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Second- and third-grade students in Samantha Curry's After-School Academy at Showell Elementary School create masks in celebration of Mardi Gras. Among many other things, students learned where the celebration originated, traditional customs and where it is still celebrated today during their Introduction to French class. Pictured, from left, are Alex Navarro, Arianna Foreman, Ruby Murray, Ella Beard, Brittany Williams and Barbara Tejada.

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Rediscovery of OP golf event's aim

Greens near certification as rehab work winds up

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Depending on the weather, the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club is expected to open the 2013 season between April 15 and May 1, according to Director of Golf John Malinowski, who said that a pro-am event is being scheduled for the newly renovated course for June.

As part of the golf club's upcoming "Rediscover Ocean Pines," a visit by the namesake of the management company, Billy Casper, is being planned for the third week of May, Malinowski said.

Malinowski said officials at the facility were still trying to finalize details for the June event, which is expected to include two tournaments, one where professionals from Maryland and Virginia will com-

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Berlin plans for its first 'Historic Festival'

Event would celebrate evolution of community since its incorporation

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — In preparation of the first "Berlin Historic Festival," which is scheduled for July 6, officials are considering signs that will recognize architectural landmarks throughout the town.

Postponed for weather, the Historic District Commission is expected to consider during its next meeting a proposal by Pat Diniar to place small, uniquely designed wooden signs in front of prop-

erties of historical significance.

The commission is also scheduled to consider a request for approval of a color change for shutters from black to light green on a house at 505 S. Main St. that is already designated as historical. Commission officials will consider the recommendation that the request is compatible with the historic or architectural significance of the structure and will not negatively affect the integrity of the district.

According to Diniar, 15 to 20 houses in Berlin are recorded as having historic significance and the Berlin Historical Society plans to ask Mayor Gee Williams to send letters to the property owners seeking permission to place the signs in front of the houses.

The commission will also consider the possibility of erecting a larger sign of the same design that would be placed at main entrances to the town to provide acknowledgement of the program. According to a commission staff report, the signs would allow visitors to understand and recognize the distinctive signs as they travel through town.

The proposed 6-inch by 12-inch oval signs would provide "the approximate date of construction, the recognized 'name' of the structure, a Town of Berlin seal, and the word 'Private' to ensure that visitors do not assume any granted access to the structure or property," the report said.

Although plans for the Historic Festival are still being formed, Dinar said

the theme of the event would be a celebration of the evolution of Berlin from incorporation in 1867 and the election of the first mayor, John William Pitts in 1888, when the population was 1,000 residents.

Planning and Zoning Director Chuck Ward confirmed on Monday that the festival has already been approved by the town council.

Diniar said festival activities throughout the day would include street dramas to depict key historical events along with a series of demonstrations of the trades and crafts practiced during the era. Presentations would include, a spinner, tinsmith, blacksmith, butter churner, quilter, basket maker and knitter, she said.

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Work on worst holes nearly done

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pete individually, and the other where teams of one pro and three amateurs will compete. He said from 100 to 120 golfers are expected to participate.

Malinowski, who started in November 2012, said his goal for the club this year would be to increase the course's revenue by boosting membership and rounds of golf for 2013. He said that would be easier to do with a "healthy product" now that that the greens have been dug out and the drainage system has been replaced to meet United States Golf Association A1 Bentgrass certification.

Malinowski said there were still six holes that still need drainage work, but the two worse ones, the 11th and 12th holes, would be completed within the next seven to 10 days.

The years-long renovation of the course has altered play there over the past year, according to Malinowski. It was partially closed from spring to June 2012 as work was done on the front nine holes and has been partially closed since December as the back nine was being renovated, he said.

As a result, access to all 18 holes of the course were only available from June to November last year, requiring golfers to play the open nine twice for a full 18-hole round, the company said.

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GICA extends survey deadline

ANNAPOLIS — The Governor's Inter-governmental Commission for Agriculture has extended until March 15 the deadline for farmers to respond to its voluntary online survey, which is designed to determine how Maryland farmers' experiences with county zoning and permitting and health regulations have impacted their businesses.

Farmers can take the survey at <https://mdamarketing.wufoo.com/forms/gica/>. GICA, which launched the survey in response to concerns expressed by farmers, will share the findings with the Maryland Association of Counties and ask for input into survey results.

GICA will then convene a workgroup to develop recommendations. For more information, contact Joanna Kille at joanna.kille@maryland.gov or 410-841-5880.



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Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital, updates the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce on financial status and technological developments during a Feb. 28 breakfast meeting.

Franklin briefs OP Chamber on AGH's services and plans

Patients need to become more proactive in their pursuit of medical care

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Asked if there was anything citizens should be doing to help the hospital serve the community better, Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital and Health System, the guest speaker at an Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce breakfast Feb. 28, listed informed patients and more volunteers.

Franklin highlighted new technology and planned services designed to facili-

tate accurate health services, but said patients' overreliance on doctors was still a big problem and he advised the attendees to be proactive about their care by asking questions of their providers. There is still much misinformation and thus many opportunities for improving care, he said.

Franklin also said AGH had the second largest hospital auxiliary organization in the state. But, he added, "We can always use more help."

From a business perspective, Franklin told the audience that AGH was doing well, relative to most hospitals in the country. He said the hospital experienced 6 percent growth last year and that nearly \$1.5 million in revenue from 2012 would be used for reinvestments this year.

Still, he said Maryland's new assessment plans present major challenges because \$5.2 million "off the top" goes to the state, which also provides mandatory rate sheets for what providers can charge for care. If a hospital charges a different price than that proscribed by the state, he said, it is fined.

Because Maryland is an all-payer state — with no difference in price between care that is insured by BlueCross/Blue Shield, Coventry or Medicare — costs for the most common procedures can now be posted on the hospital's Web site.

Meanwhile, hospital officials are using new technology to help keep costs in check, such as using wireless phones with texting capability to replace nurse call stations and a patient electronic medical record-keeping service that he said began in January.

Because of a reevaluation of the meaningful use standards that have been mandated for hospitals, health systems and providers, an anticipated rollout of a patient portal that was previously scheduled for the second quarter of this year has been rescheduled for the third quarter of 2014.

Franklin also said AGH has been receiving many emergency room patients from southern Delaware and an expansion of the hospital's services into the southern Delaware market is part of the hospital's strategic initiatives for 2013. Those initiatives will also include a vascular access center.

Improvements for network connectivity are also planned by tapping into a new fiber optic trunk line that is being installed along Route 113.

"We can always use more help."

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OBITUARIES

Clifford Andrew Christello Sr.

OCEAN CITY — Clifford "Chris" Andrew Christello Sr. left us on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013. Born in Maryland on Aug. 3, 1949, he served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. After an honorable discharge, he continued to protect us with many years of service in the Baltimore City Police Department, Sparrows Point Police Department, followed by meritorious service in the Ocean Pines Police Department and finally with Walt Disney World Security in Orlando, Fla.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Antoinette "Toni" Christello and three children: daughter, Christine Tristani and her husband, Joe, son, John DeLeo and his wife, Lynn, and son, Clifford Christello Jr. and his wife, Kathie. He is also the proud grandfather of five.

A memorial for Mr. Christello will be held in Reisterstown, Md., on Saturday, March 9. Visit Clifford-Christello.lastmemories.com for more information.

Ella Louise Darling Dulin

BERLIN — Ella Louise Darling Dulin, 102, of Easton and Ocean Pines, died at the Berlin Nursing Home on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013. Born in Denton, Md., on July 22, 1910, she was the daughter of the late Dorsey Darling and Clara Elizabeth Murphy Darling.

She is survived by her daughter, Elmira Elizabeth "Sis" (Dulin) LeGates of Ocean Pines, eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Dulin was preceded in death by her husband, William Carlton Dulin; a brother, Addison Darling; two sisters, Kathleen "Kitty" (Darling) Porter and Darius "Rossie" (Darling) Ryan; and a daughter, Peggy Gwendolyn (Dulin) Emmel. Her twin died in childbirth.

Mrs. Dulin married her beloved husband at the age tender age of 15. She was very proud of having worked outside the home until the age of 75 and of having singly raised five of her grandchildren after her daughter's untimely death.

She was a member of the Greensboro Baptist Church and the Community Church at Ocean Pines. Throughout her life, Mrs. Dulin enjoyed handicraft work. Many will remember the "name" doilies that she crocheted for family and friends. She contributed many items to the Ocean Pines Pine'er Craft shop. In her later years, she loved reading large print romance novels, doing circle crosswords, watching her favorite television shows, telling stories of the past, and reading a daily newspaper with her morning cup of coffee, honey-bun and banana.

Those who knew her will fondly remember her remarkable spiritual, mental and physical health.

A celebration of life memory service was held at the Moore Funeral Home in Denton on Sunday, March 3, with Pastor Levin "Buddy" Spear officiating. Grandson Gary LeGates provided the eulogy and friend Nancy Jester sang "Amazing Grace."

Interment followed at the Denton Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons Billy Emmel and Jim LeGates and friends Steve Coppola, Mike Weedman, John Jester and Dave Shields. A post-interment fellowship reception was held at the home of granddaughter Pam LeGates in Easton.

Frances Elliott Mumford

OCEAN CITY — Frances Elliott Mumford, 97, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at her home in Ocean City.



F. Mumford

Born in Berlin, she was the daughter of the late Robert Elliott and Gertrude Holloway Elliott. She was preceded in death by her husband, Owen John Mumford in 1997.

