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Members of the merchant community came out last week for the Town Center II ribbon cutting on Pitts Street. The shop relocated from Noth Main Street into the newly renovated building.

Members get the latest Yacht Club pitch

OPA General Manager turns focus for building to 'Campus Concept'

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — About 15 minutes into his recent presentation on the concept plan for replacing the Yacht Club the projector displaying OPA General Manager Bob Thompson's PowerPoint presentation went on the fritz. A women in the front commented on the outage but Thompson didn't hear her clearly.

"What's that?" he asked.

"I said, 'You've worn it out."

Thompson laughed. "I probably have," he said. Over the last several months, in addition to budget presentations he has given this talk or one very much like it nearly 10 times. The slides change depending upon how much time he expects to commit to the talk but the message is unchanging.

Thompson's evidence indicated the Yacht Club must be replaced and given that, he believes he has a plan that will make the operation not only viable but also profitable. While he has given the talk several times, when he spoke to the membership Saturday the theme changed slightly as Thompson focussed on the economic logic of a complete replacement.

Over the last four decades, the Yacht Club has been repaired as needed in an effort to make the building habitable without making too much of an investment.

Generally, the thrust has been that since the Yacht Club tends to be an economic loser, investing too much into its upkeep amounted to throwing good money after bad. According to Thompson the bill for years of a make-do attitude is about to come due and the membership would best benefit from a total replacement.

To that end, Thompson began with a systematic review of the repairs that must be made in the Yacht Club for

basic safety and efficiency reasons. Although the facts didn't change drastically from the previous presentations, Thompson placed new emphasis on the dangers of trying to bring the building up to code without a total rehabilitation.

"If you renovate the whole building needs to be brought up to code" Thompson said.

It was a statement that found some objection. He said that Worcester County Code requires that if the amount of work that is scheduled to be done equals 50 percent of a building's value, the entire building must be brought up to code.

Given the expense of much of the work, Thompson supposed that even a partial rehab would easily surpass the 50 percent of value mark.

One questioner pointed out that if, for example, the OPA did the renovation piecemeal it could be done for less money and without having to bring the entire building up to code all at once.

Thompson accepted the premise but *Continued on Page 3*

OPA bridge rehab part of the plan

Thompson explains the potential golf redesign

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — In his latest pitch to the community for the complete replacement of the Country Club, OPA General Manager Bob Thompson leaned more heavily than before on the holistic approach — what he called the "Campus Concept" — for the entire area than he had in previous explanations of the plan. By the time Thompson reached that point of the explanation, three hours into a meeting that ran nearly five hours, he'd lost much of the audience. Many of those who stayed, however, were surprised to hear how significant a part the necessary closure of the Golf Course's 10th hole played in the plan.

Although his plan was ostensibly for the rehabilitation or replacement of the Country Club, Thompson said he had a wealth of other problems he was working to solve that both coincided with and had a direct affect upon the Golf Course as a whole; problems that would have to be addressed whether or not anything at all was done to the Country Club.

Chief among them, as it turned out, was the fact that the Clubhouse Drive bridge will have to be closed and replaced and an alternate route would have to be found for the duration of that necessary repair. The only alternate route Thompson could find ran directly through the 10th fairway.

There is not, as it stands, a fixed timeline for the bridge replacement — it is a project that will have to be done in conjunction with Worcester County — but once it is green-lit, it will effectively cut the community in half, making the sections near the golf course virtual islands. Setting convenience aside, there are concerns that include ensuring fire, police and EMS service to the area that must be addressed.

It was when Thompson was addressing this concern that he hit upon not

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Mumford's Landing and Marina included in plan

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objected to the notion on two separate grounds. The first was that once an inspector comes to see some completed work, other needed work might be discovered and ordered brought up to code as part of a single job's completion.

Secondly, Thompson pointed out that piecemeal work was precisely how the building reached its current state and that it was irresponsible at this point to continue down a path that would result in the continued need for emergency repair and the kind of aesthetic patching that detracts from the Yacht Club's showplace status.

Moreover, Thompson said that the lack of ADA accessibility and the general state of the building when considered as a part of the community warranted replacement. He said it was bothersome that, for example, the Yacht Club couldn't accommodate a wheelchairbound employee and, as it stood, was a bit of a hardship for any wheelchairbound guests at weddings and other functions.

"Our community deserves better," he said. "We need to be better than that."

The Campus Concept

In the same way that Thompson changed the replacement pitch to focus on the potential downsides of a piece-

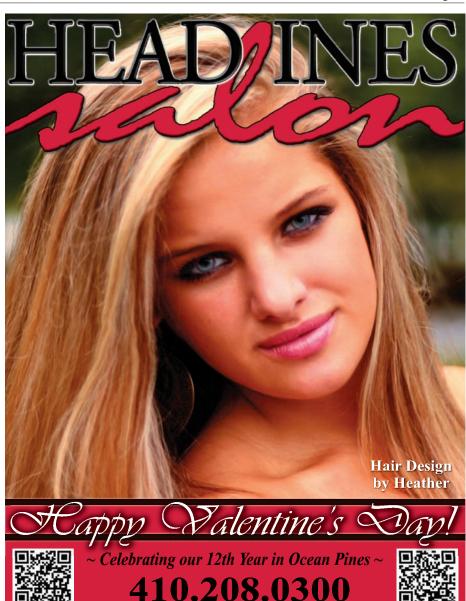
meal renovation, in talking about the concept for a new Yacht Club Thompson emphasized how it would be used to get the most return for the membership's in-

The biggest part of this was Thompson's reliance on what he called the "Campus Concept" — a way of looking at the entire area the Yacht Club could serve rather than considering the building in a vacuum.

The Yacht Club Campus includes the Mumford Landing Pool, the Ocean Pines Marina, the Yacht Club pool and the Yacht Club itself. Thompson said that in speaking with the architects to work on a design for the area, the focus was not so much on how the Yacht Club should be laid out but rather how the Yacht Club could become a more integral part of the area.

As an example, Thompson said that as it stands now the parking lot is the most efficient way to get from the Mumford's Landing Pool to the Yacht Club. He said this may prevent parents from sending their children over to grab a quick lunch.

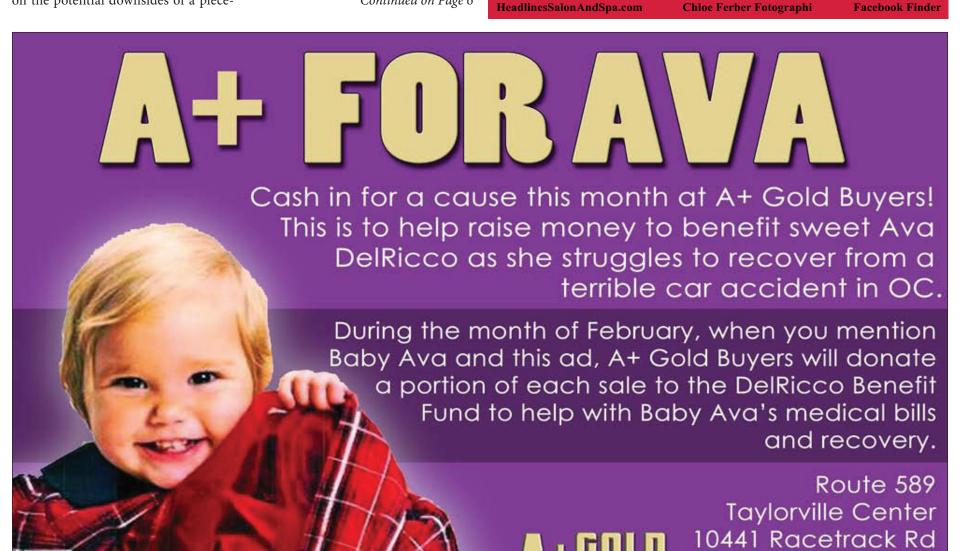
But more than that, the Yacht Club, he said, is no longer positioned to take advantage of the view of Ocean City or of the facilities second biggest fair Continued on Page 6



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Country Club redesign began with new road need

Looking for a solution to the temporary road problem sparked idea

Continued from Page 1 only a funding plan for the new Country Club, but one that took into account the ongoing Golf Course renovation project and looked toward Ocean Pines' Golf Course returning to premiere status as a result of the project in its entirety.

Making a temporary route permanent

When the road is rerouted through the area of the golf course currently occupied by the 10th hole something will have to be done with that part of the course in order to keep it open. Thompson suggested that instead of redoing hole 10 twice to accommodate the bridge replacement, the road and changes to the Golf Course be made permanent. He added that a change in the hole layout

would not affect the Golf Course's status as a Robert Trent Jones course.

One this proposal started to gel, Thompson realized the necessary construction could have an affect on how the OPA approached the necessary Country Club rehabilitation as well as the way they funded it.

As part of the plan for potential funding of the Country Club replacement, Thompson suggested that the newly constructed road would give the OPA the opportunity to subdivide and sell as many as 10 water lots along what is currently the Hole 10 fairway. He told the attendees that, after paying all of the associated costs for lot development, the OPA could net around \$2 million for the project. Once sold, the lots would also increase the number of assessment dollars the OPA receives annually.

