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MORNING FEAST

SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

An Assateague pony enjoys a peaceful winter breakfast in the pre-tourist season before the state park's activities begin. Among the events scheduled for early 2013 are an "Owl Prowl" at 6 p.m. on March 16, and an "Assateague Bunny Hop" egg hunt, from 1-2 p.m. on March 23.

Harris hears constituents on gun issues

State legislation topic at rep's Town Hall meeting

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN CITY — What is frequently overlooked in the debate over curbing gun violence by banning so-called assault rifles, Rep. Andy Harris (R-1st) told attendees last Saturday at a "town hall" meeting on Second Amendment rights and gun safety issues, was the 19,300 deaths a year that result from suicide by handguns.

The primary topic at the event was a discussion on the Firearm Safety Act (SB-281), which has been introduced in the Maryland General Assembly at the request of Gov. Martin O'Malley (D), and other proposed gun restrictions being considered on Capitol Hill.

Harris was joined by Delegates Mike McDermott (R-38B) and Charles Otto (R-38A) at a standing-room-only event held at the Holiday Inn at 6600 Coastal Hwy. The theme repeated throughout the commentary from both the politicians and audience members seemed to be that the proponents of the proposed gun bans were missing the point.

Harris told the audience Congress tended to make "a whole bunch of laws" that no one would enforce. He said less than 1 percent of gun deaths nationwide resulted from assault weapons. He advocated the root of the problem was an increased need for identifying and treating individuals with violent mental health problems while restricting them from buying firearms. However, the problem with a possible congressional proposal to address that issue, he said, would be that if not carefully drafted it would risk stigmatizing people who seek treatment for either themselves or their loved ones.

Harris added that another issue that should be included in the discussion over gun violence was the "culture of violence" being marketed to children, especially from companies that promote

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County plans new county liquor store on Route 50

New location will mean closing stores in Berlin and West Ocean City

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Feb. 22, 2013) A large liquor store and wholesale outlet will be built near Stephen Decatur High School.

Robert Cowger, director of the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control, wants to consolidate the department's presence in the northern part of the county and open a Northern Worcester County Liquor Mart on Route 50 approximately a quarter-mile east of Seahawk Road.

Bruce Rogers, owner of the property,

is proposing to build a 9,840-square-foot strip shopping center to be named Worcester Plaza. He has offered the Department of Liquor Control 4,800 square feet of space there at a cost of \$17.50 per square foot, for a total annual cost of \$84,000 to be paid monthly at a cost of \$7,000.

On Tuesday, the Worcester County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the lease.

Cowger was unable to attend the meeting, so Finance Officer Harold Higgins spoke on his behalf. The importance of having the new building is "location, location, location," Higgins said.

The proposed Northern Worcester County Liquor Mart would be in a new high profile area where it would offer

both retail and wholesale operations year round. The new mart would be easier for travelers to see than either the Berlin or West Ocean City marts as they drive on Route 50 to or from Ocean City.

Leases at the Berlin and West Ocean City marts have expired and would have to be renegotiated if the commissioners voted against the new site. They will be closed after creation of the new store.

The department now pays \$45,575 yearly for 3,200 square feet of space in West Ocean City and \$20,843 for 1,500 square feet of space in Berlin for a total of \$66,418.

Although the annual lease of the proposed new liquor mart would cost more, the increased sales volume there would

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McDermott chides bill sponsors with no firearms background

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video games in which children win points for "killing" targets. "How can this not be the front page issue?" he asked, to a round of applause from the audience. He cited a statistic that reported that by the time they are in kindergarten, some American children have seen dramatizations of up to 8,000 murders on TV.

Harris also expressed doubt that the federal government was the appropriate body to address the gun issue. "The Washington solution is not always the best local solution," he said. A gun safety proposal in Wicomico County would be different than one for urban Illinois, he gave as an example, adding that Maryland already had many of the necessary tools in the way it registers firearms.

McDermott, a deputy sheriff, said that he was one of two Republicans on a special work group in the General Assembly with 15 Democratic members. It was interesting, he said, to listen to "folk who know nothing about firearms," craft bills that would limit the use of firearms. He said the bill included 35 pages of legislation that he called "legal overreach."

According to McDermott, he was having difficulty convincing school superintendents to accept his "guardian bills," which would designate specific

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Eastern Shore residents filled a town hall event in Ocean City on Feb. 16, to express their opinions and pose questions to state and federal representatives on proposals to restrict gun and ammunition sales in response to recent gun violence across the country.



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New liquor mart will have larger presence on Rt. 50

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generate more than compensate for the higher rent, Cowger wrote in a letter to Gerry Mason, the county's chief administrative officer.

Higgins also asked the commissioners to increase the discount now offered to licensees from 15 percent to 16 percent. That would equate to an estimated revenue decrease of approximately \$107,000. They approved his request.

Lastly, the commissioners voted to approve a name change from Liquor Mart to Shore Spirits. The Worcester County Department of Liquor Control Management came up with the idea because its members wanted to evoke a more customer-friendly and inviting image.

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Wind bill clears Maryland House panel — again

By Alexander Pyles

The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — A House of Delegates committee has approved Gov. Martin O'Malley's offshore wind energy legislation for the second year in a row.

The House Economic Matters Committee voted 14-7 Friday to bring this year's version of the bill, which would make Marylanders buy energy produced by wind turbines off the coast of Ocean City while holding down the cost of that energy, to the full House, where a similar bill easily passed last year.

But offshore wind has repeatedly hit a road block in the Senate Finance Committee, where despite the support of committee Chairman Thomas "Mac" Middleton, D-Charles, the legislation has died two years in a row.

The narrative is expected to play out differently this year. Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-Calvert and Prince George's, shuffled the Senate panel's roster in January to ensure the bill would reach the full Senate, where 24 senators are sponsoring the legislation. State House aides say the Senate expects more than those 24 senators to vote for offshore wind — but 24 are all that is needed to pass the legislation.

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce and other business advocates are opposing the bill because it would increase businesses' electricity bills by 1.5 percent. Republicans in the General Assembly have also criticized the rate increase, which would increase the average household's energy costs by \$1.50 a month in present-day dollars.

McDermott believes armed guards best for school safety

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individuals in public schools to carry concealed guns and nonlethal Tasers. He said what the superintendents seem to accept instead were barriers such as locking doors to "harden the target." But, McDermott said once an attacker has breached those barriers "the only thing there is going to be is a closet full of babies."

The most poignant comment from an audience member came from a teenage girl, who told the lawmakers that for her and her classmates, "Not a single day goes by that we don't think we are going to get shot." Harris asked her what would make her feel safe. She answered, "If we actually have people guarding us."

However, Judy Harris Davis, a retired teacher and the social media coordinator for the Worcester County Democrats, expressed an opposite opinion. She said she would feel uncomfortable with knowing there were people with weapons in her school.

Yet another individual, Ron Pagano, who identified himself as a gun owner, said he was opposed to an unlimited right to own guns.

But another attendee compared the argument that early constitutionalists

did not anticipate the potential for mass damage from automatic weapons when they wrote the Second Amendment, with a counter argument that those same constitutionalists did not anticipate the mass influence of the Internet when they wrote the First Amendment. If the Second Amendment can be regulated, he asked why the First Amendment could not be regulated in turn.

Several of the residents attending the meeting expressed similar concerns that in attempts to keep guns out of the hands of violent individuals, various proposed legislation could inadvertently reclassify lawful gun owners as criminals, or possibly "terrorists" under Department of Homeland Security regulations, overnight. Harris called the state law issue a "slippery slope" with the potential for creating criminals by gun owners "taking no action."

McDermott and Delegates Norman Conway (D-38B) and Michael Smigiel (R-36) attended a rally of gun-rights supporters on the grounds of the General Assembly Feb. 6, in which, McDermott said, thousands turned out as the first hearing on O'Malley's gun bill came before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

U.S. Rep. Andy Harris (R), Delegate Michael McDermott (R-38B), and Delegate Charles Otto (R-38A), hear from Eastern Shore residents during a Feb. 16 town hall event at the Holiday Inn on 66th Street in Ocean City. The legislators and citizens discussed pending federal and state proposals to restrict gun purchases and access in the wake of recent mass shootings across the country.

Win the OP raffle house for \$100

OCEAN PINES — Tickets are now on sale for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's 2013 House Raffle. Tickets cost \$100 each and the winner will be awarded a custom-built home by Brunori Homes, valued at more than \$200,000.

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bathrooms, a screened-in porch and an attached garage, and it will include all appliances.

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The drawing will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 2, at the house.

POLICE BRIEFS

Heroin charges filed

A 23-year-old Berlin man was charged Feb. 15 with possession of heroin after a member of the Narcotics Unit of the Ocean City Police Department found a bag of heroin in the pocket of his hooded sweat-shirt.

An undercover officer had seen Matthew James Bless enter a vehicle on Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City. Aware that there was an active warrant for Bless' arrest, the officer stopped the vehicle on Route 50 near Riddle Lane.

A deputy arrived and arrested Bless on the warrant. The Ocean City officer then searched Bless and found the heroin, according to the Ocean City Police Department.

In January 2011, members of the Narcotics Unit were sworn in as fully vested law enforcement officers of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. This gave them full powers throughout the county. Sheriff Reggie Mason endorsed their authority.

Fire alarm activation

Daniel Joseph Hicken, 23, of Newark, was charged Feb. 17 with malicious destruction of property, second-degree assault and causing a false fire alarm.

An Ocean City police officer saw Hicken on the porch of a 37th Street business. Hicken's hand was dripping blood so the officer called for an ambulance.

Hicken said he had fallen down and cut his hand after being thrown out of a party.

A woman who had been at the party gave police a different story. She said Hicken had been asked to leave the party and he was mad because he was unable to find his phone. She found the phone in the vehicle in which he had been riding.

Then she saw him pull the fire alarm and move in her direction.

She threw the phone toward him and he demanded that she give it to him. He then hit her in the face, she told police.

Hicken denied pulling the fire alarm.

Marijuana possession

Two Berlin residents were arrested Feb. 9 after a traffic stop in the area of Franklin Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

According to the Berlin Police Department, a police officer noticed indicators of criminal activity and saw that one of the passengers, Kevin Johnson, 33, was holding an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

K-9 Luke conducted a scan of the vehicle and alerted to the presence of a controlled dangerous substance in the vehicle. During a search, police located suspected marijuana and arrested the driver, Lodietre J. Rounds, 33.

Rounds was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Johnson was charged with possession of an open container of alcohol.

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OBITUARIES

June MacBayne Jacobs Brown

OCEAN PINES — June MacBayne Jacobs Brown, 85, passed away at her home in Ocean Pines on Wednesday, Feb. 13,



June Brown

2013, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her five children, Denise Brown of Dallas, Lynne Brown of Dayton, Ohio, Susan Norland of Falls Church, Va., Neil Brown of Berlin, and Carol Erbach of Henderson, Nev.;

11 grandchildren, Jennifer and Chris Brown, Ryan and Eric Schweller, Paul, Timothy, and Anne Norland, Jessica, Nathan and Matthew Erbach, and Olivia Brown; and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her devoted husband of 59 years, Earle W. Brown; her brother, Paul MacBayne Jacobs; and granddaughter, Elizabeth Carol.

