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Main Street tenant swap a net gain

Town approves EDUs to help get building ready

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — Although they will begin finessing the edu application and deposit process over the coming weeks, the Berlin Mayor and Council approved a deal that will provide sufficient EDUs to complete the renovation of 113 North Main Street — formerly the Town Center II building — clearing the way for additional housing and retail in the space.

Developers hope to put six one-bedroom apartments upstairs will likely need about 3 EDUs to complete it but will also need a little help with financing the project.

As part of the payment structure for the new wastewater treatment plant, the cost of EDUs went up significantly. In order to be able to both fund the plan and not deter the growth the expansion was designed to accommodate the town developed a plan wherein EDUs could be paid off in 5 years, rather than requiring they be completely paid upfront as had been the policy in the past.

Toy Town is one of the Downtown businesses that will relocate into the building, taking up additional space. According to Town Director of Community and Economic Development this move will allow the owners to display more merchandise than they are able to in their current Main Street shop. He said that Worcester County Officials have suggested they might like to use the Continued on Page 5



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Members of the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club mark out the places that will provide sales space for the 150 vendors participating in this weekend's Seaside Boat Show.

Summer to bring lower power rates

Town of Berlin Mayor and Council approve new power agreement

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — Both commercial and residential ratepayers could see rates further stabilize and in some cases decrease as well after the recent power purchase agreement goes into affect.

According to an announcement by the Town, they were able to take advantage of a temporary drop in the market and sign an additional two-year electricity supply contract with NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC, (NextEra Energy).

This move, they said, would help stabilize bills for the town's electric customers starting in June 2013 and continuing through May 2015.

Although the agreement was reached last week, the Mayor and Council passed it, as required, at a public meeting this week.

The new contract is an extension of the one-year contract in which the Town engaged last year and which was credited with bringing residential rates

down.

When the most recent contract with NextEra Energy becomes effective in June 2013, purchased energy for the town will drop significantly below the contracted rate in place at that time. The savings will be reflected in each customer's bills through the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) portion of monthly electric bills.

The full impact of adjusted supply cost will be phased into rates through the PCA over the summer and fall of *Continued on Page 3*



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New power deal should stabilize town electric bills

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"PCA charges represent just over onethird of the cost per kilowatt hour for residential customers, so the new twoyear contract will have a measurable impact in keeping Berlin's electric rates stable while the electric energy market continues to rise unpredictably," said Mayor Gee Williams in a statement.

Berlin officials were guided and advised through the last three electric supcontracts by the electrical engineering consulting firm of Booth and Associates, Inc. of Raleigh, N.C. who was first hired by the town in August 2008

With the residential rates in the most solid condition in years, the Town, with the help of the consultant company, has set its sights on bringing commercial rates into line.

Dwight Davis, the Booth and Associates, Inc. representative with whom the Town works regularly, presented his findings to the Mayor and Council at Monday's meeting.

According to Davis, the Town's case for reducing the rates with the blessing of the Public Service Commission (PSC) remains strong and Berlin is "very close to being able to lower the non-residential rates," he said.

The primary difficulty with lowering the power rates is that the PSC needs an immense amount of proof that the Berlin Electric Company can afford the revenue loss. It is important that the Town can demonstrate that they will not have to return to the PSC to ask for a rate hike, or worse, spread losses across the board and raise residential rates at the cost of commercial reductions.

While much of the legwork on this project is complete, Davis said there is still an amount of work that has to be done in order to make sure that the case goes through on the first try.

Davis gave examples of the kinds of things that would interest the PSC and explained the town's position.

For example, in the long range, the BEC will have to continue to make capital investments.

In fact, Davis said about \$700,000 worth of work needs to be done in the next three or so years.

The PSC will want assurances that the company is running in such a way as to be able to fund 10 years worth of capital improvements without the benefit of a rate hike.

The company's reserves are healthy and continue to grow. The decrease would slow the accumulation of reserve funding but not too significantly, especially giving the start to which the town is off.

Davis said he was confident Berlin could demonstrate that they can fund the necessary work without rate hikes.

The hearing will likely take place sometime this summer. Davis said that the Town's commercial users would be able to recognize a significant cost dropoff as soon as the new rates go into place.

What the town will recommend will reduce rates for most commercial users - 300 of the Town's businesses, by about 10 percent. Those who use a greater amount of energy - restaurants, for example — may realize as much as a 15 percent reduction.

The largest customers will receive about a 2-3 percent reduction. More importantly, these reductions will go into affect as the rates drop with the new power agreement.

"You've got the income, and you've certainly got the cash to do this," Davis

He cautioned that the most intensive part of the process — reviewing the BEC bonds — will take some time but was optimistic that the new rates could go into effect July 1. Operationally the town is taking steps to cut costs within reason by realigning when the plant is open. By reducing operating costs, the BEC will continue to improve its financial position even as its revenue fall off with the proposed reductions.

Davis credited staff for their efficiency in dealing with the operational

"Personally I am not ashamed that we were able to attain stability in this market," Williams said.





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Contract extension to run kids programs for WYFCS

Nothing succeeds like success for local nonprofit's kid's program

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — When the Town engaged Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services (WYFCS) to run its youth programs it got much more than it expected. The original plan had been to hire a person at a \$24,000 salary to help coordinate youth activities for the town. When WYFCS director Teresa Fields showed up and asked the Town to contract the local non-profit the Council was a bit skeptical but in the end relented.

The primary condition was the WYFCS make quarterly presentations demonstrating what they have been doing with the funding and how they will use it in the coming weeks. After the most recent presentation the Council voted to extend the contract two more years. The extension was structured to line up with the annual budget process so that WYFCS would eventually have their funding in step with the rest of the Town programs and employees.

Fields told the Mayor and Council that WYFCS provided in-kind support and matched dollar for dollar the \$24,000 the town provided.

Fields and Stefanie Gordy, current program administrator, told the Mayor and Council that the fall programs had gone even better than expected and that they would be tweaked somewhat to make better use of both the amount of funding available and the participants'

WYFCS ran an after school club Monday-Thursday from 2:45-5 p.m. that provided homework help, a healthy snack, and amount of physical activity and a craft. Although the program was popular, attendance increased significantly day that the schools were closed.

This could partially have been related to increased demand from families who therwise had the afterschool aspect of their lives in check or the enticement of the field trips the WYFCS was able to secure for these days.

"We have been able to take 14 trips, many of which were donated by philanthropic business owners," Fields said.

In the coming year, the hope is to expand the program in such a way as to refocus the efforts to include more days

when school is closed, possible at the expense of some of the after school proj-

Fields also told the Mayor and Council that Gordy, who had been running the program in addition to her regular duties, would be phased out as administrator of the Berlin program and replaced by the newly-hired Melody

Windsor. Windsor was engaged with the specific aim of having her take over as the Youth Coordinator.

Williams thanked the WYFCS representatives for their presentation and for their continuing hard work on the proj-

"This is something that will pay dividends well beyond out lifetime," he said.

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Williams credits Day with the Downtown's progress

New stores come in as other stores switch places in the shuffle

Continued from Page 1 antique toy store in promotional material for the county.

It is likely the developers of the building will be eligible for state help in redoing the building's facade and the expectation is that, once complete, the building will better compliment the Downtown.

In other Main Street news, A Thread of Elegance, which is currently on the South Main Street strip will take over the recently vacated Ta-Da Home on the corner of Main and Pitts Streets. This, in addition to the recent move to Pitts Street by Town Center II will fill the transition area between Pitts Street and the William Street shopping district.

Day also reported that the artist studios in the Visitors Center continue to be rented by local artists for producing and displaying their work. Only two of the six remain unrented.

"On all accounts, we want to thank you. we know this isn't happening by it-

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self, Williams said to Day. "I think you deserve a lot of credit."

In other business, the Town will hold a public hearing at the end of the month to refinance \$700,000 in bonds. Town Administrator Tony Carson said that the move wont' significantly reduce the payment but will be able to be accomplished without extending the payent terms.

"We didn't extend the years to pay it off," Carson said.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Bridge Closure

OCEAN CITY — The State Highway Administration (SHA) will have multiple 10-minute openings of the Route 50 drawbridge next week as crews perform the biennial inspection of the 70-year old structure. The inspection will consist of a thorough review and maintenance of the mechanical, structural and electrical systems of the bridge. Crews will use portable variable message signs to advise motorists of upcoming lane closures and directing traffic across the bridge.

"SHA and the contractor will open the bridge for test openings during the day," stated SHA District 1 Engineer Donnie Drewer. "It is our hope to keep traffic disruptions to a minimum."

Workers will be on site beginning Thursday, February 16.

The mechanical and electrical inspection will require temporary bridge openings between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays for the next three weeks, weather permitting.

The structural inspection requires SHA to close a single lane between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays starting Monday, February 20 and continuing through April 15.

The single lane closure will allow SHA to use a "snooper" truck. A "snooper" truck will use a travel lane, has an elevated bucket and an arm extension that reaches underneath of the bridge.

Crews will also use a small boat to perform channel depth measurements at the bridge. Although inspection personnel and equipment will be in proximity to the navigable channel, SHA does not anticipate any disruption to navigation by boaters.

If the inspection work does interfere with navigation through the channel, SHA crews will relocate temporarily upon request. Mariners are urged to exercise caution when using the channel area near and under the bridge.

While SHA and its transportation partners work hard to maintain safe traffic mobility in work zones, each driver needs to actively modify his or her driving style to help prevent crashes. Stay alert and look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highway workers

Slow down and don't follow too closely. Safer driving and safer work

zones benefit everyone.

Recycling moved

WEST OCEAN CITY — Worcester County recycling containers at the Wal-Mart parking lot have been temporarily relocated to the Home Depot parking lot on U.S. Rt. 50 in Berlin. The receptacles were moved to accommodate ongoing construction and will be returned to the WalMart parking lot once the new store is complete. Materials that can be recycled at these facilities include newspapers, mixed papers, magazines, glass, plastic, aluminum and bi-metal cans and cardboard. For more information, contact Ron Taylor, Recycling Manager, at (410) 632-3177.

Holtzman retires

OCEAN CITY — Sergeant Gary J. Holtzman is retiring after 28 years with the Ocean City Police Department. Sgt. Holtzman joined the department in 1984.

During his career with OCPD, Holtzman worked in the Patrol Division as a patrolman, sergeant, K-9 handler and the Mounted Unit; Services Division as a desk sergeant; Criminal Investigations Division as a general assignment detective and Narcotics Unit as a detective and D/Sgt. In 2002, he was assigned to legacy U.S. Customs, which later became Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is currently known as Department of Homeland Security / Office of Investigations where he has remained until retirement.

Holtzman has received numerous commendations during his service to the Town, including the Silver Star. He was the 1991 Police Officer of the Year.

Holtzman was certified by the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, where he was employed as a police officer for three years prior to accepting a position with the Town of Ocean City. In 1984, he received his police certification from the Maryland Police Training Commission.

Holtzman plans to spend more time taking trips on his Harley as well as consider future employment opportunities.

"It has been an honor and privilege spending my career as an Ocean City Police Officer and working with and for so many great individuals." he said.

Springfest

OCEAN CITY — Springfest celebrates spring and the upcoming summer season Thursday through Sunday, May 3-5, with delicious food, live entertainment, and unique arts and crafts in and around four big top tents located in the Inlet Lot at the south end of Ocean City's famous Boardwalk.

Ocean City's 22nd annual Springfest will serve up a continuous variety of musical performances on two stages throughout the event. Admission to the four-day event is free. All entertainment is free with the exception of the headline acts.