Mrs. Mumford is survived by a son, Owen Jeffrey Mumford and his wife, Marsha, of Ocean City; a daughter, Sandra Lee Mumford Quillin and her husband, J.D., of Bishopville; three grandchildren, Jeffrey D. Quillin and his wife, Kasey, Courtney Quillin Hurley and Stephen Owen Mumford;

three great-grandchildren, Justin Dirksen Pusey, Megan Murray Hurley and Emily Frances Hurley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Mumford was a 1931 graduate of Buckingham High School and a graduate of Strayer Business College in Baltimore. She and her husband were the owners and operators of the Sandy Hill Motel and Cottages in Ocean City for many years.

She was involved in many community organizations. She was past president of the Worcester County Garden Club, district director of Maryland State Garden Club, president of the Beautification Committee of Ocean City, Junior Board Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Dunes Club and member of the Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 3, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. The Rev. Olin Shockley officiated. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Berlin. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21801.

Janet Louise Raab

OCEAN PINES — Janet Louise Raab, 88, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at her home in Ocean Pines.

Born in Newark, N.J., she was the daughter of the late George Quick and Louise McClure Quick. Mrs. Raab was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Bruno Raab Jr. She is survived by two sons, Clayton L. Raab and his wife, Naomi, of Salisbury and Carl A. Raab and his wife, Janet, of Raleigh, N.C.; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Raab was a member and a bell ringer at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, a member of the Red Hat Society of Ocean Pines, a volunteer at Shepherds Nook Thrift Store, a member of the United Methodist Women, as well as an avid card player, organist and pianist.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 5, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. Pastor Bill Sterling officiated. Interment was at the Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, Md. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Mrs. Raab's name to the Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Race-track Road, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Marie A. Waterhouse

BERLIN — Marie Allison Baker Waterhouse, 97, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, at her home in Berlin. *Continued on Page 6*

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2013, at the Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Point O' Woods, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Jim Sim Baker and Isabella Rowe Baker Jester. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Waterhouse in 2005. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Hall and her husband, Jim of Berlin, and her son, Samuel Waterhouse and his wife, Gracie of Newark. She was an adored grandmother to granddaughter Olivia Law-Showell and great-grandson Allen Law-Showell, six step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a brother, Sim Baker, and a sister, Marjorie Mears Nibblett.

Mrs. Waterhouse did all kinds of work throughout her life, including working as a waitress, hanging wallpaper, seamstress and hotel manager at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin. During WWII, she worked at Glen L. Martin Aircraft Manufacturing in Baltimore. Her favorite time was spent working on the water with her family. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin, and the Boggs-Disharoon American Legion Auxiliary Post #123 in Berlin.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 4, at Burbage Funeral Home in

Berlin. The Rev. Michael Moyer officiated. A donation in her memory may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 429, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Virginia Reynolds Phillips

WHALEYVILLE — Virginia Reynolds Phillips, 91, formerly of Berlin, died Friday, March 1, 2013, at her grandson's home in Whaleyville. Born in Ocean City, she was the daughter of the late William Richard Reynolds and Nettie Taylor Reynolds.



Virginia Phillips

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Henry Phillips in 1977.

She is survived by her daughters, Amanda P. Tull and her husband, Ronald, of Whaleyville and Diana Constance "Connie" Mason of Berlin. Also surviving is a grandson, Randy Marvin Tull and his wife, Lisa B. Tull, of Whaleyville; two great-grandchildren, Sarah Frances Tull and Joshua Henry Tull, both of Whaleyville; a sister-in-law Florence Phillips Murray; and a nephew, Ronald Phillips of Ocean City. She was preceded in death by her sister, Ruby Evans in 1993; a niece, Brenda Evans Bauer in 1999; and nephews, Larry Evans and Ronald

Phillips. There are several great nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Phillips had graduated from Ocean City High School and was a homemaker. She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Berlin and an artist and art enthusiast, having studied with William Crockett, Bob Barnes and Tom Jones.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 4, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Berlin. Donations may be made to the Billy Graham Evangelist Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C. 28201-0001 or to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804.

Beverly Louise Smith

BERLIN — Beverly Louise Smith, 85, died Friday, March 1, 2013, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. Born in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late William Sterquel and Annabelle Gray Sterquel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Granville Smith. She is survived by a son, Jeff Smith and his wife, Brenda; a sister, Ruth Eubank; two grandchildren, Matthew and Shannon; and three great-grandchildren, Gabby, Skyleigh and Sam.

A memorial service will be held at 2

p.m. on Saturday, March 9, at Bethany United Methodist Church on Route 611 in Berlin. Pastor Beverly Stang will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, 2604 Old Ocean City Road, Salisbury, Md. 21804 or the Parkinson's Disease Center, 1501 N. W. 9th Ave., Bob Hope Road, Miami, Fla. 33136-1494.

Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Miriam N. Smith

OCEAN CITY — Miriam Nichols Smith, 80, died Friday, March 1, 2013. Born June 25, 1932, at Federalsburg, Md., she was the daughter of the late Raymond "Pix" Nichols and Stella Craft Nichols.



Miriam Smith

Mrs. Smith graduated from Federalsburg High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington College in 1953. She did graduate work at Salisbury University, Trinity College and University of Maryland. For 38 years she taught English and Spanish in Caroline County prior to her retirement in 1992.

She was a long-time member of Union United Methodist Church in Federals-

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Tourism officials call for 'Green' nominations

Categories enumerated for county's recognition of environmentalism

WORCESTER COUNTY — Worcester County Tourism is accepting nominations through April 9, for the second annual Worcester Green Awards. Worcester Green celebrates excellence in promoting environmentally friendly practices, strategies and products.

Awards will be granted to Worcester County businesses that demonstrate extraordinary performance related to sustainable environmental practices, such as water conservation, wastewater management, the promotion of alternative transportation and transit, recycling, energy conservation, on-site renewable

energy production, use of local products and food sources and the purchase of renewable energy. Nominations are being accepted in the following five categories:

■ **Community Leader** (business person or organization): This award will recognize a long-term contribution to the environment by an individual, volunteer or an organization. Efforts should engage community building or conservation.

■ **Business**: This award will recognize a positive ecological footprint in some or all of these areas: storm water, recycling, sedimentation and erosion controls, construction debris reuse and energy innovation.

■ **Lodging**: This award will recognize a lodging partner who includes some or all of these practices — recycles,

use of organic cleaning supplies, reduction of water consumption and use of alternative energy sources.

■ **Restaurant**: This award will recognize a restaurant that has made a concerted effort to buy local, recycle, reduce waste and energy consumption and involve staff and community.

■ **Teacher**: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated leadership in teaching others about the environment.

Applicants will be judged on their overall level of commitment, measurable environmental benefits or progress, cost savings, and customer outreach and engagement. To qualify, applicants must reside or operate businesses in Worcester County. Awards will be announced during the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association dinner

meeting on April 18.

Last year's award recipients include Community Organization winner Grow Berlin Green, Business winner Ayers Creek Adventures, Restaurant winner Baked Dessert Café and Gallery, and Teacher winner Karen McCabe.

Worcester Green is sponsored by Worcester County Tourism, Comcast, OceanCity.com, OC Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, and Maryland Green Travel. The purpose of the program is to encourage Worcester County businesses and community leaders to engage in environmentally sustainable practices, learn more about such practices and grow their businesses at the same time.

For more information about the Worcester Green Awards, visit www.visitworcester.org.

OBITUARIES

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burg. Committed to education, she was a member of various teachers' organizations. She was interested in genealogy, Eastern Shore history and lore, and she enjoyed traveling and reading. She was unconditionally devoted to her family.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert W. Smith of Ocean City, whom she married on June 21, 1952. She is survived by their two daughters, Sharon R. Smith of Ocean Pines and Kathleen E. Smith of Ocean City. She leaves five grandchildren, Erin Terrell and Shannon Tustin of Salisbury, Robert Lomax of Ocean Pines and Alexander Bean of Ocean City. She was also blessed with three great-grandchildren, Riley and Camryn Terrell, and Cole Tustin.

Also surviving are her loving siblings: a sister, Ruth N. Mink and a brother, Raymond A. Nichols of Annapolis.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 5, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Pastor Steve Trice officiated. Interment followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Federalsburg. A donation in her memory may be made to Washington College, Office of College Advancement, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown, Md. 21620; American Heart Association, 800 Main St., Salisbury, Md. 21804; or American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20004.

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Berlin is 'ahead of the class' on school officer concept

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN — School resource officers are not a new concept to Worcester County. Berlin has had them in place well before recent shootings in schools placed the concept of police officers on public school campuses on the radar of lawmakers in Annapolis.

Members of the General Assembly are considering emergency bills HB 165 and SB 807, which would require county superintendents of schools to work with local law enforcement agencies to provide school resource officers for public elementary and secondary schools and would provide additional funding required for school resource officers from the Education Trust Fund.

However, according to Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, the town's local schools have been incorporating the school resource officer concept into the school culture since the late 1990s. Senior Officer Jeannine Jerscheid, a SRO with the Berlin Police Department for 11 years, is assigned to Stephen Decatur Middle School, but provides services to all the schools in town as needed, he said.

Both Delegates Norman Conway (38B-D) and Michael McDermott (38B-R) are co-sponsors of HB 165. Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot on Feb. 28

released a statement in support of placing SROs in public schools throughout the state.

"There's no good reason why every school in Maryland shouldn't have a trained, armed resource officer. We have no obligation more fundamental than keeping our kids safe from harm," he said.

The House Judiciary Committee on March 5 was considering a similar proposal sponsored by McDermott, HB 397, which would allow law enforcement officers to use their carry permits on school grounds.

According to Jerscheid, additional school resource officers in schools would be a great asset.

"As the SRO, there are a variety of things that I do at the school," she said, the first of which was to serve as a visible law enforcement officer on the school grounds and to maintain the safety of the students, faculty and deal with law related crime.

Jerscheid said she works with the faculty and the administration to solve problems in the school and serves as a resource for the students, including by allowing them to be associated with a police officer in their school environment.