Thompson took the opportunity to address the rumor that there was some

intentionality associated with the multiple solutions to rehabilitating the Golf Course and that this was just another of them. From his view, the Golf Course can only be done one piece at a time for practical reasons as well as for financial reasons.

Thompson renewed his assertion that Billy Casper Golf (BCG) had already done plenty of good for the course's image and would continue to do so as the product improved. But improving the Golf Course, he said, has to be done in such a way that the revenue-generating play isn't disturbed.

Thompson's vision isn't for an amenity that costs the members less to subsidize, but rather one that holds its own without OPA membership subsidy and actually drives annual assessments down. The unfortunate part of the plan is that it requires a considerable investment. Thompson said that he understood members' reticence to commit too much more funding to improving the Golf and Country Clubs. It was with the defraying of the costs in mind that Thompson said he began investigating alternate funding sources, including selling lifetime memberships to the Golf Club and lots along the re-imagined tenth hole.

Centerpiece for growth

If the Golf Course is to be self-sustaining — and Thompson said that it is not a shameful goal to which to aspire — it will have to be better positioned to

generate revenues. The two keys to that, he said, are making the course more playable and being able to attract more tournament play. The greens replacement program, set to be completed in Spring 2013 is one part of that equation and having a Country Club to support both day-to-day and tournament play is another.

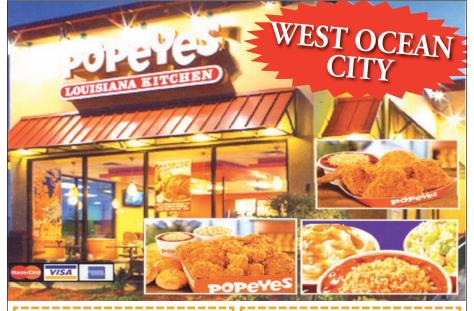
The amount of necessary rehabilitation needed on the Country Club building is sufficient, Thompson said, to justify a complete replacement. The building is not only well below standard in the mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) aspects of current code, it is woefully lacking in it's ADA compliance.

Wheelchairs have little to no access to many parts of the building and those with cursory ADA accommodations are more cosmetically than practically installed.

"There are all kinds of reasons this is just wrong," Thompson in regard to the lack of ADA compliance. "When do you stop putting bandaids on this and when do you finally fix it?"

One of the more contentious parts of the architectural rendering of the potential new Country Club was the presence of golf cart storage underneath the building. It has been called, he said, just a very expensive garage.

As it stands, another important replacement that is soon due is the golf cart storage shed, which Thompson said Continued on Page 5





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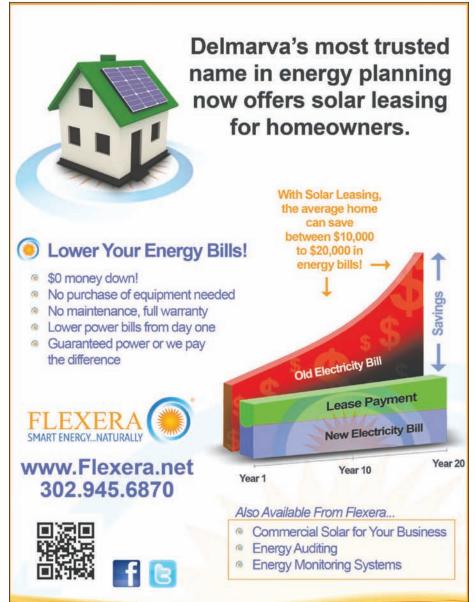
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Some members wary of continuing golf investments

Attendees object over reduced views for some waterfront houses

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is literally coming apart in people's hands. In response to audience questions he admitted he understood that the years-old decision to purchase new carts was contentious but given that they'd already been purchased the only thing he could do was work to preserve them in the exceptionally long term.

Thompson pointed out that not only the cart storage but much of the building's proposed layout was not a reinvention of the wheel but actually borrowed liberally from the Lighthouse Sound Country Club. The other local course, known for being a high-end club, has had success with a very similar design, which Thompson said is endorsed both by the club's regulars as well as anyone who visits it.

The plan and the objections

Although Thompson's proposal for dealing with the Country Club replacement has been discussed for the last three months at several public meetings, a number of people objected to have being unaware of the plan or its details.

The plan for the Country Club rehabilitation would completely demolish the current structure and change the footprint in such a way as to realign the new

building with the redesigned Golf Course. The new building would have an outdoor deck area stretching around the length of the building and looking out onto the redesigned 18th hole, which would have a water hazard.

The inside of the building would be laid out in such a way as to be able to accommodate one large party or three small ones. The main room would be separable into three with the use of builtin sliding wall systems and there would be a regular bar area as well as an additional bar that could be set for private functions.

The lower level would be wheelchair accessible and have, in addition to improved locker rooms and bathroom area's a card-playing room.

Upon entering the Country Club from the front — and the front would be realigned so it is the first thing people see as they drive up — the pro-shop and check-in wold be to the right and the main dining room would be straight

Thompson also deflected assertions that he was acting solely at the board of directors' request and without full commitment to the multiple rehabilitation projects he has proposed over the last several months.

"If I owned this company what decision would I make?" he asked rhetoripatch and paint."

Ocean Pines parcels raised objections to having their view disturbed by the potential sale of land. Although their houses are water view homes, being on the canal, they worried that the subtraction of a golf course view would inhibit their enjoyment of the property.

It was an objection Thompson said he appreciated, but he said he was trying to discover a way to have the solution that best benefitted the entire membership, and believed his suggestion for selling lots cold to it with the least financial risk for the 8,500 or so memberowners.

In response to several pleas and objections from members who owned property near the Golf Course and didn't want their views obstructed, Thompson said he would be open to other suggestions for earning revenue, including revisiting the notion of selling the commercial property along Route 589.

His primary concern, he said, was to discover a way to get the needed work done with the least affect on membership assessments.

'I'm not trying to make anyone mad," he said. "I'm just coming up with potential solutions."

The estimated cost of the new building, including the proposed road rerouting and other infrastructure changes is an estimated \$3.4 million. Thompson's proposal is to earn \$2 million in property sales, borrow about \$1 million and take the rest from the replacement reserve account that has been set aside for rehabilitation and replace-

While this project has no timeline, Thompson said that starting the discussion now was important because before the board of directors has him continue his investigations they should have as much member input as possible.







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GM Thompson: 'Our community deserves better.

Improving member's assets as well as quality of life part of the vision

Continued from Page 3 weather asset: the deck.

Thompson's concept for a rebuilt Yacht Club repositions it to not only take better advantage of the view and the outdoor dining potential, but also takes the Marina into account as part of the Campus Concept. By repositioning the Yacht Club, Thompson believes the Marina offices could be incorporated into the new facility. This will make the Yacht Club and the Marina not only operate better together but also act as a mechanism for better enticing boaters into the club.

Possible the most important way Thompson refocussed his Yacht Club presentation was with a bit of better definition on the proposed business plan. While the plan remains a bit indistinct, it is so by design. Thompson has begun the "big picture" work with the intention of having help on the details when he brings a new food and beverage manager on this spring.

Greater staff accountability

For the first time since the dismissal of

former Food and Beverage manager Joe Reinhart, Thompson was openly critical of the past operations and provided a fair critique of the failings at the Yacht Club specifically vowing to end poor practices.

One point he made, for example, was that he was more than once called to the Yacht Club because people weren't being seated in the sandy dining section because the wait staff didn't prefer to cary the food through the sand. Another concern was the amount of food waste related, not to ineptitude, but rather to a culture where menu creativity was supplanted by the knowledge that costs weren't closely examined.

The days, Thompson said, where it was assumed that the Yacht Club couldn't survive without member subsidy would come to an end.

We don't pay rent, so how is it we didn't make money?" Thompson said. "It doesn't make sense."

The new Food and Beverage director will be expected to keep food and labor costs in line with industry standards. Success at that alone will all but guarantee, he said, that the Yacht Club will stop running at huge deficits.

Thompson said that during this fiscal year the OPA was successful in driving

revenues at the Yacht Club but that food and labor costs were out of control. Food and labor costs are the most accurate indicators of whether or not a restaurant is running as efficiently as possible. Since they are also the cost lines that are the easiest to control as a percentage of sales, Thompson said more was already being done to keep those expenses in line.

We're monitoring the results month to month so we can move forward with the right decisions," he said.

Changing staffing levels and finding more creative ways to reduce waste and eliminate spoilage are the best and easiest ways to make sure the operation is as efficient as practicable.

Three season dining

One of the parts of the concept for the a possible new Yacht Club that has changes since it was first presented was the suggested of open-air only dining on the first level. In Thompson's original proposal he envisioned the first floor of the new building as al fresco. Member response to the concept was unfavorable, he said.

People pointed out that it was important to be able to seek shelter from the heat or the wind that might accompany the rain on a stormy day. The number

and similarity of the responses convinced Thompson to alter the plans a bit, providing an option for sliding glass doors that could be used to close the area off in case air conditioning or rain shelter were needed.

He called the program a three-season dining plan and reiterated his expectation that the Yacht Club would close for the winter season, when business doesn't warrant keeping the facility running at full capacity.