Mrs. Brown was born in Washington, D.C., on July 24, 1927, to Paul MacBayne and Rosa Kalousdian Jacobs. She graduated from Suitland High School and the University of Maryland, College Park, where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology and taught science for many years. In college, she met Earle W. Brown from Hagerstown, Md., and they married Sept. 6, 1947. Mr. Brown's career as an officer in the U.S.

Army took them around the world from Texas to Minnesota, to Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Okinawa, Japan, New York City, France, Heidelberg, Germany and San Antonio, Texas. They settled in 1970 in Lincoln, Neb., where she worked at Culler Junior High School and the University of Nebraska's Office of Financial Aid.

The couple retired to Ocean Pines in 1992. June was a formidable Bridge player, an enthusiastic dancer with the Pine Tappers, a regular member of Mumford's Landing Pool Aquatic Women, and an active member of the local P.E.O. She loved to entertain, and Earle called her "the hostess with the mostest."

A memorial service was held Monday, Feb. 18, at Taylorville United Methodist Church in Berlin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804 or Taylorville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 456, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Mrs. Brown will be buried with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Walter R. Roderick Sr.

BERLIN — Walter Ray Roderick, 77, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, February 14, 2013. Born in Wilmington, N.C., he was the son of the late Charles H. Roderick and Mabel Clay Roderick. He was preceded in death by his

wife, Maria Johnston Roderick, in 2008.

He is survived by his sons, Walter Ray Roderick Jr. and his wife, Jeanne, of Copperhill, Tenn., Edward A. Roderick of Galveston, Texas, and Brett Roderick and his wife, India, of Berlin; and daughters, Deniece Hare and her husband, John, of Berryville, Va., Joan Marie Donald and her husband, Rodney, of Berryville, Va., and Maria E. "Bunny" Orlowski and her husband, Mike, of Leesburg, Va. He was an adored grandfather to 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Roderick was a United States Air Force veteran, having served in the Korean War. He later worked for the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum as an aircraft restoration specialist. Upon retirement, his family moved to the Eastern Shore, where he pursued his love of fishing and painting. He played the guitar and banjo and loved to dance. He put his heart in everything he did. He loved to tell a good joke and he loved his dogs.

He is also survived by his brother, George Roderick and his wife, Nancy Ann, of Warsaw, N.C., and a sister, Jessie Lee Frederick of Wilmington, N.C., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Harper Roderick, and two sisters, Gladys Mae Droze and Mabel Elizabeth Carter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. The Rev. Walter Ray Roderick Jr. will officiate. Interment will be private. A donation may be made in his memory to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company, 214 N. Main St., Berlin, Md. 21811.

James Irving Scarborough Sr.

SNOW HILL — James Irving Scarborough Sr., 94, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, at Harrison House Nursing Home in Snow Hill. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Clayton James Scarborough and Bessie Kent Scarborough, and stepmother Flora Wessells Scarborough. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 72 years, Emma Taylor Scarborough, in 2010.

He is survived by his devoted family, Walter Clayton "Buck" Scarborough and his wife, Sylvia, of Salisbury, James "Jim" Irving Scarborough Jr. and partner, Chip Futrell, of Wilson, N.C., Penny Scarborough Baker and her husband, J.P., of Salisbury, and Flora Scarborough Brittingham and her husband, Wayne, of Pocomoke City; and six grandchildren, Wendy Bowman and her husband, John, Sheila Rivera, Peggy Windsor, Hope Waidner, Carla Barfield and her husband, Zeb, and Tom Brittingham and his wife, JoElla. There are also 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Buddy Baker and a great-granddaughter, Mary Kate Brittingham.

Mr. Scarborough had owned and operated Scarborough Canning Factory in Greenbackville, Va. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Girdle tree, and was an ordained Baptist deacon. He was a charter member of the Girdle tree Volunteer Fire Company; he was its oldest member. He was a graduate of Stockton High

School, and attended Diesel Mechanic School in New York. He worked on ferryboats on the Chesapeake Bay between Annapolis and Matapoke. He also had worked for the Eastern Shore Public Service Co., which was a forerunner of Delmarva Power Co. He also was an antique dealer and furniture refinisher. He had been an athlete and played on the Bi-County Baseball League.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Burbage Funeral Home in Snow Hill. The Rev. Al Brininger officiated. Interment followed in Springhill Cemetery in Girdle tree. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Girdle tree Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 25, Girdle tree, Md. 21829-0025, or to First Baptist Church of Girdle tree, 5912 Taylor Landing Road, Girdle tree, Md. 21829.

George Clive Chramek

BERLIN — George Clive Chramek, 82, of Berlin died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at Berlin Nursing Home in Berlin. He was the son of the late George C. Chramek and Emily Gatrell. He was born Aug. 6, 1930, in Altoona, Pa., and graduated from Altoona High School in 1948.

Mr. Chramek is survived by his wife, Frances Brophy Chramek. He is also survived by a son, George Charles Chramek and his wife, Tracey, of Aquasco, Md.; a daughter, Dee West of Alexandria, Va.; four grandchildren, Jason, Kelly, Chris and Drew; and five great-grandchildren, Jordan, Marissa, Madison, Miranda and Mallory.

Mr. Chramek loved camping, traveling, fishing and shooting. He loved playing cards as well as practical jokes. He was a member of the Ocean City Bowling League and worked at Century I for many years. He retired from the Washington, D.C. Navy Yard in 1987, but most of all loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Pastor Daniel Bradford will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1138 Parsons Road, Salisbury, Md. 21803, or Alzheimer's Association, 108 N. Bedford St., Georgetown, Del. 19947. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Jean Barbara Katzer

OCEAN PINES — Jean Barbara Katzer, 77, of Ocean Pines died peacefully at home on Monday, Feb. 18, 2013. She was the daughter of the late Wallace Michalowski and Josephine Skrabek Michalowski.

Mrs. Katzer was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert Francis Katzer.

She is survived by three sons, Gary Katzer and his wife, Kathy, of Long Island, N.Y., Ramon Katzer of Salisbury and Jeffrey Katzer and his wife, Dana, of Berlin; and three sisters, Irene, Pat and Joanne. She is also survived by two grandchildren,

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Event permits ok'd, bus routes added at town meeting

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN – The Berlin Town Council on Feb. 11 unanimously approved special events sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and the Berlin Fire Company, and agreed to repairs to the Multi-purpose Building on Flower Street.

In addition, the mayor and council received reports on new bus routes and Atlantic General Hospital.

Director Riggan Johnson and Deputy Director Brad Bellacicco of Shore Transit reported to the council that the local bus line had added two new stops near downtown Berlin.

Johnson said the decision to cut service to the downtown area was made several years ago because the narrowness of the town's streets contributed to damage to the buses. But, he added, town officials met with the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland and Shore Transit representatives to discuss ways to bring service back to the downtown area.

As a result of those meetings, Bellacicco said, service on Route 431, from Salisbury to Ocean City and Pocomoke, and Route 451, from Salisbury, Pocomoke and Ocean City, were changed to include stops behind Town Hall on Pitts Street, and adjacent to Apple Drug Store on Franklin Street.

According to its Web site, Shore Transit is a public transit agency of the Tri-County Council, and serves Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

AGH President and CEO Michael Franklin made a presentation to the council on programs that have been initiated and goals for future programs at the hospital. He said the challenge hospital administrators continued to face was finding ways to keep cost margins at acceptable levels.

In terms of care, Franklin told council
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BOAT CLUB HITS LITTLE LINKS

The Ocean Pines Boat Club held its annual miniature golf tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Old Pro Indoor Golf on 136th Street in Ocean City. Approximately 50 members took part. Winner of the women's low score (39) was Mary Lou Kauffman and winner of the men's low score (36) was Walt Lischak. Rita Landis won a 50-50 raffle worth \$54.

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OBITUARIES

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Katherine Katzer and Christian Katzer, and many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Mrs. Katzer had been involved with the Pine'er Craft Club, Ocean Pines Community Garden Club and the Widows and Widowers Social Club of Ocean Pines. She also volunteered at the Ocean Pines library and was an avid reader.



Jean Katzer

Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday, Feb. 22, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, Md. The Rev. Doc. Olin Shockley will officiate.

Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.



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KIWANIS SUPPORTS DIAKONIA

Barbara Peletier, right, president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, presents a \$500 check to Susan Blaney, faculty/volunteer coordinator at Diakonia, a West Ocean City shelter that provides emergency and transitional housing to men, women and families of the Lower Eastern Shore. The donation was made during the club's Feb. 13 meeting.

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KIWANIS SPREADS VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE

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Several times a year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City sends some token of remembrance and love to the recipients of Meals on Wheels delivered from the North Worcester County Senior Center in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanian Dave Landis, who is also a Meals on Wheels volunteer, accepting a basket of candy gifts from club President Barbara Peletier and Kiwanian Carolyn Dryzga.

Pines chamber's raffle offers cash and free housecleaning

OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting the Annual Ocean Pines Dues Raffle. The drawing will be held on April 11 and tickets are \$10 each. Only 1,500 tickets will be sold and buyers can purchase as many as they wish.

The prize for this raffle is a choice of \$1,000 cash or the Ocean Pines basic assessment fee paid for 2013 plus free residential trash pick-up for one year from Waste Management (Ocean Pines Residents only).

The winner will also receive a \$200 gift certificate towards his or her electric bill from Choptank Electric (current customers); one free house cleaning from Git R Done Cleaning Services; and one free in-home computer check-up from Computech Computer Services.

Tickets are sponsored by PNC Bank and printed by Copy Central of Ocean Pines. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, 11031 Cathell Road Berlin, MD 21811, or online at: www.oceanpineschamber.org.

Chamber 'Spring Celebration,' fire co. dinner earn approvals

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cilmembers the hospital had established an observation unit designed to minimize one-day stays by improving ways to provide attending physicians the time needed to diagnose whether their patients need to be admitted or discharged. It also created a center for joint surgery designed to help seniors remain physically active.

Franklin said the hospital has issued a request for bids for help with the setup and design of a patient-centered medical home and that an electronic medical records program "went live" on Jan. 28. He said eventually the electronic records program will encompass all patients' records within the AGH system and with the launch of a planned patient's portal, would eventually allow patients to view their records. The rollout of the patients' portal was planned for the second quarter of the year.

The council unanimously approved the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's request to host its annual Spring Celebration on Mar. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Executive Director Aaren Collins said the only change in the format from previous years' activities would be that the Easter Egg Hunt would be relocated from the

Calvin B. Taylor House Museum lawn to Stephen Decatur Park.

The council also unanimously approved one-day permits to allow the Berlin Fire Company to host a retirement dinner on Feb. 23 and a member and donor dinner on Mar. 2.

Public Works Director Michael Gibbons told the council that between his department's budget and available grant money, there was sufficient funding to fulfill a request to repair the siding on the Multipurpose Building on Flower Street that was damaged by age and weather. Elroy Brittingham proposed a motion to request bids for the siding work that was unanimously approved.

Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter reported that the new sewer service lines had been installed for the public restrooms adjacent to Town Hall, which cleared the way for the continuation of the renovation project. She also said the decorative brick façade work was progressing in the renovation to the well house on Branch Street and that officials were starting to see "light at the end of the tunnel" on the spray irrigation site project on the lagoon at Five Mile Branch.



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COUNTY BRIEFS

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY — The Worcester County Commissioners discussed the following issues during their Tuesday, Feb. 19, meeting.

MDE grant funds

The commissioners approved an addendum to the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Worcester County Local Emergency Planning Committee memorandum of understanding.

The memorandum is about the county's allocation of Maryland Department of Environment funds for the 2013 grant year. The amount this year is \$1,300.

The funds are collected by the state from each county business that files annual hazardous materials information. The money is passed to the local Emergency Planning Committee to promote public education of hazardous materials in the communities and to use in the training of local firefighters on the appropriate response to leaks and spills.

Energy efficiency

The commissioners approved the Worcester County Board of Education request to proceed with a Snow Hill Middle School energy efficiency project.

The Maryland Board of Public Works approved full state funding of \$166,000 for

the fiscal year 2013 energy efficiency initiative project at Snow Hill Middle School.

Lamps and ballasts will be replaced in more than 2,000 light fixtures.

Construction documents will be forwarded to the state March 1 for approval. Bids will be sought in April or May and the Worcester County Board of Education will award the bid May 21. The project is expected to start June 17 and be completed July 27.

The project's estimated cost is \$197,000. Local funding for the project, including design, construction and contingency, is estimated to be \$41,000.

Delmarva Power has estimated the project would reduce the annual lighting kilowatt hours at the middle school by 55 percent. That would cut the school's annual utility bill by \$40,000.

The Board of Education will apply for incentive rebates associated with the project. Those rebates will be available in August.

In May 2012, the Board of Public Works dedicated \$25 million of fiscal year 2013 funding to statewide energy efficient projects to be included in fiscal year 2014 capital improvement projects. The money for the Snow Hill Middle School project comes from that \$25 million.

Refuse collection bids

The commissioners awarded a two-year contract for refuse collection to the lowest bidder, Bennett Waste of Fruitland for its

monthly bid price of \$2,059.45.

Four companies submitted bids for the work.

Public Landing marina

The commissioners approved bid documents for the Public Landing Harbor project that involves dredging the harbor and the construction of approximately 660 feet of bulkhead.

Plans for the work are completed and the construction phase is ready to start.

Funds to pay for the work will come from Waterway Improvement grants and a county designated fund balance.

Truck needed

The commissioners authorized the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works to solicit bids for the purchase or lease of one off-road dump truck.

The new truck will replace a dump truck that is currently leased.

Groundwater monitoring

The commissioners approved the proposal of EA Engineering for continued monitoring of groundwater, surface water and leachate and analytical services at the central landfill for calendar years 2013 and 2014 at a cost of \$89,983.97.

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Ocean Pines lists activity schedule

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For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation Department at 410-641-7052.

BALLROOM DANCING: FOXTROT

Come learn the Foxtrot from dance instructor Pam Wood as she guides you through step by step no matter your experience level. Class will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 2, 6:45-7:45 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The fee for this program is \$45 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents.

For more information, call 410-641-7052.

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Games will be played on Mondays starting at 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 6 p.m. beginning March 11. An organizational meeting will be held on March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The fee for this program is \$99 per team (max. five people per team).

For more information, call 410-641-7052.



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Members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis group feast at DeNovo's in Ocean Pines following the tournament.



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Tournament co-chairwomen Linda Horst, left, and Jean Hoffman.

Platform tennis tourney tries new multi-team format

OCEAN PINES – Members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis group held their annual winter tournament on Feb. 16, with the "Paddle Battle" divided into the Adidas and the Nike teams.

Linda Horst and Jean Hoffman, who co-chaired the tournament, tried a new format that proved to be both popular and successful.

With rain looming over the four courts when play began at 8:30 a.m., each participant played three 25-minute rounds. Thirty-six players entered the competition and 276 games were completed before the rain caused the courts to be too slippery to continue.

Scoring was based on the total number of games won by each team. The Adidas and Nike were evenly matched, as the games were hard fought and scores close. Winning by just eight games, the Nike team was victorious. The entire committee consisted of Jean Hoffman, Linda Horst, Judi Mastrogianis, Diane Harris, Jim Freeman, and Don Pellicano.

Members are looking forward to the next tournament set for June 1.

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Komen OC race aims even higher than last year's major success

Despite bad weather,
2012 inaugural event
pulls in \$349,150 total

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY — Despite rain during the 2012 inaugural Komen Maryland Ocean City Race for the Cure last April, 3,662 people signed up for the event, which went on to eclipse the \$241,000 fundraising goal organizers hoped to reach.

The race, which included a 5k timed competitive run, a 5k recreational run/walk and 1-mile fun walk on the resort's Boardwalk brought in \$349,150 through registration fees, donations and cash sponsorships.

"Last year's inaugural race was great. The city worked with Komen Maryland to work through the processes to ensure our first Susan G. Komen Ocean City Race for the Cure was a huge success, even with the pouring rain," said Margo Mandes, the 2013 Eastern Shore race and development coordinator.

This year's event is scheduled for Sunday, April 21, and includes a 5k run and walk and 1-mile family fun walk.

"It's a great weekend for runners or walkers, singles, couples or families to come out and enjoy Ocean City during the off season. We have a great race route, and awesome activities planned," Mandes said.

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LISA CAPITELLI/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Komen Maryland Ocean City Race for the Cure representatives, town officials, business owners and cancer survivors gather for a photo at Seacrets on 49th Street during a press conference last Friday for the second annual event, scheduled for April 21 in the resort.

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DBS works with local school system on student internship

Decatur seniors will be first to take advantage of program in Bishopville

BISHOPVILLE — Stephen Decatur High School seniors Tyler Kalista and Kaitlyn Nibblett will be the first students to participate in a new internship opportunity with Delaware Business Systems, located in Bishopville. A business that supports the hospitality industry, DBS has many clients in Ocean City, as well as in Delaware beach communities.

The students were selected to participate in the internship through an application and interview process. Chad Hastings, DBS branch manager of the Bishopville office, and Jason Blusk, director of business development from the New Castle, Del. office, conducted the interviews.

"Our commitment to each student's internship success is our priority," Blusk said. "A strong pipeline of talented students who meet the requirement of being DBS interns is our goal. Each of them will be placed in various positions in our company and will work directly with our Bishopville branch manager. Our vision is to have

students talk about their experiences with their teachers and peers and ultimately accept positions at DBS or other Worcester County businesses."

DBS is responsible for representing hospitality point-of-sale network systems throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. DBS provides sales and support of various point-of-sale software technologies, computer networking design and architecture, credit card processing, training, security camera systems and a complete onsite support needs. The students will be learning all aspects of the company's operations.

DBS has a partnership with William Penn High School in Wilmington, Del., to provide internships for their students. According to Blusk, the partnership has been so successful that they wanted to extend internship opportunities to Worcester County as well.

"Our goal is to provide students with opportunities to learn not only about local companies and careers," said Diane Stulz, coordinator of instruction for Worcester County Public Schools and liaison for student internship placements, "but to also learn about the skills needed to be successful in today's workplace."



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Stephen Decatur High School senior Tyler Kalista, right, speaks with DBS Bishopville Branch Manager Chad Hastings and DBS Internship Coordinator Stephanie Pankowski during a reception welcoming the students who will be participating in a 16-week internship at the Bishopville branch.

Komen aims high as it plans its second fund-racer in OC

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A press conference to kickoff the 2013 event took place last week at Seacrets on 49th Street. The goal this year is 5,000 participants and to raise \$435,000.

"We have been working on building a destination weekend for the race. This year we have added three new components in hopes that the registrants make a weekend of family fun," Mandes said. "Friday night opens with a Concert for the Cure at Seacret's, and on Saturday, Planet Maze is hosting an event from 3-5 p.m. and Skate for the Cure at the Carousel Hotel from 5-7 p.m. Proceeds from these events go to Komen Maryland."

Seventy-five percent of the net funds raised during the second annual Komen Maryland Ocean City Race for the Cure will go to local and statewide programs that offer breast health services, from screening and treatment to support. The remaining 25 percent will fund research grants at institutions across the country to support Komen for the Cure's mission to save lives, empower people, ensure quality care for all and energize science to find the cures.

To date, Komen Maryland has provided more than \$35 million dollars to support the fight against breast cancer. Since 1998, Eastern Shore programs have received more than \$3 million in funding from Komen Maryland for services to help those affected by breast cancer and their families.

Komen Maryland is currently accepting event sponsorships. Contact mmandes@komenmd.org for more information.

Businesses can also get involved by participating in the "Paint The Town Pink" campaign and decorate their establishments in support of the Komen Maryland Ocean City Race for the Cure. Participation is open to all Ocean City restaurants, hotels, motels and businesses. The winner will receive a "SeaBoard Business Prize Package," which includes beachfront ad-



LISA CAPITELLI/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Margo Mandes, the 2013 Eastern Shore race and development coordinator for the Komen Maryland Ocean City Race for the Cure event, scheduled for April 21, in Ocean City, says a few words during a press conference last Friday at Seacrets on 49th Street.

vertising between May 24 and June 7, with one 10-second advertisement displayed every five minutes running the full length of the resort beach (a total of 16 beach passes, valued at \$1,280).

Residents are encouraged to decorate their homes, but they will not be considered for the prize package.

Paint the Town Pink will run from April 12-19. Judging will take place April 19.

In addition to Paint the Town Pink, restaurants can participate in the "Dine Out for the Cure®" program, April 12-21. Restaurants will donate a portion of their sales during that period.

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Latest industry trends on exhibit in next week's HMRA show

Celebrity chef scheduled for cooking demo stint on event's opening day

OCEAN CITY — Plans are under way for the 39th annual Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association Trade Expo, held March 3-4, at the Ocean City convention center.

The newly expanded ballroom, featuring floor to ceiling windows and overlooking Assawoman Bay, will provide a stunning backdrop for Washington, D.C. Chef Mike Isabella.

Isabella will appear on stage in the Culinary Corner on Sunday, March 3, at noon and following his cooking demo will be available to sign his new "Crazy Good Italian" cookbook.

Isabella is a Washington, D.C.-based chef and restaurateur, owner of Italian-inspired small plates restaurant, Graffiato, and partner of Bandolero, a modern Mexican concept in the heart of Georgetown. Isabella's Crazy Good Italian is his first cookbook. He was named Food & Wine magazine's The People's Best New Chef Mid-Atlantic for 2012.

Before opening Graffiato, Isabella was the executive chef of Jose Andres' Zaytinya. During his three-year tenure Isabella generated accolades and national attention for Washington, D.C.'s Mediterranean powerhouse restaurant.

