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### Option will keep districts in order

### Displacement of elected officials not to occur

#### By Sheila R. Cherry Associate Editor

BERLIN-Using census modeling software Nasrin Rahman, manager of the Maryland Department of Planning's Redistricting and Reapportionment Office, met with Mayor Gee Williams and the Town Council on Feb. 19 to create an updated election map that could incorporate demographic changes without displacing the current town council representation.

Councilmember Dean Burell (District 4) described the final configuration that was agreed upon as, "Apppropriate and within the guidelines," during a brief March 4 interview. He said two of the three redistricting proposals presented in December that would have essentially switched constituents between him and Council Vice President Elroy Brittingham (District 3), and had the potential of altering their abilities to represent their districts, were just two of the options presented.

For example, Brittingham inquired about a drop in the number for the African American population in his historically predominately minority district, which had been dropped from 435 to 216, under one of the computer modeling system's scenarios.



#### **GOOD JOB**

At the Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound, Feb. 28, under the leadership of Health Department Prevention Director Marty Pusey, front row, second from left, members of the Worcester County Drug and Alcohol Council and elected officials recognize bar and restaurant owners who, during random compliance checks, refused to sell alcohol to minors.

After reviewing the three earlier proposals Williams and the council requested the meeting with Rahman to determine what, if any, other options were available. As a result, Burrell said the council "Met and were able to resolve the redistricting plan in a manner where no councilmember would be unseated.

The redistricting of the election districts was prompted by updated population data from the 2010 U.S. Census. The town's four assigned election districts are meant to be divided in a manner that would make their constituent bases of equal size, within a 5 percent deviation range. The ideal number of constituents per districts is 1,124.

Berlin's 2000 census showed a population of 3,491. The 2010 census saw an increase in the population to 4,496. The town's residents, according to the census, were largely either African American or Caucasian with a small but growing number of other racial or ethnic

According to minutes from the meeting, the existing district configuration populations are: District 1: 1,038; District 2: 1,292; District 3:

1,383; and District 4: 783.

As a result of the agreed upon redistricted map proposal, it said the final numbers of the district boundaries would be: District 1: 1,128; District 2: 1,120; District 3: 1,166; and District 4: 1,082.

According to Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen, the next step would be to pass a resolution, including a map showing the boundary changes at a public meeting for approval. It added that she also indicated that the Worcester County Board of Elections would have some input.



#### YET AGAIN

SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE The view on Route 611 Monday morning as snow made its appearance, leaving slippery, dangerous roads, school closings and a general headache for area residents.

## Mayor, Town Council given stormwater briefing update

Two project phases will involve replacement of Hudson area tributary

#### By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN-Darl Kolar of EA Engineering, Science and Technology updated the mayor and town council on a four-phased stormwater infrastructure upgrade. The town began in 2013 an effort to reduce the increasing levels of flooding from its aging and insufficient system, along with the formation of the new Stormwater Utility, during a Feb. 24 meeting.

Two phases of the project will consist of culvert replacement along the Hudson Branch Tributary and two phases will consist of replacement of piping to allow for a higher capacity of water flow along the Hudson Branch and Bottle Branch tributaries, Kolar explained during a presentation.

Kolar said that one area where he was facing challenges in terms of feedback from residents near the projects was Continued on Page 2





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## Mayor presses importance of public's view

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over the order of work-the residents wanted the work to start downstream and to progress upstream. Kolar said for permitting purposes the most economically feasible way to meet certain regulatory requirements was to start upstream and progress downstream.

The reason, he explained, was because the engineers had to prove that the work would not result in increased flooding downstream from the finished project. "It's going to be a tough hurdle to get that concept across," he told the council members.

While Mayor Gee Williams said he could see how engineering the phases of each project to complement the next in the progression made sense, he offered Kolar a bit of advice-that the public's perspective was as important as the engineering aspects of the projects. In contrast to EA's experience on

engineering projects, he said, it was pioneering in terms of public education relating to stormwater management.

"We're in the front lines of the front lines," said Williams. "Something to keep in mind as you all develop your strategies is that all of this is possible because of public support," he added.

Williams suggested to the engineers "Sometimes you might have to do the things that might not be your most favored order of work." He explained, "The folks that we are ultimately serving here may not be engineers, but they sometimes have good points as well." He then counseled, "As far as I'm concerned, I'm more interested in getting more people to understand the importance of stormwater management than I am in winning an argument."

According to Kolar, the projects are being implemented in four phases, each designed to complement the im-

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plementation of the next. The company is also assisting the town in seeking grant funding to complete several of the projects, he pointed out.

In his presentation to the council, Kolar said Phase One of the long-term, multi-phased projects was located at the Hudson Branch on Flower Street, where the stormwater improvements would consist of replacing the existing culvert with a box culvert similar to one constructed on West Street last year and an offline wetland, designed to help improve water quality.

The project is in the design phase and the permitting process will begin later this month through April. Bids will be solicited for the project in June, according to the presentation; construction is scheduled from July through September. The estimated cost of the project is \$635,600.

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# Berlin officials get briefed on stormwater upgrading

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The second culvert replacement project, Phase Two would also be on the Hudson Branch, near Williams Street and the Berlin Electric Plant, according to Kolar. The design implementation is scheduled to begin in March, followed by the permitting process in April and May, bid solicitation in June, and construction from August to November. He said the estimated cost would be \$364,500.

Phase Three of the project would consist of replacing the existing undersized drainage pipe system with larger pipes to facilitate the flow of stormwater and mitigate potential flooding, and to correct a cross connection of utilities. The project would be conducted along Cedar, Pine, Franklin, Maple, Grice and Nelson streets, the presentation showed.

The design portion of the project is scheduled to begin in June, followed by permitting from June through September, bid solicitation in October, and construction from December through June, 2015. The estimated project cost would be \$1,018,600.

Phase Four of the project, according to Kolar, would be both the replacement of the existing pipe system with larger pipes and additional piping and construction of an offline wetlands for the Bottle Branch Tributary near West

Street and Abbey Lane. The flood mitigation project, which would be connected to the West Street Channel Improvements Project-a group effort of the town, Maryland Coastal Bays Program, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Grow Berlin Green last year-is also intended to help improve water quality and reduce nutrient loads, he showed.