Under questioning from the attendees he moderated this statement saying that if the Country Club wasn't open to serve dinner over the winter closing the Yacht Club might be reconsidered. What he wanted to make clear was that he had no illusions about being able to keep two facilities open full time off season.

Thompson once again encouraged attendees to reach out the members of the board of directors and make their opinions known. He said that if he received the board's approval he could provide even better numbers and hopeful have a proposal ready for a summer referendum. Should a referendum pass, Thompson said construction on the estimated \$2.5 million building could begin in the fall.

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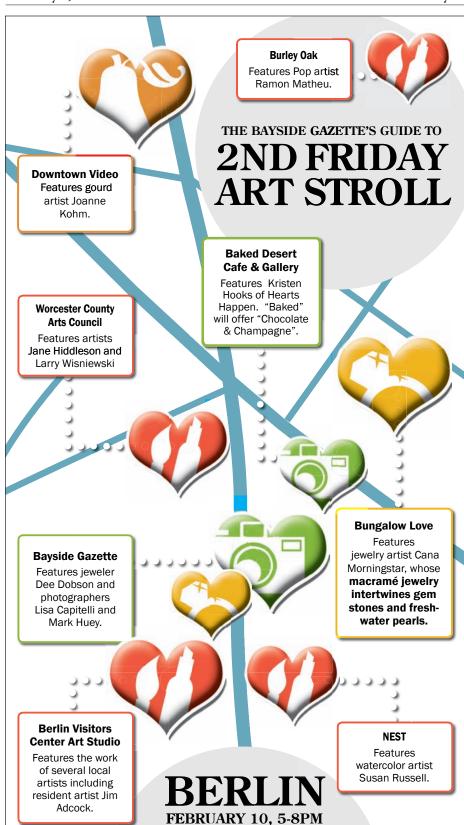
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CFES receives quality award for standards

SALISBURY — The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) recently received notification that it has met the nation's highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity, and accountability. The notice comes from the Council on Foundations, a national professional association based in Washington, D.C.

"This is similar to the Good House-keeping Seal for community foundations," said Steve Gunderson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Council on Foundations.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration.

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"This is critically important to our donors," said Spicer Bell, President, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. "When people make a charitable bequest, establish a fund, or set up an annuity, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely, honor their charitable wishes, and, in some cases, provide lifetime income to a loved one. The National Standards confirmation says our house is in order."

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause such as education or the environment, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs, or recommend individual grants.

In addition to affirming the organization's philanthropic services, the confirmation validates the Community Foundation's grant making practices for the nonprofit community.

"Some say it's easier to create wealth than to give money away wisely," said Don Taylor, Board Chair, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

"There's some truth in that. Grant-making is a lot like investing... we need to assess risks, weigh potential gains, diversify assets, monitor performance, and operate fairly. When you see the National Standards Seal, you can be assured that we're committed to meeting the highest standards for grant making as well."

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program is the first of its kind for charitable foundations in the United States.

Community Sponsored Agriculture comes to Berlin

Local farmer shares out fresh vegetables as well as local meat and fowl

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — Even though the threat of frost hasn't completely passed, Christie McDowell of The Good Farm, has decided to gamble a bit and begin planing hardy, cold weather spring crops. After the success of last year's Buy Local Challenge, McDowell hopes to be able to expand her CSA and wants to make sure, as the only CSA farmer in Worcester County, that she can amply meet whatever demand there is.

CSA stands for community sponsored agriculture and means literally that — members of a community paying a farmer to grow food specifically for them.

It's a notion that has continued to gain traction over recent years as people have become more open to the prospect of fresh organic food and therefore driven demand.

The way a CSA is structured is the farmer establishes how much food they expect to grow and divide the anticipated harvest into shares. Participants then purchase the number of shares one share is usually plenty for a family of four and pick up their portion weekly at a designated spot

The biggest benefit for shareholders is that, since it is in the farmer's best interest to be conservative when sharing out their planned crops, the shares tend to be generous but always at least meet the guaranteed amount.

Moreover, the shares are by necessity calendar correct and as fresh as can be usually only a few days out of the ground at the oldest.

While Wicomico County has had several successful CSAs over the years — Provident Farm grew to the point that they even had a pickup spot in Berlin — Worcester County hasn't produced its own, a fact that astounded McDowell.

When Provident Farm ended its CSA program the bulk of the overflow went to Ted Wycall, who owns Greenbranch Continued on Page 10



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Volunteers work the Route 611 plot occupied by The Good Farm last year during the height of the growing season. McDowell hosts volunteers from all over the country each summer. Her daughter Abby (right) is more conscript than volunteer.

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County's only CSA gets its greenhouse in order

West Ocean City site considered as alternate CSA distribution point

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Farm in Salisbury. Wycall has become something of a crusader for local producers, calling for reduced restrictions



Christie McDowell

on locally grown produce and livestock. Until Mc-Dowell joined him, Wycall was one of the few local producers who sold fowl, beef, and pork he raised himself in addition to organic vegetables.

Growing on a small plot on Route 611 last year, McDowell has an amount of success with the small CSA she ran last year as well as at the farm stand and the AGH Farmers Market. The Berlin Farmers Market has no room for the Berlin resident so this year her shareholders can make their weekly pickups either at Go Organic — the organic store occupying the Peach Shed in the municipal parking lot — or at a West Ocean City location to be determined.

Shares always include greens, root

vegetables, fruiting vegetables, and herbs. McDowell said that root vegetables usually include items such as potatoes, turnips, and the like while the fruiting vegetables are more of the tomato, cucumber, squash variety. Herbs can be anything from dill to onions and garlic.

As she enters her second year running the CSA full time, McDowell is applying some of the lessons she learned last year as well as taking advantage of some of what she sees as unmet area demands when it comes to fresh, locally raised

The first change is that shares will now be available in large and small to better accommodate both families and couples. A large share can be a lot of food for two people, especially if the CSA isn't their primary source of food.

The other novelty McDowell has added is the meat option. For a separate fee, shares can include chicken, duck, beef or pork, depending upon what is available that week.

All the animals are raised either on her Berlin farm or one of the other plots of land she tends.

To find out more about the Good Farm visit www.wegrowgoodfood.com or call 410-713-8803.

ident so this year her shareholders cor call 410-713-8803.

Annual Farmers' Market conference announced

ANNAPOLIS — The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will host the annual Maryland Farmers' Market Conference Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 28-29 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Bowie to provide information on state regulations to farmers' market stakeholders.

Session topics will include: food safety, social marketing regulations, and promotional opportunities for the 2012 market

Conference attendees can participate in one or both days.

Tuesday is Market Manager Day and will focus on federal nutrition program benefits, Maryland health and food regulations, marketing (including social media), incentive programs, and a keynote presentation on national trends and Farm Bill implications by the newly elected President of the Farmers Market Coalition Board of Directors Bernadine Prince.

Market managers are the people responsible for running the market's dayto-day operations as well as working as a farmer liaison.

Managers work to resolve disputes, make sure markets remain as diverse as possible as well as do the promotion and fee collection where it is necessary and practical.

Wednesday is Market Farmer Day -

will focus on training for Maryland Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, fruit and vegetable checks, and good agricultural practices (GAPs), plus sessions on Maryland health and food regulations, mediation services, and crop insurance opportunities.

The decision to become a market farmer can be a difficult one. Farmers have to make sure their on-farm practices meet MDA standards as well as the standards establish for selling at markets.

Altough many small farms make a significant amount of income at successful farmers' markets, there is often a bit of an investment required to make sure their stands are sufficient according to both state and individual market standards. Attending this event is a good way for those considering entering the farmers' market trade to learn about the common challenges it presents.

Farmers' markets have grown considerably in recent years due to the increase in demand for fresh, local food. Anyone involved with or interested in the operations of farmers' markets should attend the 2012 Farmers' Market Conference.

The deadline to register for the conference is Feb 24. For more information, contact Amy Crone at 410-841-5770.

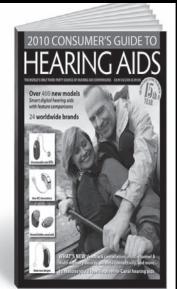
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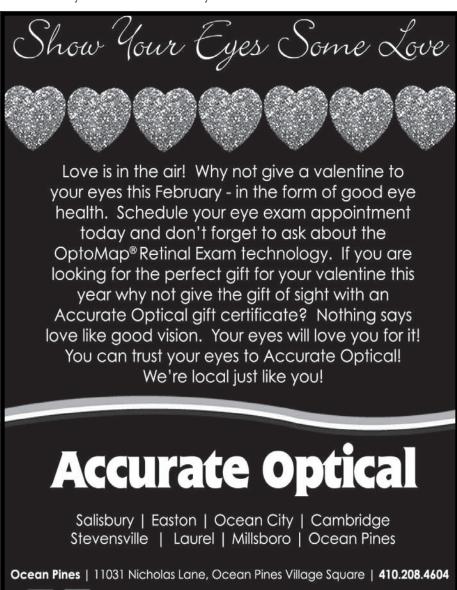
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Lottery revenue

BALTIMORE — The Maryland Lottery today announced revenue numbers for the state's two casinos — the Casino at Ocean Downs and the Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County. Janustatewide revenue \$12,923,551.67.

Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$3,133,209.80 in January, and its gross gaming revenue per machine per day was \$126.34. Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$9,790,341.87 in January, and its gross gaming revenue per machine per day was \$210.54 for the

The Maryland State Lottery Commission is responsible for all matters relating to regulation of the state's slots program. In this regulatory role, the Maryland Lottery oversees all internal controls, auditing, security, surveillance, background investigation, licensing and accounting procedures for the facilities. To keep Marylanders informed and maintain integrity and transparency in its regulation of the state's casinos, the Maryland Lottery posts monthly financial reports on slots revenue on its website, slots.mdlottery.com.

Call for artists

BERLIN - The Berlin Chamber of Commerce seeks artists for upcoming events. The events are the 18th Annual Berlin Spring Celebration held on Saturday, April 7; the 5th Annual Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash Saturday, May 5, and the

NEWS BRIEFS

20th Annual Fiddlers Convention on Saturday, September 22.

Each event is open to 20-25 experienced artists/crafters. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age.

Only original art and handmade crafts will be accepted. For more information on the events please visit www.BerlinChamber.org and click on Events. Applications are available online at www.BerlinChamber.org or by calling Olive Mawyer at 410-641-4775.

Offshore wind

BALTIMORE—U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar last week announced a major step toward developing wind energy off the coasts of Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, and

Joined by Gov. Martin O'Malley and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Director Tommy P. Beaudreau, Salazar announced that the environmental review of the proposed areas for wind development found no significant impacts, signaling a step closer to wind turbines spinning off the coast.

Energy Fund

SALISBURY — This winter Delmarva Power asked customers to support the area's needy families by making a donation to the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, according to a company statement.

The annual fund drive, which helps eligible families pay their energy bills,

Contributions are tax-deductible and matched by Delmarva Power which contributes one dollar for every three dollars

Last year, 340 Delaware and Maryland customers contributed nearly \$116,000. The Delmarva Power match brings that figure past the \$154,000 mark.

The Good Neighbor Energy Fund is administered by the Salvation Army.

"Extended periods of cold weather can deplete already modest heating budgets," said Delmarva Power Region Vice President John Allen.

To apply for energy assistance from the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, customers should contact their local Salvation Army Office.

The fund receives both personal and corporate contributions. For information on saving energy and money this winter, go to to Delmarva Power's website (www.delmarva.com).

Boggs meeting

OCEAN PINES — Commissioner Judy Boggs' quarterly meeting is 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb.25 at the Ocean Pines Library. The guest speaker will be Stephen C. Thompson, senior vice president of Chesapeake Utilities.

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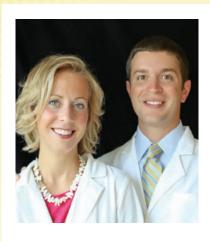












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Kiwanis speaker

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Stefanie Gordy, Director of Development of Worcester Youth and Family, spoke about the CASA program at a recent Kiwanis meeting.

OCEAN PINES — The Kiwanis heard a talk recently by Stefanie Gordy, Director of Development of Worcester Youth and Family.

Gordy explained what one of their programs — CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) entails.

"[It] specifically works with children who are in the Worcester County court system due to severe neglect, sexual abuse and physical abuse," Gordy said. She went on to explain that CASA's mission is to give victims a voice and provide a safe place for them to grow.

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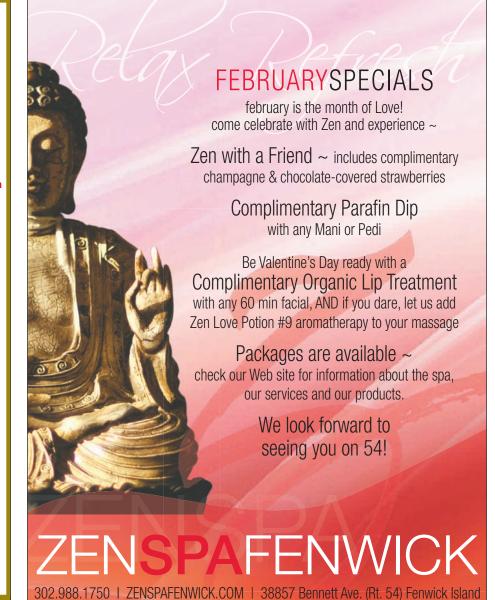


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'The chocolate will be at toxic levels'



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Jan Hohman of CraZy LadyZ is one of the 21 merchants participating in "Are You Smarter than a Third Grader?" the theme for the fifth annual Death by Chocolate event which is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at 21 participating shops throughout West Ocean City. Pick up a game card at any one of the participating merchants, complete it and then either drop the completed card off at your last stop or bring it to Captain's Galley no later than 6 p.m. to be entered into the prize drawings, which begin at 7 p.m. Participants need not be present at the drawing to win.

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

WEST OCEAN CITY - Jan and Louise from CraZy LadyZ want you to recall Dear Aunt Sally. You may remember her from eighth grade math class as My Dear Aunt Sally — the mnemonic device for the order of operations — but if you happen to you're already way ahead of the game. The game, for the fifth year running, is Death By Chocolate, a kind of poker run wherein players visit shops to get chocolate and clues. The theme is "Are You Smarter than a Third Grader?" but even if you feel as if it might be a dicy proposition, depending upon how long it has been since the third grade, the point of the game is to have fun. The point of the game is not to worry about facts that may have slipped your mind during the 1980s.

"I would imagine this year chocolate will be at toxic levels," Jan said.

The chocolate, as everybody knows, is a good in itself whereas the clues are a means to an end. In this case the end is being entered into a drawing for prizes donated by each of the 21participating shops plus access to after party specials exclusive to Death by Chocolate participants. Not bad for remembering a Dear old relative.

In case you don't recall, My Dear Aunt Sally stands for Multiply, Divide, Add, Subtract. Since the game isn't specific to anyone's aunt, the CraZy LadyZ have dropped the multiplication aspect and gone only with divide, add, and subtract.

The game works like this: Players pick up game cards at any of the participating West Ocean City shops to begin their hunt. In each shop there will be a math problem to solve. Before those with math anxiety stop reading, the Bayside Gazette has procured an example problem for you to get started on and the assurances of the organizers that calculators are allowed.

Here is a problem that will, for a fact, be displayed at one of the 21 participating stores. Fair warning, this is likely the most difficult of the bunch:

 $1,200 \div 2$

Take your time with it.

The point, as always, is not so much to tax your brain but rather to and an extra dimension to the day's festivities. As play-

ers go from store to store, solving problems like this they will write the number in the space provided on the game card and have their answer validated. It is suspected that hints might be available especially if the sugar begins to get to players' heads as the day wears on.

The numbers will be listed along the left hand side of the page and will be Aunt Sally-ed (added or subtracted) from one another as the plus or minus sign before each number indicates. At the bottom of the page will be a space for the final number as well as a hint, the answer to which will confirm whether or not you've done the math correctly.

When players reach the last store on their list — players may start anywhere but must visit each store to get their ticket validated — completed game cards may be turned in to the shopkeeper. Prizewinners will be announced at the after party at Captain's Galley and though a participant need not be present to win, the after party has been an epic event for the last five years and the new venue selected for this year will host a party not worth missing.

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Death by Chocolate

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By Chip Gordy

MBA, CRPC

The indexes look at three areas: Individual feelings about their current financial situation, which can affect daily buying habits; feelings about the state of the economy as a whole, which can affect their saving habits, and their longer term financial situation, which can influence their likelihood to make major purchases.

Consumer sentiment is important because the confidence that consumers have about the stability of their incomes can be useful when trying to understand the general movement of the economy. If consumer confidence is low, consumers will usually spend less money, save more and can trigger a shrinking economy. If confidence is higher, consumers tend to spend more and save less, which can foster the economy.

This data is also sometimes used to research long-term trends about which way the economy is going. Also, since cconsumer spending is at a level that equals nearly seventy percent of our GDP, its importance is paramount.

The index is created each month by assembling data from five questions through a telephone survey of five hundred U.S. households. The questions deal with the personal financial situation of now and of a year ago, perceived personal

financial situation a year from now, overall financial condition of the business where they work for the next year, overall financial condition of the business for five years, and their current opinion toward buying household items.

The consumer sentiment index is used by many banks, investors and our government to help plan both monthly and longer term measures.

By taking a look at the eagerness of consumers to spend money, companies and investors can estimate the possibility of selling products and adjust operations and investments correspondingly. The government can choose to reduce or increase tax revenue, while banks can charge lower or higher interest rates depending on how much consumers are going to want to save versus how much they will want to take out loans.

Due to its popularity, the report is issued in as a preliminary version in midmonth and then as a final version at the end of the month.

Finally since this index gauges monthly how a typical American feels about where our economy is headed, which can and usually does affect individual spending, it's quite subjective. It's an important measure of course, but there are other more objective indicators that need to be taken into account as well when measuring an economy's health.

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Resume workshop

SALISBURY — A free resume workshop called "Take Your Résumé from Fizzle to Sizzle" will be held 5:30-7:30 P.M. Monday, Feb. 27 in Room 105 of Henson Hall at Wor-Wic Community College.