Tickets are now on sale for country star Loretta Lynn, 80s sensations Eddie Money and Survivor, and the Fabulous Hubcaps, all of whom will headline the entertainment at Springfest 2012.

The Fabulous Hubcaps, one of the nation's most sought after oldies and classic rock show bands, returns to the Springfest stage Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Tickets for this show are \$5 and \$10.

Loretta Lynn performs at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4. Her instantly recognizable delivery is one of the greatest countrymusic voices in history. As millions who read her 1976 autobiography or saw its Oscar-winning 1980 film treatment are aware, Loretta is a "Coal Miner's Daughter" with a string of top hits. Tickets for Loretta's Springfest show range from \$25 to \$55.

Eddie Money and Survivor take the stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 with tickets ranging from \$20 to \$45. With hits like "Two Tickets To Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Walk On Water,"
"Think I'm In Love" and "Shakin," Eddie Money continues to be one of the hardest working men in rock and roll. Survivor hit the charts in the 1980s with songs like "Eye of the Tiger," "I Can't Hold Back," "High On You," "Burning Heart" and "Is This Love." Survivor members Frankie Sullivan (guitars, vocals) and Robin McAuley (lead vocals) keep the signature Survivor sound that the world fell in love with, alive and touring. Tickets for all three shows are on sale at the Ocean City Convention Center Box Office on 40th St. Box office

hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are also available at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-551-7328

Business Expo

WEST OCEAN CITY — The Berlin Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will host their 2nd annual combined Chamber Business Expo 5-8 P.M. Wednesday, March 15, in West Ocean City. This event is open to the public and to all area business people, local chamber members and professionals are invited to attend.

Over 50 Chamber member businesses will display their services and products. There will be door prizes donated from local businesses and a 50/50 raffle. Light appetizers and complimentary beverages will be available.

The Business Expo location is on Route 50 across from Stephen Decatur High School in the former Ocean City Harley-Davidson building. For more information contact the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-5306 or the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-4775.

Exhibitors must be members of either the Ocean Pines or Berlin Chamber to display and can reserve booth space online at www.OceanPinesChamber.org.

Home Show

OCEAN CITY — The Home, Condo and Outdoor Show comes to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center Friday-Sunday March 9-11. Show hours are noon-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Home Show will include an Art and Craft Fair featuring a wide assortment of gifts and accessories. The show will also have free drawings, door prizes, and a health craft cooking show For information visit

www.oceanpromotions.info

Holiday closing

OCEAN CITY — Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, Feb. 20. The normal trash pick up schedule will be in effect. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and City Council will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21.





SATURDAYS: Patrick McAllorum on the Guitar

Now is the time to review your homeowner's policy

"What is my deductible?"

— Sample question

State suggests questions for insured to ask their agent during a review

ANNAPOLIS — Maryland Insurance Commissioner Therese M. Goldsmith announced last week that her department recommends homeowners review their insurance policy with their agents. In an effort to help people understand how to make this type of review the agency provided a list of relevant questions and descriptions.

What type of homeowners policy do I have?

Policies generally cover loss from specific perils (such as fire, windstorm, hail, theft) or from all perils except those specifically excluded (this is referred to as an "open peril" policy). Remember, if your home is damaged by a peril that is not covered, for example, flooding, your insurance company will not pay for the damage. While an "open peril" policy typically provides more coverage than a "named peril" policy, it still will not cover

Will the claims be paid on a replacement basis or on an actual cash value

If you have Replacement Cost Value (RCV) coverage, your policy will pay the cost to repair or replace your damaged property without deducting for depreciation. If you have Actual Cash Value (ACV) coverage, your policy will pay the depreciated cost to repair or replace your damaged property. The amount deducted for depreciation may be significant, especially if the damaged property was at or near the end of its useful life. For example, if your 20 year old roof is destroyed by a storm and must be replaced, the policy that pays RCV will cover the full cost to replace the roof; however, the policy that provides for ACV settlements will pay twenty percent of the cost to replace, since the useful life of a roof is generally considered to be 25 years. Under an RCV or ACV policy, the payment for the damage to the structure is paid under your dwelling coverage and is subject to the policy limit.

When you purchase an RCV policy and present a claim for a covered loss, the insurer initially may pay only the ACV for your damage; however, once you present evidence that the damaged property has been repaired or replaced, the insurer will pay the difference (referred to as "recoverable depreciation") up to the replacement cost.

What are my policy limits and how are they established?

Policy limits for a dwelling are based on the cost to replace the dwelling using like kind and quality materials. Policy limits for other structures, contents and additional living expenses generally are percentages of the coverage on the dwelling. Additionally, coverage is limited to lesser amounts for certain types of property that are particularly susceptible to loss from theft such as cash, securities, jewelry, furs, manuscripts, and stamp or coin collections. You may receive a total

of only \$1,500 for all furs or jewelry stolen in a single theft. A \$500 limit usually applies to all securireceivables. ties. travel tickets, and stamp collections. A coverage limit of

only \$100 is typical for all money, coins, or bank notes regardless of the actual amount lost. You should ask your producer or insurer for information about scheduling valuable items (insuring items separately by listing them on the policy and paying an additional premium for this coverage) and the cost of additional

Are my coverage limits appropriate? To ensure your home is appropriately

covered, you should contact your insurance producer or company to inquire how the replacement cost was determined and request a review of your policy limits and coverage. For an additional premium, increased coverage and limits may be available.

What is excluded under my policy?

Knowing what is not covered may be more important than knowing what is. For example, flooding is not covered by a homeowners policy; however, you can purchase a separate flood policy. Review all exclusions with your insurance producer or company, so there will be no surprises if there is a loss.

What is my deductible?

A deductible is the dollar amount you agree to be responsible for in the event of a covered loss (e.g. wind, hail, accident, fire, or vandalism) to your house or personal property. If you select a high deductible, you pay more out-of-pocket for any covered loss; however, by agreeing to pay more when claims arise, your premium should be lower.

Is there a separate deductible for wind, hurricanes or other storm losses, and if so, how is it calculated and applied?

Some homeowners policies contain a special deductible for losses caused by wind, hurricanes or other storms. These deductibles are applied separately from any other deductible on

the homeowners policy. Some insurers automatically include a deductible for wind, hurricanes or other storms, while other insurers make this deductible available at the option of the policyholder. Some deductibles for wind, hurricanes or other storms are written as a flat amount, such as \$1,000, while others are applied to the loss as a percentage of the insurance coverage on the dwelling. For example, assume a hail storm causes \$3,000

damage to your house, and your dwelling is insured for \$100,000. If you had a \$1,000 deductible for wind, hurricanes or other storms on your policy, your insurer would pay \$2,000 toward the damage. If your policy has a 2 percent wind, hurricanes or other storms deductible, the deductible would be \$2,000, and the insurer would pay \$1,000 toward the damage.

If I had a major loss, would I be able to provide the insurance company with a list of the contents of my home?

Your insurance policy requires you to provide proof of your loss. Preparing an inventory of the items in your home and photographing them before a loss is an easy way to help you recover.

How can I keep my premiums manageable?

To help keep your premium down, ask about discounts the company offers. For example, premium reductions may be granted if you buy your homeowners and auto insurance from the same insurer, or if you install a security system and smoke detectors. Some companies offer discounts to senior citizens, members of groups or associations, and nonsmokers.

These are just a few of the questions that are important to ask. For a complete guide and explanation about your homeowners policy, refer to A Consumer Guide to Homeowners Insurance at www.mdinsurance.state.md.us or contact us at (800) 492-6116 to obtain a copy.

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Volunteers work on the 'Show that Works for Kids'

Optimist Club donates millions to finance local kids' college educations

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY — Seeing the inside of the Roland E. Powell Convention Center when it is completely empty and then again once it has been completely filled can be a bit mind-boggling, especially once you've seen the set up process.

For many if not most events professional planners mark off and design the various conferences and conventions the place houses but for the Seaside Boat Show, sponsored by the Ocean City-Berlin Optimist Club, the place is marked out, set and coordinated by volunteers who just do it the one time per year. Of course, they've done it now 29 times and are beginning to get the hang of it.

A number of the volunteers are also ex-military which can account for both their ability to organize and the occasional colorful word as they tease one another, keeping the excruciatingly exacting process fun.

Setting the Convention Center for the annual event is literally a fame of inches. Armed with industrial tape measures, the groups goes row by row, marking off each of the 150 display-area positions with shoe polish an "L: for a corner and a "T" for the intersection of two corners. It takes an incredible amount of coordination and also of abstract thinking.

The vendors positions are mapped each year on copy-paper-sized layouts and the gentlemen responsible for the markings translate the lines on the paper to marks on the floor. They met at the Convention Center floor Monday afternoon and spent the better part of the rest of the day solving last-minute problems, completing the layout and generally



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Jim Flaig provides a little direction for George Mastrogianis as the latter prepares to complete the layout of one of the big rooms at the Ocean City Convention Center in anticipation of this weekend's Seaside Boat Show.

preparing for Tuesday which is the biggest of the pre-show days.

Laying the floor plan is one thing, filling it is another. There are a number of vendors who have tables and wares and that is it but the dominant amount have large, complicated displays and, it shouldn't be much of a surprise given the shoe's name, many have boats and other watercraft. Getting all the vendors and all their products in requires an astounding amount of careful planning and precise execution.

It isn't only about making sure that the boats and other watercraft come in and can get out easily, it is also important to lay out a schedule for which vendors are expected to be able to get in at what times.

Starting at noon, boat-bearing trailers line up at the Convention Center in their time slot order and are expected to get in and out in the allotted amount of time. The Optimist Club is demanding about this because running the show well is one of the most important aspects of bothering to have it. It is because it is so well run and promoted that it is attended by both a significant number of vendors and potential buyers.

Each year the Seaside Boat Show sells out its vendor spaces almost as soon as they go on sale. It has nothing to do with the Optimist Club's philanthropic mission but rather because the vendors often have their best days of the year at the show.

Over the last three decades — the Optimists didn't hold it one year while the Convention Center was under renovation — companies who sell boats, boating accessories and other purveyors of beach lifestyle peripherals have come to kind of an understanding with their customer base. Attendees show up with the intention of buying and dealers make sure they are rewarded for their efforts by offering some of the lowest prices on various gear that will be available each year.

For their part, the Optimists see this show as one of their best opportunities *Continued on Page 9*

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Charlie Dorman and Jim Flaig discuss the upstairs layout this week as they prepared to finish setting up the Seaside Boat Show.

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Friday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m

Grand Prize raffle and door prize drawing is Sunday at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$1 for children. Weekend passes are available for \$15.

Annual Boat Show remains an attraction

Continued from Page 8 to help fund their substantial scholarship program as well as the clubs other philanthropic endeavors. According to Charles Smith, who heads the Seaside Boat Show promotion effort, 95 percent of all the show's revenues go to their

scholarship and youth activities program with nearly all the rest distributed to their other charitable efforts. Since its inception, the Optimist

scholarship program has endowed more than 275 Stephen Decatur High School students with \$1.45 million in funding.

A significant part of the money they use for scholarships is generated by the Seaside Boat Show's scholarship raffle. For \$100 per raffle ticket, participants have the chance to win \$75,000, \$15,000, or \$10,000 in cash. Tickets will be available throughout the weekend and the winner need not be present for the show-closing drawing Sunday in order to win.

In addition to being able to purchase tickets, showing up gives all paying entrants the chance to win one. Included in the price of admission are chances to win one of the \$100 raffle tickets as well as other door prizes.