Isabella's formal training began at The Restaurant School in New York, taking classes and cooking his way through some of New York City's finest establishments. After honing his skills in the Big Apple, he travelled down the coast to Philadelphia, first as a sous chef for James Beard award winner Douglas Rodriguez at Alma de Cuba, then a host of other Stephen Starr restaurants.

At El Vez, Isabella learned the true craft of Latin cuisine under the direction of Jose Garces, and as executive sous chef of Marcus Samuelsson's Washington Square, Isabella educated himself on the art of opening a fine dining establishment.

While Philadelphia proved to be an incredible learning experience and launching ground, Isabella still needed to find his niche. That niche came when



More than 5,000 people attended the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association's 38th annual spring trade expo last year at the convention center on 40th Street. Approximately 275 exhibiting companies filled about 400 booths and offered the latest and greatest goods and services for the industry.

he moved to Atlanta and joined Buckhead Life Group's top-notch Greek restaurant, Kyma. As Chef de Cuisine of the seafood-inspired menu, Isabella learned the slight flavors and techniques of Greek cooking, as well as immersing himself in the traditions of one of the oldest cuisines in the world. While travelling through Greece and parts of the Middle East, Isabella learned the nuances of these cuisines. Talking to locals and sifting through the daily markets gave Isabella a chance to truly understand these foods, and

helped to form a base for his culinary imagination.

Outside the kitchen, Isabella appeared on season six of Top Chef and he was the runner-up on Top Chef All-Stars. In 2013, Isabella plans to open Greek concept, Kapnos, and Italian sandwich shop, G. These will be his third and fourth restaurants in Washington, D.C.

"I'm extremely excited to have chef Isabella coming to Ocean City and I'm certain he will 'wow' the crowd," said Expo Director, Susan Jones.

The OCHMRA Trade Expo has grown to be one of the area's premier industry events. It is the place for hospitality industry buyers and sellers to meet. Attendees have the opportunity to experience what will be tomorrow's hottest trend and to do one-stop shopping on the spot. This face-to-face interaction provides a valuable, efficient, and cost-effective opportunity to engage buyers and sellers. Rather than going door-to-door and cold calling, this regional Expo is a great way for exhibitors

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Credit spreads offer clues to bond's possible risk and value

We recently had a question about credit spreads and why they're important to investors and the economy.



Chip Gordy,
MBA, CRPC

Credit spreads are the difference in yield between any type of bond, and a U.S. Treasury of the same maturity. Corporate bonds, which carry a risk of default, yield more than U.S. Treasury Bonds because the latter have no risk of default. By looking at the difference in yield between a corporate bond and a Treasury of the same maturity, you can get an idea of the extra premium investors require for the extra credit risk inherent in the corporate bond.

If you are looking at a 10-year corporate bond, which is yielding 5 percent for example, and at the same time the 10-year treasury bond is yielding 2 percent, then the credit spread is 300 basis points (3 percent). Because U.S. Treasuries are free of default risk, other bonds are compared to treasuries in order to get an idea of their credit risk.

Interest rate changes for different types of bonds don't normally occur in unison. For example, when there is a lot of hesitation in the market, investors

tend to park their money in safe U.S. Treasuries, causing the yield of U.S. Treasuries to drop. The yields on high yield bonds on the other hand, tend to rise in times of uncertainty as investors shun risky assets. So even though treasury yields are falling in this example, the credit spread is getting wider.

By looking at how the credit spread for a category of bonds is changing, you can get an idea of how "inexpensive" (wide credit spread) or "costly" (tight credit spread) the market for those bonds is related to historical credit spreads. Investors will also look at credit spreads for clues as to where the bond and other markets may be headed.

There is a common misconception that looking at credit spreads gives you a complete picture of the credit risk of one bond compared to another. This is inaccurate, because there are other factors that combine with credit risk to make up the "spread premium" that other types of bonds have over treasuries.

For example, bonds with favorable tax treatment such as municipal bonds can actually trade at a yield that is below U.S. Treasuries. This isn't because the market considers them less risky than U.S. Treasuries, but because many municipal bonds are considered almost as safe as treasuries, while also having a

big tax advantage over treasuries. Similarly many corporate bonds are illiquid, meaning it can be difficult to sell the bond once you have bought it because there isn't an active market for the bond. Investors will therefore require a higher yield than would otherwise be the case for this bond, increasing its credit spread.

Some other factors that can be included in the credit spread for different types of bonds in addition to credit risk

are callability, duration, liquidity and event risk (natural disasters, regulatory changes, etc).

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Annual OP business expo set by Chamber of Commerce

OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 3rd Annual Chamber Business Expo on Thursday, March 20, from 5-7 p.m. in the former Harley-Davidson building on Route 50 in Berlin.

All Worcester County business people are invited to attend and display their services or goods. Last year, more than 50 exhibitors took part in the event, with business ranging from home improvement outfits to social media advisors.

Other industries that were represented were business products, health care, finance, insurance, travel, beauty, massage and promotional products. There will be door prizes donated from

local businesses and a 50/50 raffle.

Organizers also said this will be a great networking opportunity for members of all area chambers and for businesspeople to mingle, learn about new businesses in town and talk to hundreds of potential customers. This event is open to the public. Organizers also are encouraging area business people, local chamber members and professionals a to attend.

Refreshment and light fare will be sponsored by Royal Plus Inc. and complimentary beer and wine will be provided.

For more information or to register a business, contact Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-5306.

Committee has press release help

OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Association's Communications Advisory Committee will present a seminar on writing effective press releases on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 at the Ocean Pines Community Center in the Assateague Room. All persons involved in preparing and distributing press releases for non-profit, community, civic or social organizations in and around Ocean Pines are invited to attend this free event.

Gwenn Garland will be the featured

speaker. She is a public relation specialist at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, and a former journalist.

Representatives from local newspapers are being invited to provide information and answer questions regarding deadlines and other issues specific to their operations.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Teresa Travatello at ttravatello@oceanpines.org or 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006, prior to the event.

Show offers opportunity to learn

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to generate leads in just two days.

Additionally, the Culinary Corner will feature some of the regions finest chefs doing demos throughout the show. Maryland DNR Seafood Marketing Director, Steve Vilnit, is lining up a talented cast to showcase the many gifted chefs in our backyards. Vilnit will also be on hand to discuss the species being prepared as the chefs share their preparation techniques.

"This will be a real learning experience and inspiration for many," said

Expo Event Manager Amy Tingle.

As details emerge, complete event schedules will be posted on the Expo show site.

Expo hours are Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, March 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Expo is limited to the trade only; to attend, guests must be in the lodging or dining business, or a liquor store, convenience store, cafeteria, nursing home, hospital or school. Exhibitors and attendees must be 21 to attend. For details, visit www.oceancitytradeexpo.com.



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Environmental happy hour to draw conservation organizations

'Go Green Social' takes less formal approach to getting out message

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Organizers for the Maryland Coastal Bays Program's "Go Green Social" are adopting the "green drinks" concept, where people with a common interest in environmental conservation meet in informal sessions.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

The MCBP Citizen's Advisory Group announced it will hold its first Go Green Social event Feb. 27, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Country Club. The event, which will be free and open to the public, will be offering happy hour drink prices and hors d'oeuvres.

Sandi Smith, fundraising and marketing specialist for MCBP, said the organizers were hoping a less structured form of outreach might attract interested individuals who would not otherwise attend a formal meeting. Through the meet-and-greet-style of a social, environmental organizations will have representatives on hand to discuss a variety of conservation-oriented missions, activities and volunteer opportunities in a setting that would more closely resemble a job fair than a series of presentations.

Local groups that will be participating in the get together include:

- Ocean Pines Environment and Natural Assets Advisory Committee, which provides suggestions and recommendations for improving the health and vitality of Ocean Pines' natural resources as well as advising the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on environmental issues;

- Lower Shore Land Trust, which assists landowners and communities in finding ways to conserve land for the enjoyment and well-being of present and future generations;

- Assateague Island Alliance, which was created to benefit the Assateague

Island National Seashore by supporting educational and scientific programs and stewardship, along with resource-compatible recreation;

- Ocean City Surfrider Foundation, whose mission is to promote the protection and enjoyment of oceans, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network;

- Berlin Library Sustainable Garden group, which is a community project to demonstrate sustainable, chemical-free

gardening to the public. The produce raised is donated to Diakonia's shelter in West Ocean City and Stevenson United Methodist Church, and used in library programming;

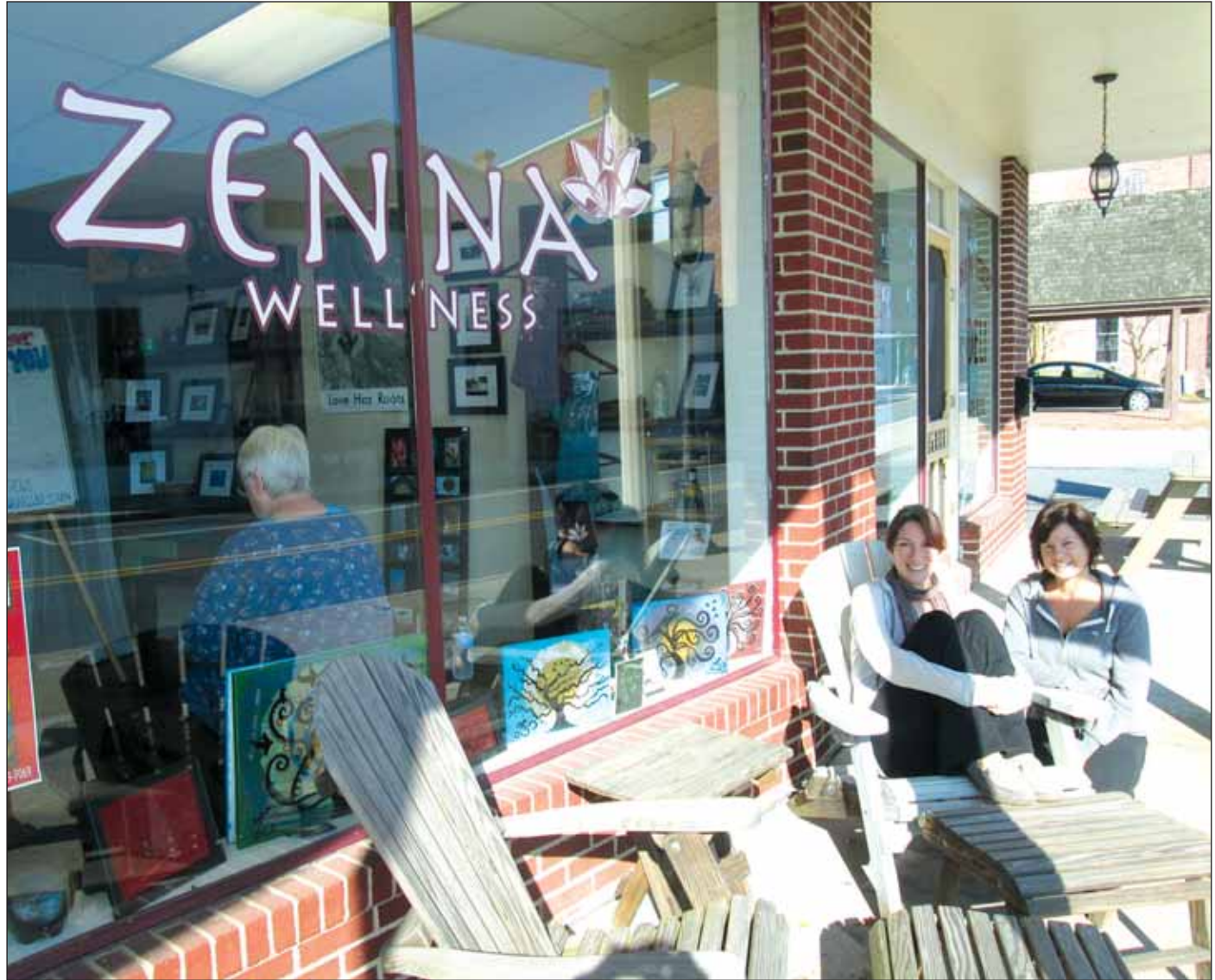
- Worcester County Garden Club, which promotes the knowledge and appreciation of gardening, horticulture, flower arranging, and all phases of conservation of all our national and local resources, and encourages and develops civic planting throughout Worces-

ter County;

- Tri County Bird Club, which is part of the Maryland Ornithological Society, a nonprofit, statewide organization of people who are interested in birds and nature; and

- Oyster Recovery Partnership, which is Maryland's newest oyster shell recycling program.