Topics will include effective r resume writing and job fair networking. The workshop is designed to help students, alumni and members of the community prepare for the college's job fair on Thursday, March 22. Pizza and soda will be served to participants.

To reserve a seat, contact career serv-

ices at (410) 334-2903 or careerservices@worwic.edu by Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Massey elected to SHCA

SALISBURY — Robin Massey, Manager of Service Excellence at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, has been elected by her colleagues to a two-year appointment to the Board of Directors of the Society for Healthcare Consumer Advocacy (SHCA)



Robin Massey

of the American Hospital Association. Her term will run from April 2012 to April 2014.

Massey has been in the Patient Advocacy field for 19 years; for the last 15 years, she has been a member of the national SHCA. During that time

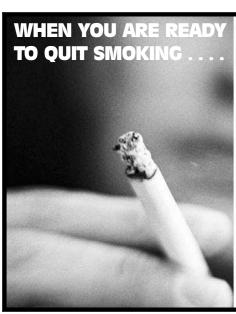
she has served on several committees at the national level and locally, and held the position of Chapter President of the Potomac Chapter serving Maryland, Virginia and Delaware from 2006-2008.

Massey has been at PRMC for eight years as the Manager of Service Excellence, and has a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science and a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration, both from Wilmington University. "I didn't choose this career, it chose me, and I've never looked back," Massey said. "I'm fortunate to have discovered a passion that was become a wonderful career."

The mission of the Society of Healthcare Consumer Advocacy is to lead the advancement of healthcare consumer advocacy by supporting the role of professionals who represent and advocate for consumers across the healthcare contin-

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'Death by Chocolate' enters a fifth year of candy decadence

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Captain's Galley will have specials for all Death by Chocolate participants. The restaurant will offer dinner and sandwich specials and Happy Hour specials from 3 - 8 p.m. in the bar including \$3 chocolate martinis for Death by Chocolate partici-

Over the last five years Death by Chocolate has become the highly anticipated event for preventing the onset of cabin fever. Inaugurated as a way to highlight the various shops in West Ocean City, participation this year reached a new high with 21 participating stores committing to giving away more than \$2,000 in

Jan said that the event has grown to the point that she starts getting phone calls enquiring about whether a date for Death by Chocolate has been set from former participants as fat away as Annapolis, Easton and the throughout Delaware.

People participate and return, not only because of the chocolate — although the chocolate would probably be reason enough, but also because it is a good excuse to get out and test drive the area shops. Many participants schedule specials and sales to coincide with the event and the out-of-towners tend to take advantage of the double enticement.

Each year, however, an increasing number of locals participate as well. West Ocean City tends to sometimes fall off the radar for local shoppers and the chance to be reminded of all the unique and interesting locally owned shops is always one worth enjoying.

Moreover, since there are a number of recently opened shops, or stores that are participating for the first time, there will be plenty of new experiences even for those who have participated regularly in

This year, in addition to the new after party venue, CraZy LadyZ has arranged a deal with Gene's Limousines to provide transportation for an extra fee. Although space is limited, the company has several cars available for groups or individuals to run the route in safety and style.

Any person or group interested in being driven from store to store over for the better part of the day may contact Jan or Louise at CraZy LadyZ at 410-213-2085 for more information about the cost and to get on the car list.

Reservations are suggested for anyone planning on attending the after party at Captain's Galley. Participants should mention they intend to be with the 'Death by Chocolate' party when placing reservations at 410-213-2525.

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Gas prices pursue record highs after a mild winter

"[T]his year has been

anything but typical with

gas prices reaching record-

high levels for the month

of January,"

- Ragina C. Averella

Fuel costs are expected to continue climbing as the spring surge looms

TOWSON — Gas prices for February have picked up right where they left off last month. In January, crude oil traded at record-high levels for the beginning of the

year, translating to the highest gas prices ever for the month. Gas prices averaged \$3.37 per gallon nationally for the month of January, 27-cents higher per gallon January than 2011. The national average for regular

grade gasoline climbed 8 percent this week to \$3.47 per gallon Friday. Prices are 18 cents above month ago prices and 35 cents above year ago prices, yet remain 64 cents below the all-time record high of \$4.11 set three and a half years ago.

U.S. crude oil futures closed lower last week, settling at a six-week low below \$97 per barrel, extending losses for a fifth straight day, which is the longest losing streak since August 2011.

Prices were mostly impacted on demand concerns after U.S. oil stockpiles increased more than expected last week, even as the dollar continued to fluctuate against other major currencies. In addition to higher stockpiles, U.S. crude was impacted by data showing a slower pace of job creation in the private sector, al-

though manufacturing growth picked up in January.

In the Middle East, while the U.S. and several other countries have embargoed Iranian oil, senior U.N. nuclear inspectors plan another trip to Iran later this month

after holding what both sides described as good talks on the Islamic state's disputed atomic program.

Crude oil settled in positive territory at \$97.84 per barrel Friday for the only time this week, due in part to an optimistic U.S. jobs report, yet reports that Iran threatened retaliation against the West for sanctions also had the market on edge a day after reports the U.S. defense secretary said Israel would likely bomb Iran to stop nuclear armament.

In its weekly report, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) showed the nation's crude oil stocks rose by 4.2 million barrels to 338.9 million barrels, a high last seen in October 2011. Gasoline stocks rose 3 million barrels, to 230.1 million barrels. Total petroleum demand fell to 17.65 million barrels per day (bpd), 6 percent below a year ago and a low not seen since mid-May 1999.

Gasoline demand plunged to just

Ralph Green, Optimist Art Chairman, announced the Worcester County Art winners. The high school students attended a recent Optimist dinner and received their awards. Pictured are Logan Scanlon, 3rd place painting; Katie Collins, 1st place drawing; Taylor Harman, 2nd place painting; Gabe Power, 3rd place drawing; and Jacob Hill, 2nd place drawing. Hannah Gaskill, who was unable to attend, was awarded 1st place painting. Over 50 students participated in the art show sponsored by the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club.

7.967 million bpd, the lowest weekly number since January 26, 2001 and the second time gasoline demand has dropped below 8 million bpd this year and the second time gasoline demand has dropped below 8 million bpd this year.

Typically prices at the pump bottom out during the cold winter months only to rebound as spring approaches, however, this year has been anything but typical with gas prices reaching record-high levels for the month of January," said Ragina C. Averella, Manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic. "What we can expect over the next few months remains to be seen. Although many analysts believe we could see record-setting gas prices by spring, this will likely depend on developments that arise in the Middle East and throughout international financial markets, impact-

Unseasonably mild winter weather would lead some to expect crude oil (and in turn gas prices) would decline, yet we're seeing upwards of a 10-cent increase in gas prices this week, leaving motorists with more questions than answers."

Record high gas prices for January have many motorists wondering what's in store for the rest of the year. Most analysts agree gas prices will reach record high prices during the first half of the year, yet lower demand and increased crude inventories do not support an upward trend, nor does the mild winter weather that has blanketed the Northeast so far this season. Although there are volatile factors, such as global economic conditions and unrest in the Middle East that could weigh heavily on crude oil and gas prices in the months ahead.





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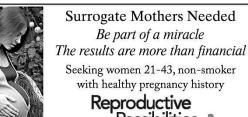
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It is time for the OPA board to get focused

After as many informational meetings as anyone could be expected to hold, it is fair to say that OPA General Manager Bob Thompson has done his job. It could even be said, though it would be debatable, that he's made his case for replacing the Yacht and Country Clubs. Having gone above and beyond the call of duty in addressing the issues the board of directors has asked him to address, he deserves the board's thanks and better direction about the next step.

The board should tell Thompson to continue on the Yacht Club plan and put the Country Club plan someplace safe for the time being. This would be the best call for the community, for good practical as well as good political reasons.

The practical reason is simple enough. There is no way that a referendum on both buildings will pass, even if the two are separated. It is too much to ask of a community that has seen too much go too wrong too quickly where the golf course is concerned.

The political reason is subtly different. If the Yacht Club is brought to referendum with no specter of the golf course looming over it the measure will likely pass. Once the board — and to be honest, Thompson — have demonstrated they are capable of successfully turning around the Yacht Club, the Country Club would be an easier sell.

Until then it is likely if the board asks for too much it will get nothing at all.

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HAPPY HOUR: Criminal masterminds

By Tony Russo

Although we tend to forget occasionally, when my co-host Todd DeHart and I go through the police beat there's always something that makes us glad we did. This week was no exception as we discussed the big arson bust (see page 23).

In an effort to escape police, three alleged burglars snuck into a dark lot and attempted to destroy the evidence by setting it on fire. That the dark lot happened to be where the Natural Resources Police stored their boats must have escaped their notice. If what followed happened in a movie it would be dismissed as unrealistic.

The thieves' evidence fire got out of control and spread to the police boat causing \$20,000 worth of damage and about a billion worth of hilarity/embarrassment.

But there was another police beat note that got to Todd in a way that was a little surprising — the notice of the enhanced patrols in Pocomoke. Most people hear "enhanced patrols" and "Pocomoke" in

the same sentence and say: "Sounds like a plan!"

But what irked Todd was the number of people who were pulled over, issued "warnings" and sent on their way.