The design portion of Phase Four would begin in July and permitting would take place from July through October, but the second half would occur in 2015, he indicated. According to the presentation, bid solicitations would begin in February 2015, followed by construction from March through August of next year. The estimated cost is \$1,831,100.

Kolar said that EA has submitted grant applications to help fund the projects, including a request for \$180,000 submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Administration last March for the Williams Street project; a request for \$3.85 million to DNR's Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund at the end of January for the Hudson and Bottle Branch Water Quality and Conveyance Improvements; and plans to also apply for grants through the United States Department of Agriculture and Chesapeake Bay Trust.









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# Arts on the River to take place March 7 in Snow Hill

### Stores, galleries to stay open until 8 p.m. or later during event Fri.

SNOW HILL–Arts on the River, Snow Hill's Art & Entertainment District will host its First Friday Gallery Walk, March 7. Merchants will stay open until 8 p.m. or later for shoppers to explore their stores and galleries at a leisurely pace while enjoying art openings, special discounts and musical entertainment.

American Art Gallery is celebrating the advent of spring by giving away free large prints for March. Join owner Barb Dougherty for refreshments, music and new paintings.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art Craft & Wine will be hosting a group show of new work by gallery artists. Wine tastings will be from Australia. Tickets for the March 15 Blues Jam in Snow Hill may be purchased at Bishop's Stock that evening.

"Miss Patti Cake" will be giving out raffle tickets with every purchase for a St. Patrick's Day giveaway.

If you are interested in a Greener Side of Clean, come to The Serenity Shoppe to meet Lisa Burdsall, creator of Simply Clean, locally handcrafted cleaning products using non-toxic ingredients and essential oils. The products will be available for purchase. The Serenity Shoppe will be open until 7:30 p.m.

Sassy Girl Boutique will feature spring and Easter home accents. Handbags, spring scarves and jewelry will brighten up wardrobes and spirits after the long winter.

At the Green Doors there will be painting demos using Chalk Paint, a new decorative paint by Annie Sloan.

Woven Dreams Studio will be open until 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs of the old firehouse. Nantucket baskets and hand woven items make climbing the stairs worth the effort.

Opposite Directions will be playing at Harvest Moon Tavern from 7-10 p.m. and Todd Crosby and the WW Tunes will entertain diners at the Blue Dog Café. Reservations are suggested.

First Friday is not complete without dinner in one of Snow Hill's downtown restaurants. The Emporium Dinette, the Blue Dog Café, Harvest Moon Tavern and American Legion Post #67 offer perfect settings for the end of a work week.

Arts on the River, Snow Hill's Art and Entertainment District, the Worcester County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council sponsor First Fridays. For more information, call 410-632-2080.

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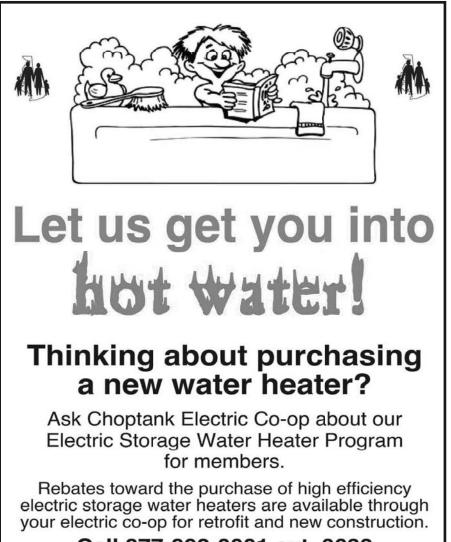


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# Harris invites high school artists to enter competition

### Winners will have work exhibited on walls of U.S. Capitol Building

#### By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Rep. Andy Harris (R-1) on Feb. 19 invited high school aged artists throughout his district to submit entries for the 2014 Congressional Art Competition, an event held each spring, to exhibit the artwork from art students across the country in the U.S. Capitol. In the meantime, Berlin is gearing up to celebrate Youth Art Month in a big way during March.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 14, 2014. The winning piece will be displayed for one year in the Capitol building, alongside the work of other contest winners from around the country.

"I appreciate this opportunity to recognize the gifted young artists of Maryland's First District," Harris said. "I will be honored to again display the art of first district runners-up in my offices, and I eagerly anticipate seeing the winning piece hanging on the winding wall of the U.S. Capitol.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to showcase the

talents of their young constituents, Harris said. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the competition.

The most recent exhibitor from Worcester County was Robert J. Dimaio, who is a sophomore at Stevenson University, near Baltimore, where he is studying digital film and video production. He participated in the contest in 2011, during his junior year at Stephen Decatur High School. "I submitted a black and white architectural photograph taken at night in Baltimore's Inner Harbor," he said.

"Locally I received recognition from several family friends, teachers, and other faculty members at Stephen Decatur," Dimaio said, adding, "I also put on several college, scholarship, and intern applications various art awards that I won in high school, including the Congressional Art Competition."

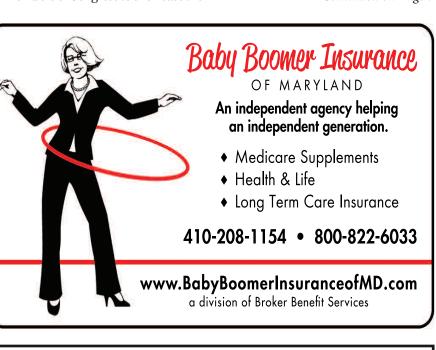
Dimaio said he still displays some of his earlier work on his Web site: http://robertjdimaio.wix.com/photography-video#!architecture/ckoq.

Dimaio said he found out about the competition through his design and photography teacher Christy Powell.

"Mrs. Powell had a significant influence on me deciding to pursue an education involving design and photography

elements," he said.

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for other arrangement made prior to bid opening on 3/19/14.

## Capitol walls to display artwork

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Powell, who teaches visual arts at SDHS, said the school offers submissions for the contest every year. She said local schools receive solicitation letters requesting submissions for the exhibit each spring. The media can be drawings, paintings or photography, she said, but most are photography.

"Mrs. Powell was notified of me winning, she in turn told me and presented me with my certificate," Dimaio said. Powell said the winners received a certificate to commemorate their achievement when their artwork is returned after the exhibit is finished and that she framed Dimaio's as a special gift.