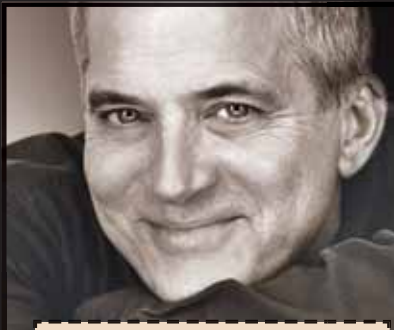
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Mathias says he'll oppose gun regulation, death penalty repeal

McDermott proposes allowing victims to enter statement in court cases

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — Local representatives in the Maryland General Assembly are “shifting into third gear” as legislative action on both local initiatives and statewide proposals head to the respective floors and committees, Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38) said Feb. 19.

The senator said he would be voting “no” on two of the statewide bills the senate is currently focused on. The first was the Firearm Safety Act (SB0281), and the second was a bill to repeal the death penalty in Maryland and replace it with life-without parole.

Mathias said the sentiment among his constituents on the Eastern Shore has been overwhelmingly against Gov. Martin O'Malley's (D) gun bill. He added that he has supported the death penalty in the past and would respectfully continue to do so. “It's important to listen,” to opposite perspectives, he said. “But I've been a public safety guy for a long time,” and he said that even while serving a sentence of life without parole criminals who have been convicted of heinous crimes can still pose safety risks — whenever they interface with other human beings.

Among the local proposals Mathias introduced the prior week was a bill to establish a task force to study moving the first day of school to after Labor Day and a bill that would allow insurance companies to drop auto policyholders who misrepresent where they reside.

Mathias introduced SB0963 on Feb. 15, which was a proposal he said would allow families to enjoy one more week of summer vacation travel, while helping to bolster the Eastern Shore's seasonal tourism business. The bill would establish a 19 member task force of stakeholders to study the potential impact of moving the start date of the public school year to after Labor Day. The group would be directed to study what potential impacts such a rescheduling would have on the education system, economy and summer tourism.

Members of the uncompensated task force would include: two members of the state senate, two delegates, the state superintendent of schools, four school system representatives, a representative of the Maryland State Education Association, four tourism-related business representatives, a representative of the Maryland Tourism Development Board, a public high school student, and one parent each of a public high school, middle school and elementary school student.

Mathias said shifting the school year to after Labor Day has been a desire of

Eastern Shore businesses for a long time, but one that has met with significant resistance from teachers. He said the task force concept was intended to bring representatives of all the interested parties to the table in an attempt to explore what solutions might develop.

If approved, the task force would be required to report its findings to the governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2014.

Mathias also introduced a proposal he said would help protect automobile insurance companies from fraud (SB 950), on Feb. 14. The bill, he said, would allow insurers to cancel policies if the information provided by a policyholder is found to be fraudulent.

According to the bill, insurers would be allowed to rescind a policy or binder number if an applicant misrepresents that the covered motor vehicle is garaged, or the owner lives in Maryland.

Asked about the how the bill would impact residential moves by residents in a tri-state area like Delmarva, Mathias said, “There are good-faith issues that happen and then there is fraud.”

Meanwhile, Delegate Michael McDermott (R-38B) offered proposals to allow victim impact statements to be included when motor vehicle accidents are prosecuted, to provide a grace period to local jurisdictions that had proposals pending regarding a deadline for submitting proposed land use maps under O'Malley's

“septic bill,” and to extend the eligibility period for members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.

McDermott proposed a bill (HB 1382) that would allow a prosecuting attorney to submit a victim impact statement to the court and the defendant, or child respondent, if the defendant is convicted of a criminal offense involving a motor vehicle accident. The same allowance would be made for prosecutors in cases in which a child respondent is adjudicated delinquent for any act involving a motor vehicle if the act would be considered criminal if committed by an adult.

McDermott's offered a proposal, HB 1383, which would extend the period of eligibility for members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who want to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program. The bill would alter the formula for computing the normal service retirement allowance by expanding the eligibility requirement that members have at least 25 years and less than 30 years of creditable service, to include officers who have at least 29 years and less than 34 years of creditable service.

McDermott also proposed HB 1385, which would deem local jurisdictions, like Worcester County, to be in compliance for adopting definitions or descriptions

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Maryland House panel OKs bill to overturn pit bull ruling

Measure would void court's ruling that breed is inherently dangerous

By Alexander Pyles

The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — A House of Delegates committee has unanimously approved a bill that would overturn a controversial ruling by Maryland's high court that last year singled out pit bulls as "inherently dangerous."

The Court of Appeals decided in April that pit bull owners ought to know their dog is a dangerous animal by virtue of its breed, making those owners, their landlords and potentially other business owners, strictly liable for damages if a pit bull attacks someone.

The ruling was almost universally condemned by members of the General Assembly, who immediately began making plans to pass legislation that would overturn the court.

In an August special session in which the legislature was focused on expanding gambling, an attempt to overturn the ruling failed when the House and Senate could not decide how to change the law.

But compromise legislation emerged early this year between a pair of Montgomery County Democrats: Sen. Brian E. Frosh, chairman of the Judicial Proceedings Committee, and Del. Luis R.S. Simmons, a member of the Judiciary Committee.

The bill would create a presumption that a person who owns a dog of any breed knows that animal is dangerous, while also allowing a dog owner to argue that presumption in court. Simmons said the bill gives dog owners a chance to defend themselves while keeping the burden of proof off of the victim.

"All a dog bite victim would have to prove is a dog, a bite, and then sit down," Simmons said.

The bill would also remove business owners from the equation and would force the victim of a dog attack to prove

that a landlord should have known the dog was dangerous. Animal rights advocates and many lawmakers had said it was unfair to single out pit bulls from other breeds.

"There are many pit bulls that are sweet and loveable," Simmons said.

In a 22-0 Judiciary Committee vote, the bill was approved with one technical amendment, clarifying that landlords would not automatically be held liable if a dog attacked someone on their property. The full House could approve the legislation — HB 78 — as early as next week.

The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee held a hearing on an identical bill — SB 160 — on Feb. 5, but Frosh said the panel wouldn't vote on that bill until the House passed its version. In August, the Senate passed legislation that was later amended by the House in such a way that Frosh found unacceptable, effectively killing the legislation.

Frosh's original bill in August made all dog owners strictly liable if their dog bit someone, with some exceptions. But the House of Delegates' version drastically narrowed Frosh's legislation, making owners liable only if a dog was running "at large." Both bills removed landlords' liability.

The House immediately adjourned after passing the amended bill, making it impossible for the two chambers to confer. Frosh didn't feel the bill went far enough, so allowed the legislation to die when the Senate adjourned later.

This time, the chairman is letting the House go first.

"We'll wait for it to trot across," Frosh said.

Assuming no unexpected amendments are tacked on during debate by the full House, the emergency measure is all but assured passage in the Senate, which is likely to follow Frosh's lead. Upon passage, the legislation would immediately overturn the court decision, which has put pressure on animal shelters and has caused some to be threatened with eviction should they not give up their dogs.

McDermott seeks more time for towns to finish planning

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for their land use growth tiers by July 1, if they already had a proposed map pending approval as of Feb. 1.

During a Dec. 10, 2012, town council meeting, Tracey Gordy, director of the Maryland Department of Planning, told Berlin councilmembers that jurisdictions needed to formalize approval of their land use maps by the end of the year in order to be able to approve major subdivisions that were not already served by

public sewer systems in 2013. Failing to meet the deadline, she said, would result in localities being unable to receive percolation tests for development sites from the state health department.

McDermott, who previously this session proposed legislation to repeal the septic bill, proposed in HB 1385 to extend the Dec. 31 deadline to July 1, as long as the jurisdictions had proposals to define their major and minor subdivisions already pending by Feb. 1.

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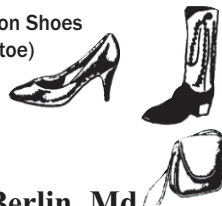
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Debt, not gun laws, most serious issue

By the time the next week's issue of this paper hits the streets, there will be one day left before the federal government experiences the massive mandatory budget cuts agreed to by Congress last year as a way to force its members and the administration to get serious about reducing the national debt.

Most residents in these parts won't notice any difference, since it will largely affect federal money that doesn't make its way this far down the food chain.

But depending on how much time passes before the Obama administration and Congress actually do something besides blame each other for their intransigence, the affects of this sequestration will ultimately trickle down to this level, if through nothing other than another economic tumble that won't help anyone.

Yet, here we are giving top billing to the discussion of gun control, as was the case at Rep. Andy Harris' Town Hall meeting last week.

Of course it's an important discussion that resonates throughout this community of hunters and independent-minded souls. But it's hardly of a magnitude of a having a country that's fiscally unsound and getting worse. You just can't shoot your way out of a debt so huge that even the most impartial forecast says we might put a dent in it after 10 years or so.