As a man about town, Todd likes to get out a lot. As a responsible adult, he also likes to be the designated driver whenever possible which is why he feels it's a little outrageous that he is nearly always pulled over, asked if he was drinking, given a warning and sent on his way.

The DWI enforcement model that he proposes on the Todcast is both novel and intelligent which means it won't get any traction.

My model is superior to his, though, and involves bridges not being crossed which works fine for me. I have very little pity for people who drive through West Ocean City after 10 p.m.

After I got Todd all calmed down we moved on to Varmint Fest which was fantastic but best left to your ears.

I'm not certain whether it's

worth pointing out anymore but I am still not related to NPR radio newsman Bryan Russo.

It doesn't bother me to much that you ask. Nor does it bother me to deny my relation to Ocean City's Pizza King, but seeing as Italians are no longer the rare birds here that they once were it still strikes me as odd.

Feel free to join us 6 p.m. each Tuesday for the Happy Hour Todcast at Burley Oak Brewery. If something tragic keeps you from coming out, you can always check out the resulting recording Thursday afternoon by subscribing on iTunes.

Just type GCFL into the search bar at the iTunes store to subscribe. We're now also on the Stitcher app, which smart phone users can download free using the promo code 'Todcast' and have the show streamed directly to their phones. Fair warning before you listen: Put on your irony hats, kids. It's all in good clean fun.

Please send all letters, notices, and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your ideas and events are printed.

POLICE BEAT

Random stops

POCOMOKE — Last month a joint criminal/traffic initiative was conducted within the city limits. Members of the Pocomoke City Police Department, the Maryland State Police, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, and the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation participated in the initiative. Although a total of 16 vehicles were stopped only 4 citations were issued. Two K-9 scans were conducted but no arrests were reported. Of the 18 pedestrians stopped three were arrested on criminal charges and two for outstanding warrants.

Disorderly conduct

WEST OCEAN CITY — Jess Matthew Hein, 28 of, Berlin, was arrested just after midnight Monday morning for malicious destruction of property and theft under \$100. Maryland State Troopers responded to the area of Deep Channel Drive and Anchor Way in Mystic Harbor in reference to a disorderly subject.

Upon arrival they made contact with a taxi cab driver who advised that there was man in the rear of her taxi later identified as Hein. The cabbie told police that when she picked Hein up she was asked to take him to Mystic Harbor. She said that once inside Mystic Harbor Hein told her to stop the cab and he wanted to get out.

According to the driver, Hein refused to pay the \$18.40 and got out of the taxi cab. Once outside, she said, he began beating on the side of the cab. The cabbie told police he then started pulling up and down on the passenger's side mirror eventually breaking the mirror off. Once the mirror was removed from the vehicle he threw it into the landscaping of the front entrance to Mystic Harbor. After his arrest Hein He was taken before a District Court Commissioner where he was released on his personal recognizance.

Arson

SALISBURY — A joint investigation involving the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Maryland State Police and Wicomico County Sheriff's Office resulted in charges of second degree arson, second degree malicious burning, malicious setting of fire on property of another, negligent setting of fire on property of another and malicious destruction of property, for two men and a boy from Wicomico County.

Investigators determined the suspects burglarized two apartments in the Leonard Apartment Complex along Booth Street in Salisbury on Jan. 2. The suspects then traveled by foot to a secluded area by the State Highway Ad-

ministration Facility at 660 West Road near the storing location of the Department of Natural Resources patrol boats. In an attempt to destroy evidence of the burglary, the suspects set some of the items on fire. The blaze caught nearby vegetation on fire and subsequently ignited the 19' Boston Whaler center console patrol boat. The one alarm blaze was extinguished by firefighters from the Salisbury Station 16 fire department within five minutes. The blaze caused approximately \$20,000 in damage to the boat.

Louis Francisco Correa-Segarra, 21 and Jesus Francisco Correa-Segarra, 19 were charged and remain at the Wicomico County Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond. The fifteen year old male juvenile was charged and released to the custody of his parents pending actions by the Department of Juvenile Services.



Green police

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Members of the Eastern Shore Police Emerald Society (ESPES) participated in the 16th Annual Maryland State Police's Polar Bear Plunge. Proceeds from the event go to Maryland Special Olympics. The State of Maryland is ranked first in the world for raising money for Special Olympics and this year's event brought in more than \$2.5 million dollars. The ESPES team raised close to \$2,000 dollars from local fundraising efforts including a \$500 donation from the Ocean City Fraternal Order of Police.



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OBITUARIES

George L. Wilkerson

BERLIN — George L. Wilkerson, age 82, died Friday, Feb. 3 at his home. Born



George L. Wilkerson

in Delaware he was the son of the late John Wilkerson and Ethel Figgs Wilkerson. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Alice Wilkerson.

Wilkerson was employed with McAllister Sand and Gravel for

several years until his retirement.

Along with his wife he is survived by his children, Gary Wilkerson of Snow Hill, Donnie Wilkerson and his wife Wanda of Parsonsburg, George Wilkerson, Jr. of Chesapeake, Va., John Wilkerson and his wife Teresa of Willards, Evelyn McCray of Berlin; his sister, Evelyn Evans of Whaleyville; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of family and friends that will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlotte Phillips, and many other loved family members.

John Baker Wheeler, III

OCEAN CITY — John Baker Wheeler, III, age 82, died Saturday, Feb. 4 at his home. Born on January 3, 1930 in Baltimore, he was the son of the late

John Baker Wheeler, Jr. and Emma Meseke Wheeler. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jean Wheeler.

Wheeler was a graduate of Southern High School in 1948 and The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 1953. He worked for the Upjohn Co. as a Pharmaceutical Salesman for 35 years. He was a member and Past President of the Towson Shrine Club. In 1988 he and his wife Jean retired to their favorite town, Ocean City. John's hobbies included waterfowl hunting, saltwater fishing and traveling to Singer Island, Fla. in the winter. He was an avid Terps fan.

Along with his wife he is survived by his brothers, Robert C. Wheeler of Lewes, Del., and Frederick O. Wheeler of Towson; his sisters, Bess Spioch of Baltimore and Doris Roy of Linthicum; his sons, John B. Wheeler, IV and his wife Amy of Georgetown, Del., Mark C. Wheeler and his wife Nina of Berlin, and Scott A. Wheeler and his wife Jennifer of Berlin; two grandsons, John B. Wheeler, V and Parker A. Wheeler; and five granddaughters, Alison J. Wheeler, Julie A. Wheeler, Marina J. Wheeler and Francesca Wheeler.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ocean City. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Internment will follow the service. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.



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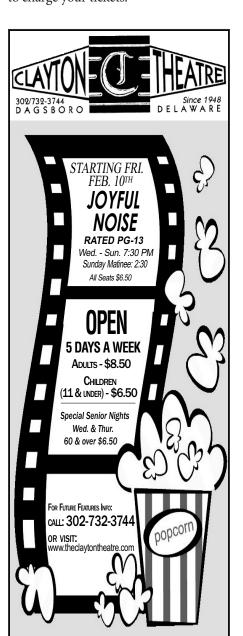


Red Cross to hold annual 'Fashion emergency' event

OCEAN CITY- As a prelude to March-American Red Cross Month, the Society of Women Leaders, an adjunct of the Lower Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross, will hold the Fourth Annual Fashion Emergency Show and Luncheon 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Clarion Fontainebleau in Ocean City.

The FE committee has developed a reputation for putting on one of the area's most exciting and entertaining "Avantgarde" art and fashion luncheons for charity. With the help of major sponsor D3Corp Web Solutions and Printing, this year's Red Cross theme is the Little Black Dress.

The Fashion Emergency luncheon will include music by DJ Waxx, a Chinese Auction, champagne toast, the Blushing Lady Pink Martini, Dolle's "Art of the Chocolatier" and a fabulous runway fashion show featuring formal, swim, business, sports and casual wear in black, from Nancy N, Vernon Powell, Ruddo Golf, Amber Nicole, Under the Banyan Tree and CAbi. Accessories will be provided by Kuhn's Jewelers and Stella Dot. WMDT 47 News Meteorologist Stephanie Allison will emcee. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 443-880-7795 for reservation information and to charge your tickets.





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Ocean City's Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion conducted a memorial ceremony to recognize the 44th anniversary of the TET Offensive at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. Bob Bates and Worcester County Sheriff Reggie Mason presented the TET 44 Wreath. Both are Marines who fought in TET Offense and are members of Post #166 American Legion.



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Wildlife expert to speak at MCBP event in Berlin

SU professor will give a talk, have a photo expo at the Globe next week

BERLIN — The Maryland Coastal Bays Program Citizens Advisory Committee sponsors the next in their speaker's series5-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Globe.

Ron Gutberlet will showcase unique photos of Delmarva's birds, reptiles, and amphibians and discuss population status and habitat needs.

Gutberlet, an associate professor of biological sciences at Salisbury University has strong interests in evolutionary biology, citizen science, and the natural history of reptiles, amphibians, and birds.

His herpetological research has resulted in the description of several new species and genera of lizards and snakes, methodological developments in phylogenetic analysis, and discoveries about the evolution of pitvipers.

