

Snow cancellations spur county board of ed. to seek waiver

State superintendent's OK and modifications could end year June 13

By Clara Vaughn

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

NEWARK — In a winter riddled with icy roads and snowstorms, Worcester County Public Schools have closed nine days for snow so far.

"Polar vortex is a dirty word in my house," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jerry Wilson.

But students and staff could see an earlier start to summer than expected, thanks to calendar modifications and pending approval of a waiver request to the state superintendent of schools approved at Tuesday's meeting of the Worcester County Board of Education.

To get students out the door before Friday, June 20 — a far cry from the original last day of school of Thursday, June 12 — the board modified the school calendar this week. It added a half-day on March 28, the Friday orig-

inally marked as a professional work-day that students had off.

After agreeing last month to make Thursday, April 17 — the first day of student's spring break — a half-day, too, and considering the three snow days already built in the to original school calendar, that left officials with four more inclement weather days delaying the start of summer.

However, a waiver request in the works to be submitted to the state superintendent of schools for approval could forgive three of those four days.

Days the Maryland State Police and State Highway Administration declare states of emergency or snow emergencies are eligible for such waivers, said Coordinator of Public Relations and Special Programs for Worcester schools Barbara Witherow.

"That waiver would be based on the fact that Jan. 29, March 3 and then yesterday (March 17) the Maryland State Police, in conjunction with the State Highway Association, declared a snow emergency day, which means that vehicles on the roads are supposed

to be limited to those that have snow tires or chains," she said.

"The last day of school, if in fact the state superintendent did approve that, would be the 13th" of June.

The board approved the motion to seek a waiver. If the state superintendent grants it for all three days, Wednesday, June 11, will be Worcester students' last full day of school with the June 12 and 13 both half-days before the official start of summer.

"We've had a very difficult winter," said Chief Operating Officer Louis Taylor at Tuesday's meeting.

"It was hard, I'm not going to lie," mother of two Deserie Lawrence said last month, when her daughters Mackenzie, 9, and Madison, 10, stayed home several days almost immediately after Christmas break due to the slurry of snow.

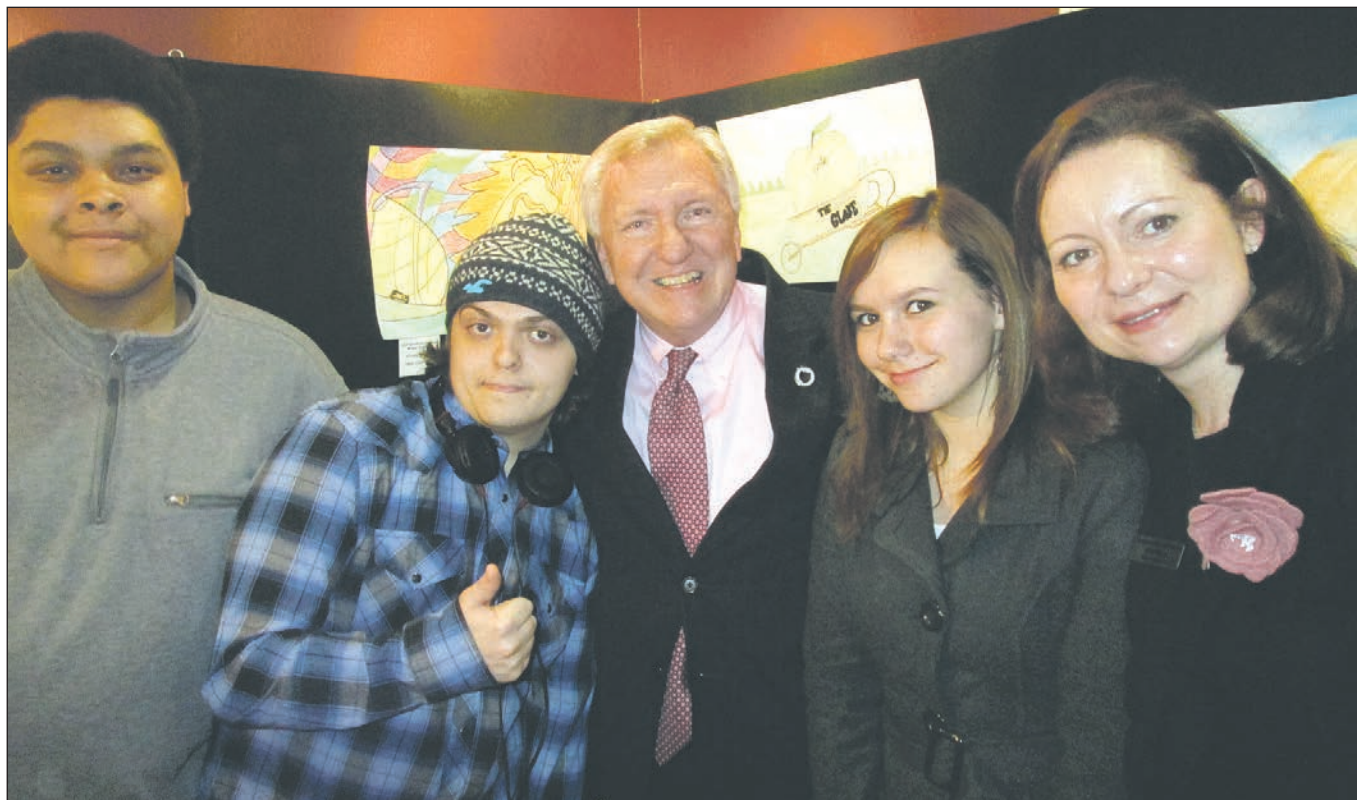
At first, her girls were excited for the free days, but as the reality of a shortened summer set in, "they were petrifed," Lawrence said.

"We live at the beach, so for them, the minute it starts warming up, they

immediately start thinking about how our days are going to be filled with sand," she said. "It makes it kind of difficult."

The snow caused so many closing across the region that the State Department of Education extended the window for Maryland School Assessment (MSA) testing earlier this month. Snow had already delayed end-of-semester exams for Worcester County high school students, who were scheduled to take the tests Jan. 23-24, both days the schools closed for snow. "It makes it challenging all the way around. We want our kids to be in school and we want them to be learning. Unfortunately these inclement weather days interrupt our instruction," Witherow said. "We wish we didn't have them, but we can't be bringing kids in to school when the roads aren't safe."