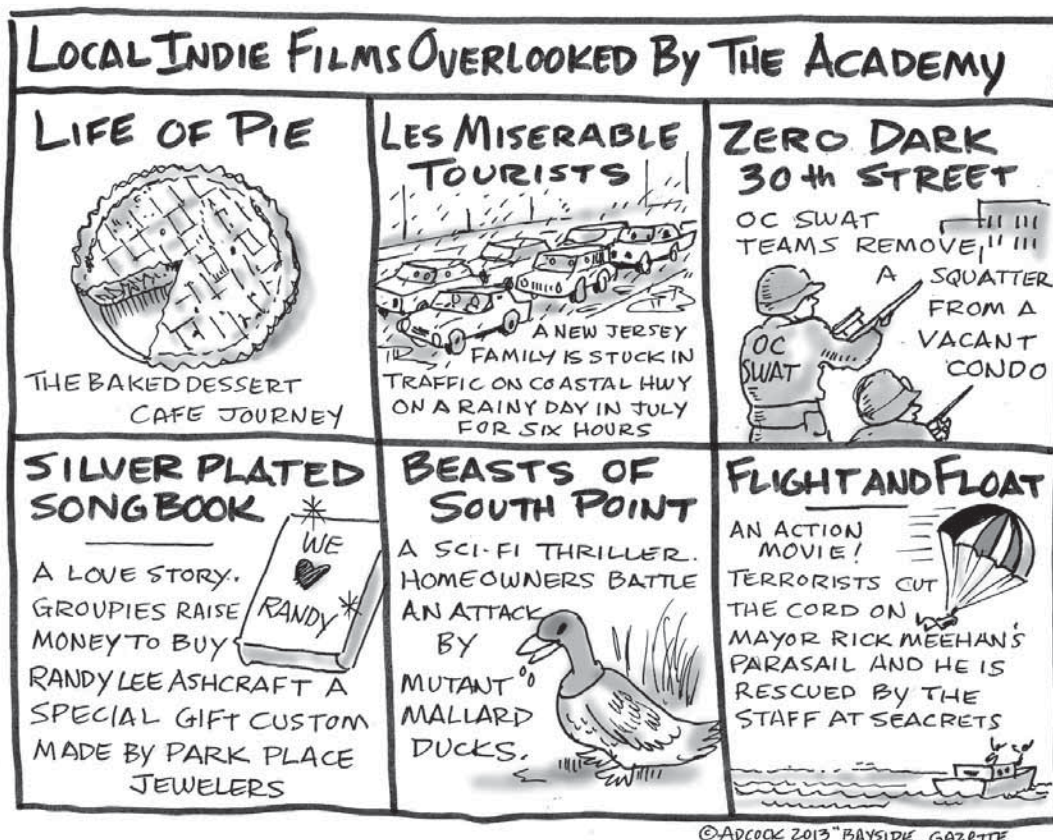
No one can blame Harris, his fellow Republicans and their Democratic counterparts across the aisle for engaging in discussions on subjects that are important to their constituents, but they also have a duty to help the public understand other critical issues and what, if anything, they propose to do about it.

Unfortunately, so far, their plan is to do nothing, except blame the other side for doing the same.

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Dredge spoil disposal goes to Newark

Bishopville Pond sediment could help plant growth

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

BISHOPVILLE — Dredge spoil from the Bishopville Pond will be disposed of on county property at no cost.

The Worcester County Commissioners on Tuesday approved the written request of Katherine Sharks, senior local program advisor for the Department of Natural Resources, to allow for the disposal.

Tests have revealed the pond sediments are free of toxic materials.

One phase of the project to enable fish passage at the Bishopville dam requires the removal of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of material from the pond bottom.

About two years ago, the

Army Corps of Engineers obtained county approval to dispose of dredge spoil from the dredging project at the harbor in West Ocean City. That project generated more than 10 times the amount of spoil to be dredged at the pond. It is estimated that 1,960 cubic yards of spoil will be dredged.

The commissioners permitted that spoil to be deposited in an unused corner of the county borrow pit on Langmaid Road in Newark.

"We could take this material to the Langmaid Road site," Ed Tudor, director of the Department of Development Review and Permitting told the commissioners.

Depositing the dredge spoil there could be beneficial because the harbor material, composed mostly of sand and shells, has been unable to support any type of vegetative cover. The pond material will be placed atop the harbor material to provide needed or-

ganic matter.

"We could get some vegetation finally established," Tudor said.

In a memo to the commissioners, Tudor said he and others recommend that the Department of Natural Resources provide test results on the material for review or provide material for further testing to ensure it contains no toxic material.

The commissioners approved that recommendation plus others. The Department of Natural Resources or its contractor must be responsible for all required permitting and one or the other must be responsible for sediment and erosion control at the disposal site. Lastly, one or the other must be responsible for hauling, spreading and stabilizing the dredge spoil after it is deposited.

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BAYSIDE LIFE



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Judy Nelson, left, and Michael Mathers, portray the characters Connie Brooks and Mr. Boynton during a rehearsal for the radio play "Our Miss Brooks," which is scheduled for a performance at the Whimsical Cottage of Berlin this weekend. The Saturday, Feb. 23 performance at 7 p.m. has sold out, but a matinee performance been added, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24.

Script-reading group gives voice to glory days of radio

'Our Miss Brooks' and Lucille Ball radio show to come alive once again

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Radio Airwaves Productions will transform the Whimsical Cottage of Berlin into a fictional soundstage on Feb. 23 and 24 for a dramatization of two old-time radio shows, the comedies "Our Miss Brooks" and "My Favorite Husband."

Radio Airwaves Productions is an Ocean Pines-based nonprofit theatrical organization committed to performing vintage radio shows in a script-reading format, according to founder J. Graham Caldwell.

The shows are reproduced as studio presentations and the actors supplement the props and sound effects with many of their own era-appropriate costumes, he said.

Caldwell said the theater group averages one engagement each month and is available for entertainment at charitable, as well as corporate, events for a "reasonable" reimbursement of costs.

Comedies and mysteries are standard fare, although he said the players also perform from original scripts. The group is a

spin-off of the Ocean Pines Players, he said, and several of the actors are members of both groups.

The Whimsical Cottage of Berlin is located at 111 Artisans Way and the Feb. 23 performance begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person and reservations or advance ticket purchases are advised. The Feb. 23 performance has sold out, but a Feb. 24 matinee at 2 p.m. has been added.

"Our Miss Brooks" was a comedy about fictional Madison High School English teacher, Connie Brooks, who was portrayed by Eve Arden from 1948 to 1957 and throughout the four-year run of the TV version of the show from 1952 to 1956. The 30-minute show began and ended as a radio play for CBS, but was also performed as a popular TV show as well.

Gale Gordon played Brooks' boss, Principal Osgood Conklin, and Richard Crenna portrayed teenager Walter Denton. Jeff Chandler portrayed Brooks' would-be love interest, biology teacher Philip Boynton, and Jane Morgan played Brooks' landlady Margaret Davis.

"My Favorite Husband" starred Lucille Ball and Richard Denning as spirited wife and straight-laced husband Liz and George Cooper. Gale Gordon also appeared on the

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Joanne Masone rehearses her part as Harriet Conklin in the radio play "Our Miss Brooks." Radio Airwaves Productions is performing the play at the Whimsical Cottage of Berlin on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

PNC Foundation funds classroom in new art center

OCEAN CITY — The Art League of Ocean City has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the PNC Foundation to name the upstairs community/classroom in the new Ocean City Center for the Arts building.

The new art center is scheduled to have a ribbon cutting and grand opening reception at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1. An opening art reception, from 5-7 p.m. and featuring acclaimed artist Patrick Henry as well as artwork by local artists, will follow the ribbon cutting.

A result of a public private partnership between the nonprofit Art League of Ocean City, the town of Ocean City, the state of Maryland, Worcester County and many private citizens and businesses, the new art center will serve the entire spectrum of the community from young children to senior citizens.

"We are looking forward to working with the PNC Foundation to provide much needed children's art programming in the new art center," said Rina Thaler, executive director of the Center for the Arts. "We will be holding a variety of classes and art experiences for children of all ages including classes in painting, pottery as well as our art adventure summer camp".

The grant from the PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from the PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. will allow the Ocean City Center for the Arts to offer classes as well as space for community groups to meet in a beautiful setting.

"The Ocean City Center for the Arts will be a source of pride for the community and a cultural amenity for the region," said Jennifer Joseph, PNC market executive on the Eastern Shore. "Our investment represents a commitment to the rich, cultural energy that has distinguished Ocean City and furthers our investment in school readiness through the arts."

The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture.

The Ocean City Center for the Arts is located at 502 94 St. The new art center will offer multiple galleries, classroom space, a pottery studio, artisan shop, art library and working artist studio spaces.

To learn more about the new art center, which is the headquarters of the nonprofit Art League of Ocean City, visit www.artleagueofoceancity.org or call 410-524-9433.



WINTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST A SUCCESS

Three times a year, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City holds a Pancake Breakfast for Scholarships fundraiser, and every time the community supports it in grand fashion. Pictured are some of the members and spouses early in the morning before guests started to arrive at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Jan. 9. They are, in first row from left, Ron Graybill, Barbara Southwell, Skip Dennig, Candy Foreman, Chairwoman Carolyn Dryzga, Phil Lassiter, Jackie Todd, President Barbara Peletier, Carol Caldwell and Ralph Chinn; and in back row, Ed Aurand, Lee Brooke, Roy Foreman, Steve Rosen, Fred Kauffman, J. Graham Caldwell and Charlie Warner.

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Radio troupe seeks new members and interesting voices

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show, as George's banker boss.

Bea Benaderet and Ruth Perrott performed in the original show as Liz Cooper's friends and co-conspirators, Iris Atterbury and Katy the maid. Eleanor Audley played the role of George Cooper's disapproving aristocratic mother, Mrs. Leticia Cooper.

In the Radio Airwaves' performance of "Our Miss Brooks," Judy Nelson will recreate the character Connie Brooks. The other stars will include Michael Mathers as Mr. Boynton, Douglas Slingerland as Mr. Conklin, Caldwell as Walter Denton, Joanne Masone as Harriet Conklin, Seth Merson as Stretch Snodgrass, Roy Foreman as Mr. Stone, with Larry Walton as the announcer for both shows.

The stars of the recreation of the "My Favorite Husband" performance will be Sharon Sorrentino as Liz Cooper, Michael Mathers as George Cooper, Roy Foreman as Mr. Atterbury, and Carol Caldwell as Katy the maid.

A surprise performance will feature Barbara Gallagher.

Caldwell said the troupe is always looking for new members with interesting voices.

Further information is available at 443-513-4768 or 302-698-1201.

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This tour of Lula Washington Dance Theatre is made possible by a grant from Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.



SNAPSHOTS



‘AIR DAMIEN’ JUMPS FOR A CAUSE
Buckingham Elementary School student Damien Jackson is shown getting some air as students Sunny Trivits and Kayla Layfield wait for their turn during a Jump Rope for Heart event held Feb. 13, at the school. Jump Rope for Heart is an annual event that raises money for the American Heart Association. This year’s jump featured 85 participants and raised \$4,150.

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TOP CHESS PLAYERS RECOGNIZED
Young chess players competed in the 2013 Chess Tournament last weekend at the Wicomico County Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury. Earning top awards in the Elementary Division competition were, from left, Alexander Emmert of Salisbury, second place; Joseph Schwartz of Eden, third place; and Pranay Sanwal of Lewes, Del., first. Emmert, from Salisbury Christian School, is the son of Drs. Jeffrey and Elizabeth Emmert; Schwartz from Worcester Prep, is the son of Drs. Joseph and Carrie Schwartz; and Sanwal from Worcester Prep, is the son of Drs. Pankaj and Vibha Sanwal.

