general practice, according to Lange, owners should be sure to have clean, unfrozen water available at all times and feed their furry family members a healthy diet. Be particularly careful with older pets as cold weather may be harder on them, especially on their joints, she said.

Optimist Club's 30th annual boat show sails into town Feb. 15-17

(Jan. 25, 2013) The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club will present the 30th edition of its annual Seaside Boat Show, dubbed "boat show that works for kids," Feb. 15-17, at the Ocean City convention center.

This three-day show traditionally draws thousands of water and boating enthusiasts.

Held during Presidents Day weekend, the show also provides the Optimist Club the opportunity to raise funds for club programs that support local youth.

The local affiliate of Optimist International has more than 120 members and is recognized as one of the best clubs in Optimist International. The Boat Show income supports many youth and community service programs.

The Boat Show will feature more than 350 boats, 150 exhibitors and 50 boat dealers. The dealers and exhibitors will offer numerous special show prices. They will display their newest and most popular models and water-related items. The large number of boats sold each year at the show makes it one of the most popular shows on the East Coast.

Visitors will be treated to an array of sport cruisers, sport fishing, performance and "super boats." Boat Show exhibitors will include marine electronics, trailers, canvas tops, motors, jewelry, art and fishing gear. The show will also provide financing and insurance for boaters and water enthusiasts.

Again this year, visitors will have an opportunity to win a boat donated by North Bay Marine owners, Scott and Mary McCurdy. Each person who purchases a show admission is entered to win.

The Optimists also sponsor a scholarship lottery with \$100,000 in prizes. More than 280 students have received over \$1,500,000 in scholarships during the past 24 years. The lottery drawing will be held at 5 p.m. on the last day of the Boat Show. Chances cost \$100 and can be purchased at the show.

Times of the show are Friday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$9 for adults and \$1 for kids. A weekend pass is available for \$15.



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From left, Dr. John Gaddis, Ryan Patrick McEvoy, Karl "Timmy" VanVunno, Rebekah Scott, Hye Soo Chun and Dr. Jerry Wilson at the Evergreen Masonic Lodge student recognition ceremony.

Evergreen Lodge recognizes students for their citizenship

BERLIN – The Evergreen Masonic Lodge in Berlin recently honored outstanding students, dedicated teachers and the school system's overall excellence.

The lodge honored four Stephen Decatur High School seniors for their citizenship, leadership, scholarship, and positive character.

Recognized were Hye Soo Chun, Ryan Patrick McEvoy, Rebekah Scott and Karl "Timmy" VanVunno.

The students recognized each marking term by the local Evergreen Lodge are considered for the state-level Masonic Scholarship Award Program.

The students selected for this honor were nominated by their teachers, school administrators, guidance counselors, and the Masonic Excellence in Education Selection Committee for their exemplary effort, academic performance, and involvement in the life of their school and community.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were school Superintendent, Dr. Jerry Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. John Gaddis, Stephen Decatur Assistant Principle Mrs. Mrs. Katherine Cater, board of education members Barry Brittingham and Sarah Thompson and County Commissioner Madison Bunting.

Gaddis told the audience, "The students recognized by the Berlin Masonic Lodge are representative of all our students who give their best, set high goals for which there is no compromise, model the way with their academic achievement, and act with integrity. These students show leadership in both words and deeds."

The next Masonic Excellence in Education Student Recognition Night will be held Feb. 12, when four more Stephen Decatur 12th grade students will be recognized for their citizenship, leadership, scholarship, and positive character.

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Mondays: noon
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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,



LITTLE MERMAID JR.

Members of the Ocean Pines Children's Theater practice for "Little Mermaid Jr.," which they performed Jan. 18-20, at the OC Jamboree in West Ocean City. At far left is theater director Pauletta Matrona DeRosa, and at far right, Sharon Sorrentino, music director.

SUBMITTED PHOTO /BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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.jessespaddle.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 gmanzell@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. 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.