The most impressive of the door prizes in a chance to win a boat. North Bay Marine owners, Scott and Mary Mc-Curdy have once again donated a boat as one of the door prizes. Smith estimates that the pair has made this donation for at least 25 of the 29 years the show has been held.

The Seaside Boat Show has also become a kind of boon for local business as, in addition to vendors from all over the country, the show has become a regional attraction with thousands coming not only for deals but just for an excuse to have a getaway weekend in the midst of cabin fever season.

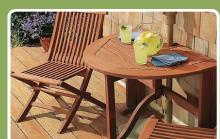
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BERLIN — Maryland CASA Association is the state organization for Maryland's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Programs. In partnership with our fifteen affiliated CASA programs, we work to ensure every victim of child abuse and neglect their right to grow up in safe and permanent homes.

This mission is carried out through the efforts of professionally-trained volunteers, appointed by the court to speak

up for the best interests of children who are under the protection of the courts.

The CASA training is about 35 hours over the course of a month. New CASAs undergo enough training that they feel comfortable with their responsibilities. After the training, they spend a few hours each week, reviewing a child's case file, getting in touch with teachers and other caregivers as necessary and going to court when the child has to appear.

As a CASA the opportunity to help children have the kind of productive relationship they need to be successful members of society is ever present.

CASA is administered by Worcester Youth and Family Services.

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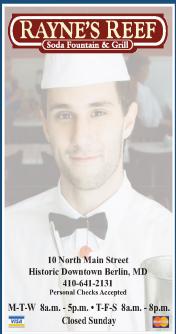




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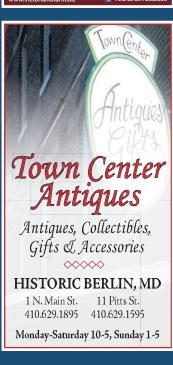








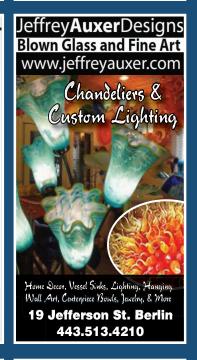














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SCHOOL BRIEFS

SU Dean's List

SALISBURY — Some 84 Worcester County area students were named to the Dean's List at Salisbury University for the Fall 2011 semester.

Berlin

Berlin area residents include Grace Aker, Erika Anders, Victoria Bauer, Alyssa Bodoin, Shawn Bunting, Megan Burak, Volha Butkouskaya, Patrick Casey, Alexandra Clagett, Lauren D'Ambrosio, Emily DiNardo, Mark Flounlacker, Lauren Freeman, Samantha Fuller, Kyle Gebhart, Chelsea Grimm, Erin Johnson, Shelby Jones, Megan Kappes, Jennifer Kneas, Jacqueline Kobin, Dominique Kunciw, Hannah Marynenka, Kevin Masterson, Tracy Morey, Sarah Murray, Megan Ott, Kim Poole, Terrin Reinhart, Cameron Runyon, Jessica Smith, Brittany Tallevast, Kathrine Wrench and Ashley Young.

Bishopville area residents include Elizabeth Davidson, Joshua Fallon, Bethany Frick, Jenna Kramer, Mary Soghomonian, Samantha Taraila and Joshua Taylor.

Newark

Newark area residents include Ryan Mason, Shelby Rigoulot and Stephen Rigoulot.

Ocean City

Ocean City area residents include Gabrielle Anthony, Jamie Avery, Damien Barnes, Kelcey Bodolus, Jordan Braniff, Alec Chaves, Nevelina Chodnicki, Serge Garder, Mary Garrastegui, Andrew Hudson, Leah James, Bradley Janson, Allison Manry, Austin Martin, Julie Rittershofer, Rachel Slotter and Antea Vrana.

Ocean Pines

Ocean Pines area residents include Michelle Davenport, Rachel Kneas, Kristin Lunkley and Jonathan Wallender.

Pocomoke City area residents include Kayla Alogna, Shakira Collins, Sherry Hooks, Jamie Julian, Katie Moore, Chad Ralston, Linda Sheats, Marta Shelton, John Soderstrom, and Dylan Stevens.

Snow Hill

Snow Hill area residents include Danielle Boyer, Ronald Ciszewski, Kristen Krieger, Ryan Mariner, Joshua Schultz and Earl Simpson.

Whaleyville

Whaleyville area residents include Farin Phillips and Tia Rode.

For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.sal-isbury.edu.

Loyola Dean's List

BALTIMORE — Blake Taylor, a member of the class of 2012 from Berlin, has been named to the fall 2011 Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List at Loyola, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 with a minimum of 15 credits.

Established in 1852, Loyola University Maryland is a Catholic, Jesuit comprehensive university comprising Loyola College, home to the University's arts and sciences programs; the Sellinger School of Business and Management; and the School of Education. Loyola enrolls 3,700 undergraduate and 2,300 graduate stu-

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Winners will be notified on Monday, Feb. 20th.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Continued from Page 12 dents from across the country.

Washington and Lee

LEXINGTON, Va. — Victoria Dickerson of Ocean City, a member of the class of 2012 at Washington and Lee University, has earned dean's list status for the recently ended fall term. Dean's list status at Washington and Lee represents a term grade-average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

St. Joseph's Deans List

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Marie Enderle of Ocean Pines earned Dean's List honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Fall 2011 semester, Enderle is majoring in English at the University.

Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn Dean's List status for a semester.

Background: Founded by the Society

of Jesus in 1851, Saint Joseph's University advances the professional and personal ambitions of men and women by providing a demanding, yet supportive, educational experience.

One of only 141 schools with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and AACSB business school accreditation, Saint Joseph's is home to 4,600 traditional day students, 700 College of Professional and Liberal Studies adult undergraduates and 3,500 graduate and doctoral students. Steeped in the 450-year Jesuit tradition of scholarship and service, Saint Joseph's was named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for General Community Service.

The University strives to be recognized as the preeminent Catholic comprehensive university in the Northeast.

Clemson Dean's List

CLEMSON, S.C. — Tyler Henry Sauter of Berlin has been named to the

Dean's List at Clemson University for the fall 2011 semester.

Sauter is majoring in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (Professional Golf Management).

To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

Ranked No. 25 among national public universities, Clemson University is a major, land-grant, science- and engineering-oriented research university that maintains a strong commitment to teaching and student success. Clemson is an inclusive, student-centered community characterized by high academic standards, a culture of collaboration, school spirit, and a competitive drive to excel.

Gettysburg Dean's List

GETTYSBURG, Pa.— Kelsey Poloney of Ocean City has been placed on the Gettysburg College Dean's Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement in the Fall 2011.

Gettysburg College students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the College's Dean's Commendation List.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

Delaware University

NEWARK, Del. — Several local students have been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for Fall 2011.

Those students include:

Matthew Amey, a Senior Arts and Sciences major from Ocean Pines.

Rachel Thompson, a Freshman Arts and Sciences major from Ocean Pines.

Lindsay Chetelat, a Senior Health Sciences major from Bishopville.

Julie Purcell, a Senior Education & Human Development major from Bishopville.

Mount St. Mary's

EMMITSBURG — Christopher Powell, from Ocean City, is among the 522 students who achieved the honor of Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at Mount St. Mary's University.

Christopher, a senior at the Mount, achieved Dean's List by maintaining a 3.4 or higher grade point average. Christopher is the son of Mr. & Mrs. William E. Powell.

Mount St. Mary's University, established in 1808 is the nation's second oldest Catholic university in the nation For more information please visit www.ms-mary.edu.



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RIL SINESS BAYSIDE

In last weeks business feature, we misidentified the date for Death By Chocolate. The event occurs 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the participating shops with an after party beginning 6 p.m. at Captain's Galley Sunday, Feb. 19. We regret the error.

Cooking up good bread in bulk is this baker's bag

Crack of Dawn Bakery proves quantity and quantity can co-exist

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — When Sean Burke started Crack of Dawn Bakery a little over 6 years ago, he shook a lot of hands and heard a lot of nos but kept plugging away both on the sales and production side of his bakery until the floodgates opened. When they did, they set the stage for what could be a boon not only to the area but also to the region.

It is probably appropriate that putting together the one of the most successful production bakeries in the region was a function of persistence and borderline-obsessive quality control rather than a slick marketing campaign or a high-profile location.

Burke spent the 80s and 90s running the Brass Balls Saloon in season and working in a Florida bakery off season. Although he was happy with the arrangement for nearly two decades as he got older he found that he wasn't spending the kind of family time he wanted because of the insane hours. By the turn of the century, when the tourist season extended from three months to almost six, Burke knew he wanted to work all year "up here" rather than split time seasonally. In 2006, he got his chance.

The Olive Tree, famous for baking its own bread, closed its downtown location and the opportunity to purchase the equipment and go into baking full time presented itself for Burke. While he knew that he would be able to sell, at least, to the Brass Balls Saloon and Big Peckers — which his brother runs — the company did not come with an astounding number of accounts, which was one of the most difficult problems to overcome.

Restaurateurs can be skittish about changing bread purveyors, and for good reason. While they have a reasonable amount of control over the ingredients and the quality of their food, purchasing bread is a different matter altogether. This is as true for people who sell sandwiches as for those who provide bread to go with a meal. Bread is one of those as-



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Jim Manley, who is Burke's right hand man, came to him at the beginning with little experience but a lot of desire and the pair have made a successful team. It's another lesson brought over from the seasonal restaurant business — a hard worker with the will to learn can be a company's most valuable asset.

pects that can either set a meal apart or make an otherwise good meal mediocre.

Having spent so much time in the buying end of the restaurant business, Burke was fortunate to know this going in, but he also knew another secret — he would get his chance in many restaurants eventually and he would make the most of the opportunities.

Breaking into the food purveyor busi-

ness requires a combination of opportunism and chance and by his second year in business Burke had made the most of both.

In the summer, someone would eventually run short of bread, or need a specialty item they couldn't get elsewhere and Burke would get his foot in the door. Once there, it tended to stay open for him.

An example he used was the way in

which he began selling rolls for crab cake sandwiches to a local restaurant. They needed a specific size to improve the sandwiches' presentation. Burke's bakery was small enough that they could accommodate a non-standard size but large enough that they could provide the rolls in the thousands.

Throughout the summer as he helped *Continued on Page 16*



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Big things in store as local bakery continues to grow

Acorn Market signs on for high quality mass production of biscuits

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local restaurants meet increased demand or made adjustments to meet their specific needs his influence in the market became increasingly significant. Having worked the other side of the business transaction for so long, Burke knew how important it was to never be the purveyor who caused the headache. By capitalizing on the notion of being close and flexible, Crack of Dawn Bakery became one of the premiere bread purveyors in the region.

It was, in fact, his reputation for reliability and flexibility that first brought him to the attention of the Acorn Market owners. Acorn Market, is a high-end bistro in Salisbury that had been cultivating a significant following not only for its lunches, but also for its sweet potato biscuits. Demand for the biscuits had grown beyond their capacity and so they approached Burke to see about having him produce them.

The challenge in taking a small batch recipe up into production-level batches is maintaining the exact taste and quality. As one of the products that the company has become known for, it wouldn't do to have the ability to meet demand and even grow it if even the slightest bit

of quality was lost. So Burke went to work and after a bit of trial and error was able to produce biscuits in the thousands that taste the same as biscuits made in the dozens.