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BES ART AND TECH NIGHT
Student Ella Gaddis is shown with her mother during Buckingham Elementary School’s Annual Art and Technology Night. BES students and parents were invited to create art projects and participate in technology activities as a family. Many projects were, “Make it, Take it” activities including decorating photo frames, producing Valentine’s Day cards on computers, and building structures with paper towel tubes. The school also provided free sandwiches and water for families to eat dinner during the event. Over 120 people attended.

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TECH FEST WINNER
Worcester County Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Lou Taylor poses with Showell Elementary School student Brooke Berquist after she received three silver ribbons for photography during the annual Worcester County Technology Festival. The event featured more than 500 entries, which included photography, video, multi-media and online presentations.

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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

ONGOING EVENTS

BINGO NIGHT

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

SQUARE DANCING

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

SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP

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

DIAKONIA FURNITURE CENTER

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

PINE'EER CRAFT & GIFT SHOP

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

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

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

KIWANIS CLUB

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

DELMARVA CHORUS

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

SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS

Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month except for July, August and December at the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport

Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

SANCTIONED BRIDGE

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

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

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

BEACH SINGLES

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

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

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

TACO NIGHT

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

BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus #9053, every second and fourth Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon.
\$8 per person, half price for 12 and younger. 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, rear St. Luke's Church. Info: 410-524-7994.

SI BOC GROUP

Second Tuesday of every month, the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines, 6 p.m. dinner, social time

meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Info: President Marty Cropper, 410-213-1592.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

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

AARP

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Meets the third Wednesday of every month 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jesses-paddle.org

WEEKLY SALE

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

ELKS BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City

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

FIRESIDE CHAT

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

STORY TIME

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

PLAY TIME

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

ADULT KNITTING GROUP

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. Informal monthly group for people who love to knit or crochet to share ideas, patterns and projects. Info: 410-957-0878.

WORCESTER COUNTY

TEA PARTY MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7 p.m. Guest speakers will be Worcester County Sheriff Reggie Mason and Worcester County State's Attorney Beau Oglesby. All are invited. Info: 443-614-7214, WorTeaParty@gmail.com or www.worcestercountyytea-party.com.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:45 a.m. Following the business meeting, members will make heart earrings in red, pink or crystal color. The \$5 years dues will be collected. All residents of the Ocean Pines Community are invited, as well as residents in close proximity to the Ocean Pines area. Refreshments served.

BINGO

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year

round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

REACH THE BEACH OC REC/SCHOOL OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, public attendance from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Recreation and school cheerleading teams from around the world gather to compete. Prize money awarded. Professionally choreographed awards ceremony. Admission costs \$20 for adults and \$14 for children and seniors. Info: www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com. Participants should contact the official housing bureau for this event: www.globaljbs.com/event/rboc13.

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNEY

Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Estimated attendance of more than 150 teams over four weekends, Feb. 22-24 (U18), March 1-3 (U10 and U14), March 8-10, (U12 and U16), March 15-17 (adult). Registration: www.oceancitymd.gov. Info: 410-250-0125.

A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: TOO HUMAN

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Songwriters and performers Ellen Schwartz and Roger Bruno play what they term "good music with a lot of heart." Covering jazz standards from the American Songbook but with a fresh interpretation that brings new life to classic songs. Sample songs at www.toohumanonline.com. Info: 410-208-4014.

BINGO

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

PURIM POT LUCK DINNER AND COSTUME PARTY

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Wear a costume and take a meat dish. Services will follow at 8 p.m. Info: Jaime, 410-641-4311.

LONGABERGER BASKET/VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. All baskets are filled, raffles, 50/50,

door prizes and refreshments. Cost is \$20 in advance. Proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society. Tickets: Tammy, 410-352-3755 or 410-726-6043.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

FURNACE TOWN LIVING HERITAGE MUSEUM

Guides Joe Fehrner and Gary Marine will lead a nature hike exploring night sights and sounds of the Pocomoke Forest and Nassawango Swamp. Walkers should meet at Visitor Center at 6:45 p.m.; walk will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Wear sturdy, water-resistant shoes and take a flashlight. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$5 for AAA, 60+ and military ID holders; and \$3 for children ages 3-12. Reservations: 410-632-2032. Walk-ins welcome.

CREATING COMICS

Learn to create your own comic book. Create a story, layout pages, draw, link and letter. For children & adults interested in creating comics, graphic novels or sequential art. Free with paid admission, all supplies will be provided. Info: 410-957-9933 or www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

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WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER JUDY BOGGS TOWN MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend and participate in dialog about current issues of interest to Ocean Pines and northern Worcester County, including updates on natural gas and development along Route 589. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jerry Wilson, superintendent of the Worcester County School System. Info: 410-641-6158.

A WILD GAME FEAST

Sons of American Legion Squadron 87, 608A Cross St., Cambridge, 1-6 p.m. Rabbit, raccoon, muskrat, beaver, duck and deer plus one side of string beans or kale, potatoes and macaroni and cheese and a roll. Cost is \$7. Proceeds help with Hunt Valley Convention. Call Larry at 410-253-4563 or John at 410-819-6977.

BEEF & DUMPLING DINNER

American Legion Post 123, 10111 Old Ocean City Road, Berlin, 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

APPLEBEE'S FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 2703 North Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, 8-10 a.m. Includes three pancakes, two pieces of sausage and unlimited beverages including coffee, orange juice, soda and tea. Benefiting the Holly Center Auxiliary, Inc. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4.50 for kids 11 and younger. Tickets: Marlina Belote, 410-572-6204 or Irene Dendorfer, 410-572-6203.

PURSE BINGO

Stephen Decatur High School, cafeteria, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo begins at 6 p.m. Featuring Coach, Vera Bradley and more. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and includes 20 games and one door prize ticket. Benefiting the school's 13U Hudson and 15/16U Ferro baseball teams. Tickets: Kim Hudson, 410-713-2376 or Angela Baker, 410-251-9242.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, children 11 years and younger eat at

half price. Info: 410-524-7994.

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SPORTS CARD, COMIC BOOK, COLLECTIBLE SHOW

Aetna Fire Hall, 400 Ogle-town Road, Newark, Del., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 50 tables of area dealers. Admission costs \$2 for adults, children 12 and younger admitted free. Reservations: 3 0 2 - 9 8 3 - 2 6 3 6, a2zshows1@yahoo.com or www.a2zshows1.com.

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OYSTER ROAST

Sponsored by Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce, 1-5 p.m. All-you-can-eat oysters and all-you-can-drink from the Chamber Beer Bar. Music provided by The Stims. Tickets cost \$35. Paypal is available at www.snowhillareachamber.com

'PRECIOUS MEMORIES' GOSPEL CONCERT

Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 7 p.m. Precious Memories providing a night of music with singing, stringed instruments and keyboard. No tickets required, but a love offering will be taken. Info: 410-641-2578.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

HAND DANCING

House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal

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

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

PLAY TIME

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, infant to 5 years old, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program. Info: 410-641-0650.

LITWITS: INFORMAL ADULT READING GROUP

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

YOGA

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

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Registration is at 6:30 p.m., followed by the first class from 7-9 p.m. Anyone born after July 1, 1972 must complete a safe boating class to operate a recreational vessel or personal watercraft in Maryland. Students may be eligible for six months free membership in the Ocean City Power Squadron. There is a nominal charge for course materials. Register: 410-726-1509, 410-641-6535 or 410-641-8940. Info: www.ocpowersquadron.org.

SOUP BOWL PROJECT

Berlin Intermediate School, 309 Franklin Ave., 5-8 p.m. Soup and art. A large selection of student and staff made soup bowls will be for sale. Purchase a bowl (\$5-\$20 depending on size) and then fill it with soup that has been donated by local restaurants. Proceeds will go to the BIS KIDS program.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick

Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

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

WINTER/SPRING ADULT ED

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

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

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Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for children ages 3-5. Dress for a mess. Call ahead to reserve your space: 410-208-4014.

'HOT BUTTERED NUGGETS' PERFORMANCE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. A swingin' quartet impersonating all the vintage stars and groups from the early days. Info: 410-208-4014.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmanzell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS GO GREEN SOCIAL

Ocean Pines Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 5-7 p.m. Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Ocean Pines Environment & Natural Assets Advisory Committee, the Lower Shore Land Trust, Assateague Island Alliance, Ocean City Surfriders, the Berlin Library sustainable Garden group, the Worcester County Garden Club, Tri County Bird Club and the Oyster Recovery Partnership will showcase their causes and promote volunteer opportunities. Happy hour drink specials and hors d'oeuvres. Free and open to the public. Info: Sandi, sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 107.

SIMPLE SUPPER

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

WEEKLY MEETING & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS CEREMONY

New Bethel United Methodist Church, German-town Rd, Berlin. 6 p.m. meeting starts, 7 p.m. Installation of Officers and Meet & Greet Reception. Rev. Helen Lock-

wood Performs Ceremony. Everyone is invited to attend.

SOUP SALE

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

STORY TIME

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

FIRESIDE CHAT

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

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING AND LUNCHEON

DeNovo's Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, South Gate, Ocean Pines. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. Beau Oglesby, Worcester County States Attorney, will inform the group of his duties and what is happening in Worcester County. Deadline is Feb. 26. Reservations: Bev Bigler, 410-208-6018 or cw-candlewood@mchsi.com.

DEMOCRAT CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. After a brief mixer, Kate Patton, Executive Director of the Lower Shore Land Trust, will speak on land preservation issues important to all lower shore residents and landowners. All Democrats and interested Independents are welcome.

BINGO

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

Pottery classes set at new center

OCEAN CITY — Those in the Ocean City area who have been looking for a pottery class won't have to look any further. Starting in March, the Ocean City Center for the Arts will offer pottery classes.

This new studio is Ocean City's only pottery studio. There will be classes for ages 5 through adult with weekday, evening and Saturday classes available. Students can learn hand building, wheel throwing, pinch, coil and slab techniques as well as firing and glazing. The classes will be held at the new pottery studio within the Ocean City Center for the Arts, located at 502 94th St.

Local artist Erik Hertz, who has been a working potter for decades, has been named ceramics director of the pottery studio. He has been producing his original design stoneware for retail for nearly 40

years. He has taught locally, in Virginia and as far away as Hawaii and Austria.

"I hope to share my knowledge to make people comfortable with working with clay," Hertz said. "I am particularly eager to teach people who may have had difficulty before and break it down into smaller steps, so they can express themselves in this wonderful medium."

Hertz's work can be viewed on his Web site, www.hertzpottery.com.

"Erik's expansive knowledge of pottery and his artistic ability will be a great benefit to the area's art community," said Rina Thaler, executive director of Ocean City Center for the Arts.

For more information about the pottery studio or to register for classes, visit www.artleagueofoceancity.org or call 410-524-9433.

Annual health conference in April

OCEAN CITY — The Worcester County Health Department will hold its fourth annual health conference, "Steps to a Healthier Worcester," on Wednesday, April 3, at the Clarion Resort Hotel in Ocean City.

Held during Public Health Week, the conference offers opportunities to hear about the latest health initiatives in community and to gather information about Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

Also on the agenda for this year's conference is a discussion-based session, "Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Emergency."