The call for submissions dovetails with several other upcoming youth art events this spring, according to Powell. The first will be in March, which is Youth Art Month, she said. There will be other youth exhibit opportunities that are sponsored by the U.S. Treasury Department and the Worcester County Board of Education, she said.

Moreover, Melissa Reid, an art teacher at Buckingham Elementary is working with organizers for Second Friday Art Stroll in March to expand the scope of youth art displays along Main Street this vear.

Reid, and Baked Dessert and Café's Robin Tomaselli are encouraging youth art supporters to "Save the Date" for a town-wide exhibit that includes an expansion of student art window displays hosted by several downtown businesses, a large-scale youth art exhibit at the Globe, and student art activities and performances from 3-6 p.m. on Art Stroll night.

For full competition guidelines and the student release form, please visit Congressman Harris' website at harris.house.gov. Go to the "Serving You" tab at the top of the screen and click on "Art Competition."

Submissions from last year's competition can be viewed on Rep. Harris's Face-Web site, book https://www.facebook.com/media/set/? set=a.564396276938312.1073741828.50 8912729153334&type=1

### **Ribbon cutting** set for Newport

OCEAN PINES-The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony, Saturday, March 8, at the new location of Newport Properties Inc.

Newport Kitchen & Bath is the name of the new showroom located at 11021 Nicholas Lane Unit #2 in Ocean Pines.

Refreshments and light fare will be provided. The grand opening celebration is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at noon.

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# Arts Council to showcase gallery

### Artists to begin second phase of Decatur Park public mural project

### By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN—Two major art events will occur in town as March begins, an expansion of the Worcester County Arts Council, with the opening of an additional gallery for featured artists, and a celebration of the next generation of artists, with the observance of Youth Art Month.

During Second Friday Art Stroll, the Arts Council, at 6 Jefferson Street, will celebrate the official grand opening of its new gallery beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a ceremony to recognize and award the student artist who participated in the mural project at 6:30 p.m.

Having spent much of 2013 planning, organizing and recruiting artists, the Parks Commission will embark on the second phase of a public art project to update a mural that overlooks the tennis courts in Stephen Decatur Park on March 14, during the Second Friday Art Stroll.

The public will get its first chance to preview the artwork during a reception, awards ceremony and exhibit hosted by the Worcester County Arts



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Worcester County Arts Council at 6 Jefferson Street will celebrate the official grand opening of a new featured artist gallery and host a ceremony to recognize and award student artists who participated in the Berlin Parks Commission's Stephen Decatur Park mural project on March 14. Pictured are Deputy Town Administrator and Commission Liaison Mary Bohlen, left, Commission Chairman Mike Wiley and Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis.

Council, a major benefactor that is helping to fund the project through a Community Arts Development grant.

Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis is a passionate devotee of publicly-accessible art, as was evidenced by her organization's installation of Berlin's first "Little Free Library" in 2012.

During a Feb. 28 interview with Parks Commission Chairman Mike Wiley and the town's liaison to the commission Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen, Mullis said her vision was to provide artistic works that visitors and the community can be exposed to right away. She expressed a desire to do even more public art projects.

Bohlen described the selection and Continued on Page 9

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# Gallery opening milestone for Worcester County Arts Council

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layout process for the mural project as all but completed. The commission's selection committee took photocopies of the pictures submitted and cut them out to create the layout for the mural, she said.

A Feb. 26 town announcement said Ann Ashman was the selected muralist for the project. Student Art Month is intended to emphasize the value art education, to encourage support for quality school art programs, and as a tribute to the teachers who inspire their students to explore new avenues of creativity, it indicated.

Wiley noted the commission "has been working a long time for this," adding, "We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel."

The local students who participated in the Parks Commission's Stephen Decatur Park Mural Contest last year will be recognized with a month-long exhibit in the main gallery, according to Mullis. All of the submissions will be on display along with the credits for the students, she said.

As the student exhibit comes to a close, the work of physically transferring the submissions onto the mural will begin, and Bohlen said volunteers and supporters will still be needed for that phase of the project as well. A sign-up sheet will be available during the exhibit. Mullis said the Arts Council "was very happy to be a part of this project," turns out to be perfectly timed to coincide with the beginning of March— Youth Art Month. Mullis said the exhibit would serve to make the community aware of its youth artists. "It is amazing the amount of talent of these students have," she said.

As it turns out, the Arts Council will achieve a major milestone in March as well, the opening of a second featured artist's gallery. The first month-long exhibit featured in the new gallery will be the ceramic and pottery creations of Sarah Hallcot and Robert Johnson, said Mullis.

The official grand opening of the

gallery will also be held during Second Friday Art Stroll, at 5 p.m. on March 14.

Mullis credited local photographer Ron Michaels for being very instrumental in the gallery expansion project. "He coordinated everything along with tons of volunteers and artists, who provided not only their time, but also their financial support," she said.

The Worcester County Arts Council's gallery hours are Monday to Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information either the ceramic and pottery exhibit or the student art exhibit, contact the gallery at 410-641-0809 or visit the Web site www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

## Assateague tourism creates \$86,309,300 in economic benefit

BERLIN–A new National Park Service report shows that 2,154,859 visitors to Assateague Island National Seashore in 2012 spent \$86,309,300 in communities near the park. That spending supported 1,087 jobs in the local area.

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The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas and Christopher Huber and Lynne Koontz for the National Park Service. The report shows \$14.7 billion of direct spending by 283 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 243,000 jobs nationally, with 201,000 jobs found in these gateway communities, and had a cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy of \$26.75 billion. According to the report most visitor spending supports jobs in restaurants, grocery and convenience stores (39 percent), hotels, motels and B&Bs (27 percent), and other amusement and recreation (20 percent).

To download the report visit www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/ec onomics.cfm.

To learn more about national parks in Maryland and Virginia and how the National Park Service works with Maryland and Virginia communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/Maryland and www.nps.gov/Virginia.



# Election season officially gets started as filing deadline closes



Sen. Jim Mathias



Del. Norman Conway

### Locally, first contest for newly trisected District 38 in State Legislature

#### **By Sheila R. Cherry** *Associate Editor*

MARYLAND—With the passage of the Feb. 25 filing deadline election season has begun and for the Lower Eastern Shore it will be the first election under the newly trisected legislative District 38.