Going forward, it is the kind of business that Crack of Dawn Bakery might very well use to expand its operations. Right now they have four full-time year round staff, including Burke, and jump that number up to about 10 in season. But his success with the biscuit reproduction has brought his skills to the attention of others interested in taking the chance of outsourcing their recipes without sacrificing quality.

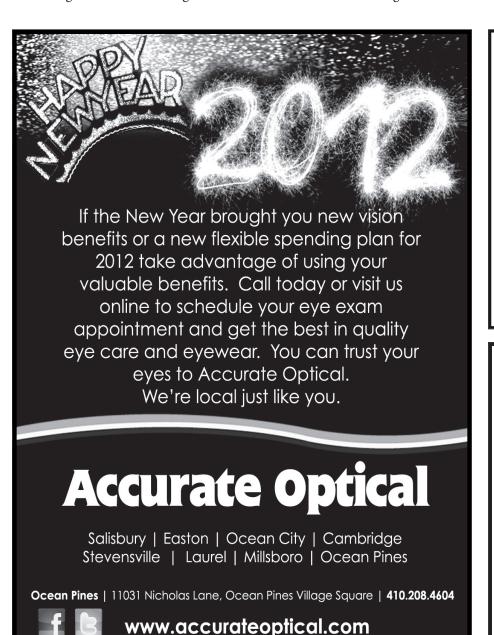
Jim Manley, who is Burke's right hand man, came to him at the beginning with little experience but a lot of desire and the pair have made a successful team. It's another lesson brought over from the seasonal restaurant business — a hard worker with the will to learn can be a company's most valuable asset.

In the coming months there are big things in store for the bakery as they continue to purchase equipment that will help them still meet demand without ever having to sacrifice quality. Burke said he expects to always be a mid-size purveyor — the folks as Hostess can sleep without worry — but he always remembers that his success is based one quality and quantity. Making sure he can do both without sacrificing either will be the trick for striking that balance.



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sean Burke displays one of the packages of Dandy Sweet Potato Biscuits, made for the Acorn Market using their recipe at mass-production levels.



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Gasoline futures remain unclear as prices climb

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— Ragina C. Averella

TOWSON — The cost of gas continued to rise to unseasonably high levels this week, despite decreases in the price of crude oil. Reports show extremely weak gasoline demand, however refineries are responding to this decrease in demand by cutting back on production, resulting in some upward movement in prices at the pump.

prices Gas climbed to the highest price in more than four months this week, reaching \$3.50 Friday, up 3 cents in the past week, up 13 cents in the past month and up 38 cents since this time last year. Yet, gas prices remain 61 cents below

the all-time record high of \$4.11 set in July 2008.

While demand destruction both in the U.S. and overseas has weighed on crude prices, more dramatic downward price movement has been limited by speculation of a potential disruption to supply, as tension has continued to build with Iran.

At the same time, the impact of positive news for the U.S. economic recovery has been largely offset by bearish news surrounding the euro zone.

Oil futures shrugged off dismal demand data and headed higher (flirting with \$100) Thursday, when Greek political leaders announced they had reached an austerity deal and domestically, the Labor Department released showing an additional decrease of 15,000 applicants for unemployment benefits to below 360,000 people, marking the second week of decreasing figures and puts figures near April 2008 levels.

However, questions about the Greek financial reforms prompted concerns about economic downturn in Europe, sending crude oil lower Friday to settle at \$98.67.

There has not been a \$100-plus crude settle in almost three weeks.

In its weekly report, the Energy Infor-

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mation Administration (EIA) showed the nation's crude oil stocks rose by 304,000 barrels to 339.2 million barrels, in contrast to expectations of a several million barrel draw.

Gasoline stocks rose 1.6 million barrels, to 231.8 million barrels, more than a projected 875,000 barrel gain. The

four-week average level for petroleum demand sunk to 18.116 million barrels per day (bpd), the lowest 28day level since April 1997 (177 months). Since the beginning of 2000, there have only been nine weeks of sub-18 million bpd implied demand -- including the four weeks seen this year.

On a four-week average basis, gasoline demand is down 6.8 percent from

Despite weak demand, prices at the pump have been on the rise at a time when they typically see a seasonal drop, much to the dismay of motorists," said Ragina C. Averella, Manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic. "According to some analysts, speculation surrounding events in the Middle East, coupled with Northeast refinery closings, will steadily push gas prices up in the coming weeks and months, perhaps as much as 60 cents through the spring."

Gasoline prices have been rising so far this year, despite January typically being a month where prices decline before rising again in late February.

Instead, prices have done the exact opposite and analysts believe the trend will continue into the spring and summer months.

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

Currency value can be predicted with some study

The value of a country's currency is sometimes evaluated by weighing its value against other countries' currencies. When one country makes a decision to lower the value of its fiscal units, this is known as currency devaluation. As a result of this, stronger currencies are able to buy more of a weaker currency.

Most people think of money as something which is used to buy things; but it can also be purchased itself. There are many different types of currencies in the world and each usually has a different value when they are compared to an-

For example, one US dollar may equal roughly six Danish Kroner. This means if a person took one dollar to Denmark and exchanged it, she would receive about six Kroner. If, however, Denmark decided to devalue its currency, one USD would purchase more Kroner, perhaps seven, because they would be cheaper.

Usually, currency devaluation means that the weaker currency will purchase less of more expensive currencies. If the person with six Kroner wanted to exchange them for US dollars after the currency was devalued, he would not even receive a full dollar.

The six Kroner would only equal some cents when converted to our currency.

There is a difference, by the way, between devaluation and depreciation. When a currency depreciates, it also loses value. The difference, however, is that devaluation is usually intentional where depreciation usually isn't.

One reason for currency devaluation is having a deficiency in foreign currency reserves. A country generally buys its surplus currency with stronger foreign currencies. When these stronger currencies are in short supply or a country is unwilling to spend its foreign reserves, a problem can arise. Currency devaluation may be seen as a solution because it will allow the country to use less foreign currency to recover more of its own.

There are numerous effects produced by currency devaluation. One that is often seriously considered is the impact on trade. When a country's currency is devalued, its goods become cheaper to countries with stronger currencies. This can be a positive effect if the goal is to generate revenue.

Currency devaluation can also have a negative effect on trade. Weakening the currency means products in countries with stronger currencies become more expensive. If the country with the weak currency does not curb imports, this means it will need more money to pay for the same amount of foreign goods.

Also keep in mind that when a country is suffering from high unemployment or wants to engage in a policy of export-led growth, a lower exchange rate can be seen as advantageous. The reason is because a lower value for the domestic currency will raise the price for imports while making exports less expensive. That's why you sometimes hear in the news that the lower value of the dollar can help our economy; albeit in the short-term.

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At the February meeting Ravens Roost #44, Ocean City, installed their 2012 officers. Pictured left to right, Janet Rosensteel, Recording Secretary; Marc Grimes, Treasurer; Bill Cordwell, Sergeant at Arms; Eric Leister, 2 year Board Member; Tom Maly, Vice President; Ray Meyers, 1 year Board Member; and Gary Miller, President. Missing from photo is Mary Kendall, Corresponding Secretary.



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SOS! comedy show seeks to prevent suicide

OCEAN CITY — There's nothing funny about suicide, but often a good way to deal with tragedy is to gather with friends and simply have a good time.

Toward that end, and to raise funds for the Worcester County Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program, the 5th annual SOS! Suicide Prevention Comedy Tour takes the stage at Seacrets Resort, 49th Street on the bay, in Ocean City on April 19th.

Headliner Robert Kelly appears regularly at The Comedy Cellar in New York, Last Call with Carson Daly, on the HBO series Tourgasm and on Comedy Central. Nikki Glaser has been a semi-finalist on Last Comic Standing and appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Ryan Hamilton has appeared in comic festivals in Boston and Las Vegas and was named by Rolling Stone as one of the "Five Comics to Watch."

Hosted by popular Ocean City comedian Dave "The Fruit Guy" Miller, the SOS! Tour also features music by Galaxy Collective and Rick Kennedy. Doors open at 7:00.

"Every penny of profit goes to our work to end youth suicide in Worcester County and to host support groups for family members and friends of suicide victims," said Kim Klump, President of the sponsoring organization, The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, and may be bought online at www.jessespaddle.org or by calling (443) 982-2716.

Motorists 'dismayed' at continued price hikes as slowdown continues

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Tom Kloza, chief analyst for Oil Price Information Services (OPIS), warns gas prices are likely to rise significantly over the next few months, especially in the Northeast, because of two north east refineries closing, seasonal demand and high oil prices.

The Northeast is considered a "hot spot" for gas prices this coming season as two refineries along the Delaware River that typically provide gas to the region close.

According to Kloza, prices at the pump could jump 60 cents through the spring and reach \$4.00 per gallon by Memorial Day.



Leaders at all levels have recovery framework talk

Feds, state, and locals attend FEMA regional meeting on NDRF plan

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hosted a Regional NDRF Stakeholder Engagement Forum last week to discuss concepts and principles of the framework and further collaborate with those who helped create the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF).

The NDRF recognizes that disaster recovery requires a team approach. It is the recognition of an entire team working together that significantly improves community success in recovering from a

"This gathering of recovery stakeholders from the local, state and federal level is a fantastic opportunity to discuss all inclusive recovery practices and concerns in a true Whole Community environment," said FEMA Region III Administrator MaryAnn Tierney.

Created in line with the vision set forth in the Presidential Policy Directive 8 on National Preparedness (PPD-8) which directed the agency to work with interagency partners to publish a recovery framework, the NDRF provides guidance that enables effective recovery

support to disaster-impacted states, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions.

The NDRF reflects input gathered from community members and leaders across the country and provides a flexible structure that enables disaster recovery managers to operate in a unified and collaborative manner following a disaster. The NDRF also provides guidance to enable effective federal support to disaster-impacted states, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions and focuses on how best to restore, redevelop and revitalize the health, social, economic, natural and environmental fabric of the community to build a more resilient nation.

'This meeting is a next step in providing community members with an understanding of how they can apply NDRF principals and concepts. Participants' comments will also be used to further develop and refine NDRF guidance documents, tools and implementation strategies because such stakeholder engagement is at the core of this framework," Tierney said.

Participants included local recovery stakeholders the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, and the American Red Cross. For more information about the NDRF, please visit www.fema.gov/recoveryframework/inde

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J.D. Power Award winner

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Marlene Ott, Associate Broker of RE/MAX Premier Properties recently attended the Regional Sales Rally in Baltimore, Maryland held January 17. Ott has been a professional Real Estate Agent for over 30 Years in Worcester County. At the Rally, it was announced that Ott was the recipient of the 2011 J.D. Power Award, whereby buyers and sellers awarded RE/MAX the highest rankings in customer satisfaction.

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LIFESTYLE BRIEFS

Murder mystery

BERLIN — "Pretty Face, Pretty Lies" written by Robert O. Davis will be presented 7 p.m. Monday, March 5 at the Marina Deck. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served to include: Vegetable Tempura, Mariner-style Mussels, Meatballs, Hot Shrimp Dip, Pulled Pork Sliders and Mini Quiches. Dessert and Coffee will be served during intermission. There will be a 50/50 and door prizes. The doors open at 5:30 P.M. Admission is \$25.00. The event is sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County. Please contact Peggy Long for reservations at 410-208-0183 or peggy@omnimaven.com

C is for Cookie

BERLIN — Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay cookie booth sales have begun at local businesses throughout the Delmarva Peninsula. This year local Girl Scouts will offer the six varieties – Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Dosi-dos, and new this year Savannah Smiles in honor of the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary. All Girl Scout Cookies are free of preservatives and have zero trans fats. Cookies are \$4.00 per box.