The conference will include a healthy continental breakfast and lunch. Registration will be from 8-8:30 a.m., and the day will conclude at 1:15 p.m.

There is no registration fee. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. To register, contact Sue Buhrt at 410-632-1100, Ext. 1164 or sue.buhrt@maryland.gov by March 20.

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SATURDAY – Big Bang Baby / Full Circle



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Across

1

Summation symbol in math

6

Baseball team's leading hitter

12

Gotham police procedural

18

"Your ____ ..."

19

Body of water on the Uzbek border

21

Post-1968 tennis

22

Silly

23

Magic, once

24

Rear guard?

25

CVS competitor

27

What a faker may put on

28

Gotham-bound luggage letters

30

Estuary, e.g.

31

Like a walk in the park

32

Group with the monster 1994 album "Monster"

34

Like the dish kimchi

36

Followers of 1-Acrosses

38

"Aida" figure

41

Preserve, as fodder

43

It's good for what ails you

45

Cool people

48

Sugar suffix

49

What a raised hand may signal

50

Nuts

51

Show tune with the lyric "Here am I, your special island"

53

Cosine reciprocal

55

1960s-'70s drama set in San Francisco

58

Allow

60

Egg choice

61

Go up against

62

Heart

64

Bitmap image

65

Thor's domain

67

1968 movie directed by Paul Newman

70

Forerun

74

Chaney of "Of Mice and Men"

75

Beast that killed Adonis

76

Way off

80

Actor Quinn

81

"Heavens to Betsy!"

84

What many op- art designs appear to do

86

Fictional Indiana town where "Parks and Recreation" is set

88

Upside-down container

90

Space effect, for short

91

Word from Hamlet while holding a skull

92

Pince-____

94

Tony-nominated play made into an Oscar-nominated movie

97

Paper size: Abbr.

98

Dance in 3/4 time

100

China and environs

101

It might come out in the wash

103

Lacking scruples

105

B&O and others

106

Silent interval

110

1945 Pacific battle site, informally

111

Catch

112

Abe

114

Relatively inexpensive wrap

116

Had a senior moment

119

Work from a folder

122

Island SW of Majorca

123

Some paneling

124

Old North State native

125

Piece of the past

126

Co-founder of Death Row Records

127

Some ocean debris

128

Pastime for Barack Obama at Camp David

11

Certain joint

12

Apple core, briefly

13

Unruffled

14

Prefix with red

15

One of the usual suspects?

16

Org. with an eagle in its logo

17

Piehole

20

"Blues in the Night" composer Harold

21

Certain sultan's subjects

26

Country with a supreme leader

29

Petroleum distillate

33

Source of the line "What's done is done"

35

Ginger feature

37

Drunkard

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Angry cat's sound

40

1/24 of un giorno

42

"____ Miz"

44

Better suited

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Careered

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Split part of a reindeer

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Rank below group captain

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Car radio button

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'90s-'00s Britcom

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Month after Av

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Microsoft Surface competitor

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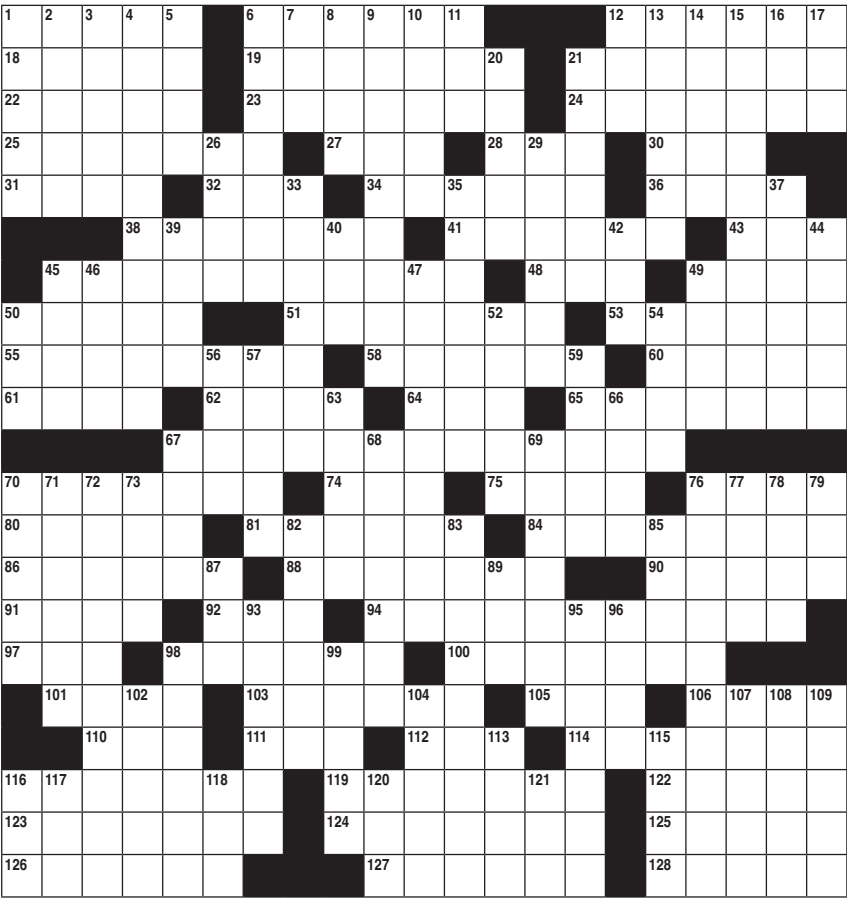
Uncertain

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Tom Cruise's character in "Mission: Impossible"

63

Hägar's wife in the funnies



- 66

Round up
- 67

____ Laënnec, inventor of the stethoscope
- 68

Pursue
- 69

Certain bid, informally
- 70

Kind of court or cross
- 71

Bridge dividing the San Marco and San Polo districts
- 72

Early 20th century, in British history
- 73

Pink-slips
- 76

Answer man?
- 77

Old West casino game
- 78

Oceans
- 79

Pump option: Abbr.
- 82

Itch cause
- 83

It brightens up a performance
- 85

Yom Kippur War weaponry
- 87

Record producer Brian
- 89

Gray shade
- 93

Twisty-horned creatures
- 95

"Halloween," e.g.
- 96

Opportunity creator
- 98

Go-between
- 99

Sci-fi staple
- 102

Partner of operated
- 104

Blazing
- 107

Submit an online return
- 108

"____ Q" (Creedence Clearwater Revival hit)
- 109

Plot
- 113

Dundee denials
- 115

Cocktails with crème de cassis
- 116

Letters on briefs
- 117

Celtic water deity
- 118

Poet's "before"
- 120

Post-1858 rule
- 121

"Give ____ break!"

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Answers to last week's puzzles

1	9	8	5	2	7	4	6	3
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7	1	2	9	5	4	3	8	6
4	6	3	1	7	8	2	9	5
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Learning to cook requires practice, patience

Bram Stoker wrote that "we learn of great things by little experiences" and you would be hard pressed to find any aspect of life to which that philosophy doesn't apply.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

In the kitchen, we often find ourselves overwhelmed by learning how to cook, a concept that is further removed from society than ever before due to convenience products aplenty. All we

have to do is go to the store, buy premade products, heat and serve. I know this to be true for three reasons.

First, as we walk down the freezer aisle of the largest supermarket we can find, we are presented with a dizzying array of colors and images designed and developed to lure us into their trap. Second, there simply isn't enough time in many people's lives to cook a fresh-scratch meal every day of the week. Third, I do it myself.

People regularly approach me to ask me the best manner in which to tackle the skills of cookery and nourishment. The only thing that I can ever say is to start cooking and don't stop.

When we make bread for the first time, it's not supposed to be perfect. We have to make it again and again in order to understand the feel, smell and taste of the dough and the finished product.

When we are learning how to grill, it is expected to have a charred outside and a raw inside until we hone the skills needed to successfully master the task. My analogy is learning the piano or guitar. One does not simply sit down, read some music and then rock out. One needs to learn how to read the music or hone their playing by ear before they plan on taking on Chopin or Haydn. We must walk before we run, and crawl before we walk.

In offering up these menus every week I try to emphasize to readers to enjoy the kitchen and be ready for things not to work out all of the time. With a bit of practice, the kitchen craftsman will be able to adjust any recipe to his or her tastes, likes and skill level.



And what we are left with is an ability; a skill set. With this skill set will come the joy that comes from developing menus based on everything learned through trial and error and practice.

And when all is done, all of these little lessons or experiences will lead us to great things, even if they are enjoyed only in our homes. Actually, if that is the only place where such things are enjoyed, then we have won the battle against the foods in the freezer section that do nothing to nourish us; neither physically nor mentally. Thus is the great thing.

Chicken Perigueux

serves 4

4 ea. Chicken breasts, skin on
Brine (recipe follows)
Sauce Perigueux, as needed (recipe follows)
12 oz. Green Beans (recipe follows)
1# Purple Potatoes (recipe follows)

Soak the chicken breasts in the brine for 3 hours, drain them and pat them dry
Brush with oil or clarified butter and season with salt and pepper

Grill until mostly cooked and finish in

the oven, or finish on the grill if you know that won't burn the outside of the chicken
Plate the beans and potatoes

Top with the chicken and drizzle with the sauce

Serve at once, piping hot

Chicken Brine

1 gal. Warm water
1 1/2 c. Salt
1 lemon, halved
4 sprigs thyme
6 garlic cloves, lightly crushed

Combine all ingredients and stir until salt is dissolved

Refrigerate until cool and store until ready to use

Sauce Perigueux

1 shallot, finely diced
2 cloves garlic, crushed
small bunch of parsley stems
1 sprig fresh thyme
1 tsp. Black peppercorns
1 1/2 cup Madeira Wine
1 cup dry red wine

1/4 cup brandy
1 quart fresh veal stock or high quality stock or demi-glace mix
2 ounces foie gras, small dice
2 Tbsp. Fresh or canned black truffle, small dice

Step 1: Place first 8 ingredients in a saucepan and reduce down to 1/2 cup

Step 2: Add the veal stock and reduce down to 2 cups or until it creates a thickened and unctuous glaze

Step 3: Add the foie gras and truffle and cook for 3 minutes, making sure not to scorch the sauce

Step 4: Add 1/4 cool butter at the end (off the heat) and swirl in to incorporate

Step 5: Serve at once or keep covered and warm, but not too hot

Green Beans

serves 4

12 oz. Fresh green beans, snapped
1 gallon heavily salted water
clarified butter, as needed
salt and pepper to taste

Step 1: Bring the water to a boil and add the green beans

Step 2: Bring it back up to a simmer and cook for about 5-7 minutes or until the beans are al dente

Step 3: Shock the beans in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking

Step 4: When ready to serve, sauté the beans in the clarified butter and season to taste

Roasted Purple Potatoes

serves 4

1 pound purple or fingerling potatoes
1 gallon salted water
clarified butter, as needed
salt and pepper to taste

Step 1: Cook the potatoes in the same manner as the beans but do not shock in ice water

Step 2: Toss in butter and seasonings and place in 400F oven

Step 3: Roast until crispy on the outside and creamy on the inside

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