WORCESTER COUNTY BRANCH NAACP MEETING

New Bethel United Methodist Church, 10203 Germantown Road, Berlin. Meeting is at 6 p.m., installation of officers and meet and greet reception at 7 p.m. Ceremony performed by the Rev. Helen Lockwood. Everyone is invited.

MOVIE MATINEE

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Movie and a craft. Info: 410-957-0878.

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.

'STEEL MAGNOLIAS' PERFORMANCE

Riverfront Theatre, 2 S. Walnut St., Milford, Del., 8 p.m. Featuring the Second Street Players. Tickets cost \$17 and can be reserved online at secondstreetplayers.com or by calling Brown Paper Tickets, 1-800-838-3006.

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CALENDAR

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, 6-8 p.m. Games, races, music and prizes for the whole family. Cost is \$5 for Ocean Pines residents and \$6 for non-residents.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 11 a.m. Play with Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends Henry, Edward, Gordon and even Sir Topham Hat. Story and a train table. Info: 410-641-0650.

GENEALOGY: FINDING YOUR DEEP ROOTS THROUGH DNA ANALYSIS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m. to noon. Ester McGreevy teaches this overview of genetic genealogy and the related concepts. Registration is required by calling 410-632-3495.

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.

CLAM FRITTER LUNCHEON

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be vegetable beef soup, peas and dumpling

soup, hot dogs and a dessert table.

'STEEL MAGNOLIAS' PERFORMANCE

Riverfront Theatre, 2 S. Walnut St., Milford, Del., 8 p.m. Featuring the Second Street Players. Tickets cost \$17 and can be reserved online at secondstreet-players.com or by calling Brown Paper Tickets, 1-800-838-3006.

MDA CHILI COOKOFF

Harley-Davidson of Seaford, 22586 Sussex Highway, Seaford, Del., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For \$5 donation, receive bowl, spoon and a pack of crackers to test chili entries. Vote for favorite chili. Proceeds benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association. Info: 302-629-6161. Ladies of Harley will be accepting donations for SPCA. Recommended donations include clean blankets, towels, sheets, newspapers, cleaning products and food, snacks and toys for dogs and cats. Info: Debbie Brothers, loh@delmarvahog.com.

ITALIAN DINNER

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church), 5-8 p.m. Spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad, Italian bread and butter, dessert, coffee and tea. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations: 410-524-7994, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Applebees, Route 50, West Ocean City, 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$6 and includes pancakes, sausage and beverage. Proceeds benefit Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School. Tickets available at the door.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

'STEEL MAGNOLIAS' PERFORMANCE

Riverfront Theatre, 2 S. Walnut St., Milford, Del., 3 p.m. Featuring the Second Street Players. Tickets cost \$17 and can be reserved online at secondstreet-players.com or by calling Brown Paper Tickets, 1-800-838-3006.

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.

MONDAY, JAN. 28

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. A writing group that uses expressive writing exercises to stimulate the writing process for creative expression and to process emotions. No prior writing experience needed. Info: 410-208-4014.

SMITH ISLAND CAKE DEMO

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Smith Island native Lisa Evans will prepare a "Smith Island Cake" on-site. Info: 410-524-1818.

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., meeting at 10 a.m. Howard Sribnick, new chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County, will discuss U.S. Constitution, focusing on 19th amendment, which gives women right to vote. Pizza and a beverage provided following the meeting. All Democratic and Independent women welcome. Info: Judy Davis, judymarieh@comcast.net or 410-641-6683.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

STORY TIME

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children 2-5 years old. Info: 410-641-0650.

LAP TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell

Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, infants to 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games, finger plays and movement activities. Parents and caregivers will learn new ways to interact with their toddlers. Info: 410-208-4014.

LITWITS: INFORMAL ADULT READING GROUP

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. An informal discussion of recommended titles, authors and genres. Light refreshments served. Info: 410-957-0878.