"This concept builds a solid rapport

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McDermott bill would shield farms from lawsuits

Takes aim at 'frivolous' environmental litigation and its cost to farmers

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

ANNAPOLIS – Delegate Mike McDermott's bill to protect family farms from spurious lawsuits such as the one faced by Alan and Kristin Hudson has been awaiting a vote in the House Judiciary Committee. That committee held a hearing on the bill Feb. 27.

The Hudsons were faced with a lawsuit filed in March 2010 by Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips and the Waterkeeper Alliance alleging that a pile of chicken litter on their farm near St. Martins violated the Clean Water Act because its runoff polluted water in a ditch. Perdue Farms was also named in the lawsuit because the Hudsons were contract growers for the poultry company.

There was no pile of chicken litter and on Dec. 20, 2012, Judge William Nickerson ruled in U.S. District Court in Baltimore in favor of the Hudsons and Perdue Farms. The pollution more likely came from the herd of cows on the farm, he wrote in his decision.

Because there was no pile of chicken manure and the lawsuit had not mentioned cows, the plaintiffs had

stuck with their case blaming chicken litter and stated it could have come from dust from poultry house fans and small amounts of litter from the bottom of shoes of people walking in and out of the poultry houses.

Earlier, Judge Nickerson had cautioned the plaintiffs about proceeding with their case and had told them he could award legal fees to the defendants.

While the Hudsons relied on donations, funds raised from chicken and dumpling dinners and crab feasts and money donated online at SaveFarm-Families.org, the Waterkeeper Alliance had the benefit of free representation by the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Environmental Law Clinic.

During the 2010 session of the General Assembly, legislators debated about withholding state funds from the law clinic because of the free legal

advice provided to the plaintiffs. The following year, Gov. Martin O'Malley wrote a letter to the dean of the law school criticizing the case and the fact that the school was representing the Waterkeeper Alliance pro bono.

McDermott is concerned about the monetary effect such lawsuits have on farm families.

"The farming community plays an important role in our state's economy," McDermott stated in a Feb. 28 press release. "Since farmers are particularly vulnerable in these difficult economic times, we should not hesitate to ease their burden wherever we can, and stave off the frivolous environmental lawsuits taken against them."

If McDermott's bill, House Bill 837, becomes law, it would allow a state court to award reasonable attorneys'

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School police here since '90s

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between the SRO, the students, the law enforcement agency, and the school. This is a part of the community policing philosophy," she said.

Jerscheid said SROs receive additional training, from the National Association of School Resource Officers and work with other agencies, such as social services, the Department of Juvenile Services, other local law enforcement agencies, and many non-profit organizations associated with the youth.

"The SRO can be one of the most positive combatants of youth crime and victimization by addressing the problems the student faces each day," such as peer pressure and bullying, she said.

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WORCESTER COUNTY BRANCH NAACP INSTALLS 2013 - 2015 OFFICERS

New officers were installed during the NAACP's monthly meeting on Feb. 28. The Rev. Dr. Helen Lockwood of New Bethel United Methodist Church officiated the ceremony. Pictured, from left, are Executive Board members Dr. Roxie Dennis, president; Ivory Smith Sr., first vice president; Linda Purnell, membership; Bertha Purnell, secretary; Doreatha Davis, treasurer; Lockwood; and Constance Sturgis, Helen Whaley, Jim and Barbara Richardson, executive committee members. The NAACP mission is "to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination." The next meeting is March 28, at 7 p.m., at the New Macedonia Baptist Church in Pocomoke. Call 443-944-6701 for more information. All are welcome.



YOUNG AUTHORS

Stephen Decatur High School juniors Katie Collins and Heather Nicolle, and sophomore Caitlin Nilo were recognized by the State of Maryland International Reading Association Council as distinguished young authors. They are pictured with American Literature teacher Kim Patrick (standing). Collins' poetry entry placed first, while Nilo and Nicolle took third place for poetry. Salisbury University will hold a reception in their honor in April.

Bill would allow defendants to recover their legal expense


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fees and expenses to a family farm that is sued for causing water pollution, but is successful in the outcome of the case. It would cover cases similar to the one faced by the Hudsons. The bill does not apply to local governments, which have authority to enforce local environmental laws.

The bill, if it passes in the General

Assembly and is signed by Gov. Martin O'Malley, will not affect the Hudsons because it only applies to such lawsuits filed on or after Oct. 1, 2013, the effective date of the bill and because the Hudson case was filed and tried in a federal court.

Attorneys for Perdue and the Hudsons are seeking more than \$3 million in legal fees and expenses.



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General Assembly takes on controversial issues

Death penalty tops list, while minimum wage increase also debated

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

ANNAPOLIS – Controversy over legislation in Annapolis has not let up, not even after February ended with what Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38) called “a very demanding week.” The Senate on March 6 approved final passage of Gov. Martin O’Malley’s death penalty repeal proposal SB 276, by a vote of 27-20. Final action in the House is still needed on third reading.

Other proposals under consideration included bills that would raise the minimum wage to \$10 per hour over three years and prohibit the use of antimicro-

bial animal drugs in feed or water on commercial farms.

Mathias, who voted against the proposed repeal, said an amendment proposed by Sen. Richard Colburn (R-37) to retain the death penalty as an option “for the worse of the worse” violent offenders failed on a vote of 19-27.

Worcester County State’s Attorney Beau Oglesby, a proponent of the death penalty option, said Monday he would be disappointed if the death penalty was repealed in Maryland, but thought that it probably would be. Although he pointed out, “It could end up on a referendum.”

While Oglesby said he does not view the death penalty as a “bargaining chip” for prosecuting cases, if negotiations were to occur on a capital murder case, not having the death penalty would ratchet down the options for prosecu-

tors. Nevertheless, he said, “Our job is still the same.”

Certain prosecutorial functions would remain the same, even without the death penalty, Oglesby said: the burden of proof, the finding of fact, and persuasion on the evidence. However, he did note the sentencing process would not be as onerous without the death penalty.

“I firmly believe that the sanction of death is appropriate for the most violent offenders committing the most heinous crimes,” Oglesby said.

MINIMUM WAGE

The House Economic Matters Committee on Wednesday was still reviewing HB 1204/SB 683, which would increase the state minimum wage to \$8.25 per hour beginning July 1. The increase would be the first of three annual step

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increases, including a second hike to \$9 per hour on July 1, 2014, and the third and final increase of \$10 on July 1, 2015.

Hourly wages for tipped employees would increase to 70 percent of the minimum wage, or about \$5.78 per hour, according to a legislative summary.

The proposed minimum wage changes would also apply to older workers supplementing their retirement with part-time jobs and certain service workers who previously were not covered by minimum wage requirements.

According to the analysis, the bump up in pay would also apply to "people age 62 or over who work 25 hours or less per week, those employed in a motion picture or drive-in theater, people employed to do specified types of food packing and processing, and those employed at certain cafes, drive-ins, drugstores, restaurants, or taverns."

The House proposal would also shorten the period for when overtime would commence for agricultural work-

ers to 48 hours of weekly work from 60 hours. For employees of institutions that provide care for the elderly or disabled, the overtime period would begin after 40 hours of work instead of 48 hours, according to the analysis.

DRUG BAN

The senate is considering a food safety proposal that may have ramifications for farms on the Eastern Shore. The Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs was still in the process on Tuesday of considering SB 520, which would ban the use, sale, or distribution of "critical antimicrobial animal drug" ingredients in commercial feed or drinking water for anything other therapeutic uses.

Under the provisions of the bill, which was proposed by Sen. Karen Montgomery (D), penicillin, or any other drug or its derivative that is used for either growth promotion or routine disease prevention rather than as a prescribed veterinarian treat for disease would be prohibited as of Oct. 1, 2016.

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Jean Keagle, center, joins her cousins, Shannon and Mike Hardester, left, and Benny Thumma and Brandon Ingram, members of "Team Mudcarp" during a fundraising event at Sisters store on Main Street in Berlin last Friday for the 2013 North Worcester Relay for Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society. The group will join other teams for the overnight Relay event, set to take place May 10-11, at Frontier Town Campground, off Route 611 in West Ocean City.



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Guest bartenders, from left, Robin Rickett, Jennell Siano, Jean Fackler, Shanea Grosso and Jean Keagle, collect donations for the 2013 North Worcester Relay for Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society, during an event last Friday at Sisters.



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Debbie White, community manager for the South Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society, left, and North Worcester County Relay For Life co-chairwomen Dawn Hodge attend the fundraising event.

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Long-term care should be part of financial plan

Are you all set for long-term care expenses?

In general, Americans aren't sufficiently prepared to pay for long-term care. Many of them go through their lives simply hoping that they won't ever need it. Unfortunately, in the event that you or a loved one does need long-term care, hope won't be enough to protect you from potential financial turmoil.

If past trends continue, over 40 percent of those aged 65 and older will spend some time in a nursing home. And once in a nursing home, over 20 percent can expect to stay five years or more. So, you can see that the odds that you will need some kind of long-term care increase as you get older.

If you self-insure (that is, to cover the cost yourself), you must have sufficient income to pay the rising costs of long-term care. Keep in mind that even if you have sufficient resources to afford long-term care now, you may not be able to handle rising future costs without significantly changing your lifestyle.

What about Medicaid? Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that covers medical bills for the needy. If you qualify, it may help pay for your long-term-care costs. Unfortunately, Medicaid is similar to welfare. In order to qualify, you generally have to have few assets or will need to spend down your assets.

State law determines the allowable income and resource limits. If you have even one dollar of income or assets in excess of these limits, you may not be eligible for Medicaid.

To receive Medicaid assistance, you may have to transfer your assets to meet those limits. This can be tricky, however, because there are tough laws designed to discourage asset transfers for the purpose of qualifying for Medicaid.