Maryland adopted new congressional districts on Oct. 20, 2011 and new state legislative districts on Feb. 24, 2012 based on changes in population reported in the 2010 U.S. Census.

As a result, legislative District 38, which previous contained one singlemember district (38A) and one twomember district (38B), were reconfigured into three single-member districts of relatively equal size, which now include the new district (38C).

The jurisdictions covered by the three new legislative districts include:

District 38A, which previously covered southern Wicomico and Somerset counties, now extends further, to the southern portion of Worcester County. It is currently represented by Delegate Charles Otto.

Otto, the Republican incumbent from Princess Anne is being challenged by Percy J. Purnell, Jr., the Democratic mayor of Crisfield.

District 38B, which used to cover all Worcester County and eastern Wicomico County, was reduced to essentially cover Delmar, Fruitland, and Salisbury. It is currently represented by Delegates Norman Conway and Michael McDermott.

Conway, a Democrat from Salisbury, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, is the only one of the two incumbents running for reelection to the post and is being challenged Carl Anderton, Jr., the Republican mayor of Delmar and president of the Maryland Municipal League.

District 38C, which is the newlycreated district, will cover the northern portion of Worcester County and the eastern portion of Wicomico County. District 38C is an open district and is not currently represented by an incumbent.

Two Democrats will face off in the primary election to represent District 38C on June 24. They are Judy H. Davis, a local activist from Ocean City, and Mike Hindi a political newcomer from Ocean Pines. The Democratic candidate that emerges from the primary match up will face Mary Beth Carozza, a Republican former federal official from Ocean City, in the Nov. 4 general election.

The senate election in District 38 will likely be the most spirited statewide campaign. It is being contested by two very strong legislators who have disparate political ideologies but have each been proven to be very active in their representation of issues specific to Lower Eastern Shore interests.

Sen. Jim Mathias, the incumbent, is a Democrat and former mayor of Ocean City and is seeking a second term. Mathias was a primary sponsor the Kathleen A. Mathias Chemotherapy Parity Act of 2012, which became law and required insurance companies to cover orally-administered cancer chemotherapy on par with the coverage for patients receiving chemotherapy intravenously or by injection. Mathias is currently a sponsor of a second bill, the Kathleen A. Mathias Oral Chemotherapy Improvement Act of 2014 (SB 641/HB 625), which would further expand the applicability of the prior legislation.

Mathias is being challenged by Mc-Dermott, a Republican former mayor of Pocomoke City, who is one of the *Continued on Page 13* 



#### **Bayside Gazette**

# Polling done on legislative issues

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—In a survey conducted by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Committee, members who responded indicated that they strongly approved of allowing Maryland public schools to open after Labor Day and of their current employer-provided health care coverage, but they were somewhat split over whether to increase the minimum wage and whether they had offered employerprovided health care coverage.

Meanwhile, the chamber is preparing for its Fourth Annual Business Expo on March 13 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. in the former Harley-Davidson Building at Route 50 and Seahawk Road, across from Stephen Decatur High School. More than 200 people attended the expo last year.

Executive Director Elizabeth Kain-Bolen said after last year's event that holding it just ahead of the tourism season allowed local enterprises to remind resort customers and business of the products and services that are available in the area.

According to Kain-Bolen, the chamber created the short legislative survey of their members to find out what their needs were pertaining to issues legislators were considering during the 2014 legislative session. Approximately 40 businesses responded to the survey, she said.

"The idea behind this survey was to better understand the wants, needs and concerns of our members and considering this year is an election year the committee finds it crucial to raise them to the legislative representatives in Annapolis and DC," Kain-Bolen said in a Feb. 25 message.

The committee, which meets on the third Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce office, is also inviting businesses to "consider joining our Legislative Committee as we embark on another crucial election year."

The responses to the four survey questions included:

• Do you support increasing the minimum wage in Maryland? 54.5 percent responded yes and 45.4 percent responded no;

• Do you support a mandate to opening Maryland public schools after Labor Day? 72.7 percent responded yes, 24.2 percent responded no, 3 percent had no response;

• Does your business offer health care coverage to your employees? 45.4 responded Yes, 48.4 responded no, 6 percent had no response;

• Are you satisfied with your health care coverage provided to your employees (if any)? 63.6 percent responded yes, 21.2 percent responded no, 15.1 had no responses.



#### TALKING TECHNOLOGY

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NARFE Chapter 2274 had as its February meeting guest speakers, Dr. Lou Taylor, chief operating officer and superintendent of Worcester County schools, accompanied by Reading Specialist, Angela McCracken, who assisted him with his presentation. The talk included "2013-2014 Basic Facts" about the Worcester School System and went into a discussion about the increased use of technology for teaching in the future along with some of the programs available. Pictured, from left, are, Programs chairperson Anna Foultz, Taylor, McCracken, and NARFE Chapter 2274 President, Arlene Page.

## Small Business Week opens chamber challenge contest

MARYLAND–Maryland Small Business Week Awards Program, Inc. has announced the launch of this year's Chamber Challenge, to determine the state's top three Most Small Business Friendly Chambers, as voted by their members in an online poll. Winners will be revealed at the 30th annual Maryland Small Business Week Awards Luncheon at Martin's West in Baltimore on Thursday, May 15.

"Each year we recognize and honor the accomplishments of remarkable people who have achieved success as small business owners but who also advocate on behalf of other small business owners and devote a lot of time and effort giving back to their community," said Bryan LePage, vice president of the Maryland Small Business Week Awards committee. "In most instances, the nominations are submitted by chambers of commerce. Time and again we've been made aware of remarkable men and women who are incredible success stories but also incredible people and we get these stories from their chambers. We thought it was about time to recognize the great work that chambers of commerce do to support and promote their members."

The Chamber Challenge is open to all chambers in the state. The public and chamber members are invited to vote for their favorite chamber, once per day for the month of March. Voting opened March 1 and will close March 31. Votes will be tallied and winners will be honored at the Awards Luncheon on May 15.

To vote for your favorite chamber or to learn more about the 30th annual Maryland Small Business Week Awards Luncheon, visit www.mdsbwawards.org. For additional questions, contact Rachel Howard at 410-962-6195, ext. 330.