YOGA

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, rotunda, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 5:30-6:45 p.m. All levels welcome. Cost is \$72 for eight sessions or \$10 drop-in fee for first time. Info: Georgette Rhoads, 410-641-9734 or grhoads@atlantic-general.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

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.

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.

SIMPLE SUPPER

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, last Wednesday of each month, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 11 and younger. Reservations: 410-524-7994.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

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.

CAKE DECORATING WITH FONDANT

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1 p.m. Learn how to decorate cakes and desserts with fondant. Featuring cake artist Christine White. Info: 410-957-0878.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Monthly book discussion. Take a book you want to discuss. Get ideas for new authors to try. Info: 410-641-0650.

BINGO

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.



GOOD THINGS

Anna Fultz and LouAnn Trummel of Star Charities appeared on "Good Things Delmarva," a program of WMDT-47 news, to inform the public about the annual Beef & Beer event, which benefits wounded soldiers. The fundraiser was held Saturday, Jan. 19. Pictured, from left, are Linda Thoebus, Fultz; Jenn Falfetti and Trummel.

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SNAPSHOTS



KIWANIS DONATES TO INTERFAITH
The Rev. David Herr, right, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pine-Ocean City's Human and Spiritual Affairs chairman, accepts a \$400 donation from President-Elect Dick Clagett on Jan. 9. Herr is also involved with Worcester County Interfaith Caregivers, which provides transportation to medical services for in need.



TOP FUNDRAISERS
Stephen Decatur High School's Connections Club and service learning students were recently recognized as the top fundraiser for the 18 and under category for Atlantic General Hospital's Penguin Swim, raising more than \$1,800. Pictured, from left, are top fundraisers Brooks Hol-loway, Zack Keiser (team captain), Bennis Watson and Trey Wells. Missing from photo is Samantha Ewancio.



AGH AUXILIARY OFFICERS
The 2013 Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary officers were installed Dec. 5, at the Ocean Pines Library. Pic-tured, from left above, are Sharon Fosler, president of the Maryland Association of Hospital Auxiliaries, Auxiliary President Sue Harting, Vice President Jane Wolnik, Treasurer Ann Hamilton, MAHA President-Elect Marlene Cochran, Recording Secretary Jane Bartolomeo and Corresponding Secretary Betty Franke.



PILLOWCASE DRESSES
Delmarva Pillowcase Dresses have made their way to East Timor, Southeast Asia. Made by local women, 4-H girls and Girl Scouts, the sundresses bring cheer to girls in destitute areas. Call 410-641-0415 for information



VISIT TO THE U.S. CAPITOL
Eight graders from Stephen Decatur Middle School traveled to the nation's capital to visit the U.S. Capitol building and learn about its history and the workings of the legislative branch of the federal government. This trip was a culminating activity to an interdisciplinary unit in the Pegasus Integrated Language Arts (ILA) lab. Above, from left, are Shelby Snyder, Sara Mitrecic, Jillian Mitrecic, Deyton McCloskey and Emma Hancock. (Left) A U.S. Capitol tour guide points out some of the many carvings and paintings on the Rotunda ceiling to eighth-graders, from left, Matt Kristick, Chris Leitgeb, Emma Hancock, Deyton McCloskey and Jillian Mitrecic.

The Ballet Theater of Md. will present 'Frontier: War of 1812'

POCOMOKE CITY — The Ballet Theatre of Maryland will perform on Maryland's Eastern Shore for the fourth consecutive year on Saturday, Feb. 9, when the professional ballet company and training school presents "Frontier: The War of 1812" at the Mar-Va Theater and Performing Arts Center in Pocomoke City.

"Frontier: The War of 1812" is a live dance multi-media performance that captures the fiery independence of Colonial America as it forges itself into a nation. Set to David Arkenstone's Emmy award-winning score, this production is inspired by the letters and memoirs of Dolly Madison

and other significant women of the period and depicts the major events of the war that shaped America's destiny.