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CAR DONATES TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Members of the Coastal Association of Realtors on Feb. 26, present a \$446.19 check to representatives of Habitat for Humanity of Worcester County. The donation represents proceeds raised this fall during a "Realtor Roast" event, during which local realtors gathered for dinner, live entertainment and kayaking at Ayers Creek Adventures in Berlin. Pictured, from left, are CAR President Pam Wadler, board member Lauren Bunting, Worcester Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Andrea Bowland, and Worcester Habitat for Humanity President John Kotowski.

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Maryland Atty. General takes aim at income-tax ruling

By Barbara Grzincic

The Daily Record NewsWire

BALTIMORE — The Office of the Maryland Attorney General is threatening to wage a Supreme Court fight if the state's top court does not reconsider its ruling in a recent income tax case.

The Court of Appeals' 5-2 decision in Maryland State Comptroller v. Wynne found it was unconstitutional to bar Maryland residents from deducting, from city or county taxes, the tax they pay to other states when they earn money there.

If the decision is not overturned, local governments stand to lose between \$40 million and \$50 million a year, the attorney general's office wrote in its motion for reconsideration of the January decision.

At issue is Tax-Gen. Article Section 10-703(a), which allows Maryland residents to deduct the income taxes they pay to other states from their Maryland tax. However, the state says the law does not apply to the so-called piggy-back tax the state collects for local governments.

Brian and Karen Wynne challenged

the law after the comptroller said they could not deduct from their Howard County tax bill the \$84,550 they paid in income taxes to other states in 2006.

The Wynnes' out-of-state income was derived from Brian's ownership share in Maxim Healthcare Services Inc., which operates nationwide.

The Maryland Tax Court, an administrative agency, ruled for the comptroller, but was overturned in 2011 by a judge in Howard County Circuit Court.

The Court of Appeals took the case, heard argument last May and issued its opinion on Jan. 28.

In case its motion for reconsideration is denied, the attorney general has asked the court to stay the effect of its ruling in anticipation of administrative action, a legislative change by the General Assembly or a certiorari petition to the Supreme Court.

It also asked the court to declare that the ruling does not apply retroactively.

Daily Record legal affairs writer Steve Lash contributed to this report.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ASC&D awards

Laura Deeley Bren, president of Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley, presented the following awards during the company's annual meeting on Jan. 15, in Ocean City.

David Nimrod was presented with the Ron Pasquariello Award of Excellence for 2012. This award acknowledges an employee's "above and beyond" service, as well as professional growth for that year.

Nimrod, of Pocomoke, works in the MIS division and has provided outstanding technology and support to the company's more than 80 employees.

Kiesha Lankford was presented with the Top Customer Service Award for 2012. Lankford, a claims manager for A/SCD, was acknowledged for her outstanding work during Hurricane Sandy, as well as "above and beyond" service handling for other claims throughout the year.

She joined the agency in 2009 and resides in Rhodesdale, Md.

Builder Design Awards

Joseph T. Dashiell Builders, Inc. has recently been named a winner in the Professional Builder Design Awards contest for a South Point residence in Berlin. The contest recognizes the nation's top home-building projects for their construction quality, design excellence, and sales and marketing success.

Becker Morgan Group was also honored with a Best in American Living Award for the design of the home.

Sponsored by Professional Builder magazine, the PB Design Awards honors projects across 13 categories. Joseph T. Dashiell Builders won a Professional Builder Design Award in the One-of-a-Kind Custom Home category. The PB Design Award winners, selected by a panel of esteemed residential design experts, were featured in the January 2013 issue of Professional Builder.

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PCAM credential

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If you have engaged in any "Medicaid planning," consult an advisor to discuss any new Medicaid rules. It also doesn't hurt to get solid legal advice as well.

A long-term-care insurance policy may enable you to transfer a portion of the economic liability of long-term care to an insurance company in exchange for the regular premiums.

Furthermore, long-term-care insurance may be used to help pay for skilled care, intermediate care, and custodial care. Most policies pay for nursing-home care, and comprehensive policies may cover home care services and assisted living.

Insurance can help protect your family financially from the potentially devastating cost of a long-term disabling medical condition, chronic illness, or cognitive impairment. A complete statement of coverage, including exclusions, exceptions, and limitations is found only in the policy.

A number of insurance companies have added long-term-care riders to their life insurance contracts. For an additional fee, these riders will provide a benefit (usually a percentage of the face value) to help cover the cost of long-term care. This may be an option for you.

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

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Braniff is a property manager with Ocean Point, Ltd., an Accredited Association Management Company based in Ocean City. Ocean Point, Ltd manages properties in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. He is a 2004 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Delaware. He has worked as a property manager at Ocean Point, Ltd. for five years.

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Senate passes gun bill; House flooded with requests to testify

Mathias says more than 2,000 people contacted office opposing measure

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

MARYLAND — In the wake of the Maryland Senate's passage of SB 281, the Firearm Safety Act of 2013, on Feb. 28, thousands of proponents and opponents descended on Annapolis on March 1 with new urgency as the companion bill, HB 294, was discussed during a joint hearing of the House Judiciary and Health and Government Operations Committees.

Sen. Jim. Mathias (D-38) was one of 19 senators, mostly from rural and suburban counties, who voted against the bill. He said he felt the bill would bring major burdens onto law-abiding citizens and that he received more than 2,000 contacts from around the district opposing the legislation.

Mathias offered a floor amendment that would have added a 10-year sunset clause to the bill and directed the Department of Legislative Services, in consultation with other state and law enforcement agencies, to monitor, evaluate and report on the effect that the legislation had on gun violence in the state. The amendment failed on a 20-27 vote.

Staffers on the House Judiciary Committee said more than 1,200 individuals requested to testify before the joint committee in the House. The hearing lasted into the early hours of March 2.

Gov. Martin O'Malley (D), members of his administration and representatives from Baltimore City, Prince Georges County and Montgomery County testified before the joint house committees in favor of the legislation.

Jeff Reh, corporate secretary for Benelli U.S.A. and president of Stoeger Industries Inc., which employs 400 workers in Accokeek and Pocomoke City, was among the witnesses who testified before the joint committee.

He told the panel that he was heading to Germany the following week to meet with corporate officials to discuss whether the company would remain in the state.

"From 1997 to 2014, these companies have paid or are projected to pay \$31 million in taxes to the State of Maryland," he said, adding that the companies had either invested or had planned to invest \$73 million during the same time period.

What HB 294 does, he said, "is treat as dangerous millions of people who lawfully and safely own semi-automatic rifles and the tens of millions of people who lawfully and safely own magazines that hold more than 10 rounds," by seeking to ban rifles that are not typically involved in crime.

Reh also told the lawmakers the

companies do not support proposals that would "use safety training as a deliberate impediment to the exercise of a constitutional right."

Eight or 16 hours of firearm safety training, which can be taught in minutes, is unnecessary and seems intended just to deter people from obtaining firearms, he said.

Like Benelli, a company representative from Cambridge-based LWRC International L.L.C. and its Salisbury affiliate MaTech, said that passage of the bill could trigger a move of company operations out of the state.

According to Darren Mellors, executive-vice president of LWRCI, "The MD government is making it clear through its actions with this legislation that we, nor Beretta nor other firearms manufacturers are welcome in MD. It sends the message that this is not the state to expand in."

Mellors said he was scheduled to testify, but was unable to physically get to the hearing room. If the gun ban bill passes as written, he said in his prepared testimony, "we will comply with your wishes and move our companies out of Maryland along with as many employees and their families that wish to go."

Mellors said he was also attempting to testify on behalf of his mentor, LWRCI owner Richard Bernstein, who Mellors said has created an estimated 3,000 jobs over the last 40 years by estimation of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development.

"His record of job creation on the Eastern Shore of [Maryland] is second only to Mr. Frank Purdue," according to Mellors.

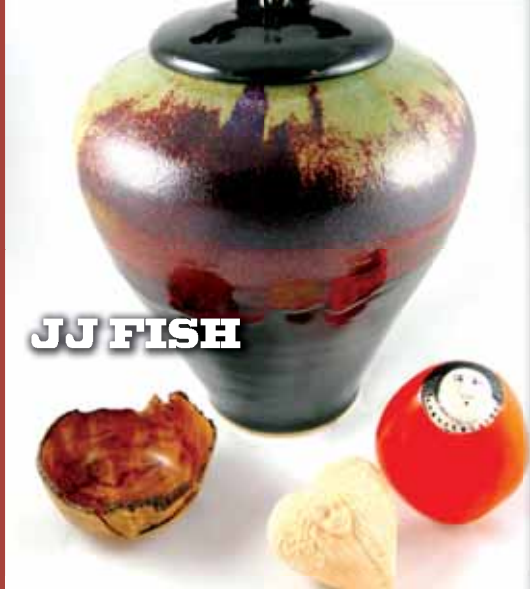
He said the company supplies rifles to the Department of Defense, Department of Justice, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, along with hundreds of local and state law enforcement agencies.

"Countless U.S. citizens buy our commercial rifles for the same reasons our government and international customers do," he added.

Moreover, in February of 2012 the defense contractor, which is now being actively courted by other states, signed a \$109 million dollar 18-month contract with the government of Saudi Arabia, which was sanctioned by the U.S. Department of State and Congress, he said.

Mellors said LWRCI's rate of job creation over the past seven months has been approximately ten new jobs per month and the more than 300 employees who will lose their jobs as a result of relocation live in five distressed Maryland counties.