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Prevention Honorees

SNOW HILL — The Worcester County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council is seeking nominations of individual adults, youth, or groups who have made outstanding community contributions to drug and alcohol prevention or treatment.

The awardees will be honored by Worcester County residents, elected officials, and Council members at the 21st Annual Drug and Alcohol Awards Reception and celebrating the 28th year of its existence. This will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24 at the Worcester Career and Technology High School. Nominations of individuals or groups who have performed commendably and beyond the call of duty are currently being accepted at the Worcester County Health Department.

Criteria for selection of honorees include: program impact on community, appropriateness of approach, and personal contribution to the program. Anyone who received an award in the past three years is not eligible. The deadline for nominations is April 2. Please call 410-632-0056 or e-mail Martyp@dhmh.state.md.us to request a nomination form or to make a reservation.

Art workshop

SNOW HILL — Kirk McBride is offering a two-day workshop 9:30-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday March 9-10 upstairs in the old firehouse on Green Street. Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine is handling registration for the workshop.

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BERLIN —The Worcester County Arts Council is offering Naturescapes art workshop instructed by an accomplished local artist, Kathy Reade. Join contemporary abstract artist, Kathy Reade in creating your own abstract mixed media landscape. This workshop is designed for students ages 17 and

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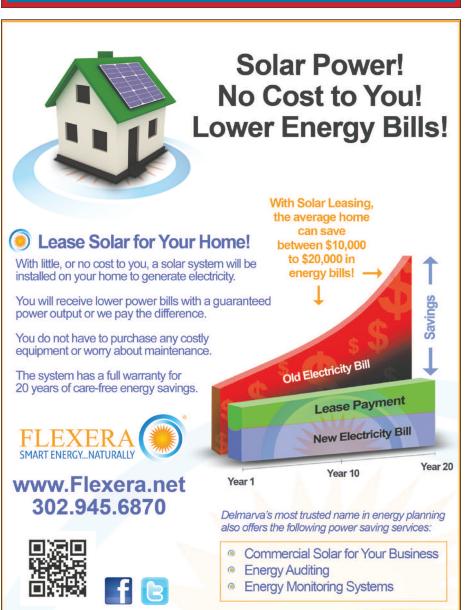
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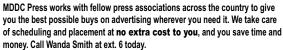
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Town's consultants have been earning their keep

The Town of Berlin sent out a press release recently about their new power agreement. One of the throwaway lines was the consultant company, Booth and Associates, Inc. was engaged in 2008.

That was nearly four years ago and it is hard to recall the outright vitriol with which the contract was received when it was originally announced. In the wake of the collapse of the Electric Company sale, the Town had a bit of a credibility gap and the suggestion that Booth be taken on was then seen as another folly and wasted expense.

What the consultants said at the time was that the electric plant was not beyond redemption and that it would be relatively inexpensive to fix, though it might take awhile before anyone noticed changes in their pocketbooks.

Today, with the exception of the occasional grumble, rates have eased on residential ratepayers as bills have started going down. More importantly, the rates also started being more predictable as the consultants, working with the electric company staff, have gotten a better and more predictive handle on electric rate fluctuations.

If the pattern continues, this summer businesses will begin to reap the benefits that the residential ratepayers are now able to take for granted, making Berlin that much more attractive to potential businesses. For all of the conspiracies that tainted the first few years the consultants were on board, it looks as if we can now say they've been doing a good job.

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Happy Hour: Grammys, Grammys, Grammys

By Tony Russo

Sometimes on Saturday night, I like to tune into Todd DeHart's radio show on Ocean 98. If you are really not the go out Saturday night type, like me, you can actually watch the show on the station's Webcam.

Mostly what you would see if you bothered is Todd standing in front of a microphone waiting for his chance to speak.

I've started cyberstalking him, though, and tweeting a critique of his every move and also of his playlist. As it turned out, it was kind of fun so we've made it a regular thing. The reason I even bother mentioning the fact is that we've added it as a kind of homework assignment for the Todcast. It's a way to stay in touch with our Internet shenanigans through the week and on the weekend as well.

The twitter handle for the Secret Live Meeting is @slm-

livetweet. We made it separate from our personal accounts because, if you've ever accidentally followed a live tweet, you know it can be tedious if you're not playing along. We don't want to become invasive.

As we discovered during the Todcast, there is more than one way to look at whether the Whitney Houston thing is important, but frankly, if you're into that debate we're not going to enlighten you.

Again, we try and keep it local but the Grammys invaded our space and were dealt with and dispatched as quickly as possible.

Also dealt with but not dispatched was Chris Ferron, the Salisbury University student who is making a documentary on the local arts scene. He was really there for Todd and the GCFL scenesters but had enough to add that he didn't get all the way cut out.

In Bryan Russo (still not related) news: he's got a big

show this weekend in Baltimore, in honor of Pirate Rob. I don't really know who that is or why anyone would go, but Todd is emceeing, and since he never misses a chance to ask if Bryan and I are related we spoke at length about that. The first time Todd got involved with the project he was under the misimpression that it was a roast.

Pirate Rob had to ask him to knock it off, which I think is awesome.

Feel free to join us 6 p.m. each Tuesday for the Happy Hour Todcast at Burley Oak Brewery.

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Parents interested in signing up their children may access Coastal Lacrosse Club's website at www.coastallacrosseclub.com for registration forms and information.

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The Coastal Lacrosse Club, founded in 2009, is Worcester County's only nonprofit lacrosse organization serving the youth of Delmarva.

The Club offers organized, instructional, teams for both boys and girls. Kids from 5 years of age to 14 can participate in the club's 4th outdoor season of fun and camaraderie.

Registration is \$85 per player and \$75 for additional siblings. Financial assistance is available through the Coastal Lacrosse Club Scholarship Program.

The most important goal of teaching kids the game of lacrosse while having fun will be achieved under the direction of a very dedicated and committed group of coaches.

The Coastal Lacrosse Club and its professional staff look forward to developing your child's skills while emphasizing sportsmanship.

For more information on how your child can become part of the fastest growing non-profit lacrosse club on the shore, please visit www.coastallacrosseclub.com.

In addition to the Coastal Lacrosse signups, the Greene Turtle Boy's Lacrosse Club of the Eastern Shore will be holding tryouts for this year's summer Travel Teams on Sunday, Feb. 19 at Sea Gull Stadium on the campus of Salisbury

The Greene Turtle Lacrosse Club-Eastern Shore offers highly competitive



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Last year's Green Turtle Lacrosse Club at the end of a successful fall season. The Greene Turtle Lacrosse Club-Eastern Shore offers highly competitive high school lacrosse players an opportunity within a select program to strive for their personal best and to aide in the college recruiting process for the high school lacrosse player. Registration for the club ends this month and tryouts are Sunday.

high school lacrosse players an opportunity within a select program to strive for their personal best and to aide in the college recruiting process for the high school lacrosse player.

Try-outs are open to all players currently in high school or entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2012.

Players are asked to check in at 11 a.m. and must provide their own equipment including a mouth piece and jer-

The registration fee is \$35.

A rain/snow date of Feb. 26 has been scheduled in the event of inclement weather.

For more information including registration forms please access the Club's website www.gtlaxclub.com.

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OBITUARIES

Louise Norman Powell

OCEAN PINES — Louise Norman Powell, age 80, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Atlantic General HospitaL.



Louise Powell

Born in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late William and Myrtle Davis Norman.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, Jerry Edward Powell; son, Glenn Powell of Sacramento, CA;

daughter, Lisa Ellen Powell of Reston, VA.; three grandchildren, John Wesley Powell of Sacramento, Calif., Charles Ray Durbin, V of Reston Va. and Daniel Edward Kates of Reston, Va.

Powell was a graduate of Eastern High School and Strayer College in Washington, D.C. and had been a secretary for many years with the Montgomery County School System. She was a member of the Community Church at Ocean Pines, the Ocean Pines Women's Club, the Red Hat Society and the Ocean City Art League.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at the Community Church at Ocean Pines.

Rev. Bill Sterling will officiate. Inurnment will be in the Gardens of the Pines Columbarium. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Arthritis Foun-

dation, 9509 Reisterstown Rd., Suite 1 North, Owings Mills, MD 21117 or Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Rd., Berlin, MD 21811 or American Diabetes Association, 114 Baptist St., Salisbury, MD 21801. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Barbara Ann Peregoy

MILLSBORO, Del. — Barbara Ann Peregory, age 76, Died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at her home.

Born in Hot Springs, Va. she was the daughter of the late John Alexander Shaw and Florence Irene Robinson Shaw.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roland Sylvester Peregoy. She is survived by her daughters; Mary Jane Moore and her husband Kennedy of Millsboro, Catherine Ann Nichols and her husband Les of Georgetown Del. and son Jerome Joseph Martin, Jr. and his wife Vanessa of Baltimore.

She was beloved grandmother to; Angie Townsend and her husband George, Nicole Kalinowski and her husband Shawn, Amanda Alexander and her fiancée, Mark Dellinger, Greg Cook and his wife Leslie of Shelbysville, Pa., and Ronald Mielczasz and his wife Gelicia. There are six great-grandchildren; Zachary J. Nichols, Henry Mielczasz, Olivia Nichols, Julian Mielczasz, Jack Dellinger, and Luke Townsend. Also surviving are brothers; Frank William Shaw

and his wife Sandy of Baltimore, and John Alexander Shaw, Jr. and his wife Gail of Baltimore.

She leaves several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister Janet Stone in 2006, and a sisterin-law Sandy Shaw in 2011.

Peregoy had worked for many years in food preparation at the Phillips Crab House in Ocean City. She had been a member of Atlantic Methodist Church in Ocean City and was President of the Martha's Circle for 4 years. She was a current member of Carey United Methodist Church in Millsboro. She had been a volunteer at the Berlin Nursing Home, loved to crochet and be around people.

Interment will be held at a future date at Druid Ridge Cemetery in Baltimore. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Carey United Methodist Church, C/o Josephine Dorey, 22750 Carey Camp Rd. Millsboro, DE 19966. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Alan Matthew Call

SALISBURY — Alan Matthew Call, 43, of Salisbury, joined loved ones from his past on Monday, Feb. 6. He is pre-deceased by his grandmother, Betty Hall and grandfather, Donald O. Call. He is survived by his grandmother, Ester Call and his grandfather, George H. Hall

Born April 10, 1968 in Auburn, N.Y., Matt, as he was called by many, had a smile and laugh like no other. As a child he enjoyed playing Blue Grass music on the guitar with his grandfather. As he got older he passed on that same love of music to his sons and loved playing with them. Call was a very passionate person and brought enthusiasm and joy to everyone he encountered. He was great at lifting the spirits of those around him and knew how to brighten your day. Call was a mechanic by trade and was very skilled at what he did. He knew how to fix anything. From cars to problems you could always rely on Call to help you out.

Call was always ready with a smile for everyone. What brought the biggest smile to his face were his children. Call is the loving father of five wonderful children: Amanda Abrams of Ocean City; A.J. Call of Salisbury; Justin Call of Seaford, Del.; Kaitlyn Call of Seaford, Del. and "Little Mary" Call of Ocean Pines. He is also survived by his companion Meg Bassett.

Call was the oldest of four children born to Alan Call of Ocean City and Mary (Jeff) Trump of Ocean Pines. He is survived by: his sister Kerry (Matt) Fastnaught and family; his sister Amy (Duane) Van Horn and family; his brother Aaron (Tanya) Call and family; and his sister Jacqueline Robliotti. There are many more family members and loved ones that will continue to keep Call's memory alive.