For more information and to register, contact the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-5306 or visit www.OceanPinesChamber.org

# Donated cookies given to military

MARYLAND–In 2014, Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay celebrates the 11 anniversary of "Operation Taste of Home." Eleven years ago, the council was flooded with inquiries from the community and Girl Scout troops about how they could help make a difference for armed forces stationed overseas.

Community service is a hallmark of Girl Scouting, so in response, "Operation Taste of Home" was born. During the last nine years, the program has expanded to include organizations across the Delmarva Peninsula, including food banks and pantries, blood banks, cancer centers and youth programs – with a total of 350,752 boxes donated.

In a letter sent to the Girl Scouts, Frank Reuter, Master Sergeant of the United States Army, expressed his gratitude for receiving donated boxes of Girl Scout cookies while stationed in Afghanistan: "Thank you very much for the cookies that were sent because of your efforts," he wrote to Girl Scouts across the Delmarva Peninsula. "Everybody here in Afghanistan always enjoys a taste of home. We are grateful for all of your hard work and dedication."

In 2013, 27,787 boxes of "Operation Taste of Home" cookies were purchased and donated to 12 military support organizations, including the USO at Dover Air Force base, Steel Magnolia Ministries, Operation We Care and the Military Support Affinity Group, as well as nearly 100 local charities across the Delmarva Peninsula.

Operation Taste of Home not only helps soldiers and local agencies, but it also supports local Girl Scout Troops by funding important programs for girls living in Delaware and the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia. All of the proceeds from a local Council's cookie activities remains in the area where the cookies are sold. Each year, more than 9,000 Girl Scouts from the Delmarva Peninsula participate in the cookie program, selling more than one million boxes of cookies to the community.

Customers may buy cookies for \$4 per box and designate their purchase to "Operation Taste of Home.

This contribution is tax deductible.

To donate cookies through "Operation Taste of Home," call the Cookie Hotline at 1-800-YUM-YUM-2, visit one of the many cookie booth sales across the peninsula in February and March, or send a check made payable to GSCB, with OTH on the memo line, to Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay, 501 S. College Avenue, Newark, Del. 19713.



# **SNAPSHOTS**

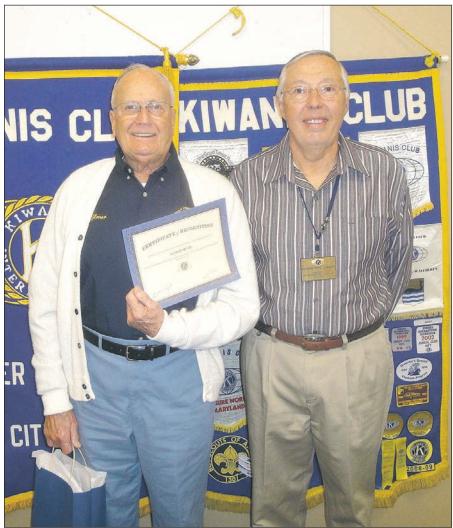


#### **BIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Berlin Intermediate has announced Victor Hall as its Teacher of the Year. Hall graduated from Chowan Jr. College with an Associate's Degree in Printing Technologies and worked in the printing industry for 10 years. He credits his wife, Robin, for inspiring him to pursue a career in education. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Vocational Education from Delaware State University and Master's in Applied Technology from Wilmington University.

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Hall teaches Technology Education to grades 5 and 6 at Berlin Intermediate School and uses a variety of real-world techniques to complete activities that his students can apply to college and career choices. His experiences as an athlete and coach provide him with the tools to maintain a disciplined and fair classroom environment while challenging students to creatively utilize technology. Hall lives in Delaware with his wife and three children.



**KIWANIAN OF THE MONTH** PHOTO COURTESY D.J. LANDIS, SR. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President, Dick Clagett, right, presents the "Kiwanian of the Month" award for January to Elmer Muth, who has painted and posted many signs for group events over his years of service. He also participates in events that he helps to promote.



#### **BES K-KIDS**

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The local Kiwanis Club for elementary school children at Buckingham Elementary School, known as "K-Kids," is committed to its community service projects. One of the latest was the Valentine Candy-Gram Fundraiser. Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City members donated Tootsie Pops and helped the K-Kids tie red or pink ribbons onto them in preparation for K-Kids to sell. Pictured at the ribbon-tying session from left, are, Alexis Walker, Ruby Duval, Si'yonna Foreman, Shania Downing, Dy'asia Johnson and Frankie Richwalski. Kiwanis members, seated from left, are, Charlene Vanvick, Maxine Brisbane and Stella Hartington, Kiwanis Advisor to Buckingham K-Kids BJ Baker and Wilma Chinn, and standing, K-Kids advisor/teacher Debi Wooten, Kiwanian Ralph Chinn and K-Kids advisor/teacher Julie Young. Collecting orders began in mid-January at a cost of 50 cents per candy gram. On Feb. the K-Kids delivered the candy grams, with money collected going toward Buckingham's team participating in Relay for Life, in May. All monies will then be given to the American Cancer Society.



#### TAYLOR DISCUSSES ORGANIZATION

Steven Taylor, executive director of the Worcester County Youth and Family organization, is the guest speaker during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City's weekly meeting, Feb. 26, in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, from left, are, Programs chair, J. Graham Caldwell, Taylor and the club's Vice President, Mike Morton. Taylor talked about the services the organization provides.