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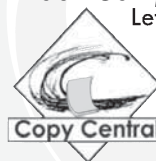
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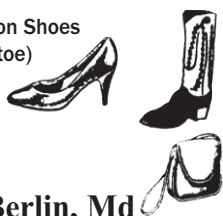
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EDITORIAL

OPA's move to collect debt good business

While the notion put forth to embarrass property owners by enforcing the publishing the names of those behind on their assessments is not one we support, the push to file suit and place liens on the property owned by those whose delinquencies are near or above \$5,000 is long overdue.

Certainly a question by property owners, who have to cover those unpaid assessments, is what's taken so long? For those who are near or exceed the \$5,000 benchmark, it's five years or better of assessments.

Of the 63 property owners who fall into that category, only 14 are either in foreclosure or bankruptcy, leaving Ocean Pines with an easy recourse on the majority. Regardless of the circumstances of those homeowners, it is just good business sense to proceed with filing a claim and putting a lien on those properties so when they change hands, the monies due are paid.

Embarrassing those in arrears is not the solution to cleaning up the debt, but getting serious about filing for the money owed is.

The association should go a step further. For what is a relatively small fee of \$128, a claim should be automatically be filed against those who have fallen more than one year behind. Rather than waiting for the amount to become larger, it lets those who simply flout payment know the association is serious about making sure their debt is satisfied, better prompting them to pay on time.

Those in legitimate distress probably still won't be able to pay, but filing the claim provides some measure of security that those monies may someday be paid.

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"My Daddy says if we're going to have a Tea Party everyone pays, no exceptions"

Time to strengthen open meeting laws

By Daily Record Staff

The Daily Record Newswire

BALTIMORE — There are two bills in Annapolis this year that are getting little, if any attention, but a recent state review panel decision ought to make some legislators take a closer look at ongoing efforts to strengthen Maryland's open meetings laws.

This week, the Open Meetings Compliance Board ruled that the state university system's Board of Regents failed to give required public notice and failed to follow

proper procedure in two November meetings in which they discussed the University of Maryland's controversial move to the Big Ten athletic conference.

For many Maryland sports fans, the Board of Regents' decision sparked memories of the Baltimore Colts' infamous late-night escape to Indianapolis — the difference being that in this case, according to the compliance board, the public had a definitive legal right to know.

In December, university sys-

tem Chancellor William E. Kirwan told The Baltimore Sun that officials were "chastened and regretful for not doing our duties" with regard to the secret meetings.

Putting aside the personal feelings of those in power at the University of Maryland for a moment, the bottom line is that the law governing open meetings was broken and there are few, if any, ramifications for those who broke it.

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LETTERS

Age is all in how you measure it

Editor,

It is better for most of us to be answering the question, "How old are you?" by giving your effective age and definitely not your chronological one. In loose terms, and ignoring other somewhat controversial factors, your effective age is the difference between the common life expectancy for your gender and your personal estimate or judgment of your remaining life in years. For any person, the higher their re-

maining life the lower their effective age. The typical life expectancy number (whether subjectively or objectively arrived) is the datum point against which age should be and generally is, in fact, compared to. Effective age, for each of us, does exactly that, far more accurately than chronological age.

I further suggest that in this modern day of improved medical, food, health and other dramatic knowledge or scientific advancements we set the average life expectancy figure for men and women at 85, know-

ingly given our women, who generally outlive men, an edge and therefore a greater remaining life and a lower effective age to answer, if asked.

Since my birthday is March 9, 1939, my chronological age will be 74; however, since I optimistically believe my remaining life is 20 years, I will be happily celebrating my 65th birthday.

How's that for turning back the clock? Better than Einstein's special theory of relativity and a lot easier to understand.

Duke Ronzetti
Ocean Pines

Berlin Parks begins to plan for springtime

Commission will seek 200 cleanup volunteers

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN -- Planners on the Berlin Parks Commission are hoping to recruit 200 volunteers to participate in Clean-Up Day on April 20 as the town kicks off "Take Pride in Berlin Week" from April 20-27.

During a March 5 meeting, the commission discussed plans for the commission's contribution to the week-long activities, which will consist of sprucing up trash and debris in Henry Park and Stephen Decatur Park to also coincide with Earth Day.

According to the town's liaison to the commission, Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen, the Berlin Area Ministries United will again provide food and refreshments for the volunteers. The commission discussed inquiring about the possibility of the group also providing musical entertainment this year.

A Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/TakePrideInBerlinWeek>, has been set up and commission officials will provide updates on their plans as they develop, Bohlen said.

The commission will host a craft booth during the town's Spring Celebration, which is planned for March 30. Bohlen said the project would be open to children of all ages and this year the craft project would be a homemade Chia Pet.

As town officials wait for a turn in the wet weather season that will allow them to finish painting the new basketball courts in Henry Park, the commission is discussing plans to hold a basketball tournament during the Memorial Day Weekend.

Details for two long-term plans the commission was still working out were a mural project at Stephen Decatur Park and a tree sale through the Department of Natural Resources.

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By Lisa Capitelli
Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY -- Everything a homeowner could need for his or her residence can likely be found all under one roof this weekend during the 29th annual Home, Condo and Outdoor Show at the Ocean City convention center.

The three-day event will showcase nearly 200 exhibitors, who will offer the basic necessities for any house, home, condo or outdoor area.

"It's a great place to spend a few hours browsing, shopping, learning and talking to the various vendors about their products and services," said Mike Wicklein of Ocean Promotions, the company presenting the annual event.

Wicklein said show guests can walk through the aisles and browse at the different products, in a casual, relaxed, atmosphere, with no pressure to buy.

Those who attend the event will notice more than two-dozen new exhibitors and products alongside familiar vendors from the past.

Vendors scheduled to participate include realtors, contractors, builders, landscapers, boat dock and lift representatives, lawn companies, pest control officers, spa and pool dealers, plumbers, painters, furniture suppliers, window designers and flooring, carpeting, roofing and siding installation companies. Exhibitors will also provide ideas on decorating, remodeling, accessorizing, renovating and building a new home.

Some vendors will offer special show prices, promotions and discounts.

"The vendors spend a lot of time and effort to put their best foot forward," Wicklein said.

Chet Bober, owner of Amazing Glaze Kitchen and Bathroom Refinishing in Berlin, has been a show exhibitor for 10 years.

"It's a great show. Every year I look forward to it," Bober said. "It's a great



LISA CAPITELLI/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Chet Bober, owner of Amazing Glaze Kitchen and Bathroom Refinishing in Berlin, displays a refurbished sink at the Ocean City convention center during the Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association's Spring Trade Expo, held March 3-4. Amazing Glaze will also be on hand this weekend at the 40th Street venue for the 29th annual Home, Condo & Outdoor Show.

way to get your product out there."

Bober attends a few home shows each year, but says the Ocean City event is the largest.

"We get at least 50 percent of our business from home shows," he said.

In addition to the main exhibit, there will be a Health Craft Cooking Show presented each day, as well as an Art and Craft Fair with many one-of-a-kind and handmade wares, ceramics, copper art, photography and prints, jewelry, wood carvings, furniture, lamps, leather goods, nautical and wildlife items, candles, clothing and glassware.

Admission for the Home, Condo and Outdoor Show costs \$6 for adults, and \$5 for seniors (55 and older) and students (ages 14-22). Children ages 13 and younger will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Military, police and fire personnel are also admitted free with ID.

Show hours are Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Door prizes will be up for grabs during the three-day show.

For more information, call 410-213-8090 or visit www.oceanpromotions.info.

Open meetings bills deserve assembly's serious consideration

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Ultimately, this week's ruling will not affect the move to the Big Ten. And there is no punishment for the lawbreakers, although there could be a fine if they are sued for their actions.

That penalty? A whopping \$100 each.

For some perspective, compare that with the amount the university, a founding Atlantic Coast Conference member in 1953, might have to pay as a result of a lawsuit by the ACC. The conference is seeking a \$50 million exit fee for the university system's actions.

Anyone think that might jack up tuition rates just a bit? Or Terps ticket prices? Or myriad other university fees?

The suit is pending in North Carolina's courts, but back in Maryland, there are concrete steps lawmakers can take in the coming weeks to help prevent these types of acts — ones that are far too common and, as a whole, dismissive of the public's rights and role in public actions.

The first bill would, among other measures, substantially increase the amount of money Maryland residents could recover in open meetings lawsuits.

Instead of the current \$100 maximum, the minimum penalty would be \$1,000; the maximum would be \$10,000.

The second bill would require certain government employees to undergo Open Meetings Act training.

Unfortunately, a third bill that called for a range of monetary penalties for violations (without having to go to court) has already been killed by the Health and Government Operations Committee this year.

Perhaps the scariest part regarding the legislature's failure to act is that lawmak-

ers who are doing public (and that word should not be taken lightly) work are reluctant to hold themselves accountable to the very constituents who elected them.

Without some teeth to the Open Meetings Act, Marylanders can continue to expect brazen violations of what should be sacred compacts between voters and those in powerful positions.

Then again, maybe feeling chastened and regretful is enough punishment to give those in seats of power some pause before doing the people's business in secret. Maybe.

BAYSIDE LIFE

OP Library lists its highlighted artists of month

OCEAN PINES — Watercolorist Barbara Doyle Schmidt is the February/March Artist of the Month at the Ocean Pines Library.

Schmidt has been painting in watercolor for more than 20 years and has won numerous prizes at the Ocean City Art League. Her work has been featured at the Berlin, Ocean City, Snow Hill and Ocean Pines Libraries. She exhibits yearly at the CCart Exhibit for the benefit of Salisbury University and her work is on permanent exhibit at the Main Street Gallery in Berlin. Schmidt has successfully taught adult classes for the Worcester County Art Council and the Art League of Ocean City. Her 20-foot by 5-foot reading fantasy mural in the Children's Room of the Ocean Pines Library is a must-see for all ages. This watercolor exhibit runs through March 2013. For library hours, call 410-208-4014.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT EXHIBIT

The Artist Spotlight Exhibit in the library shines on multi-media artist Kathryn K. Cashman. The exhibit is located in the two computer rooms to the right of the common areas at the Ocean Pines Library.