Without the modifications, students in the county would lose six days of summer vacation, even after using the three snow days built in to the original 2013-2014-school calendar.



ART STROLL

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, center, and Worcester County Arts Council Executive Director Anna Mullis, right, congratulate student artists who participated in the Stephen Decatur Park Mural Contest. The student artists include Te'Ron Tatum, left, Trent Carpenter and Brittney Thompson.

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Funding increase asked for to help area development

Money requested to aid economic growth

By Nancy Powell

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WORCESTER COUNTY—Citing a need for additional personnel and funds to market the county to promote business, Economic Development Director Bill Badger asked the Worcester County Commissioners for a 23 percent increase over the amended fiscal year budget of \$312,778 during their March 11 budget session.

Badger also cited the need for funds for consulting and the inclusion of the services of the Small Business and Technology Development Center in Salisbury in the department's budget.

The requested budget increase to \$385,526 would include increasing the

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PMT impact study requirement part of crossover deadline

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND—Members of the Eastern Shore Delegation were successful in including legislation that would place an environmental impact study requirement on a controversial phosphorus management tool proposed by the Maryland Department of Agriculture before any money is appropriated, by the General Assembly's March 17 Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date.

The Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date is the deadline on which each chamber must send a bill to the opposite chamber for it to pass favorably that session.

SB 027, which was pre-filed in the senate by Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38) to ensure early placement on the docket, and was introduced as HB 193 in the House by Del. Norman Conway (D-38B) in January. Conway, who serves as chairman of the House Appropriations Com-

mittee, said that House officials were working on the budget language of the proposal. He said if passed it would ensure that a study on how the regulatory tool could impact the local poultry industry prior to it being funded.

Members of the ESD met with Gov. Martin O'Malley earlier this year to seek protections from any inadvertent negative economic impacts the PMT might have on the Eastern Shore's poultry industry.

Conway said he felt it was very important that both policy and funding of the PMT "go hand in hand" and that he would push to ensure the legislature's budget, tax and appropriations committees share oversight with the policy committees for the PMT's implementation.

A study of the PMT is anticipated to be completed by July.

Conway and Mathias have also cross filed a bill that would give State Highway

Administration officials the discretion to increase the speed limits on divided highways in individual jurisdictions, from 55 miles per hour to 65 mph, if conditions permit.

Conway attended a pedestrian safety meeting in Berlin in November where local citizens expressed concerns about the high rates of speed motorists were traveling along U.S. Route 113 and the dangers of the lack of a crosswalk where two young brothers were struck at an intersection along that highway.

In response to requests for enhanced safety measures for pedestrians and motorists, Conway's proposed crosswalks and lower speed limits at intersections in populated areas along the highways.

He also amended the proposal to add a public notification requirement for jurisdictions that were considering pursuing the option for a speed limit increase and a provision that would require a 45-

day public comment period and hearing before the change could be implemented.

Also, Conway said the House was scheduled to take up the state's proposed operational budget on Monday, March 24, and legislators anticipated the proposal would be up for a third reading by Friday, March 28.

Delegate Michael McDermott (R-38B) said in a separate interview his proposal HB 234, which would authorize prosecution for individuals who make bomb threats by telephone or other electronic devices, and the pre-filed proposal HB 31, also known as "Alex's Law," which would allow victims of crime to make an impact statement to the court before a sentence is delivered, had also met the Assembly's cross-over deadline.

HB 234, which unanimously passed through the House is awaiting a hearing in the Senate's Judicial Proceedings Committee on March 20, McDermott said.

Funds sought for county growth

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category of personnel services from \$144,528 to \$170,376. The additional funds would be used to hire a part-time administrative assistant and to increase the salary of Deputy Director Meredith Mears.

The category of maintenance and services would increase from \$49,000 to \$93,000 and the category of supplies and materials would drop from \$108,250 to \$105,650. The category of other charges would increase from \$11,000 to \$16,000.

Badger said he wants to produce a video, "Best Places to Work in Worcester County," to showcase businesses offering good careers with good salaries so college graduates would return to the county to work.

"We have some dynamic employment opportunities in this county," he said.

Increasing employment opportunities is part of the mission of the Economic Development Department. Its mission also includes expansion of the tax base, protecting the county's environmental assets and creating full-time, family supporting jobs.

The Economic Development Office encourages new businesses to come and existing businesses to remain in the county. It assists with expansion plans and the permitting process. It also coordinates with local real estate and businesses to hold an annual real estate tour to attract new businesses.

Badger and Mears also market the Video Lottery Terminal (VOLT) loan program, which uses funds generated by casinos to help business owners connect to municipal, county and state resources or to help in starting or expanding a business.

"Go out and sell Worcester County for us," Bud Church, president of the Worcester County Commissioners, told Badger.

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Eligibility requirements: the applicant is a full-time resident of Ocean Pines; the applicant is a child or grandchild of a non-resident, who is an active member of the Ocean Pines Garden Club, and the applicant agrees to follow the purpose of the scholarship, and

plans to attend an accredited institution of higher learning.

The award may be used by the recipient to defray expenses at any approved degree or certificate granting college or university, technical or vocational school.

Applicants who apply and address the purpose above will be considered by a selection committee composed of members of the OPGC as designated by the president of the club. An application form must be submitted to a senior guidance counselor at Stephen Decatur High School by April 22.

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Berlin prepares for ‘Coolest Town’ celebration March 29

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Economic and Development Director Michael Day made a presentation to the Town Council March 10 to outline the town’s upcoming celebration for winning Budget Travel Magazine’s designation of “America’s Coolest Small Town 2014,” which will include all the small town staples of red, white and blue-themed decorations, marching bands, banners, parades, and activities and entertainment on March 29.

Mayor Gee Williams thanked the many volunteers who helped promote the town and increase awareness about the nationwide contest.

The council approved the party and a budget of up to \$5,000 for its expenses.

During the meeting, the council also okayed Resolution 2014-01 to adopt redistricted election maps for the town elections scheduled to be held in October. The district configurations were finalized during a Feb. 19 meeting between the mayor, town council, Board of Elections and an official from the Maryland Department of Planning’s Redistricting and Reapportionment Office.