Tickets for the ballet, hosted by the Worcester and Somerset County libraries, cost \$6 and are available all branches if each county's libraries. Show times are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Major sponsors of this event are the Worcester County Library Foundation, the Somerset County Library, the Worcester County Arts Council and PNC Bank. For more information, contact Lisa Outten Stant, adult program and public relations manager, Worcester County Library, at 410-632-3970.

Blues Jam celebrates six years

SNOW HILL — On Saturday, March 9, Snow Hill's "Blues Jam" turns six years old with what will be another night of great music by local performers.

Those who have attended Blues Jam over the past five years are familiar with the Chris English Band and the Snow Hill Blues Jam All-Stars who will headline the evening. English, known as the area's "real deal" blues musician, will open the night with his band.

The Snow Hill All-Stars vocals and

music are sure to get people out on the dance floor.

Blues Jam is held at the old firehouse on Green Street and is sponsored by Snow Hill's Arts on the River Arts & Entertainment District. Doors open at 6:30 with a cash bar and barbecue available for sale. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at www.sharpworks.org. After Feb. 1, tickets may be purchased at Bishop's Stock, 202 W. Green St., Snow Hill. For more information Bishop's Stock at 410-632-3555.

LIVE MUSIC



Power Play @ Clarion Resort

■ 19th Hole

9636 Stephen Decatur Hwy.
410-213-9204

FRIDAY – Aaron Howell

SATURDAY – Scott Glorioso

■ BJ's on the Water

75th St. Bayside, Ocean City
410-524-7575

FRIDAY – Mood Swingers

SATURDAY – Live Music

■ Clarion Resort

101st St., Ocean City
410-524-3535

FRIDAY – Power Play

SATURDAY – Power Play

■ Dead Freddies

64th St. Bayside
(410) 524-3733

FRIDAY – DJ Wax

SATURDAY – DJ Wax

■ DeNovo's

South Gate – Ocean Pines
410-208-2782

THURSDAY – Al Prescott

SATURDAY – Al Prescott

TUESDAY – Al Prescott

■ Fager's Island

60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City
410-524-5500

FRIDAY – DJ RobCee

SATURDAY – DJ Groove / Jumper

SUNDAY – Everett Spells

■ Globe Theater

12 Broad St. Berlin
410-641-0784

FRIDAY – Full Circle

SATURDAY – Daryl Davis & Margo Resto

■ Harborside

12841 S. Harbor Rd.,
West Ocean City
410-213-1846

THURSDAY – Opposite Directions

FRIDAY – DJ Billy T

SATURDAY – Simple Truth / DJ Jeremy

SUNDAY – Opposite Directions

■ Harpoon Hannas

142nd St., Fenwick Island
800-227-0525

FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins

SATURDAY – Dave Sherman

WEDNESDAY – Bobby Burns

■ Ristorante Antipasti

3103 Philadelphia Ave.
410-289-4588

FRIDAY – Linda Sears & Michael Smith



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■ Seacrets

49th & the Bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900

FRIDAY – Element K

SATURDAY – Full Circle / Steal The Sky

PUZZLES

ALL-INSPIRING By Yaakov Bendavid / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across
- 1 Like some church matters
- 7 Ancient priests
- 13 Dr. Moreau’s creator
- 20 Go over the wall, maybe
- 21 Fix, as a model plane
- 22 Gradual decline
- 23 Prince’s pottery equipment?
- 25 Firearm company for nearly five centuries
- 26 Indy entrant
- 27 Bygone Saudi king
- 28 City on Utah Lake
- 29 Cooking meas.
- 30 Words of certainty
- 31 Series
- 32 Lounging robes
- 34 Hooter
- 35 New members of society
- 36 Prepares for action
- 38 Madras title
- 39 Soft cheese
- 40 Dutch city near Arnhem
- 41 Ten, for openers
- 42 Manhattan area bordered by Broadway
- 44 Boobs

For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.