Thank you for being a part of our lives, Matt. We will dearly miss you!

In lieu of flowers, donations to benefit his children can be made to The Matthew Call Memorial Fund, c/o Taylor Bank, 9923 Golf Course Road, Ocean City, MD 21842.

Frances E. Collins

BERLIN — Frances Ellen Collins, age 81, died at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury on Feb. 12. Born in Hebron,

she



Frances E. Collins

daughter of the late Marion F. Brittingham and Rosalie Bailey Brittingham. She is survived

was

by her loving husband of 62 years, Clark Collins, and her daughter Gail Olson and her husband Bernard,

of Salisbury. She was adored grandmother to Walter Collins and Jeffery Cox. She leaves two sisters; Joanne Hamilton and her husband Franklin, Virginia Lee Foxwell and her husband Harry all of Delmar. There are numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Helms in 2002, and a sister Alice Workman in 2012.

Collins had worked as a receptionist for H& R Block. She was co-owner with her husband, Collins Mobile Services, and helped manage the Lake Have Mobile Park for 8 years.

She was a member of Melson United Methodist Church of Delmar, where she also taught Sunday school. She was secretary/ treasurer for the W.S.C.S. Atonetime, and secretary/ treasurer for the Bailey/ Trader Reunion.

She enjoyed camping and was a Nascar fan.

A funeral service will be held at the Burbage Funeral Home 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Friends may call 2 hours prior to the service. Pastor John Oltman will officiate. Interment will be private for the family. A donation in her memory may be made to: Coastal Hospice at the Lake, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Leslie R. Lewis, Jr.

BERLIN — Leslie Raymond Lewis, Jr., age 82, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. Born in Buffalo, N.Y., he was the son of the late Leslie Raymond Lewis, Sr. and Gertrude Ashe Lewis. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Barbara Edwards Lewis in 1998. He is survived by his son, Leslie Raymond Lewis III and his wife Patricia of Mt. Airy and daughters; Barbara Hirely of Mercersburg, Pa. and Victoria Alexander and her husband Richard of Burkittsville. There are five grandchildren and one niece.

Lewis had been employed as a stock manager with Safeway for many years. Cremation followed his death. Inurnment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, at a future date. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to: Coastal Hospice at the Lake, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21801. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.



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Twisters Gymnastics Boys Team takes top honors





Finley Stearn (left), Level 5 Junior Olympic compulsory gymnast placed first all around. Finley scored and Placed 1st on the following events: Floor (15.3), Rings (14.8), Parallel bars (15.1), High Bar (14.7) and All Around (89.3) Stand out winner (right) was Gavin Solito won 1st place on Rings (15.1), Vault (14.9) and 2nd all around 89.9 out of 32 gymnasts age six to eight. Solito is six years old.

Stearn and Solito place high in several events at national level

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — The Twisters Men's Gymnastics Team competed in the Brian Babcock last month. Over thirty teams were in attendance for this meet, by Parkettes Gymnastics.

In the men's gymnastics side, Finley Stearn, Level 5 Junior Olympic compulsory gymnast, placed first all around. Stearn scored and Placed 1st on: Floor (15.3), Rings (14.8), Parallel bars (15.1), High Bar (14.7) and All Around (89.3)

In the Level 4 competition Dylan Simmons, Gavin Stearn, Christian Workman, Gavin Solito and Waylon Hobgood all competed in the 6-7 year

The Twisters Men's Gymnastics team also recently competed in the boys District Qualifier meet.

All boys did exceptionally well and have qualified for the state meet to take place on March 17. Twisters Men's Gymnastics is based in Berlin, MD and is coached by Fran Fennell.





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and center has been a Lady Seahawk for

In college, she hopes to study forensic

After Purnell came Kaitlin Hardt.

This guard and forward also participates

in field hockey and lacrosse, which she

plans to play at Franklin and Marshall in

four years of high school and intends to

study education; her "positive and hard-

working energy have led the team to im-

Jamie Parker was introduced. Like

Hardt, Parker is a guard who also plays

field hockey and lacrosse. A "leader on

the court," she has spent four years on

the honor roll and is a member of the

began. Decatur scored almost immedi-

ately, but the Eagles retaliated with two

more baskets of their own. Harris shot

and missed, as did Purnell, and Snow

After the introductions, the match

National Honor Society.

Finally, previous homecoming queen

Hardt has been on the honor roll all

All watch in anticipation as Stephen Decatur junior Abbigaile Schorr attempts a shot during Thursday's victory over the Snow Hill Eagles.

Decatur Lady Seahawks defeat Snow Hill Eagles

four years.

the fall.

prove."

Close game was a "great tribute" to the SDHS senior basketball squad

By Casey Knerr Staff Writer

BERLIN — Thursday's girls' varsity basketball game pitted the Stephen Decatur Seahawks against the Snow Hill Eagles. After a tense and exciting match, the Lady Seahawks triumphed by a narrow margin of 59-57.

To begin the evening, freshman guard Jillian Petito sang the national anthem. Since this was the Seahawks' last home game, the five seniors were then introduced to a large crowd of parents, teachers, and friends.

First on the roster was Kristina Flakowitz, a center who plans to attend University of Delaware to major in Accounting and minor in Political Science. A member of the Skills USA club, Flakowitz has participated on the basketball team for three years.

Michelle Harris, a guard who will be attending Frostburg University next fall, was presented next. She hopes to become a veterinarian and has played bas-

ketball for two years.

Katie Purnell followed; this forward

Hill quickly regained the ball. However, it was once again stolen by junior center Abbigaile Schorr, who passed to Purnell and watched as her teammate tied the

Schorr herself soon earned two Continued on Page 31

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CASEY KNERR/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur freshman Jillian Petito makes a desperate shot during Thursday's victory over the Snow Hill Eagles.

Missed buzzer-beater is Stephen Decatur's friend

Eagles run out of time as Hawks are able to kill the clock and win by 2

Continued from Page 30 points, as did Parker, but the Eagles quickly surpassed the narrow lead. However, several more baskets gave the Seahawks a slight advantage of 14-13 by the end of the first period.

Decatur began the second period on a high note, once again scoring rapidly. Sophomore Erin Florek and Petitio each earned two points; however, the Eagles consistently remained just one step behind their opponents.

Finally, scores by junior Monique Wise, freshman Marina Jones, and several others allowed Decatur to break away from their opponents with a score of 32-25.

However, this lead did not last long. Although the third period seemed to begin well for the Seahawks, with three more scores by Schorr and an eventual lead of 11 points, the Snow Hill slowly began to catch up to its rivals. Several missed shots by Decatur allowed the Lady Eagles to capture the ball, while numerous foul shots helped to boost their score. Eventually, Snow Hill had gained a slight lead of 44-45.

Anxious to make up for lost ground, Parker, Petitio, and Wise all made attempts at baskets in rapid succession. Each failed; however, Parker was later able to regain the lead for her team with a successful shot.

Snow Hill tied the game after a foul shot and soon earned six more points for a lead of 46-52. Parker and Schorr each scored to narrow this margin, and eventually Jones reclaimed the advantage. Purnell and Schorr continued to score, but consistent Snow Hill baskets checked the lead at 59-57.

With three seconds left in the game, an Eagles player suffered an injury. She was able to walk off the court, but the fate of the game was still uncertain. A desperate last second shot was made to tie the match, but the sound of the buzzer signaled the victory of the Seahawks.

"It was an exciting game and it was a great tribute to our seniors who have contributed so much to the development of our program," said Amy Fenzel-Mergott, the Stephen Decatur head coach.

Indeed, these passionate and talented seniors have certainly worked hard throughout the past four years to leave their legacy on Stephen Decatur. We wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.





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Just a few hats that Eastern Shore native Stephen Falck has worn. Throughout the lacrosse world Steve is best known for being one of the instrumental founders of girl's lacrosse in the Worcester County area.

In 2009 Steve was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy a rare condition with no known cure.

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S.U. EVENTS

Senior Games

Registration is open for the 13th annual Eastern Shore Senior Games at Salisbury University.

The games are Thursday-Saturday, April 26-28, at Maggs Physical Activities Center and athletic fields, and other locations throughout the community. The games are open to men and women ages 50.

Competitions include aquatics, bowling, cycling, a 5K road race, fitness, pickleball, floor and foul basketball shooting, golf, table tennis, tennis, track and field, and team volleyball. For the first time, participants may register online.

Cost is \$30 per single sport, \$50 for unlimited sports. Entries should be postmarked by Friday, March 9. Late entries will be accepted through Tuesday, March 13, at a cost of \$55 per single sport, \$75 for unlimited sports. Volleyball registration is \$200 per team; team members do not need to register separately unless also competing in other events. Additional fees apply for bowling and golf. There is no day-of registration.

Athletes vie for gold, silver and bronze medals in age brackets based on five-year increments, beginning with ages 50-54.

New this year is an athlete recognition ceremony 5 p.m. Friday, April 27, to honor the participants that make the games possible. To nominate an athlete for recognition, e-mail the participant's name, age and why they should receive an

award to cawood@salisbury.edu or mail it to Dr. Carol Wood, Teacher Education and Technology Center Room 354E, Salisbury University, 1101 Camden Ave., Salisbury, MD 21801.

According to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, 85 percent of seniors in the United States do not exercise as much as they should. Other seniors have made staying in shape a social affair, using events like the Senior Games to keep in touch with old friends and make new ones. In recent years, more than 400 have competed in the games.

To register or for more information, contact Wood at 410-548-3256 or ca-wood@salisbury.edu, or visit the Eastern Shore Senior Games Web site at www.salisbury.edu/seniorgames.

Recital

Salisbury University's Department of Music presents the seventh annual "Celebration of Great Composers" piano recital at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall. Founded by music faculty Luba Paskova in 2006, the series originated as a way to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth. This year's featured composer is Pytor Tchaikovsky. Performers include beginner to advanced students of Paskova, Donna Adler, Susan Boone, Camelia Lasley and Carole Anne Lohmann. A \$5 donation is requested at the door to benefit SU's Performing Arts Fund. The public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6385 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

Small business course

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Salisbury University, Maryland Capital Enterprises and the Maryland Department of Transportation Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) present the seminar "Collaborative Linkages: A Small and Minority Business Outreach" 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, at the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Business Center, 144 E Main St.

The State of Maryland's Minority Business Enterprise Program, enhances opportunities for small, minority- and women-owned firms to participate in public contracting. OMBE administers a comprehensive certification to ensure that bona fide firms participate in this program. OMBE also administers the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, which aims to apply projects funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and administered by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

"Collaborative Linkages: A Small and Minority Business Outreach" offers information about certification for the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. Topics include the benefits of certification, the five core eligibility standards, the application procedures, the overall certification process and marketing to government agencies. A certification expert will be available to answer questions about applications on a business specific basis.

The course is free. Light fare will be offered for \$5, or attendees may pack a lunch. Registration may be completed through Maryland Capital Enterprises by calling 410-546-1900 or emailing cmcintyre@marylandcapital.org.

For more information contact Angela Lookabill at the SBDC at 410-563-6516 or e-mail amlookabill@salisbury.edu.

Speaker series

Faculty in Salisbury University's Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts share their research and expertise during this spring's Fulton Faculty Colloquia series.