The council gave its approval to a request from Donna Compher of Sisters to hold a second “Paint the Town Purple” project in April to coincide with Relay for Life events sponsored by the American Cancer Society. As they did during an inaugural project last year, the organizers will decorate Main Street lamp-posts with purple ribbons and bows to increase awareness for the events. She said the organizers would like to decorate the fixtures from April 11 to May 11 and would like to add a banner to explain the reason for the decorations.

Compher also received approval for her Quest for Hope Scavenger Hunt throughout town businesses. The contest leads customers to various town businesses to hunt for clues that consist of cancer awareness information and ends with an awards reception at the store.

Tim Robinson, youth and evangelism pastor at SonRise Church requested approval to host a

family-friendly Vacation Bible School event in Dr. William Henry Park on Flower Street from June 23-25. The Town Council was favorable to supporting the request, but Councilmember Dean Burrell noted that the proposed event would coincide with a Vacation Bible School event hosted the same week by St. Paul’s Methodist Church, which is also located on Flower Street. He advised Robinson the two programs would be geared towards the same group of youths and hosting the events at the same might prove to be an inefficient use of resources.

Robinson said he had not been aware of the duplicate dates. At the council’s suggestion, he offered to check for any other time conflicts and return with the proposal at another meeting.

Joya Mattie, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, requested the council’s approval of the chamber’s Spring Celebration, which is scheduled for April 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The celebration will include an Easter Bonnet Parade and Contest and children-friendly activities, including an Easter Egg Hunt in Stephen Decatur Park, she said. The proposal was approved.

The council was also briefed on the contract with Peninsula Roofing for replacement of the Visitor Center’s roof, by Economic and Development Director Michael Day. Part of the cost will be funded by a \$20,000 Community Legacy Grant, he said. The council approved the contract bid of \$37,500 for the project.

The grant for the Visitor Center roof project and a separate \$50,000 grant for Berlin’s Façade and Interior Renovation Program were part of a \$5.5 million package of Community Legacy funding grants awarded for 2014, according to a March 11 announcement by Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown. Along with Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Raymond A. Skinner at a press conference to announce the awards, Brown of the grants would benefit 64 projects in 19 counties and Baltimore City.

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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 24 in Ocean City.

“We’re really pleased to see more and more nominations each year,” Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger said. “With the growing demand for green travel, there will be an increased number of businesses fostering green initiatives. I’m really proud of this program and of all the nominees and winners. We’re looking forward to some great nominations this year.”

Last year’s award recipients include Community Organization winner Ocean City Development Center (OCDC), Business winner Superfun Eco Tours, Lodging winner Park Place Hotel, Restaurant winner Fish Tales, and Teacher winner Emily Taylor of Snow Hill Middle School.

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.

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Student-written plays to grace Stephen Decatur High stage

Five award-winning productions result of 6th annual competition

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—The Stephen Decatur High School Theatre Department on Thursday, will present three performances of its spring production “Flights of Fancy,” from Wednesday, March 19, to Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. The performances are a compendium of five award-winning student-written plays that will be performed in the school’s auditorium, which is located at Route 50 and Seahawk Road.

The awards were provided by the Cabaret Club of The Parke in Ocean Pines during its Sixth Annual Student Playwrights Competition and the one-act scripts have been compiled into a publication, along with 20 photographs taken by the student participants. The winning entries were contemporary-themed dramas and the two scripts that received honorable mentions were period pieces, according to the production’s director Gwen Lehman.

High school senior Alex Cooley won the \$300 first prize with “Lights. Camera. ROBBERY!” The play is about a young man’s desire to become a screenwriter and how his ambitions are

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Student awardees of the Sixth Annual Student Playwrights Competition hosted by the Cabaret Club of The Parke in Ocean Pines include Caitlyn Nilo (Honorable Mention), Alex Cooley (First Prize), Sammi Schachter (Third Prize), Scott Devenny (Honorable Mention) and Megan Mitchell (Second Prize).The Stephen Decatur High School Theatre Department will present three of the plays in its spring production “Flights of Fancy,” from March 19-21 at 7 p.m.



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Five SDHS playwrights win in sixth annual competition

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thwarted by an untimely robbery.
“I think it is very important that the students’ work is being shown off because usually student work doesn’t go past the classroom despite large amounts of effort being placed into it,” Cooley wrote about the production.

Lehman said the winning scripts had been compiled and published as “Flights of Fancy” through the online self-publishing Web site Blurb.com and may be pre-viewed at the Blurb Store, under the listing “Ma-maDrama” and under the genres education and theatre.

“I think it is very important that the students’ work is being shown off because usually student work doesn’t go past the classroom”

ALEX COOLEY
Stephen Decatur High School senior

Megan Mitchell, a junior, won the \$200 second prize with “Our Little Boy Blue;” a two character play depicting what two young parents go through after losing their child, according to Lehman. Mitchell wrote, “I am so excited that all the hard work and effort put into this project will be published in a book.”

Sophomore Sammi Schachter won the \$100 third prize with “The Letter,”

which Lehman said deals with a family conflict over a girl’s desire and effort to get into an Ivy League school that her family cannot afford.

Two honorable mention awards of \$50 each were also presented. They went to juniors Scott Devenny, for “Over Newbury Street” and Caitlyn Nilo for “Triangulation,” both of which were set in the 19th century.

“Over Newbury Street” deals with the self-absorption of a mother which leads to the neglect of her daughter, and “Triangulation” deals with an old enmity caused by a love triangle, according to Lehman.

In addition, the students took portraits of each other, based on the theme “flights of fancy,” and those photographs are included in the publication, Lehman added. An exhibit of the student photographs are also on display in the library prior to the performance and will be shown in the auditorium lobby during the evening performances, she said.

For more information about the performances of the publication, contact the school at 410-641-2171.



KIWANIS SUPPORT SERVICE PROJECT

Every year the Community Church of Ocean Pines participates in the Appalachian Service Project by sending members of the congregation to Appalachia to help make repairs/improvements to homes in desperate need. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Club President, Dick Clagett who presented a \$500 check to Kiwanian Phil Lassiter, a member of the Community Church and acts as the liaison.