Mary Beth Carozza

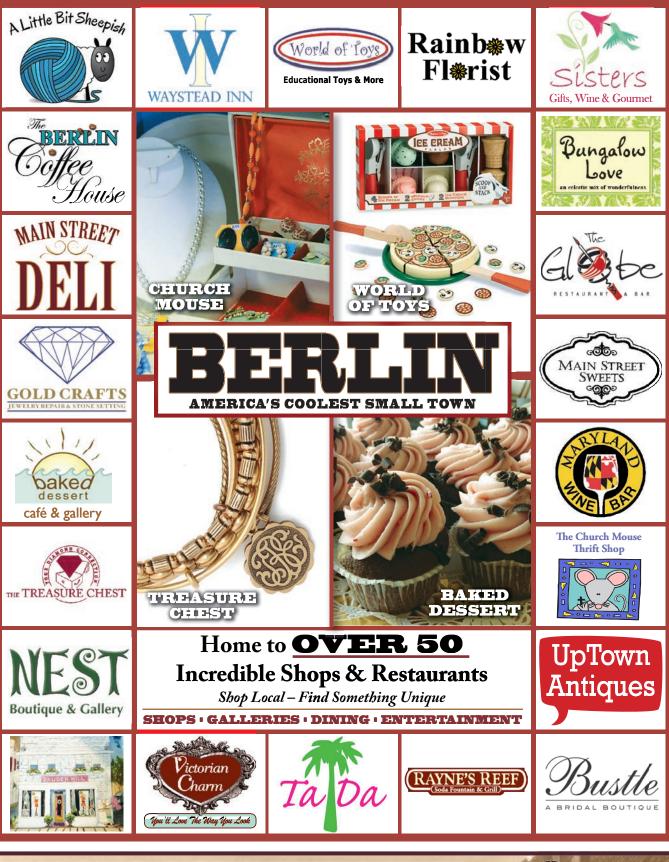
# District trisected as election nears

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two delegates who currently represent Legislative District 38B, which in redistricting was shrunk to one seat.

In 2013 McDermott was an outspoken opponent of Gov. Martin O'Malley's gun control bill. Although the General Assembly passed the legislation, McDermott succeeded in getting a provision removed from the proposal that would have required gun purchasers to participate in-person in state-operated gun proficiency courses.

Maryland's Primary Elections are scheduled for June 24. Early voting for the primary election will be held from Thursday, June 12, through Thursday, June 19, from 10 a.mm to 8 p.m., according to the Maryland State Board of Elections. The general election is scheduled for Nov. 4. Early voting for the general election, will be held from Thursday, Oct. 23, to Thursday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., it said.





# **OPINION** BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Please send all letters to editor, notices, calendar events and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

# Berlin does good job maintaining districts

We're glad to see that the Berlin Mayor and Council and the Berlin Board of Supervisors of Elections have come up with a suitable solution that would incorporate demographic changes without displacing the current council representation.

There was a suggestion after the 2010 Census was recorded, that would have ostensibly switched constituencies between Councilman Dean Burell (District 4) and Council Vice President Elroy Brittingham (District 3). This plan had the potential of altering the abilities of the two councilman to represent their districts, and it was generally just a no go or non-solution.

Instead on Tuesday the Mayor and Council agreed on a redistricting map proposal that would divide the district numbers almost equally and keep Burell and Brittingham still representing their respective districts.

The next step involves passing a resolution and showing boundary changes at a public meeting for approval. Also, the County's Board of Elections would have appropriate input as well.

The next Berlin municipal election isn't until Tuesday, Oct. 13, for the council seats in District 1 and 4 and At-Large.

We're glad, though, that two highly respected councilman keep their districts intact. This solution was the right way to go.

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"See, I told you it wasn't a sleepy little town. Now get your shoes on and let's go over there!"

# From 'coolest' to down right freezing

Have you had enough of this frigid weather?

#### **By Phil Jacobs** *Editor*

Just after midnight when February 24th turned into the 25th, I was watching Berlin Mayor Gee Williams drinking a toast after his town won the Budget Travel Magazine "Coolest Small Town in America" contest. It was a happy way to spend a Monday/Tuesday.

Fast forward a week, and I'm sitting in my living room trying to stay warm and wondering what the Tuesday roads are going to be like.

Winter storm "Titan," lived up to what every Internet weather site and cable TV weather station was warning us about.

So to prepare for the weather, I purchased a flashlight, I kept a sturdy snow shovel in my car, and I even made a crockpot dinner that cooked all through Sunday night into Monday morning.

I lived for seven years in Detroit, so I "get" winter. And this was before we were naming snowstorms after Greek Gods.

Monday morning, the apartment smells like barbecued chicken thanks to the crockpot meal. I placed it in the fridge for dinner when I'd get home about 6. In the morning I got to the office and stayed there into the evening. Every report we'd receive was that the roads around Berlin, Ocean Pines, West Ocean City and Ocean City weren't so great.

My biggest fear in this whole winter of extremes has been how many days my wife Lisa is going to have to make up as an employee of a public school system.

So my wife's delayed summer can only be substituted by one other fear. And that is the loss of power. I'm not good when it comes to this. Truth is, I've been pretty lucky in winters. Not so much as a blink.

When I left the office, the snow and ice created a hard pack. It was slippery to walk on the street, not to mention the feel under the car wasn't steady. There wasn't much traffic on Ocean Highway, but the traffic that was there I wanted to stay away from. Finding a consistent lane was a challenge.

It took a lot longer creeping home. When I pulled into the building parking lot, I should have noticed it right away, but I didn't. Instead of not seeing the building exterior lights on, I was watching a gorgeous sunset on the bayside. I grabbed my brief case, walked gingerly along the parking lot, up the ramp into my apartment and with the flick of a finger lifting a light switch quickly learned there was no power.

Oy.

My worst storm fear came true.

The apartment was cold and getting colder. The sun all but disappeared. I was using the flashlight to not trip over something.

I collected myself. Got some belongings. Called a couple of people. Learned from Delmarva power that it would be somewhere around 8 p.m. that power would be restored, and that I was one of 1300 outages.

Got back into the car, out onto the snowy road. It was now pushing 7.

This time I noticed the best sight of the day. The porch lights of a nearby condo building flickered and then stayed on.

I did a U-turn, got back to my building and we had exterior lighting as well.

Thank you Delmarva Power. My crockpot chicken wasn't really safe to eat.

The heat and lights coming back on was worth the sacrifice.

Please, no more storms with cute names. Let's get to spring already.

Just remind me of this later this summer when I'm complaining about how hot it is outside.

But I don't think I'll be missing this winter.

A week prior we were celebrating Berlin as the nation's "coolest small town."

A week later none of us were celebrating as went from coolest to freezing cold.

# MSO to feature 15 musicians in "Seven Seasons" showcase

### Julien Benichou set to offer shore world-class spring concert soloists

OCEAN PINES—The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's spring concerts in March, April and May, under the baton of Maestro Julien Benichou, will continue to present imaginative pairings of works and world-class soloists. These concerts will feature 15 MSO string musicians in a program called "Seven Seasons."

The concert will showcase two MSO musicians; concertmaster Nicholas Currie, and assistant concertmaster Dana Weiderhold.