Gutberlet values citizen science as a mechanism for collecting large quantities of valuable data, while providing students and other members of the community opportunities to pursue their curiosity about nature in fun and rewarding ways.

He and his students are contributing to the Maryland Amphibian and Reptile Atlas, the Delaware Breeding Bird Atlas, and eBird. He serves as the State eBird Mentor for Maryland and is a member of the Maryland-DC Bird Records Committee.

He also enjoys introducing biology to students in the classroom, and in support of that serves as a Course Redesign Scholar for the National Center for Academic Transformation, a Course Redesign Fellow for the University System of Maryland, and an Advisory Board member for the next edition of the textbook Discover Biology

Currently Gutberlet serves as the vice president of the Tri-County Bird Club, member of the MD eBird Review Team, member of the MOS Research Committee, on the STAC for MD Coastal Bays, and co-coordinator for Wicomico Co for the MD Amphibian and Reptile Atlas project.

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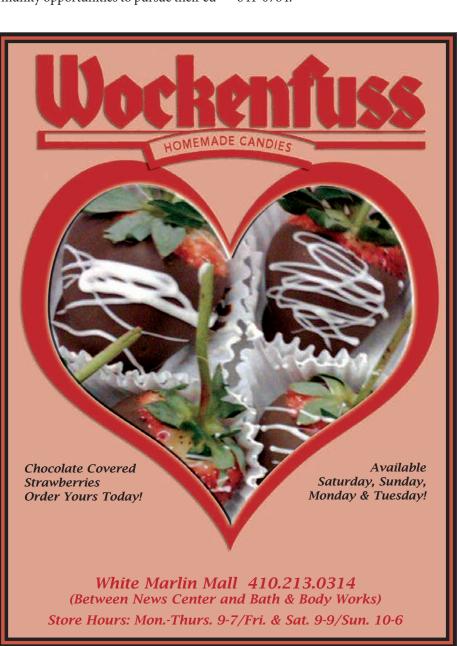
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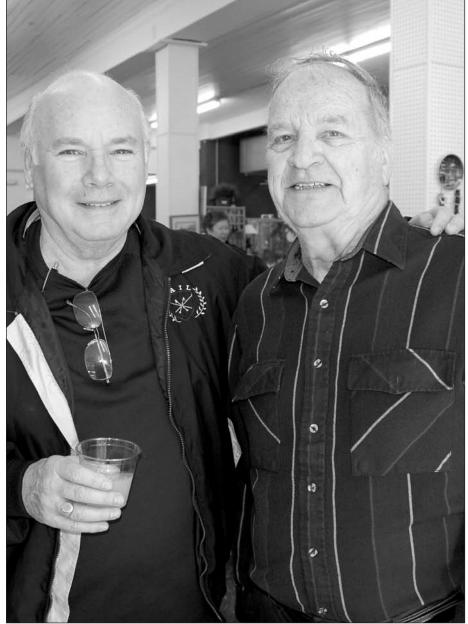
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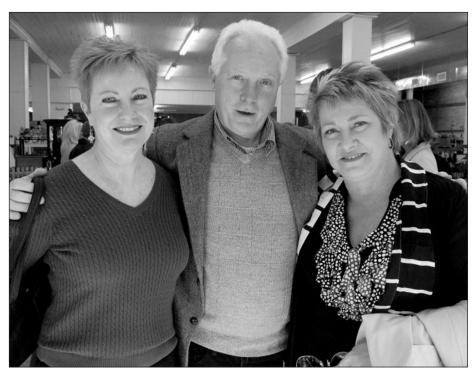
Theresa Brunner and Bill Burke took a minute out of their busy lives to come and enjoy the ribbon cutting party at Town Center II last week.



Old Friends

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Barry Cooper and John Fischer celebrated the ribbon cutting of Town Center II last week. The antique store moved from its North Main Street location to the recently-renovated Pitts Street building.



Bill and the girls

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Kathy and Bill Outten were joined by Lisa Hall at the recent Grand Opening of Town Center II in its new Pitts Street location.



Main Street crowd

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Jessie Turner, of the Shoe Box, Terri Sexton, of the Treasure Chest, and Berlin Director of Community and Economic Development Michael Day at the Town Center II opening.



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Mayoral secretary Joanne Unger joined Berlin Chamber representatives Christy Cooper and Olive Mawyer at the recent ribbon cutting for Town Center II.

CALENDAR BAYSIDE

ON-GOING EVENTS

TAX HELP

AARP is once again offering free tax preparation for this year's tax season starting Feb. 2. Reservations required. Mondays

9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch. Call 410-213-1608 for an appointment. Thursdays

St. Peter's Lutheran Church 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 410-213-1608 for an appointment.

Saturdays

Community Church at Ocean Pines 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 410-213-1608 for an appointment.

CRAFT SHOP

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

NETWORKING

Every Thursday. The Early Birds, 7:30 a.m. TC Diner, West Ocean City. Free. Reservations required, 410-600-5320.

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

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

STORY TIME AT THE ZOO

Every Tuesday Salisbury Zoo, for children 3-5 years old. 10-11 a.m. Story and craft project. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 410-546-3440 for more information.

STORY TIME

Tuesdays - Berlin Wednesdays - Ocean City Thursdays - Ocean Pines Library, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. A different theme each week. For ages 2-5.

KIWANIS CLUB

Every Wednesday Meeting 7:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for 3rd Wednesday which meets at The Woodlands in Ocean Pines Meeting 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

DELMARVA CHORUS

Every Monday
The Delmarva Chorus under the direc-

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

BINGO

Fridays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. Doors open 5 p.m. Games begin 6:30 p.m. 410-524-7994

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City. 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person.

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SWEET ADELINES

The Delmarva Sweet Adelines Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets 7-9 p.m.each Monday evening at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in singing in a barbershop format with good fellowship are welcome to come visit with us. For information call: 410-208-4171.

SI BOC MEETING

Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines 6 p.m. dinner social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. for more information please contact Marty Cropper, President 410-213-1592.

AARP MEETINGS

Beginning in January, the Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 will meet at the Elks Lodge, 138th and Sinexpuent (one block off Coastal Hwy)9:30 a.m. on the second Thurs of the month – Jan. – June, Oct. and Nov.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 7-8 p.m. at Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 3 Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. For more information, contact Betty Bellarin at 410-603-0210.

MUFFINS FOR MOM

The Judy Center at Snow Hill Elementary School sponsors "Muffins for Mom" at 9:00 am. Call Mary Jo Price at 410-632-5225 for more information.

TALMUD CLASS

Temple Bat Yam is offering a Talmud class noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays. This class is open to all. The discussions will include Jewish law, ethics, philosophy, customs and history. Please call 410-641-4311 for more information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ART EXHIBIT

Worcester County Arts Council, Berlin, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Featuring watercolor artist Jane Hiddleson and metal sculptor Larry Wisniewski. Opening Reception.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Each 2nd Friday, 6 p.m. Sponsored by Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 North Main Street, Berlin. This month's movie is Dolphin Tale (PG) a family friendly drama. Bring a covered dish to share in the fellowship hall. The movie will be shown in the Sanctuary following the meal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

OPEN HOUSE

Sponsored by Live Long Fitness. Free workout 8 a.m. Smart Nutrition Advice and Excercise Demos 9 a.m.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST

At the Ocean Pines Community Center from 8-11 a.m. Pancakes, sausages, fruit cup, orange juice, coffee and tea (milk for the kids) Tickets: Adults \$5, Children 12 and under \$3, and Children under 5 are free. Can be pre-purchased or at the door. Carryouts also available. Info/tickets 410-208-6719.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

The Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County (DWC) will be meeting 9:30 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center Coffee. Kay Hickman, President of the Worcester County Board of Elections, will be the speaker. Her topic is voting procedures. All women are welcome. Please call

DWC President Dell Purrell at 410-641-6683 for more information.

QIGONG LESSONS

Takes place 4-5 p.m. at the James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, Berlin Qigong has been practiced in China for over 2,500 years. It is the art and science of using breathing techniques, meditation, and both gentle and dynamic movements. The first class is free. Fee is \$10/class thereafter. For more information, contact Ric Timbol at 301-602-9419.

T.O.P.S.

Takes place 5-6:30 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1 Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style. They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

LAPBAND

LAPBAND Seminar 5-6 p.m. at Berlin Main Place Complex, 9956 North Main Street. Receive information about the benefits of the LAPBAND procedure. Those wishing to attend must pre-register to guarantee a seat by calling 410-641-3960.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

QUILTERS BY THE SEA

The monthly general membership meeting of Quilters by the Sea Guild will be held 12:30 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

DIABETES CLINIC

8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Atlantic Heath Center. Is cost keeping you from taking care of your diabetes? If so, there is help. Must be a resident of or employed in Worcester or Somerset County and be at least 18 years of age. This service is not intended to substitute for your physician's recommendations or treatment but will include: blood testing, blood pressure screening, diabetes risk assessment, educational information including nutrition guidelines, glucometer and test strips

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for those who qualify, and a medication voucher (some restrictions apply). Funded by Health Resources Services and Administration (HRSA) through Somerset County Health Department. By appointment only. Call 410-641-9703 for more information.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

SUDDENLY SINGLE

The Women's Commission of Worcester County will sponsor "Living Life to the Fullest: Redefining Yourself" 9:30-11 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

This seminar is being sponsored by Suddenly Single which was formed to assist women who are widowed, divorced or separated in moving forward to achieve social, educational, and economic equality while maintaining health and well-being.