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For the second year, volunteers with The Worship Center will span out throughout the Berlin-Ocean City community on March 29 for SERVEFEST, a day-long event of projects and services to assist widows, the elderly, orphans, sick, poor, or imprisoned individuals.

Charity seeking volunteers to help needy, elderly, ill

SERVEFEST sponsor of daylong service drive

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Spring arrived this week and The Worship Center is seeking registrants for its second annual SERVEFEST on March 29, a daylong event where church members and local residents join to help community members in financially strained situations.

The Worship Center, located at 10736 Ocean Gateway, announced it is seeking individuals in the Berlin and Ocean City area who may be in need of assistance. Teams of volunteers will span out throughout the community to help with yard work, washing windows, painting, checking and replacing smoke detectors, and light home repairs, according to its Web site.

The center is seeking the names and needs of elderly, ill or financially strapped individuals who need help with a small one to two-hour attainable project.

Requests for help will be collected until March 22. Requests can be submitted by telephone at 410-641-3325, or by mail to The Worship Center, 10736 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, Md., 21811.

Although The Worship Center is a faith-based organization, it also invites anyone in the community wishing to assist during SERVEFEST to contact the church to sign up as a volunteer.

More than 60 volunteers provided food, services and comfort to approximately 150 individuals in Berlin and Ocean City during the first SERVEFEST last year.

For more information on SERVEFEST activities, visit the Web site <https://sites.google.com/site/servefest2013/>.

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Assateague Island Alliance to host Dr. Jay F. Kirkpatrick

MARYLAND—Assateague Island Alliance, the non-profit friends group of Assateague Island National Seashore, will host Dr. Jay F. Kirkpatrick, Saturday March 22 at 11 a.m. in the ASIS Environmental Education Center (old visitor center).

Dr. Kirkpatrick is the scientist and researcher who partnered with ASIS and spent 27 years making the humane control of the wild horse population on Assateague Island (Maryland district) come to life.

Did you know Assateague Island National Seashore and the fertility control program used to manage the population of the wild horses in the Maryland district has been pioneering?

Beginning in 1986, fertility control measures developed on, and used by ASIS are the first to show that fertility control could be applied to free-ranging wildlife remotely and the entire reproductive cycle could be monitored without capturing animals.

ASIS was the first to use a completely new approach for monitoring genetics that doesn't even require blood samples. ASIS was the first agency to develop an effective pro-active public education program which has been phenomenally successful. All of the techniques described above are now used extensively, worldwide, but they started here on ASIS.

Join Dr. Jay Kirkpatrick, of The Science and Conservation Center in Billings, Mont., to discover how all of this and more started here, on the sand and marshes of Assateague Island National Seashore.

The ASIS Environmental Education Center GPS address is 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Assateague Island Alliance (AIA), a 501-c3 organization, was created to benefit Assateague Island National

Seashore by supporting interpretive, educational and scientific programs and assuring stewardship, restoration and preservation of our land, water, living resources and historical sites while balancing high quality resource-compatible recreation. Donations and purchases are tax-deductible.

Abuse prevention nominees sought for council awards

SNOW HILL – The Worcester County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council is seeking nominations of adults, youth, or groups who have made outstanding community contributions to drug and alcohol prevention or treatment. The awardees will be honored by Worcester County residents, elected officials, and Council members at the 23rd Annual Drug and Alcohol Awards Reception. The reception will be held at the Worcester Career and Technology High School 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, and will celebrate the 31st year of the Council's existence.

Nominations of individuals or groups who have performed commendably and beyond the call of duty are currently being accepted at the Worcester County Health Department. Criteria for selection of honorees include: program impact on community, appropriateness of approach, and personal contribution to the program. Anyone who received an award in the past three years is not eligible. The deadline for nominations is April 1. Call 410-632-0056 or e-mail marty.pusey@maryland.gov to request a nomination form or to make a reservation.

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Fran Murray, left, Barbara Therry, Laura Blinn, and Holly McIntyre (not shown), have opened Sassy Moments at Home, a home décor store in the Uptown Antiques mini-mall on South Main Street.

Four friends bring ‘Sassy Moments’ to mini-mall

Uptown Antiques’ new addition home décor boutique, emporium

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—What do you get when you cross four friends, three specialty boutiques, two relatives and a row of next-door neighbors? You get the newest addition to the lineup of merchants in the Uptown Antiques mini-mall—Sassy Moments at Home, a home décor emporium.

Proprietors Laura Blinn, Holly McIntyre, Fran Murray, and Barbara Therry, have all previously owned stores in the Berlin area, which they closed due to family obligations and they all are neighbors.

Therry and Blinn are a mother and daughter team, who used to own Moments in West Ocean City; Murray who currently hosts Upscale Yard Sale in Ocean Pines, sold the Sassafras Station Boutique she founded in Berlin in 2002 to a purchaser who has since gone out of business; and McIntyre’s previous venture was Home Fittings in Pennington

Commons near Ocean Pines.

Although the name “Sassy Moments at Home” may suggest otherwise, the name is an innocent hat tip to the group’s previous business ventures. Blinn said each boutique had a distinctively different style. “It’s an explosion of all our different styles coming together,” she said.

Murray was the one who set the wheels in motion and closed the deal, according to Blinn. When Murray spotted an article about antique store owner Bill Outten opening the upscale mini mall Uptown Antiques on the south end of Main Street, she took the initiative to convince her neighbors to examine four vendor spaces located together near the back of the showroom, Blinn said.

“I rushed them into it,” Murray chuckled. Blinn concurred about how quickly the decision and transaction took place. “We met, saw it, signed the papers and went ‘whoa,’” she laughed.

It’s the combination of styles that make the magic, according to Blinn, who described the offerings as, “A wonderland of eye candy.”

The description is apropos. The two

pairs of adjacent spots provide just enough space to showcase how the three different styles of home decor complement each other—from classical, to artistic, to whimsical. It consists of Murray’s painted, vintage and “shabby chic” furnishings; balanced nicely by McIntyre’s traditional furniture items; and all tastefully accented by Therry and Blinn’s constantly changing custom-arranged artificial floral arrangements and gift baskets, along with an eclectic selection of international accessories.

“By putting it all together, we should be able to touch everybody,” Murray said of the combined effort. She added that originally the group had considered reopening as a stand-alone store, but reconsidered after seeing the amount of space they would have to work with in Uptown Antiques.