Benichou will premiere his "Three Seasons of Chicago," a short threemovement piece dealing with the realities of northern Illinois climate - snow, rain and road construction. This piece will be followed by Argentinian composer, Astor Piazzolla's "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires."

The final piece is, what some consider, Russiancomposer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's loveliest composition, "Serenade for Strings." In the fall of 1880, he composed simultaneously two of his most popular works: the 1812 Overture and the Serenade for Strings. While the Overture has since exploded in popularity, initially Tchaikovsky thought very little of the work. The Serenade, on the other hand, was a work that came straight from his heart. The love stemmed from Tchaikovsky's passion for Mozart, his favorite composer.

Both featured soloists are accomplished musicians. Canadian-born Currie holds many titled positions in violin, being the Concertmaster of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, associate concertmaster of Concert Artists of Baltimore, and assistant concertmaster of the Annapolis Symphony. A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Currie studied with the late Berl Senofsky. At Illinois State University, he also studied under the late Bernard Eichen, former member of the Beaux Arts Quartet and spent a summer at the American Conservatory in Fontainbleau, France.

A native of Minersville, Pa., Weiderhold began playing the violin at the age of 7 at Woodhaven String Academy. She most frequently performs as assistant concertmaster of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and as principal second violinist with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. She is concertmaster of the Anthracite Philharmonic and has performed as an orchestral musician with the Annapolis, Allentown, Pottstown, Chester County Pops, Kennett, and Delaware County Symphonies. She received her Bachelor of Music from West Chester University in Pennsylvania and her Master of Music from the University of Maryland, College Park.

The Strings Concert will be performed on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. at the Community Church, Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines. An optional pre-concert lecture discussing the composers and compositions takes place at 2:15 p.m.

Tickets cost \$35 for adults. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to 18 year olds and under. Reservations for these tickets must be made in advance. For tickets and information, call 1-888-846-8600 or visit www.midatlanticsymphony.org.

### **LETTERS**

### Concerned about OP geese

Editor,

I am a resident of Ocean Pines and I am writing to save lives; the lives of the geese that inhabit the Ocean Pines Community ponds. I do not know if the surrounding communities are aware of the recent decision made by the Ocean Pines Board of directors to euthanize the geese due to "the mess" they cause. The residents of Ocean Pines were informed of this decision and despite many emails from us calling for the repeal of the decision, the Board remains firm. There are other options, such as relocation or investment in machines that would better maintain these common areas. The ponds are now home to a variety of ducks, geese, and other birds all living together. I personally feel they should be left where they are.

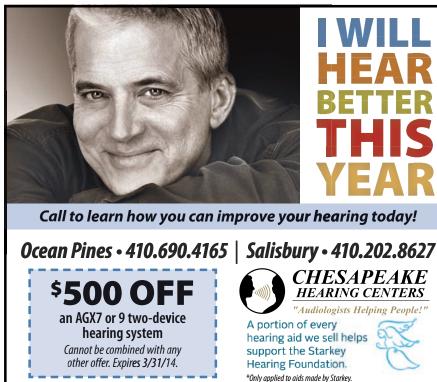
My husband and I enjoy all the local wildlife, from the wild ponies, to the deer, fox, and yes, the geese. I appeal to all animal lovers to express your outrage over this cruel and unnecessary plan to eliminate these geese and have your family, friends and neighbors do the same.

> The Criss family Ocean Pines





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## **THURS. March 6**

#### WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEET-

**ING** – Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Suzanne Murray of Delmarva Blood Bank will speak. Info: 410-208-0171.

**BEACH SINGLES** – Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the Bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

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.

### FRI. March 7

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.

FRIDAYS IN LENT SUPPER - St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin at 5 p.m. Supper will feasture meatless potluck. Program focus is "Whose Mission is it anyway?" Presented by Fr. Moyer. Info: 410-641-4066.

### SAT. March 8

**CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER** – Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Race Track Road, Berlin, 6 p.m. to midnight. Event features table games, money wheels, live and silent auctions. Catering by Hooked and A Taste of the Town. Cost: \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Reservations: mbscasinonight2014@gmail.com. Info: 410-208-1600 or www.MostBlessed-SacramentSchool.com.

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 two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

FARMERS MARKET – White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs and more.

#### **OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING -**Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Department of Natural Resources resident biologist and fish scientist Steve Doctor will discuss coastal and offshore fisheries, regulations, trawl and seine surveys. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

## SUN, March 9

BUFFET BREAKFAST - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church), second and fourth Sunday of each month, 8:30 to noon. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 9 and younger. Info: 410-524-7994.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST -Malia's Cafe, located in the Spinnaker Motel, 1800 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 7-11:30 a.m. All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with choice of sausage or bacon and coffee, tea or soda. Tickets cost \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. Proceeds go to Worcester Youth and Family. Tickets: 410-641-4598 or bsouthworth@gowoyo.org.

**RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER** – Safari Adventure at Old Pro Golf, 136th Street, Ocean City, 2-4 p.m. Cost of \$10 includes drink. Silent auction, 50/50, raffles, bake sale and vendors. Info: Eileen Dudley, 443-880-7180.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Help for those struggling with a compulsive eating problem or parent of a child with a problem. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SUPPORT

**GROUP** – Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, noon to 1 p.m. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

### MON. March 10

MARCH MADNESS MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT - Old Pro Golf, 13603 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7 p.m. O.C. Drug Abuse Prevention Committee hosts the 7th annual tournament to benefit Play It Safe 2014. Four players per team, cost is \$15 per person. Info: 410-289-7060, 410-250-0125 or www.playitsafeoceancity.com.

**DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY** – The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Info: 410-208-4171.

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

#### **MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM**

**FUNDRAISER** – Burley Oak Brewing Company, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6 p.m. Burley Oak is donating 10 percent of bar sale to the MCBP. Guest bartenders from 19th Hole Restaurant will donate tips. Music by Days Gone By, silent action and 50/50 raffle. Info: Sandi Smith, sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 107.

T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN MEETING - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. The group meets weekly. Info:

Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

### TUES. March 11

#### **CWN COASTAL CHAPTER PRESENTS: GET**

NOTICED! - The Globe, 101 Broad St., Berlin, 6-8 p.m. Social media marketing expert Deserie Lawrence presents the 10 essential elements of social media marketing. Admission is \$15 at the door. With confirmed RSVP, admission includes food, iced tea and water. RSVP: Pam Sanders, 410-596-5431 by March 7. Info: www.facebook.com/cwncoastal.