Cashman has a love for color and beauty that is reflected in her work. She is trained in classical art and its history. The color wheel provides guidance as a tool that has been passed through the generations of artists from the notes of the master artist, Leonardo daVinci.

Cashman shares her life-long love of art with her students. She teaches at the Art Institute Gallery in Salisbury, Maryland and her studio, Random Juxtaposition in Ocean Pines. Students range in age from five years to the oldest of one hundred and four. This exhibit runs through August. For library hours, call 410-208-4014.

The library representatives also reminded residents this week that it offers used books in mint condition for sale year-round in the back of the library. Customers can find popular best sellers, non-fiction, resource books, and beautiful coffee table books for bargain prices. The revenue of the sale is used to support the Ocean Pines library

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Pine'eer Craft Club will open its gift shop, located near the Ocean Pines Community Center, on March 16. Club President Sharon Puser said the 39-year-old club will open membership to non-Ocean Pines residents this year. The annual membership fee is \$5.

Pine'eer Craft Shop seeking new members, new creativity

Membership regs shift to allow nonresidents to join organization

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — As the Pine'eer Craft Club prepares to open its gift shop for the 2013 season, President Sharon Puser said on Tuesday that the club has expanded its membership requirements in hopes of attracting new members.

Opening day is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 and Puser said the number of members for the Ocean Pines-based group is dwindling.

"We're looking for new blood and new ideas," she said.

Starting this year, according to Puser, membership will no longer be limited to individuals who live in Ocean Pines. Essentially, the organization is a social club for craft lovers with its own gift store.

The current membership of the 39-year-old club ranges between 100 and 120, Puser said, and the annual membership fee is \$5. Monthly membership meetings consist of a coffee-and-cake social followed by a group craft project and demonstration. Artistic talent is helpful but not mandatory, she said. The group meets the third Thursday of the month.

The craft project members will learn to make during the March meeting will be a flower pot ink pen holder and for April the members will learn to make

garden stepping stones. Participation is voluntary and the cost for materials is minimal.

Members who wish to create saleable items are allowed to sell them in the club's gift store, which is located in front of the Ocean Pines Community Center.

Members are not required to make items for the store and there is no fee for selling items in the store, Puser said. However, she said there is a work requirement and a 10 percent commission on items that are sold at the store. That commission revenue is used for charitable activities and donations that go back into the community, she said.

Members who sell items in the shop are required to work three days, or six half-days, during store hours, according to Puser.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays until the end of the season, which this year will be Dec. 15, she said. During the summer, the shop will also be opened on Thursday evenings when there are concert events in the park and on a few selected other special occasions, she said.

The club hosts four open houses and two special events a year, according to Puser, including a Spring Open House on April 12, Summer Open House on June 8, Fall Open House on Sept. 14, and Holiday Open House on Nov. 2.

The club will host an Arts and Crafts Festival on Aug. 7 and a Holiday Craft Festival on the same day as the Holiday Open House on Nov. 2, Puser said.

'Wake' to aid Worcester dev. center

Mock Irish event will put fun into 'funeral'

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY — The resort's first "Finnegan's Wake," sponsored by the Friends of the Worcester County Developmental Center, will take place Saturday, from 5-9 p.m., in Seacrets' Morley Hall on 49th Street.

Finnegan's Wake is a mock Irish funeral that notes the supposed passing of Tim Finnegan. The Ocean City event is loosely based on a traditional Irish song of the same name about an Irish laborer.

"We thought it would be a nice, fun event for people to learn more about [the Worcester County Developmental Center]," said Jack Ferry, WCDC program director. "It's a unique event."

Morley Hall will open at 5 p.m. Saturday. A funeral procession, which will include St. Patrick, mourners, clergy, pallbearers and a leprechaun, or two, will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Ocean City Pipe Band will lead the procession from Seacrets' parking lot into the hall, where Finnegan, in his "casket," will be displayed for viewing.

Musician Patrick McAllorum will play Irish favorites that evening. The Ocean City Pipe Band is also scheduled to perform.

From 6-6:15 p.m., 7:30-7:45 p.m. and 8-8:15 p.m., mourners can view Finnegan in his coffin. Jack Ferry Sr. of Ocean Pines and Cecil Tull and Lee Gerachis, both of Berlin, will take turns playing the part of Finnegan.

For a \$1 donation, guests will have the opportunity to tell Finnegan a joke or funny story. If he laughs, the teller will win a free drink.

Wealthy Irish would often hire professional mourners, called Keeners, to cry for their departed. During the Ocean City wake, there will be a wailing/crying contest. Points will be awarded for volume, style and feeling. The winner will receive a prize.

Admission into Finnegan's Wake is a \$20 donation. Happy hour

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SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Audrey Wahl stirs chili that was served to members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association.

Crowd of 51 goes to platform Tennis Chili Day 'fun raiser'

OCEAN PINES – Fifty-one people showed up to play platform tennis on Saturday, March 2, and to enjoy some good old-fashioned homemade chili.

The event was organized by Jim Freeman, president of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association.

Freeman said, "The Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association often host these kind of events as a fun way to raise a few dollars for our association. With these funds, we purchase items we want without seeking the monies from the Park and Recreation Department, thus a way of saving Ocean Pine Residents some money. However, our emphasis, as always, is on having fun."

The chili was prepared by Michael Petito, Audery Wahl, Jim Freeman, Mike Henderson, Diane Harris, Tom and Meg Herrick, and Dan Freymeyer.

The chili ranged in style from a

mild white chicken chili to a red-hot beef chili. The event was made possible by the work of many volunteers, but the volunteer of the day was Dot Waters.

In order to host so many people, the group had to use the Ocean Pines Tennis Club House. When notified that the chairperson of the cleanup crew could not attend, Waters took over and made sure that tennis club was cleaner after the event than it was when it started. Waters also was on the setup committee.

"The day went great," Freeman said. "All of our members had a great time and we were able to raise \$173. However, we only have four courts, which means only 16 people can play at one time. This left us with about 34 people waiting around to get on the courts. It always makes me sad to see more members waiting to play than there are playing."

Finnegan's Wake good time for a good local organization

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prices will be offered at the bar and a special Irish menu will be available.

"Start your St. Patrick's Day festivities early with us. It's going to be a fun time for a good cause," Ferry said. "We hope to make it an annual event."

All of the money raised will benefit the Friends of WCDC, the auxiliary that supports the Worcester County Developmental Center's mission—to empower developmentally challenged adults in making individual choices in how they live and work in their communities.

The WCDC, located in Newark, Md., provides employment opportunities, day habilitation training, residential services and community-based support for adults who live with an intellectual disability in Worcester, Somerset and Wicomico counties. A Board of Directors governs the Worcester County Developmental Center. Staff works with about 85 clients on a daily basis, Ferry said.

For more information about the wake or services offered by WCDC, call 410-632-2382 or visit wcdcservices.org.

Library also sells top quality used books to bolster funds

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and is needed for continued operations.

Customers will find the books on shelves at the rear of the library near the turtle tank. The sales are called "Luke's sales" after the library's resident turtle. Customers looking for books and DVD's may end up finding

books that look brand new and DVD's that haven't even been opened, which are worth much more than the for sale price. Come and see what can be found. We may just be the only bookstore in town.

The Ocean Pines Library is located on Cathell Road, near the intersection of Cathell Road and Route 589.

ART STUDIOS AT BERLIN CHAMBER
Art by Jim Adcock and Don Grafer

Repurposed old window with 3 shell paintings and chalkboard by Jim Adcock

'Red Coyotes' by Don Grafer

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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 gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

ELKS BINGO

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

FIRESIDE CHAT

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

STORY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. For 2- to 5-year-old children. Info: 410-208-4014.

BARISTA AND BOOKS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, crafts, cocoa and pastries for infants to 5-year-olds. Freshly brewed coffee for parents provided by Starbucks. Info: 410-208-4014.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for 3- to 5-year-old children. Dress for a mess. For reservations: 410-632-3495.

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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.

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LAP TIME

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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HANDBELL MUSICIANS OF AMERICA AREA 3 FESTIVAL CONCERT

Ocean City convention center, Ballroom on second floor, 4001 Coastal Highway, 4:30 p.m. Concert, a multi-sensory program, will include both sacred and secular handbell compositions rung by more than 575 handbell ringers en masse. Concert is free. Info: Debbie Henning, 410-848-5482, debbiehen@gmail.com or www.area3iii.org.

KIDS DAY

502 94th St., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free hands-on pottery and

painting projects. Info: 410-524-9433.

FAMILY GAME DAY

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 9 a.m. to noon. Classic board games you loved as a child. Fun for the whole family. Info: 410-957-0878.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP WITH ESTHER MCCGREEVY

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tracing your immigrant ancestors. Registration is required. Register: 410-632-3495

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CASINO NIGHT

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Race-track Road, Berlin, 6 p.m. to midnight. Roulette, Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, cash games, tuition and money wheels, silent and live auctions. Entertainment by Opposite Directions and DJ Billy T. Catering by DiFebos and Taste of the Town. Admission and buffet cost \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. Proceeds benefit the school. Reservations: Tina Wim, 609-516-7229 or MBSC-CasinoNight@gmail.com.

BLUES JAM

Old Firehouse on Green Street in Snow Hill, 6:30 p.m. Featuring Chris English; Mr. "B," Burley Strand; Robert Buckner, "The Great Unknown;" Miss "T;" Mike Armstrong; Angel and Margo Resto. There will be a cash bar and barbecue for sale. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at www.sharpworks.org or at Bishop's Stock, 202 W. Green St., Snow Hill. Info: 410-632-3555.