“We decided to start here,” Murray said. Blinn added, “We feel it can go far.”

Therry’s summation was brief and direct, “We’re just very excited to be back.”

For more information about the Sassy Moments at Home boutique, call 410-739-7021, or contact the shop by e-mail at shopgirls22004@yahoo.com.

Farmer’s market to extend hours

OCEAN PINES— Due to its growing popularity, the Ocean Pines Farmers Market will extend its operating hours beginning May 3. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., a change from its current 8 a.m. to noon hours of operation.

The market will continue to be held on Saturdays at White Horse Park, located at 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines.

The current fall and winter market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon through April 26. In conjunction with the Easter/Spring Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, the market will remain open until 2 p.m. Going forward, the Ocean Pines Farmers Market will operate year-round from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For information about vending, contact market manager David Bean at 410-251-6383. For more information about the Ocean Pines Farmers Market, contact Teresa Travatello, director of marketing and public relations for Ocean Pines, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006.

DPI scholarship deadline April 1

MARYLAND—Applications for the 2014 Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. College Scholarship Program must be received at the DPI office by April 1.

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Launched last August by Salisbury-based Maryland Capital Enterprises, Inc., the fund makes small business loans \$5,000 to \$150,000 to businesses owned by women in the target area and provided them technical assistance through the MCE Women's Business Center with offices in Salisbury and Baltimore.

The WOBL Fund and WBC are a part of MCE's effort to assist the fastest growing segment of business owners – women. The advisory boards are co-chaired by two prominent women entrepreneurs. They are Dr. Maya Rockeymoore Cummings, principal of Global Policy Solutions and wife of US Congressman Elijah Cummings (D, MD) and Mitzi Perdue, Perdue family matriarch.

The Fund was started with a \$500,000 allocation from MCE which has increased to \$750,000. With the success of the effort, more funding is being sought.

"We saw a need from the number of women that were approaching MCE," said MCE President/CEO Joe Morse. "We decided to focus a part of our operation on addressing this need and were able to secure some funding from the Treasury Department and the Small Business Administration."

Businesses assisted by the Fund include beauty salons, day care centers, retail stores, professional consultants, insurance agencies and health care professionals.

Jennifer Currie is the project director of the MCE Women's Business Center. Contact Currie at 410-546-1900 or e-mail jcurrie@marylandcapital.org.

County arts council to hold April juried show at gallery

BERLIN—The Worcester County Arts Council invites all interested artists to participate in a juried art show to be exhibited during the month of April at the WCAC Gallery, located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin.

Artwork must be delivered to the Arts Council's Gallery, March 24-28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to be accepted.

The selected theme is "Earth – Through the Artist's Eye," and entries should reflect artist's representation of nature, the environment, green health and lifestyle, recycling and sustainable practices. Artists are encouraged to use recycled materials including, but not limited to: wood, metal, stone, used

glass, paper, fabric, pottery or plastic.

The exhibition is open to all artists, 18 years and older, professional or amateur with work in all media. All work must be original, completed within the last three years, and not previously shown at the arts council. Artwork will be juried in by Kate Patton, executive director of the Lower Shore Land Trust.

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School deadlines for farmers fast approaching

Nominations of rural districts could mean grants up to \$25,000

NATIONWIDE—The deadline is fast approaching for farmers to nominate rural public school districts to compete for a grant of up to \$25,000, through America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

Nominations will be accepted until April 6.

Eligible farmers can nominate their school district by visiting www.GrowRuralEducation.com or by calling 1-877-267-3332. Grants are awarded based on merit, need and community support. The more farmers who nominate a school district, the more it demonstrates community support and can strengthen the school district’s application. This year, the program has expanded to 18 new counties, for a total of 1,289 eligible counties across 39 states.

School administrators in nominated districts will have until April 21 to submit their applications online. The application website is also equipped to help answer specific questions about the Grow Rural Education program overall and assist with the grant writing process.

“As we work to grow our next generation of farmers, building a strong math and science foundation is vital,” said Linda Arnold, Monsanto customer advocacy lead. “Working together with farmers and rural school districts, we are building relationships that benefit the community, with the ultimate goal of improving education.”

The America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of approximately 30 farmers from across the country, will review and select the winning grant applications. Advisory Council members were selected based on their passion for farming and education, as well as experience in rural school districts.

Last year, more than 73,000 farmers nominated 4,024 school districts, resulting in \$2.3 million in grants to improve math and science education in 181 districts across the country.

The America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education program is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to strengthen farming communities. America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education launched in 2012, after a successful pilot in Minnesota and Illinois, and has since awarded nearly \$5 million to school districts across the county.

For more information about the America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education program and to view the official rules, a list of eligible states, counties and CRDs, visit www.GrowRuralEducation.com.



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Bayside parking area to remain in same location

NPS announces next steps for picnic sites

MARYLAND—Superintendent Debbie Darden recently announced the next step toward completing the bay-side picnic and south ocean beach parking areas removal and relocation environmental assessment: a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the preferred alternative has been signed by NPS Regional Director, Mike Caldwell and is now posted online.

The NPS received comments from many members of the public and state and federal agencies. Based on concerns expressed in public comments and the analysis presented in the environmental assessment, the National Park Service has re-examined the alternatives presented in the environmental assessment.

As a result of the public comments, the National Park Service has selected alternative B (the preferred alternative) for the south ocean beach parking area and selected elements of both the no action and alternative B for the bayside picnic parking area for implementation.

The bayside picnic parking area will stay in its current location, but will be reconstructed with a clay base and clamshell surface to help ensure that in future storm events asphalt is not washed into the bay.

“We listened to the public’s comments very carefully, and have tried to craft a solution that both protects the bay environment and safeguards bird habitat,” Darden said. “We plan to begin a new process to find a permanent solution to the gradual erosion of the existing bayside parking lot in the next few months. We hope to work carefully with the public to look at a broad range of alternatives that can ensure public access while protecting habitat.”

The environmental assessment examined two alternatives in detail, addressed the environmental impacts of each alternative, and identified a preferred alternative. The FONSI explains why the selected alternative (Alternative B) will have no significant effects on the human environment.