Presentations are 3:30 p.m. select Tuesdays from February-May in Teacher Education and Technology Center Room 152. Topics and speakers include:

· February 21 – "Stress, Sadness and Cynicism — More than Just Feeling Bad: Health Implications of the Darker Side of Life" with Dr. Karl Maier, associate professor of psychology

· March 6 – "My Little 'Course of Empire,' or What I Did Last Sabbatical" with Dr. Brooke Rogers, associate professor of

· April 3 – "The Sin that Kills: Internal Conflict in King James I and the North Berwick Witch Trials" with Dr. T. Paul Continued on Page 33





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· April 17 – "Paving the Empire Road: BBC Broadcast Policies and Black Britons" with Dr. Darrell Newton, associate professor of communication arts

· May 1 – "Emotive Sound, Movement and Gesture in Malaysian Children's Songs" with Dr. Jackie Lew, associate professor of music

Sponsored by the Fulton School, admission is free and the public is invited. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 410-543-6450 or visit the SU Website at www.salisbury.edu.

Exhibit opening

Maryland artists present their interpretations of the great outdoors during the exhibit "Wildland" March 7-April 8 in the University Gallery of Fulton Hall and the Atrium Gallery of the Guerrieri University Center. A reception is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the University Gallery.

Laura Amussen, exhibitions director and collections coordinator at Goucher College, curates the exhibition. Artists Ryan Browning, Travis Childers, Frank Day, Elizabeth Hoeckle, Savanna Leigh, Susan Main, Joshua Wade Smith and Peter Stern provide a contemporary spin on the theme of traditional landscapes. Each works in a variety of media, but all strive to convey a sense of personal connection with the outdoors.

A visiting artist talk with Smith is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in Fulton Hall Room 111. Raised in south Texas, he earned his B.F.A. from Texas Southern University: San Marcos before moving to Baltimore to study at the Maryland Institute College of Art. There, he earned his M.F.A.

Smith currently is a Hamiltonian Artists fellow and has exhibited at Baltimore's Museum of Contemporary Art, the Arlington Art Center in Virginia and the Dougherty Arts Center in Austin, TX. He recently completed a Vermont Studio Center residency.

His works may be found in private collections throughout New York, Texas and

Maryland.

Sponsored by University Galleries, admission to Smith's talk and the exhibit are free, and the public is invited. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday. The galleries are closed Sundays, holidays and during SU's spring break, March 17-24.

For more information call 410-548-2547 or visit the University Galleries Web site at www.salisbury.edu/universitygalleries

Draper speaks

Sharon M. Draper is an educator not only in the classroom, but in the bookstore. The teacher and five-time Coretta Scott King Literary Award-winning author discusses "Literacy, Laughter and Learning: A Successful Education Design" as this semester's E. Pauline Riall Lecturer in Education at Salisbury University. Her presentation is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Afterward, she signs copies of two of her books: Out of My Mind, a novel for young adults, and Not Quite Burned Out But Crispy Around the Edges, for teachers.

Draper is best known as the author of books for young readers and teens. Her popular titles include the Jericho trilogy (The Battle of Jericho, November Blues and Just Another Hero), the Hazelwood trilogy (Tears of a Tiger, Forged by Fire and Darkness Before Dawn), the Sassy series and the Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs series.

Her education honors are equally impressive. She was selected as Ohio's Outstanding High School Language Arts Educator and Teacher of the Year, and was chosen as a National Council of Negro Women Excellence in Teaching Award winner.

Admission to her March 6 lecture is free and the public is invited. For more information call 410-543-6393 or visit the Riall Lecture Series Web site at www.salisbury.edu/educationspecialties/riall_lecture.html.

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Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club President Arlan Kinney, center, offers a donation to the Ocean City Lions Club representatives Dr. Christopher Takacs, left and Lee Keefer in appreciation of their help and assistance during the Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club An-

appreciation of their help and assistance during the Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club Annual Christmas Tree Sale. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th St. and the Boardwalk.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

While I agree with most of the letter written by Mr. Cordwell I do disagree with one portion.

We have only lived here 5 years but in that time we too have noticed the "Piner Whiners" keep trying to put off replacement/upgrade of certain facilities. However, the golf course should be funded by the 300 people who use it.

I am not sure where the statistics come from used in Mr. Cordwell's letter, but if the numbers are correct, that is a very small amount of members.

I do not want our assessments used for a golf course that I and my family will never use.

I do like Mr. Thompsons idea of having the members pony up twentyfive thousand dollars and maintain it themselves.

It's the same rich people year after

year with their pictures in the local paper who use the golf course, again, they should pay for it. While I do support upgrades and replacement of some amenities, I do not want my assessment used if they are not going to turn a profit. Some of us cannot understand keeping amenities that do not generate enough income to support themselves.

Over the bridge (in the real world), that would never happen. If you don't become self sustainable, in this economy, then you should be closed.

If you keep raising the assessments and you make us pay for a golf course that we do not use, many of us will be leaving. Just look around the Pines and take notice of the homes for sale, that should tell you something. As someone once said, "It's the economy stupid!"

Tracie Fleshman



Big thanks



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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.

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

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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

Saturdays

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

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays

45 plus Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. For more information, 302-436-9577.

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

On the corner of West Street and Main Street in Downtown Berlin Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

TACO NIGHT THURSDAYS

At VFW Post 8296 on 66th Street to benefit Veterans. Three tacos and a Corona plus dessert \$8 per person.

BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus #9053 every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 a.m. - noon \$8.00 - under 12 half price 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City Rear St. Luke's Church Info 410-524-7994.

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

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

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ence 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.

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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.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14

YOGA

5:30-6:45 p.m.

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, Rotunda

All levels welcome. Contact Georgette Rhoads at 410-641-9734 or grhoads@atlanticgeneral.org with any questions. Cost: \$72 for 8 sessions, or \$10 drop-in fee for first time.

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 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

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CALENDAR BAYSIDE LENDAR

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

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NAMI

Offers a casual approach to share the challenges, successes and setbacks of coping with any diagnosis (depression, ADHD. PTSD, Anxiety, Panic Attacks, etc.) and their symptoms. Meets 7-8 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1. For more information call 443-523-2153 or NAMIMDLS@gmail.com

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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.

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COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Worcester County Commission for Women (WCCW) will meet 5-7 p.m. at the Worcester County Board of Education. The meeting is open to the public and women of all ages are encouraged to attend. The group seeks volunteers for short-term assignments such as grant writing and event planning. For information, call 410-208-2569 or 410-707-6521.

SHROVE SUPPER

All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 West Market Street, Snow Hill,sponsors its annual shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 4:30-7 p.m. The menu is sausage, pancakes and baked apples. Tickets for dining-in service or take out service are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Call 410-546-1978 to reserve takeout.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

LITTLE BLACK DRESS

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. at the Clarion Fontainebleau in Ocean City. Call 443-880-7795 for reservation information and to charge your tickets.

JOB FAIR

Stephen Decatur High School Staff and Students sponsor the 2012 Job Fair to be held 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at the school. For more information, or to sign up as a Vendor, please e-mail or call Kim Hudson at sdhshudson@gmail.com or 410-641-4410.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Meets 7-8 p.m. in Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1. Pre-registration is not necessary. For further information, please call Pastoral Care Services at 410-641-9725 or email gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

CADRIAC ISSUES

Gull Creek - Cardiac Issues 2-3 p.m. Gull Creek Assisted Living Speaker will be Jenny Taylor, RN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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SPEAKER SERIES

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program Citizens Advisory Committee sponsors

the next in their speaker's series 5-6 p.m. at the Globe. Ron Gutberlet will showcase unique photos of Delmarva's birds, reptiles, and amphibians and discuss population status and habitat needs

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County at Fresco's in Ocean City. Cocktail Hour 6 p.m.; Dinner 7 p.m. \$75 per person to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Call 410-422-9899 or email lwbunting@comcast.net today for reservations. Limited space available.

SATURDAY, FENRUARY 25

POLITICAL MEETING

County Commissioner Judy Boggs meeting is 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Library.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

RESUME WORKSHOP

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. To reserve a seat, contact career services 410-334-2903 or careerservices@worwic.edu by Wednesday, Feb. 22.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 2

CRUISE AND TRAVEL SHOW

Presented by Accent On Travel. East Coast Nursery, The Cordrey Center, 30366 Cordrey Road, Millsboro, Del. Entrance Fee: \$1 donation at the door with RSVP \$5 at the door with no RSVP. All donations go to Susan G. Komen For the Cure. Call 302-703-2448 or 800-848-3273 for more information

MONDAY, MARCH 5

MARCH COMEDY MADNESS

J. Graham Caldwell will present an adult comedy entitled "Pretty Faces, Pretty Lies" at the Marina Deck in Ocean Pines. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served to include: Vegetable Tempura, Mussels Mariner, Meatballs, Hot Shrimp Dip, Pulled Pork and Mini Quiches. Dessert and Coffee will be served during intermission. There will be a 50/50 and door prizes. The doors open 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25. The event is sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County. Please contact Peggy Long for reservations at 410-208-0183 or peg@omnimaven.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Second Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival sponsored by the Sons of Italy, Ocean City Lodge 2474 and St. Luke's Catholic Church noon-7 p.m. at St. Andrews Hall. Proceeds from the festival provide benefits to local organizations.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

TALMUD CLASS

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SNAP SHOTS



OCES fundraiser

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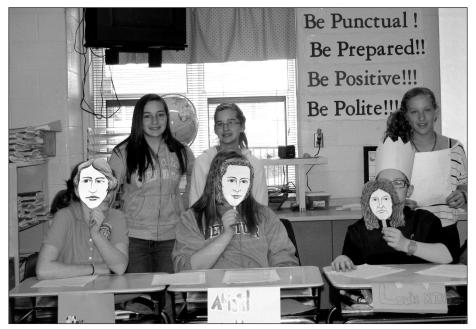
Salah Hassanein, owner of Popeyes Chicken in West Ocean City, recently presented Jen Wheeler, secretary, Ocean City Elementary School PTA, with a \$100 check from a recent fundraiser.



Yum tacos

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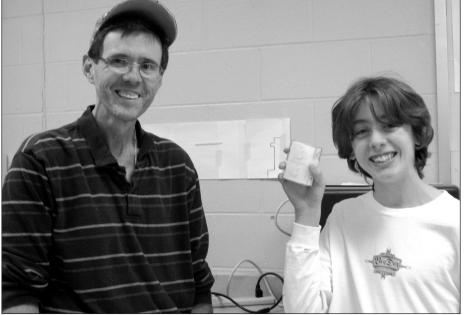
Parents and children enjoyed Showell Elementary's Taco Night. The PTA did a fantastic job, with the help of many dad's, making this night a big success.



Guess who

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Seventh graders Kaitlyn Shenk, Deyton McCloskey, Kara Mihavetz, Claire Porter, Diana Sabia, Sammy Butchley, and Rodney Murray recreated a "Meet the Press" session to learn about early government philosophers at Stephen Decatur Middle School.



Mister Fixit

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Computer Repair 101 is an after school club offered at SDMS.Community partner Michael Corcoran works with students to teach them how to fix broken computers. Recently, Andrew Jenkins, a 7th grader, won an iPod shuffle for correctly diagnosing a computer's malfunction.