BLUEBIRD FESTIVAL

Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, 909 S. Schumaker Drive, 1-4 p.m. Celebrate and learn about birds and bird conservation through arts, crafts, presentations and entertainment. Info:

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wardmuseum.org; 410-742-4988, Ext. 110; or wardeduca-tion@salisbury.edu.

FINNEGAN'S WAKE

Seacrets, Morley Hall, 49th Street and the bay, 5-9 p.m. The funeral procession, with mourners, clergy, pallbearers and a leprechaun or two, will begin at 5:30 p.m. Irish favorites, performed by the Ocean City Pipe Band and Patrick McAllo-rum. From 6-6:15 p.m.; 7:30-7:45 p.m. and 8-8:15 p.m., mourners will be able to view Finnegan in his coffin. For \$1, guests may tell Finnegan a joke or funny story. If he laughs, the teller receives a free drink. There will be a wailing "crying" con-test. Points awarded for volume, style and feeling, with the win-ner receiving a cash prize. Ad-mission costs \$20. Happy hour prices at the bar and Seacrets will offer an Irish menu. Bene-fiting the Friends of the Worces-ter County Developmental Center. Info: 410-632-2382.

O.P. ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Sgt. Robert McQueeney of Mary-land State Police will discuss identity theft. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

SHIRLEY HALL STUDENT ART SHOW

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring artwork from Worcester County middle and high school students. Info: 410-524-9433.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

HOME, CONDO & OUTDOOR SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More than 175 exhibitors showcasing kitchens, baths, furnishings, accessories, energy conservation, water treatment, security and finan-cial services, outdoor living dis-plays and more. Ideas on decorating, remodeling, acces-sorizing, renovating, landscap-ing, and even building a home. Also, Arts & Craft Fair. Free drawings, door prizes and Temple Bat Yam raffle drawing for up to \$50,000. Admission costs \$6 for adults; \$5 for sen-iors 55 and older and students ages 14-22; and free to children 13 and younger and military, police and fire with ID. Info: www.oceanpromotions.info, events@oceanpromotions.info or 410-213-8090.

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, chil-dren 11 years and younger eat at

half price. Info: 410-524-7994.

ST. PATRICK'S INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Estimated atten-dance 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.

ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Berlin Fire Hall, 214 North Main St., Berlin, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Menu includes pan-cakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, cereals, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for chil-dren 5-12 years, children 4 and younger eat free. Cost for carry out is \$6.

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT HAM, CHICKEN DINNER

Bishopville Fire Hall, 10709 Bish-opville Road, 1-6 p.m. Cost is \$12 to dine in or carry out. Includes fried chicken, ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, sweet po-tatoes, rolls and ice cream. Spon-sored by the Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department.

LENTEN LESSONS

St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church, 11211 Beauchamp Road, Berlin, 3 p.m. Modeled after the popular Lessons and Carols celebrated each Advent, the Lenten Les-sons consists of scriptural read-ings, hymns and medication. All are welcome. Admission is free; a basket will be available for free-will donations. Info: 410-208-2956.

SHIRLEY HALL STUDENT ART SHOW

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring artwork from Worcester County middle and high school students. Info: 410-524-9433.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

WRITING FOR WELLNESS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, small meeting room., 1:30 p.m. A writing group that uses expressive writing ex-ercises to stimulate the writing process for creative expression and to process emotions. Re-search has shown that writing about stressful experiences such as illness, may boost health and psychological well-being. no prior writing experience needed.

Info: 410-208-4014.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 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.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Mon-day from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning and singing in a bar-bershop format are welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

HAND DANCING

House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal Highway, Fenwick, Del. Free les-sons from 6-7 p.m., open danc-ing 7-10 p.m. No cover charge. Info: DC Hand Dance Club, 302-541-0728.

MARCH MADNESS MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Old Pro Miniature Golf Course, indoor course, 136th Street, Ocean City, 7 p.m. Holes that feature "Beat The Pro" and other fun things. Four players per team. Registration costs \$15 per person or \$60 per team and in-cludes snacks and refreshments. Winners will receive a round of golf for four at local area courses. Youth teams receive prizes like gift certificates to area local restaurants and/or attractions. Cost for hole sponsors is \$25. Proceeds benefit Play If Safe 2013. Info: Donna Greenwood or Al "Hondo" Handy, 410-289-7060, 410-250-0125 or www.playitsafeoceancity.com.

OCEAN PINES CAMERA CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7 p.m. There will be a club photo competition with people's choice awards. New members welcome.

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Refresh-ments available at 9:30 a.m. Pro-gram will feature Patrick Renaud, a local author of a col-lection of short stories entitled "Tales My Mother Never Told Me." Graham Caldwell of Radio Airwaves Productions will read one of Renaud's stories. All are welcome. Info: 410-208-4014.

BEGINNERS AND BEYOND WATERCOLOR CLASS

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., March 11-13, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Topic for March will be an Eastern Shore town

and dock scene, reflections. Al-ternate theme will be floral in a cut glass container. Cost is \$75 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$90 for non-members. Contact Barbara Schmid at 410-208-0219 or bar-baradoyleschmid@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS SERIES: DISABILITIES

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. The Holly Community Center joins us to discuss the challenges still prevalent in today's society for persons with disabilities. Educa-tion and awareness are keys to removing challenges for a better tomorrow for persons with dis-abilities. Sponsored in part by a grant fro the Community Foun-dation of the Eastern shore. Info: 410-208-4014.

YOGA

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

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St. 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for 3 to 5 year old children. Dress for a mess. For reservations: 410-641-0650.

BOREDOM BUSTERS

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St. 4 p.m. Nature and science fun during that after school lull. For ages 6 to 12 year old children. Info: 410-957-0878.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

GREAT READS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, small meeting room., 2 p.m. Looking for something great to read? Join us for an informal discussion of recommended titles and au-thors. Share your favorites from any genre. Info: 410-208-4014.

COUNTRY DANCE STEPPING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. Learn to two-step, contra style dance and much more in this course taught by dance instructor Mary Mc-Cormick. Info: 410-524-1818.

WINTER/SPRING ADULT ED

Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worces-ter Highway, Berlin, March 13, 27, April 10, 24 and May 8. Classes taught by Rabbi Susan Warshaw. Mussar and Introduc-tion 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.

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.

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU ... AGAIN' VIDEO SERIES

Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island, 21111 Arring-ton Drive, Selbyville, Del., 2:30 p.m. Part III - Wandering ... Is It a Problem? A five part edu-cational video series as part of Brandywine's Lifelong Learn-ing Signature Program. Info: 302-436-0808.

STORY TIME

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St. Stories, Rhymes, Finger Plays, Music and Crafts. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-957-0878.

PLAY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Parents and children explore educa-tional toys together in an inter-active, free play program. Great place to make new friends and learn new skills while having fun! 410-208-4014

BARISTA AND BOOKS

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. 10:30 a.m. Stories, crafts, delicious cocoa and pastries for infants to 5 year olds. Freshly brewed coffee for parents provided by Starbucks. Info: 410-524-1818.

BINGO

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Sky-line Bar & Grille at The Fen-wick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermedi-ate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., fol-lowed 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 MEETING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a sup-port and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, Conference Room 1, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. For more info, contact Betty Be-larin: 410-603-0210.

STORY TIME

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Stories, rhymes, finger [lays, music and crafts. For 2- to 5-year-old children. Info: 410-208-4014.

ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS TO YOUR HOME

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Wash-ington St., 1 p.m. Learn different techniques to attract humming-birds to your yard and keep them coming back. Presented by Lloyd Foard. Info: 410-632-3495

WRITING WITH RUTH

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. Local writers join monthly to share poems, essays, memoirs, prose, etc and receive feedback from fellow participants. Hone writ-ing skills and improve quality and comfort of oral presenta-tion. Ruth Alcorn will lead the group. All writers welcome. Info: 410-524-1818

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 avail-able. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Andrea Schlottman, manager of the Ocean City li-brary, will discuss libraries of the future. Representatives from the Delmarva Shorebirds will also be on hand with special pricing for senior tickets. Numerous travel opportunities for 2013 will also be presented. All those 50 and older are welcome. Info: aarp1917.org or 410-352-5748.

SNAPSHOTS



PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE RALLY

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Judy Davis of West Ocean City and Ron Pagano of Delmar, members of the Lower Shore Organizing Committee, take part in the Prevent Gun Violence Rally in Annapolis last Friday. Maryland's gun control debate drew more than 2,000 people as the House of Delegates took up the governor's bill to ban the sale of assault weapons and impose strict licensing requirements. On Thursday, Maryland's Senate passed a modified version of O'Malley's plan. For more information about Lower Shore Organizing Committee, e-mail Pagano at r.pagano_jd@yahoo.com.



ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATES YOUTH ART MONTH

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Vibrant display of artwork created by local students from Berlin Intermediate School is on display during this month at the exhibit hosted by the Worcester County Arts Council.

This student exhibit is in conjunction with Youth Art Month, an annual observance in the month of March, to emphasize the value of art education for all students and to encourage support for quality school art programs. Student Art Month is a tribute to the teachers who inspire their students to explore new avenues of creative expression.

Recognizing and encouraging young artists is a core part of the work of the Arts Council. Student artwork is available for viewing at the Arts Council Gallery till March 28. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a non-profit corporation made up of 400 members whose mission is to promote and encourage visual and performing arts in Worcester County. The Arts Council is committed to providing necessary funds to various arts organizations as a way to increase public awareness of arts availability, and to provide affordable arts events not usually offered to those living in the surrounding areas.