It is based on the environmental assessment and the comments received from the public, agencies, and staff during the public review period, which concluded Sept. 25, 2013. The FONSI summarizes the public comments received, lists the responses to those comments, and identifies the changes to the text as a result of the public and agency comments.

The FONSI for the preferred alternative is posted on NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment Web site, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/> and on the National Seashore Web site, www.nps.gov/asis/parkplanning.html. Hard copies are available for viewing at the Maryland and Virginia visitor centers.



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OBITUARIES

Woodrow Joseph Klein, Jr.

OCEAN CITY—Woodrow Joseph Klein, Jr., 65, died on Friday March 14, 2014 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury.



W. Klein, Jr.

Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Woodrow Joseph Klein, Sr., and Naomi Bell Klein. He is survived by his wife, Linda Lee Klein, daughters, Jennifer Klein Nichols, Rachelle Hurd and her husband, Jeremy and son, Colin Klein and his wife, Maria, as well as a sister, Phyllis LaPierre and her husband Gary and one grandchild, Luca Klein.

Woody had a great love for his family and a passion for spending time on the water with his family and friends. He had been a former police officer for the Baltimore County Police Department.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday March 18, at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Ocean City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ocean City Reef Foundation, P.O. Box 1072, Ocean City, Md. 21843 or to Coastal Hospice, 351 Deers Head Hospital Road, Salisbury, Md. 21801.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Jack W. Walker

OCEAN PINES—Jack W. Walker, age 87, of Ocean Pines and formerly of Silver Spring, Md. died Monday, March 10, 2014 at Harrison House in Snow Hill.

He was born in Gaithersburg, Md. and was the son of the late Franklin C. and Marjorie S. (Plummer) Walker.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and later graduated from University of Maryland. Jack had been a human resources manager for many years before retirement and was a member of the American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City.

He is survived by his wife, Jean A. Walker of Ocean Pines; a granddaughter, Susan J. Kaiser; three great-grandchildren, Shelby Kaiser, Elizabeth Greenlee and Rachel Kaiser, and a great-great grandson, Wyatt Greenlee and four nieces.

Services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kan., 66675.

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.hastingsfuneralhome.net.

Paul K. "Pudge" Ruppert

OCEAN CITY—Paul K. "Pudge" Ruppert, Jr., 64, of Ocean City died Sunday, March 9, 2014 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

He was born in Washington, D.C. and was the son of the late Paul K. and Ethel Ruppert Sr.

Pudge dedicated many years to the food and beverage industry, most notably serving as the restaurant manager for the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. He will be remembered for his friendly demeanor, great sense of humor and generous nature.

He is survived by five brothers, Michael T. Ruppert of Selbyville; Stephen R. Ruppert and his wife, Sheilah of Kent Island; Gregory L. Ruppert and his wife, Gail of Lake Placid, N.Y.; William E. Ruppert of Ocean City and James R. Ruppert of Ocean City; two sisters, Theresa Pruitt and her husband, Ted of Frankford and Patricia Janson and her husband, Steve of Ocean City and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at St. Luke Catholic Church, 9903 Coastal Hwy. in Ocean City.

Lester Joseph Struble, Sr.

BERLIN—Lester Joseph Struble, Sr., 80, died Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury.

Born in West Milford, N.J., he was the son of the late Lester Aloysius Struble and Cecelia Tintle Struble. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ann

Mackin Struble and children, Carol Lebedz and her husband, Glenn of Georgetown, Del.; Anne Marie Kielty of Sparta, N.J.; Lester J. Struble, Jr. and his wife, Jeanine of Sparta, N.J.; Michael Struble and his wife, Kasha of Flanders, N.J. and Cindy Mills and her husband, Ronnie of Georgetown, Del.

There are 13 grandchildren including: Courtney, Nicole and Kelly Lebedz; Kyle and Justin Kielty; Allison, Matthew and Kevin Struble; Michael, Ryan and Nicholas Struble; Anthony and Marissa Mills. Also surviving is a brother, Paul Struble and his wife, Joan of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Struble had worked in the automotive industry at the Ford Motor Company in Mahwah and Butler N.J. He was a U.S. Army veteran, member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Berlin and the Knights of Columbus in New Jersey.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home, 108 William St. in Berlin. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Milford, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to: Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21801. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

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Regina Elena Moran

BERLIN—Regina Elena Moran, 54, died Thursday, March 13, 2014 at her home in Berlin.



Regina Moran

Born in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Adolph Smallwood and Joan Tomarchis Smallwood. She is survived by her husband, Steven Michael Moran and her two children, Christina Marie Truitt and her husband, Dell of Berlin, and Christopher Lee Moran and his wife, Jessica of Delmar, Md.

She was an adored grandmother to Evan Truitt, Hayden Truitt, Ryot Moran and Lennox Moran. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Regina was a graduate of Woodlawn High School in Baltimore. She worked in the insurance business most of her career with Smith, Cropper and Deeley. She loved to travel, having seen 37 out of the 50 states. She also enjoyed the beach.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home, 108 William St. in Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to: Women Sup-

porting Women, 12216 Ocean Gateway, Unit 1500, Ocean City, Md. or Elks Lodge # 2173, P.O. Box 983, Selbyville, Del. 19975. Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

John Chester Rayne

POWELLVILLE—John Chester Rayne, 62, died Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at his home.



John Rayne

Born in Salisbury, he was the son of the late Chester West Rayne and Hazel Powell Rayne. He is survived by his brother, David Powell Rayne and his girlfriend, Terry Koshi. Also surviving is a niece, Megan Rayne Flick of Harrisonburg, Va. and a special aunt, Evelyn Moore and several cousins. He was preceded in death by a niece, Amber Rayne.

Mr. Rayne had worked as a livestock handler, maintenance worker and cowboy actor at Frontier Town, and as a carpenter/builder with Wayne Jones. He was a supporter of the Powellville Volunteer Fire Company and its ladies auxiliary.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 3 p.m. at the Powellville Volunteer Fire Hall in Powellville, Md. Interment will be private

for the family at Powellville Cemetery.

A donation in his memory may be made to: Powellville Volunteer Fire Company, 5085 Powellville Rd, Powellville, Md. 21850. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Lena Mildred Powell

BERLIN—Lena Mildred Powell, 92, died peacefully with her daughter by her side, on Sunday March 9, 2014 at their home in Salisbury.