#### **STEPPING ON, FALL PREVENTION WORK-**

SHOP – Delaney Hall, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 691 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, Del., 1-3 p.m. A well-researched falls prevention program. The group is free and meets weekly from Feb. 25 through April 8. Register: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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

#### PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

- Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Helping individuals with Parkinson's disease and their families. No reservation, no fee. Info: www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org or 410-749-8511.

### WED. March 12

BINGO - Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645

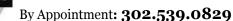
# Celebration of life Saturday March 8th

Norma Remíck-Frank

1:00-4:00PM **BJ's on the Water** 75<sup>th</sup> Street OC

Please bring cat food to be donated to local cat organization

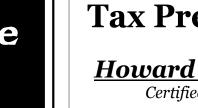
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# Feasting on a meal of tasty sirloin filets

I love my children so much that I decided to call a snow day on our youngest daughter's 13th birthday. Not



only was it a great snow day, but it was in March. I'll do what I can to make my kids happy. I'm sure I'll have to pay the big guy back some day for the snowstorm, but by any means possible...

By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

Unfortunately,

her birthday also coincided with our annual 'tax day', the day on which we knock out a good amount of the dreaded deed of paying the Tax Man. This year, extenuating circumstances forced us to work things out on Gabbie's birthday, but it was still a day off and that's pretty amazing, I'd say.

The next day, however, it was time to get back to business and end the day with what we believe could have very well been the first meal of 2014 at our own dining room table. It is hard to believe that we are in March already, and shame on us for stepping away from our evening ritual of meeting, eating, sharing, laughing and enjoying each other's company.

There is little else that can bring the joy of the family table and for that I am eternally grateful. While we don't have the brood that sat around the table of my childhood, it is still a handful. In keeping with tradition, steak and crab legs were on the menu; one of my daughter's favorite birthday meals.

Combing the stores for tenderloin (filet mignon) I was shocked to find that the stores that had any only had that of questionable integrity so I opted for a steak that I had never worked with before; the sirloin filet. I have cooked the chuck tender with great aplomb and have thrown out other cuts that the beef board has tried to pass off as tender and delicious. If you're going to try something new, you might as well do it on an incredibly important day, right?

Coming in at a mere third of the price of beef tenderloin, they had all of the flavor of the sirloin cut with just a touch extra bite as compared to a tenderloin; I can give that up in return for the added taste. I love that butchers are working on new cuts; or maybe I have just never seen this before and I am happy about learning something new. Who knows? Either way, it's a great, value-added piece of meat.

Once the flames were doused, the dust settled and the smoke rendered its way out of the house, we sat back with bellies full and heads bursting with new memories as we welcomed our youngest daughter into her teen years; and may God have mercy on our souls.

We usher in a new era in 2014 in which we sit together to eat; and not in a minivan or in front of a television. Now that we have had enough snow, I have decided that it is now time for spring to commence. There will be no more snow this season.

#### **Steak and Stuff**

serves 4

4 to 5 ounce sirloin filets Blackening seasoning, as needed Clarified butter, as needed 2 lb. snow crab legs, steamed Roasted red potatoes (recipe follows) 8 oz. each asparagus and broccoli, blanched

2 c. blender hollandaise sauce (recipe follows)

sautéed mushrooms

Heat a grill or in my case a heavy duty grill-pan until smoking hot

Season steaks and coat with some



clarified butter

Grill on both sides until done to the temperature of your liking and keep warm until service

Steaming snow crab legs is as easy as it sounds. Just steam them until they are thawed unless the store was kind enough to thaw them for you

Serve everything with a side of drawn butter and some Hollandaise Sauce to top it off

#### **Blender Hollandaise**

makes about 2 cups

- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 tsp. white wine
- 1/2 tsp. chicken base 1 c. clarified butter

The safest way to pasteurize eggs is to buy pasteurized eggs. However, if you want to try it at home, you can greatly reduce the amount of potential pathogens by performing the following steps

Place the eggs in cold water and heat to 142F. Once it hits this temperature, let it go for three minutes and then cool the eggs. This is about as close to pasteurized as you're going to get without professional equipment, but if you eat raw oysters and sushi, you're probably in good enough shape to eat these eggs. If you're still afraid, just buy Egg Beaters! Place the eggs, wine, lemon juice

and chicken base in a blender Turn on and slowly drizzle the butter

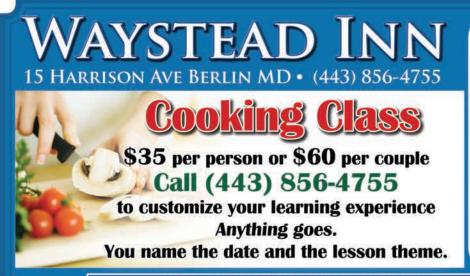
until the vortex in the middle stops spinning. That's your sign that it's done Season and serve

#### **Roasted Red Potatoes**

1 lb. red potatoes, quartered

- 1/4 c. olive oil
- salt and pepper as needed 2 garlic cloves, minced
- drizzle of butter
- Blanch the potatoes in salted water until they are tender
- Strain and dry for a few minutes by
- allowing the steam to dissipate Toss in the salt, pepper and garlic
- and roast until golden Drizzle with butter and keep warm until service

— Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.





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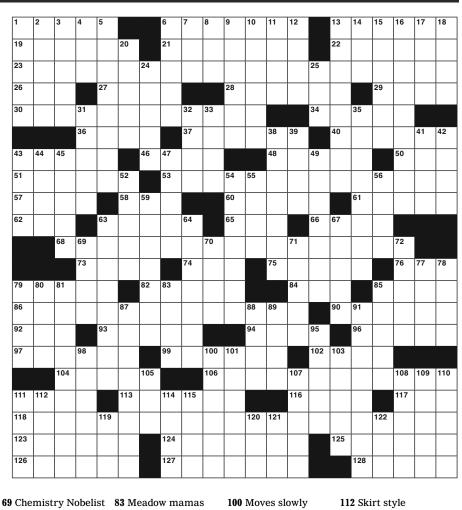
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