A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP at 410-208-1272 or f.daly@mchsi.com.

For more information, call 410-641-8299 or 410-251-2886.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

T.O.P.S.

Takes place 5-6:30 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1

Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style. They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

QIGONG LESSONS

Takes place 4-5 p.m. at the James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, Berlin Qigong has been practiced in China for over 2,500 years. It is the art and science of using breathing techniques, meditation, and both gentle and dynamic movements.

The first class is free. Fee is \$10/class thereafter. For more information, contact Ric Timbol at 301-602-9419.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER Sponsored by Stevenson UMC in Berlin 4-7 p.m. at the church hall. \$6:50 adults, \$5.00 ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Call 443-235-6761 for more info.

YOGA

Takes place 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, Rotunda

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STATE ANNEXATION By Charles M. Deber / Edited by Will Shortz

- 1 Superfluous
- 6 Posed (for)
- 9 Follow
- persistently
- 12 Tiny blob 18 Charms
- 19 The Beatles' "All __ Got to Do"
- 20 Old White House
- nickname
- 21 Badly beaten up 22 45-Down near
- Baton Rouge? 25 124-Across near
- Dover? 27 ___ contendere
- 28 Flower girl?
- 30 New Jersey town bordering Rahway
- 31 Photo ___
- 34 Swindle
- 35 Hindu title
- 36 ___ Brava
- 37 CD-___
- 38 117-Down near Salem?
- 42 When sung three times, part of a Beatles refrain
- 46 Bellyache
- 48 Seine summers
- 49 First name?
- 51 Starch-yielding palm

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- 52 Old TV knob
- 54 How Shakespeare's Rosalind

dresses

- 56 Sign by a theater ticket booth
- 57 Smithereens
- 58 1-Across near Hartford?
- 61 Blouse, e.g.
- 62 Still broken, say
- 65 Confirms
- 66 "Ancient Mariner" verse
- 68 Bad-mouthed
- 69 Bitchin'
- 70 Sun spots 73 Inter ___
- 74 Dante e Boccaccio
- 75 Rack for a rifle
- 76 Toss-up?
- 78 114-Down near Boise?
- 81 Santa ___ (desert winds) 82 Get it wrong
- 83 Certain implants
- 84 Role in
- "Nicholas and Alexandra"
- 87 TV police drama
- 89 Comics canine
- 90 11 or 12, but not 13
- 92 Paint choice
- 94 "___ teaches you when to be silent": Disraeli
- 95 76-Down near Springfield?

- 98 Mugful, maybe 99 Actor Quinn
- 102 Before, in verse
- 103 Pioneer in quadraphonic music
- 104 Caustic soda
- 105 Against
- 107 Badge earner
- 109 This and that: Abbr.
- 111 61-Across near Phoenix?
- 113 9-Across near Boston?
- 118 Critter whose name comes from Nahuatl
- 119 Cookout item
- 120 Roll of bills
- 121 Bring out
- 122 Assails
- 123 Staff ___: Abbr.
- 124 Whirlpool
- 125 Exorcism target

Down

- 1 Farm mother
- 2 Women's suffrage Amendment
- 3 Pampering, for short
- 4 Pull (in)
- 5 Regarding the price
- 6 Jazzv Nina
- 7 Boston's Mass _
- 8 Lean
- 9 Doesn't budge
- 10 "Sure!"
- 11 E.U. member

- 12 "What ___!"
- 13 "Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe" artist
- 14 Expenditures
- 15 "The Time Machine" people
- 16 "___ your toes!"
- 17 B'nai B'rith grp.
- 23 Romeo or Juliet
- 24 French cup
- 26 Many a museum display
- 29 It might be blue, green or brown
- 31 Assn.
- 32 Like a sty denizen
- 33 6-Across near Indianapolis?
- 36 Some conifers
- 39 Do over, as a lawn
- 40 Abbr. before a colon
- 41 Prefix with -pod 43 119-Across near
- Albany? 44 Prefix with
- business 45 Basketball rim
- 47 Open
- 50 Housemother, e.g.
- 53 Passed easily
- 54 Weak
- 55 Armstrong and Sedaka
- 57 Pal

For Like-

New &

Used Cars.

- 59 Light touch
- 60 Certain online request
- 63 Not quite right 64 Arrive at too
- quickly, in a way 67 "Hakuna ___"
- 69 In one's cups
- 70 Brewskis
- 71 How a fool acts
- 72 Spots
- 74 Bird wing

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122

- 75 Knot 76 Spring time
- 77 Large-toothed whale
- 79 Paraded by
- 80 "Is she not down
- so late, ___ so early?": "Romeo and Juliet"
- 85 Number 2, e.g.
- 86 Still to be
- sampled 88 Shock
- 90 Sub

91 Site of a Greek tragedy 93 Big name in

109

jeans

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- 96 Respectable 97 Naval force
- 100 "___ the
- Sheriff" 101 Tidies up a bit
- 105 Number two 106 "Tu ___ mi

amor"

- 107 Cozy 108 Drags 110 Give up
- 111 Weave's partner

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- 112 Maternity ward workers, for
- short
- 114 Hip-hop 115 Deut.'s preceder
- 116 Environmental
- prefix 117 Perfect rating

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MEDIUM - 53

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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Stop shenaniganizing and make that stock!

And so I sit here with Mr. T's gravelly voice ringing in my head shouting "write that dang article, fool!" I loved The A-



By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

a kid; one of the blatantly sham-action shows of all time, funny only in its ability to bring together such a ragtag group of good

Sometimes feel like I'm running an A-Team of

sorts both in my house and at school. We always manage to get the job done, but along the way I'm typically called a fool and there's always a Murdock to throw some spice into the mix.

Today is stock day, a wonderful production day for all of my classes in that it brings us back down to the very basics of cooking; remouillage, stock, mirepoix and the understanding of extracting the essence of the chicken and veal into an unctuous and mouth-coating delight.

One of the most basic practices in our field, it is one that is lost with most commercial facilities, as is evidenced by many chefs using bases (another word for commercial bouillon) and other cheaters to get the job done.

I wrote years ago about the importance of a chef's ability to balance work, staff ability and labor costs. In many instances, it simply doesn't make sense to make a batch of stock a week if you can't pay someone to do it. It is very time consuming.

I want to make perfectly clear that I am not judging any chef who uses bases. I have used them myself in many facilities; that is not the point of this tirade.

I am simply saying, and I apologize to my wife beforehand, that I adore stock. "J'adore" as the French would say, and for good reason.

I won't give you yet another recipe for stock, since I just did that a year ago, but I can give you some great ideas for how to store stock, how to utilize stock and how to come to grips with this easy yet seemingly-daunting task.

It all starts with the Remi, or remouillage (French for "rewetting").

When you make a stock, simply strain and store, but reserve all of the stock ingredients such as the bones, vegetables et al.

Top the goop (as I like to call it) with another round of water and simmer for

Strain this and store it until you make your next stock; this is your 'remi'. Remi freezes beautifully and indefinitely if



vacuum packed.

When you go to make your next batch of stock, just start it with the Remi instead of water. If you don't have much remi, just top it off with water and you

As for storage, you have some options. It can be stored in larger containers in the refrigerator, but should be used within four days to ensure the highest quality. The FDA notes that they can be kept for seven, but I say four for quality.

You can separate the stock into a smaller cup to freeze but here you may fall prey to freezer burn.

The best way to store your stock for long term use is to vacuum seal the finished product. In the refrigerator, it is purported to extend shelf-life by up to six weeks, but follow your sealer's man-

ufacturer's instructions carefully. We use a professional sealer so it is guaranteed to be oxygen-free. Most home sealers cannot claim that, so read

the literature that came with it diligently.

So now you can make stock and you know how to make remi. You may have a new idea or two on how to store it (or mayhap I bored you to tears).

Either way, you sill relish the look on your guests' faces when they try that perfect sauce and eat that amazing soup. After all, that's the reward of feeding people; making them happy. Pleasing their senses.

And not having some big dude with a Mohawk calling you a fool at the end of the meal.

Ideas for using stock

This preparation comes in handy in several ways:

- -It can be reconstituted and used as a stock for soups and sauces
- -It can be added to a wine reduction asis to finish a pan sauce
- -It can be used to glaze meats as they roast. The gelatins in this reduction (if you have made your stock carefully) will adhere to the surface of the meat and act

as a sealant, allowing moisture to be retained in the meat more effectively Reduction

makes 1 qt.

2 ½ Qts. Brown stock (chicken or veal) 1 Tbsp. Tomato paste

Combine the stock and tomato product and bring to a boil

Reduce to a simmer and allow to reduce to 1 quart

While it is reducing, either wipe the sides of the pot down with a wet and clean towel or switch the stock to a smaller pan

as it reduces Strain the finished stock through cheesecloth to ensure that it is ultra-smooth Place in small cups or vacuum pack in 4

oz. portions Freeze if needed

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