Born in Gilmer County, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Roy Burl Martin and Comellow L. Post Martin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Powell, Jr. in 1997. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Peggy Lynn Powell of Salisbury, and special niece, Linda Bishop Nicholson, and several nieces and nephews. Also preceding her in death was her son, Richard Wayne Powell, her brother, Burl Roy Martin, and her sister, Lucy Ruth Bishop.

Mrs. Powell and her family moved from West Virginia to a farm in Libertytown when she was 5. She was a homemaker and poultry grower, who loved to garden and paint ceramics. She was a wonderful mother who loved God. She also leaves behind her devoted cat, "Hambone Sammy".

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Pastor Greg Morris officiated. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery in Libertytown.

A donation in her memory may be made to; Parkway Church of God, 600 Edison St. Salisbury, Md. 21801. Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Gail Marie Pinney Farrell

LANSDALE—Gail Marie Pinney Farrell, 77, of Lansdale and formerly of Ocean Pines, died Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Brittany Pointe Estates. She was the beloved wife of Michael J. Farrell, Jr.

Born May 11, 1936 in Bridgeport, Conn., she was a daughter of the late George H. and Josephine M. (Hicks) Goddu.

Mrs. Farrell graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Connecticut. She was employed as a teacher in Pennsylvania, Florida and Connecticut for 32 years, retiring in 1993 from the Colonial School District in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. She was awarded "Teacher of the Year" for her efforts.

Gail was a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale, and was very active in the Ocean Pines community. She was an avid reader and an accomplished swimmer who was a national

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

Board efforts get A+

Sometime earlier this winter, we started seeing news articles and hearing reports that the snow we'd been experiencing might threaten to extend the school year into the summer.

That was in January. Spring started today, March 20. Yet last Sunday night into Monday, a snowstorm caused dangerous travel even along main thoroughfares in Worcester County, dangerous enough to close schools for the ninth day.

So here we are on the cusp of spring, and snow is an unlikely part of our conversation.

On Tuesday, with the recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools, the County School Board voted unanimously to turn March 28 into a half day for students.

Superintendent Dr. Jerry Wilson said that without schedule modifications, the school year could "extend" well into the third week of June. If the State Superintendent of Schools oks Worcester's request to waive three days from the 180-day school requirement, the school system would only extend one day to June 13.

But, all of this depends of course on two main factors. One, the State Superintendent approves Worcester's three-day waiver request. And perhaps the most important, that it shouldn't snow hard enough to close schools for the rest of this school year.

So, while we all know that some of our children pray for snow and days off; some wear their pajamas inside out thinking that induces snow, but now it's time to hope for warm weather without snow. Because that is going to get us done at an appropriate time in June. And we say "good job" to the School Board and Superintendent Wilson for putting the modifications in motion.

Oh, and to put things in perspective a little bit. Fauquier County Public Schools in Northern Virginia ... 17 days have to be made up due to weather.

That's a lot of schedule modifications to do.



"I voted for the coolest small town in America, not the coldest."

Ocean Pines' difficult goose problem

Supporting board for taking actions to find solutions

Editor,

I have been living in the Pines for over 15 years and continue to love the area, the people and the environment (recent cold notwithstanding). Seeing the local fauna – the squirrels, rabbits, deer, occasional fox, and the various birds – are part of this enjoyment. However, when the animals/birds become a problem to our way of life, actions are needed. I am here specifically talking about our resident Canadian geese population; not the migratory geese or the domestic white geese, which have resided here for years – the latter of which were mistakenly sighted by a local paper as a target for removal.

Reading recent letters to the editor in the papers, I see a lot of misunderstanding by some Pines residents about Canada geese in general and potential control options in particular. These readers have let their love for nature's animals affect logical thinking.

First, let's consider the realities. Canada geese (CG) normally are migratory – flying south in winter and returning to their homes in summer. But many (some knowledgeable

sources – e.g. Internet Center for Wildlife Damage) – say 60 percent decide to stay south when they find food and non-threatening environments there. These same sources say that a well-fed CG will excrete between one and two pounds a day of feces. Taking the middle of the spread, a CG will defecate 1.5 times 365, or over 500 pounds of excrement a year. Estimates vary, but my observations say about 300 resident CGs stay at the south and north ponds, golf course and other open areas – which adds up to around 80 tons of poop per year. One can adjust the numbers of birds down, but it's still a lot of stuff that contains chemicals (nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium), diseases (parasites, bacteria, viruses, fungus, etc.), and other noxious slippery things. These outputs eventually run off into our local ponds and bays, supporting algae growth that in turn causes oxygen depletion and fish kills.

Speaking of slippery noxious things, I help run two kids events for the OP Anglers club that involve the grounds near the veterans memorial. I can personally attest that the walkways and grass areas are littered with large amounts of goose poop. The effect is disgust and concern about possible contact of kids and feces.

Recent letters to the local papers have spread inaccurate

or highly opinionated information. Examples – The OPA Board of directors have decided to euthanize the geese (wrong, they have only agreed to look into the problem); the geese have more right here than people who have moved in on their territory (wrong, the geese stop and stay at the pines because we have built a perfect place for them – ponds, open grassy areas, safety from predators – that would not have existed have the OPA not been developed. Remember the area was once forested.) and others.

I attended the OPA Board meeting dealing with this issue and heard even more disheartening things, such as physical threats to members of the board. The bottom line of this meeting was that the OPA is still fact finding about the CG problem, particularly looking into humane ways to control the population. No decisions have been made. However, in my mind the resident CG are a significant nuisance, are polluting the waters, and are a potential health hazard; and our community needs to act in their control. The web site identify a number of humane goose control mechanisms, and I support the OPA board for taking the actions needed to find an appropriate solution to the CG overpopulation.

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qualifier for the Senior Olympics.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Karen E. Gardoski, and her husband, Ron of Kingsley, Pa.; Michael S. Pinney and his wife, Susan of Zieglerville, Pa.; Linda Pinney Sapp and her husband, Garrett of Fort Pierce, Fla.; Michael J. Farrell and his wife, Carole of Lansdale, Pa.; Linda A. Brobst and her husband, Curtis of North Wales, Pa. and Trish E. Baker of Harleysville, Pa.; 19 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and her sister, Sandy Schick and her husband, Robert of Liverpool, N.Y.