ACTS OF KINDNESS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Set into motion by Stephen Decatur High School Acts of Kindness club founder senior Calvin Garrison, February was filled with a wide assortment of activities, which all culminated in more than \$3,000 donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Pennies for Patients, Pie in the Face, Stuck for a Buck and a faculty-student basketball game were just a few of the charitable events held throughout the month. After exceeding the targeted goal of \$3,000, Principal Tom Zimmer also agreed to don a sumo wrestling outfit for an entire day. (Top) Stephen Decatur High School teacher Lauren Leighton is Duct-taped to a wall after winning the "Stuck for a Buck" competition during the February Acts of Kindness drive.



DINNERTIME ENTERTAINMENT

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A Mariachi band plays for the crowd at Plaza Tapatia in the Pennington Commons, across from the Ocean Pines South Gate, on Feb. 27.

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SATURDAY - Old School
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FRIDAY - Full Circle
SATURDAY - Full Circle

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Ocean City
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FRIDAY - DJ Wax
SATURDAY - DJ Wax

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THURSDAY - Al Prescott
SATURDAY - Al Prescott
TUESDAY - Al Prescott

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60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City
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FRIDAY - DJ RobCee

SATURDAY - DJ Groove /
Scotts New Band
SUNDAY - Everett Spells

■ Globe Theater

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FRIDAY - Around Sound Music
SATURDAY - Live Music
SUNDAY - Patrick McAllorum

■ Harborside

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

THURSDAY - Opposite Directions
FRIDAY - DJ Billy T
SATURDAY - Simple Truth / DJ Jeremy
SUNDAY - Opposite Directions

■ Harpoon Hannas

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

FRIDAY - Dave Hawkins
SATURDAY - Dave Sherman

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3103 Philadelphia Ave.,
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FRIDAY - Linda Sears & Michael Smith

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FRIDAY - Vinyl Rhino
SATURDAY - Kristen and The Noise

PUZZLES

SEVEN BLURBS FOR SEVEN BIOGRAPHIES By Samuel A. Donaldson / Edited by Will Shortz

Across

1 Insect pupa sold as fish food

7 Doesn't get the memo, maybe

15 Make do

19 Show instability

20 Offering with potato chips

21 Amount owed by an insurance policy holder

22 "It's worth it just for Ms. Behar's famous lasagna recipe"

24 Crop up

25 Cleverness

26 TV's Peter and literature's Ben

27 Walk through

28 Mathematician Paul

29 Bolivian bears

31 Born as

32 British actress Diana

33 "Start already!"

35 "An insightful look at how playing Miss Brooks took its toll on Ms. Arden"

39 Spanish beaches

41 Cole Porter title woman

42 Slickers and galoshes

43 Conger catcher

44 Captain Hook's alma mater

46 Engine attachment

47 Crumbs

48 "You don't have to be a gardener to dig this book about Kerouac's tools"

52 Long time follower?

53 Sight at a supermarket or golf course

54 Pack number

55 Indisposed

56 Relief

57 Anesthesiologists' locales, for short

58 "Finally, we learn how one Jonas brother defined an entire generation"

63 Jaguar rival

66 Frozen dessert name

67 It could pave the way

68 Second most populous continent: Abbr.

69 On the safe side

70 Legal helpers, briefly

73 "Clinton's a well-known southpaw, so this exposé on his other-handed punches is an eye-opener"

78 "Really?"

79 Writer ___ Hubbard

80 Many an aria

81 Notable flop

82 Chicago lakefront attraction

84 Family head

86 Nasty ones

87 "Required reading for all 'Purple Rain' fans who think their idol is too goody-goody"

91 Night lights

92 Very often

93 Take the lion's share of

94 Duffer's hazard

97 Drives a getaway car, maybe

98 British submachine gun

99 Reach rival

101 Duffer's org.

102 Like some calls

103 "A gripping narrative about one folk singer's violent turn against Paul Simon"

106 It beats ace-high

107 Open quality

108 "___ Restaurant"

109 Bulb unit

110 Northeast nickname

111 Political symbol

8 Lodges

9 Certain frat boy

10 Completely remove

11 Put teeth into

12 Fine-tune

13 Christian name?

14 Bond, for one

15 Winter supply usually stored outside

16 Start of Willa Cather's Great Plains trilogy

17 Give an anticorrosive coating

18 Check out

21 Cigarette purchase

23 Reflex test site

28 Start of an elimination process

30 Reserved to the maximum extent

32 Some bathroom crystals

33 "___ your mother"

34 Like tweets, by necessity

36 "Tombstone" role

37 Some fight finishes, for short

38 ___-Z (classic car)

39 Retailer for Rover

40 Composer of the "Gold and Silver" waltz

44 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"

45 Be all thumbs as a writer?

46 Word with pay or page

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50 Food Network host Guy

51 Former "Idol" judge

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60 Blemish

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64 Donnybrook

65 Fargo's partner

66 "Nice and slow"

69 Take aboard a spaceship, maybe

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hot toddy warms soul on cold winter's day

The weather appears to change with our moods, or maybe it's the other way around. It's hot and then it's cool. The



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heat revisits, and in an instant the chill returns to remind us that we are but pawns in the great weather-game of life. And as little as we are in control of the weather, we are apparently even less in control of how to cope with the seemingly inevitable bouts of flu and head colds that penetrate us to our very core.

I, for one, was proud to announce throughout the winter that I was germ-free until last week when it was my turn. While it was nowhere near as devastating as it was for other members of my family, I nonetheless felt the discomfort of a first-class illness. The aches and pains were ever-present but the uncertainty as to how bad it would actually get was worse than the creepy-crawly itself.

And I wanted a hot toddy.

Mark Twain would want a hot toddy. He was a proud fan of whiskey and wasn't afraid to testify to its degrees of healing and comfort. I imagine that since this is written well over 100 years later that the word "moderation" has to be included in the sentence for proper measure, so there you have it.

Twain was known for traveling the world and no country did he enjoy more than his own. The coffee was better, the game birds were better and the whiskey was better. Regardless of the damp and bone-chilling weather of San Francisco or the drying banks of the Mississippi, Twain always found a way to revere this great land and let it be known that no matter where he traveled, America was his home.

I don't believe that this was token patriotism (he often had grave things to say about his contemporary government) but rather an immense respect for the land that he held in his soul. At one point he was one of the youngest, if not the youngest, steamboat pilot on the



Mississippi. This alone is testament to his understanding of what we had and still have at our disposal.

He knew the importance of natural resources and was never afraid to go toe-to-toe with anyone who would challenge his ideals on the matter.

No, Twain was a renegade. He was a writer but he was also so much of an adventurer, at times traveling at great peril to reach some remote lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains so he could do something as perceptively mundane as fishing with a friend and writing about the experience. He would then visit the Na-

tive Americans to learn what they had known for many generations. He journeyed into the great cities melded by the railroad (the single most important development that led to the sprawl of the U.S.).

And in such cities as San Francisco where Twain would write of the crippling damp, chill and fog that would make any man a believer of the Devil himself, he was grateful to return to lodging where he could procure a cup of American coffee or a hot toddy.

Little has changed in some cultures and I can declare that the hot toddy has

been made once or twice in my own house.

We grew up in a generation where a tiny bit of whiskey with some honey and lemon would get rid of just about every ailment out there, especially before bed. It was a tradition handed down for years, albeit not one to be used as a routine. I guess you could call it a "special occasion" tonic.

Now that it is my turn to nurse myself back to health, I am going to disregard the warnings from the AHA, AMA and other health groups and go with my gut instinct, which is to make myself a nice stiff toddy and get ready for bed. After all, when the going gets tough now-days, the tough start crying and make themselves as comfortable as possible.

When the day is done, and I have done the best that I can, I must rest the body as it has undergone some duress due to this bug. And I know just how to do it.

"Methinks a toddy, piping hot, would rid this breast of the woes planted by our skulking enemies!"

Thank you, Mr. Twain. And good night.

Hot Toddy

per serving
2 ounces whiskey
1 lemon wedge
1 tsp. honey
2 whole cloves
1 cinnamon stick
boiling water to fill the glass

Step 1: Combine all ingredients in a tumbler or tempered glass stem

Step 2: Stir vigorously to ensure that the honey is dissolved and the liquid is homogenous

Step 3: Remove the cloves and any lemon seeds just prior to serving

Step 4: Drink

Step 5: Sleep (or watch television or read a book)

Step 6: Recuperate

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Recently Completed Renovations



Berlin

- New In-Law-Suite Addition – 2 BRs/1BA, Kitchen and Laundry Room to common Deck

Delaware

- White Creek Manor: Major improvement from the ground up. Added Space to 1st floor Rancher and an entire New 2nd Floor – New Home from Top to Bottom from the studs.
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Roxanna

- Addition of Guest Quarters and new Garage

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- Courthouse conversion into New Office Complex. Multiple offices, gathering room and baths designed.

West Ocean City

- Interior tenant fit out for commercial space. Construction of Interior Walls, New Finishes and Electrical Upgrades. and baths designed.

Ocean City

- New Flooring, Kitchen Surfaces and Bathroom Flooring upgrades.
- Cinnamon Teal: Exterior Deck improvement while fixing existing leak and repairing room below.
- Cinnamon Teal: Replaced Siding and Windows from Tornado damage throughout the building.
- Tear out and Replacement of Driveway and Walkways with Stamped Concrete and new Under Home Access.
- Deck Repairs, replacement of Flooring, Windows, Doors, Drywall and Trim.
- Cinnamon Teal: new Kitchen tops and Resurfaced Doors/ Drawers along with Flooring, Painting and Decking problems corrected along with Water Damage.
- Our Place @ The Beach: New Kitchen and Living Room improvement, Cabinets, Flooring, Drywall, Paint
- Interior tenant fit out for commercial space. Construction of Interior Walls, New Finishes and Electrical Upgrades.
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