- 45 Certain sorority woman
- 47 Cat on the prowl
- 48 Soup kitchen needs
- 50 2006 Winter Olympics host
- 52 Radio wave producer
- 53 Part of one’s inheritance
- 54 Those girls, to Juanita
- 55 Public ____
- 57 Lack of enthusiasm
- 61 The Year 151
- 62 “Goosebumps” writer
- 63 Jewelry material
- 64 Leaves after dinner?
- 65 Best Actor Tony winner for “Mark Twain Tonight!”
- 67 Of the blood
- 70 Pete Seeger’s genre
- 71 Punch-in-the-gut sounds
- 72 Have no doubt
- 73 Mournful rings
- 75 Put back up, as a blog entry
- 78 Kind of TV
- 79 Online health info site
- 80 Hard cheese
- 81 In hiding
- 83 “Doctor Zhivago” role
- 84 Hails from Rocky Balboa
- 87 Makes a lap

- 88 Modern group-mailing tool
- 89 Some barkers
- 91 Eve’s counterpart
- 92 Commonly, once
- 93 Infatuated with
- 95 “Yes, Cap’n!”
- 96 Semisoft cheese
- 97 Einstein’s “never”
- 98 Teachers love hearing them
- 99 Some classical statuary
- 101 Big name at Indy
- 102 Tumbler
- 104 Stop proceeding in the maze when you reach the end?
- 106 Kind of strength
- 107 Flamenco shout
- 108 Det. Bonasera on “CSI: NY”
- 109 Dead Sea Scrolls preservers
- 110 “The Player” director, 1992
- 111 What the weary get, in a saying

- Down
- 1 Not object to
- 2 Conscience- stricken
- 3 Strategy employed by a Siberian Hansel and Gretel?
- 4 Ivory alternative
- 5 Left on board
- 6 Willy who wrote “The Conquest of Space”

- 7 Big name in radio advice
- 8 VCR button
- 9 Chefs hate hearing them
- 10 Of the lower small intestine
- 11 Fencing coach’s pronouncement?
- 12 Paris seasoning
- 13 Like the Talmud
- 14 Haymakers?
- 15 Basic bait
- 16 Dir. from Winston-Salem to Raleigh
- 17 Of the seashore
- 18 Biblical figure punished for hindsight?
- 19 Fastened with Velcro, e.g.
- 24 One of six areas on a Risk board
- 28 Additional
- 33 Name on pencils
- 36 Advice to Jonah?
- 37 Russian import, briefly
- 39 Was an omen of
- 41 Place to rest
- 43 Reddish brown
- 46 What’s-____-name
- 47 Grand Canyon rental
- 49 Deep blue
- 50 Georgia ____
- 51 Nobel Peace Center site
- 52 It can be shocking
- 53 Ginger Spice’s first name

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- 56 Members of la familia
- 57 Haul around
- 58 “Waiter, we ordered the fish!”?
- 59 Swiss patriot
- 60 Sherpa’s herd
- 62 Low-budget hotels, for short
- 63 Italian beloved
- 66 Sail supports

- 67 Approach a thruway booth?
- 68 “Mi casa ____ casa”
- 69 Swollen glands cause
- 70 Woman, in slang
- 72 Hallowed, old-style
- 74 Warriors’ grp.
- 75 Strike a chord
- 76 Feats of construction
- 77 Paisley and plaid

- 78 Carries on steadily
- 79 President who was an electrician by profession
- 82 Some chemical salts
- 83 Expose, as to criticism
- 85 Trials
- 86 Greet like a junkyard dog
- 90 Calif. barrio setting
- 91 Hawker

- 93 Polio vaccine developer
- 94 Good-sized musical group
- 96 Heartiness
- 100 Leeway
- 103 Sugar suffix
- 104 Dennis Quaid remake of a 1950 film noir
- 105 Govt.-issued ID

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HARD – 5

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

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Answers to last week’s puzzles

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Yes, it's fried, but it comes with moderation



By Paul Suplee,
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I find it fascinating that so many suggestive means are utilized in advertising. We like to think that we are not dim-witted people; yet, so often people buy consumer products and concepts as portrayed on the screen, in print and now online with little regard for research or the notion that an advertiser's job is to convince, persuade and coax at any cost.