Hoop shooters

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

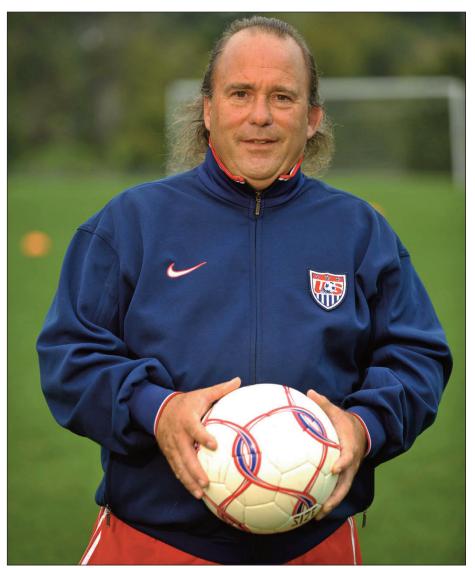
Third graders at Showell Elementary, Emily Stitely and T. J. Bescak, tried their hand at shooting baskets at a Hoop Shoot Competition at Worcester Preparatory School. Stitely finished second place while Bescak took first. Bescak moved on to compete at the Salvation Army in Salisbury.



Space pirates

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

At Worcester Prep's Middle School Art Show Caleb McCurdy shows Space Pirates, a mixed media on canvas piece, which he created with fellow students: Hanna Nechay, Staton Whaley, Julia D'Antonio, and Nate Abercrombie. With Caleb is Middle and Upper School Art Teacher George Zaiser and Caleb's mother, Heather Melson Bahrami.



New coacl

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Newly appointed Worcester Prep Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach Terry Underkoffler, Ocean Pines, is also a Soccer Olympic Development coach and evaluator. Underkoffler works on the technology staff at Worcester Prep.

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Clarion Resort 10100 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City 410-524-3535

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Full Circle

Denovo's
South Gate - Ocean Pines
TUESDAY-THURSDAY & SATUR-DAY - Al Prescott

Fager's Island 60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City

FRIDAY – DJ Hook SATURDAY Jumper;Opposite Directions;DJ Groove

The Globe Berlin, 410-641-0784

FRIDAY – Paul Cullen SATURDAY – Tom Principato Band

Green Turtle – OC 11601 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City 410-723-2120

FRIDAY – DJ Wax, 10pm. SATURDAY – DJ Wood, 10pm.

Green Turtle - WOC

9616 Stephen Decatur Hwy. West Ocean City 410-213-1500

SATURDAY - Galaxy Collective

Harborside Bar & Grill 12841 S. Harbor Rd. West Ocean City 410-213-1846

THURSDAY – Opposite Directions FRIDAY – DJ Billy T SATURDAY – Simple Truth...and friends;DJ Jeremy SUNDAY – Opposite Directions;DJ Biggler

Harpoon Hannas 142nd Street Bayside 800-227-0525

FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins SATURDAY – Dave Sherman

House of Welsh 1106 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick

FRIDAY - DJ Norn; Tony Vega SATURDAY - Tony Vega MONDAY - DJ Norm WEDNESDAY - Bob Hughes

O.P. Yacht Club

Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 FRIDAY – 1+1

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FRIDAY – Goodman Fiske; DJ Tuff SATURDAY – Love Seed Mama Jump; Second Majesty; Jon Maurer Band; DJ Bobby-O

Steer Inn Tavern Rt 589

FRIDAY – Opposite Directions SATURDAY – Loud Love WEDNESDAY – Karaoke with Hey Mick

MARYLAND LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

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ADDITIONAL READING By Kurt Mueller / Edited by Will Shortz

- 1 Handsome, as Henri
- 4 Lucky end?
- 7 Hyundai sedan
- 12 Mata ___ (spy)
- 16 G.P.'s group
- 17 Some nerve
- 19 They're all the same
- 20 Each
- 21 Send over some Bibles?
- 24 Tour org.
- 25 Really want
- 26 Largest, as a sum
- 27 Things that may have to be cleared
- 29 Mark Messier, for 12 years
- 30 Actress Gilpin of "Frasier"
- 31 Graybeards
- 33 Dolt's football game plans?
- 38 Bar, legally
- 39 Cinco follower
- 40 Drum set set
- 42 Huffs
- 45 Word affixed to web or handy
- 48 Police investigator: Abbr.
- 49 Comet rival
- 51 Ogle
- 52 Curved molding
- 54 The truth about a popular Internet community?

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.

- 59 Reveal, in poetry
- 60 Put down
- 62 "C'est ___
- 63 Sea of ___ (arm of the Black Sea)
- 64 Stimpy's pal
- 65 "The gloves are off!"
- 67 Jack's inferior 68 Albanian money
- 70 Decodes
- 72 Singer/actress with a simultaneous #1 album and #1 film, familiarly
- 73 Warden's charge
- 75 Fracas 77 Rathskeller
- vessel 79 Velvet finish?
- 80 Egotistical author's request to a reader?
- 84 Tiny bits of pasta
- 85 Live
- 86 Frees
- 87 Ike's W.W. II command
- T. (big name in 1960s music)
- 90 Like certain passages
- 93 Professorial
- 96 Start of some Italian church names
- 98 Avid reader 100 Annual
- publications for burros?
- 105 Monotony
- 108 Whence Zeno 109 Mistreatment
- 110 Cut down to size
- 111 Best in business

- 115 Russian retreat
- 116 "The Mikado" baritone
- 117 Dust cover made of 100%
- aluminum, perhaps?
- 121 As previously mentioned, in bibliographies
- 122 Comparatively
- stupid 123 Room in Clue
- 124 Diminutive suffix
- 125 Gobi-like
- 126 Showed over 127 Black _

(some military

activities) 128 Platoon V.I.P.

Down

- 1 Half of an interrogation team
- There's a Chef in My Soup!' writer
- 3 Chorus syllables
- 4 Lug
- 5 Orch. section
- 6 Successful swinger
- Shampoo ingredient
- 8 Where the wild things are?
- 9 Put an ___
- 10 Engage again for a gig
- 11 Father-and-son rulers of Syria
- 12 One-named fashion designer
- 13 Aid for recordkeeping at Mrs. Smith's?

- 14 "Copy that"
 - 15 Bridge
 - declaration 17 Like some flights
- 18 Sarkozy's predecessor
- 19 Film special effects, briefly
- 22 Actresses Dana and Judith
- 23 Enlighten 28 Believers
- 30 Mail-related
- 32 1987 Broadway sensation, colloquially
- 34 Landed estate 35 Old Spanish card
- game 36 The duck in Prokofiev's "Peter and the
- Wolf" 37 Superboy's sweetie
- 41 Magic, once
- 43 It's measured in points
- 44 Spotted
- 45 Rimsky-Korsakov's "Le __ d'Or"
- 46 Christina of pop 47 Get together with
- your bet taker?
- 50 "Believe ___ Not!"
- 53 Some trains
- 55 Pamper
- 56 Cain raiser 57 Sign the register
- 58 Part of Y.S.L.
- 61 Ship's record
- 66 Film whale 68 Writer Wallace
- 69 Jeff Lynne's band, for short 71 Start of a Vol. I 81 Type

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- heading ___ Kennedy Smith (sister of
- J.F.K.) 74 They come from
- Mars
 75 Classic fragrance
- sold in France as Mon Péché
- 76 Macedonian city with Greek and Roman ruins
- 78 Opposite of 'and'
- ___ forte (less loud, in music)
- 83 Judge's order 88 Dosage
- frequency
- frequently
- 91 "Gnarly, man!" 92 Star or wolf
- preceder 94 Shooting match

95 Homer's home

- 101 Hail in a loud voice 102 Brouhaha
- 103 Volume holder 104 Washington

97 Supply at a

evergreen

shop

99 Western

French smoke

- airport 105 Sushi bar servings: Var.
- 106 Dwelling 107 Like some energy

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 - 113 Govt. gangbusters 114 To be, to
 - Benicio
 - 118 One, in Orléans 119 Fill completely,
 - in a way 120 Law degs.

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Oh sweet commercials, how I love thee. Advertising at its finest abounds in our society and today is little different



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What has changed is the sheer volume of goods, as well as the size of warehouses from which we purchase them; all under the guise of a retail storefront. And

the amount of energy it takes to complete a shopping

marathon in one of these behemoths makes me glad that I make my own snack bars. As you may know, they can get tremendously expensive.

Recently as we navigated our way through the mass-consumption store that is rapidly taking over our country, we ran across the cheap movie bin. You know the one of which I write.

You don't want to go near it, but the marketing geniuses have made it nigh impossible to pass up the bounty of Bmovies and raunchy rejects that no longer find their way to the high ticket shelves; they're not even good enough for the end caps anymore.

Sold for \$5 each, the lonely and rejected films range from horror to comedy to a category known as 'no wonder it's in the five buck bin'.

Yet, scornful attitude aside, the kids and I fall prey to the sly wit of the marketing division, smiley face precisely poised over the bin challenging us to not find something worth a hundred nickels.

And today they won. We found a treasure trove formerly unbeknownst to me and my kin; 1001 classic television commercials as old as 60 years. 16 hours of American Pop history.

Some were new to me, in that neoclassicist retro way, and some reminded me of the days of yore; Erector Sets, Slinky, Post Toasties and Malibu Barbie, although I must attest that I never owned the latter. Ever.

Commercialism was in full swing as I was growing up in the late '60s and early '70s and as my children and I watched the old commercials today I constantly reminded my children that these toys were the cutting edge back in the day, a little lesson in American anthropology.

Maybe it is a side effect of studying history at Loyola, or maybe it's just a touch of nostalgia, but being able to share this experience with my children was and is wonderful. I think it made all of us appreciative of the progress of toys over the decades as we observed in astonishment the fascinating space toys



and cowboys and Indians sets, followed by rocking horses that were all the rage.

Not to be outdone by Betsy Wetsy, Tuggy the Turtle was sure to be a crowd pleaser but only stood on the podium of pediatric perfection until the doll commercial came on to tell you about "the doll that's your size for lonely kids like you." Yes, that is exactly what the voiceover actor narrated. Ah, classic television, how I miss thee.

I found the commercial lacking in character development and any depth of script, so I rewrote it in my head: "Not only do Mommy and Daddy not like you, Susan, but the kids in the neighborhood think you are a snitch. So here's a doll for you, lonely child. Have fun! Sold only in food markets."

Somehow I think there would be antibullying legislation encouraged in our modern age if such a commercial came to fruition on the small screen, but I would still like to see it.

In the food section of the DVD set was a cereal commercial and right on the front of the box was the phrase "Natural Laxative Cereal" almost as large as the name of the cereal itself.

Yum" I could hear my children mutter as they envisioned the intestinal benefits and musical productivity of such a fine victual. Truly it is the gift that keeps

As we finished the first of three DVDs I was elated to know that there were still so many more hours of enjoyment ahead of us, as I lay out my exercise mat to work off the junk food that I bought at the warehouse alongside the commer-

I revisited an 'energy bar' recipe for a quick replenishing treat. I used them for training rides as I was on a mountain bike team in Baltimore years ago. The team members and I cherished these treats as they are tasty and rich, although you don't want to eat too many of these if you are not exercising much. They can pack a caloric right hook and will definitely catch up with you if you are not careful.

But, with the right exercise program, or if you shop in that behemoth more than once a week, then I think you are burning enough calories.

Who knows? Maybe you'll see a commercial for these someday, the actor running laps around your neighborhood warehouse store to burn off those pesky calories. It's all in the advertising.

Homemade Snack Bars

1 part Peanut Butter

1 part honey or agave nectar 2 parts oatmeal

Protein powder (as needed) Flaxseed as needed

Tree nuts as needed

Wheat germ (optional)

Warm peanut butter and honey (or agave) just until loosened enough to mix Remove from heat and add any remaining ingredients

Press into a non-stick pan and allow to cool in refrigerator

Cut into equal size bars and run your nutritional analysis by number of portions

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