This weekend, our screens were riddled with advertisements from the "healthy" fast food chain restaurant that was touting its recognition by the American Heart Association as being okey-dokey. It didn't quite use those words, but you catch my drift.

In a flash-by scene, there is a down-shot of french fries frying away in vegetable oil while the narrator berates the cholesterol in fast food.

Why is this so remarkable to me? Well, most if not all fast food chains use vegetable oil to fry as the use of tallow and lard saw their moment end on the chain level in the '90s. McDonald's was one of the last chains to fry their fries in beef tallow, and that ceased in 1990.

So, we have a vegetable product (french fries presumably come from potatoes) cooking in a vegetable product. The last time I checked, there is no such thing as cholesterol in vegetable products, so why place this audio moment of seeming lucidity over the visual of percolating pommes frites?

Don't think for a second that I am suggesting that fries are the next Dexatrim. I am pretty sure that those golden sticks of fried love are not great for your body if consumed on the excess side of moderation.

No, my argument today is that this particular restaurant does not sell french fries, nor is there a single fryer in any of their units. So, in order to establish their place in the Healthy Food Hall of Fame, the marketing company implies an untruth to further dissuade people from eating at "those other restaurants" and I feel that it is a cheap shot.



I could understand the company standing by its laurels and addressing the saturated fat levels of the competition's food product. I just don't like to see anything that keeps the general public from making an educated decision.

Am I taking this a little too far? I don't think so. After all, last night during a TV show I shared this sentiment upon seeing the commercial and they admitted that they had never learned that cholesterol is only found in animal products.

Our body synthesizes cholesterol from our dietary intake (depending, of course, on which medical practitioner you talk to) and cholesterol is necessary for many functions in our body. But it is found in animal products only and not vegetable products.

Of course, the saturated fat is deemed unhealthy for us as are trans-fatty acids, the latter of which have been blackballed in New York City and other municipalities across the nation. But, again, I'm not exactly rallying for the healthy nature of french fries.

Suffice it to say, when the day is done, I try to control the amount of fried foods I eat, but it's hard when it all tastes so good. At least I know that I can fry some things that won't be cholesterol bombs. Once I'm

done typing, I am going to fry up some tofu, one of my favorite appetizers when I eat in a Japanese restaurant.

I will fry. I will eat. My children will eat the Age Dofu since they love it, and we won't have it for another few weeks.

Yes, I'm irritated enough to go and fry something. It will be cholesterol free, but in no way will it be free from saturated fats. And I can live with that; in moderation.

Age Tofu

(makes 6 appetizers)

1 # Firm tofu
cornstarch, as needed
oil for frying
1 cup soy sauce
1 cup Dashi**
2 Tbsp. sugar, or to taste
scallions, sliced
radish, shredded

Step 1: For the sauce, bring the soy sauce and dashi to a boil and reduce a simmer

Step 2: Add the sugar and adjust the taste to your preferences

Step 3: Set aside so that the flavors will meld and you can move on with the tofu

while the sauce is cooling down

Step 4: For the tofu, cut it into uniform shapes and place on paper towels on top and bottom

Step 5: Press with a light weight so as to not crush the tofu. The point here is to pull out some water

Step 6: When ready to fry, simply dust the tofu with cornstarch and fry until golden brown

Step 7: Remove from oil and pat oil off with a paper towel

Step 8: Set aside until service time

Step 9: When ready to serve, drop into fryer again until crispy and serve with either cooled or room temperature sauce, radish and scallions

**The last time that I went to our local Salisbury market, they did not have the bonito flakes to make dashi. Instead, they had a dashi powder, which is simply an add-water-and-serve bouillon. It works just fine and has the smoky flavor so indicative of this broth.

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