Relatives and friends may call after 1 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Auditorium of Brittany Pointe Estates,

1001 S. Valley Forge Rd., Lansdale, followed by the Memorial Service at 2 p.m. Interment will be private. Arrangements are by the Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, Lansdale.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Gail's memory to the Special Olympics of Montgomery County, Suite 203, 980 Harvest Drive, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422.

Stephen William Dlubala, Jr.

BERLIN—Stephen William Dlubala, Jr., 66, died on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Stephen William Dlubala, Sr., and Theresa

Hohman Dlubala. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon Ensley Dlubala.

Stephen was a graduate of Towson State College. He had worked as a systems analyst at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

A funeral service was held on March 13, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home, 108 William Street in Berlin. Rev. Ed Agner officiated. Cremation followed.

Donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1301 York Road #404, Lutherville-Timonium, Md. 21093. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

George Royce White

WILLARDS—George Royce White, age 74, of Willards died Friday, March 14, 2014 at home.

He was born in Willards and was the son of the late Olen Lee and Esther Mae (Wilkins) White.

Royce's career of 39-plus years at Perdue took him from the hatchery to feed mill superintendent to assistant general production manager where he was in charge of feed mills and grain departments as well as assisting in special projects. In 1978 he was appointed director of Grain Receiving and Storage where he remained until retirement. He received many awards, one in 2012 for 50 years of service from the Grain Elevator and Processing Society (GEAPS).

He was responsible for starting the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the GEAPS organization and was awarded "Lifetime Member."

Royce loved playing for "Jacks Fast Pitch Softball," singing gospel music and playing the steel for "Crusaders Quartette."

He enjoyed drawing and painting, gardening and playing with his grandchildren. He was a friend to all, full of wit and a giver of good advice. He will be missed by many friends and his family.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise White of Willards; three sons, Randy White and his wife, Kim of Willards; G. Royce White Jr. and his wife, Robin of Gumboro and Rodney Snyder and his wife, Lynne of Ocean Pines; a daughter, Bernice Scott and her husband, Andrew of Berlin; a brother, Sheldon White and his wife, Isabelle of Salisbury; a brother-in-law, James Palmer of Florida; eight grandchildren, Brandon, Matt, Ethan and Emma White, Kelsey, Karley and Adrienne Snyder and Avery Scott and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Margie Esther Palmer.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at Faith Baptist Church in Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Faith Baptist Church, 519 S. Main St., Berlin, Md. 21811. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.hastingsfuneralhome.net.

Worcester County offers free 8-week CERT training

NEWARK—Worcester County Emergency Services invites the public to participate in a free, eight-session Community Emergency Response Team course.

The training takes place at the Fire Training Center, located on Central Site Lane in Newark, on Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m., April 9 through May 21, with CPR training to take place during class on April 23.

CERT is an informative, hands-on, educational program packed with information to equip residents, who have no prior emergency medical training, to support their families and communities during a disaster. Participants will gain the decision-making and practical skills necessary to offer immediate assistance to those in need following an emergency until further help can arrive.

Participants will learn basic life-saving skills, such as CPR/AED, First Aid and fire suppression. They will also learn to recognize both natural and manmade hazards.

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to create disaster plans and supply kits and aid in responding to hazardous material emergencies.

Austin Miller's ode to cool Berlin

BERLIN—Sixth-grade students at Berlin Intermediate School have been studying poetry. While learning about different styles of poetry, Austin Miller chose to write a limerick about Berlin, the "Coolest Small Town in America."

Coolest Small Town

There is a small town called Berlin that entered a contest to win. The coolest small town of any around In first place they did come in!

Those who successfully complete the training will receive CPR and First Aid certification thorough the American Heart Association.

Space is limited to 20 individuals and is available on a first come, first served basis.

For more info or to register, contact Tom Kane at 410-632-3080 or visit tkane@co.worcester.md.us.

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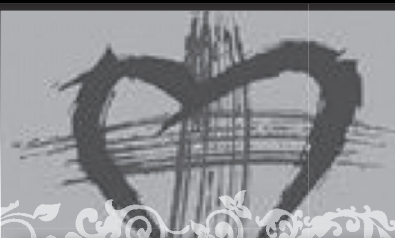
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Calendar

THURS. March 20

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 Diane, 302-541-4642.

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

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Refreshments at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. Picture Frame Craft project to follow the meeting for the cost of \$3. Take jewelry items to create a personalized picture frame or use sea shells (supplied). Project reservations: Louise, 410-430-0284. Guests welcome.

CHAIR AEROBICS — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

FRI. March 21

30TH ANNUAL HOME, CONDO & OUTDOOR SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, noon to 6 p.m. Admission costs \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors 55 and older and students ages 14-22. Free to children 13 and younger and for military, police and fire with ID. Info: www.oceanpromotions.info or events@oceanpromotions.info.

ART AND CRAFT FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, noon to 6 p.m. Artists and crafters will compliment the “Home Show” with creative gifts for you, your home and your outdoor living space. Admission included in Home, Condo & Outdoor Show admission. Info: 410-213-8090.

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

THRIFT SHOP GRAND REOPENING — Atlantic United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New spring and summer merchandise. Info: 410-289-7430.

KIWANIS WINE TASTING PARTY AND CHINESE AUCTION FUNDRAISER — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assageatue Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 4-7 p.m. Donation of \$15 includes unlimited samples of wine, hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, desserts, soft drinks, coffee and water. No one under age 21 permitted. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Scholarship Foundation. Info: Charlie Warner, 410-641-7712 or cwarner4411@verizon.net.

SAT. March 22

30TH ANNUAL HOME, CONDO & OUTDOOR SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission costs \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors 55 and older and students ages 14-22. Free to children 13 and younger and for military, police and fire with ID. Info: www.oceanpromotions.info or events@oceanpromotions.info.

ART AND CRAFT FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission included in Home, Condo & Outdoor Show admission. Info: 410-213-8090.

A MAGICAL EVENING — Captain’s Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 2 15th Street, Ocean City. Featuring magician Will Fern and sculptor David Turner. Cost is \$70 and includes two drink tickets and an elegant buffet. Proceeds benefit installation of the dolphin statue at the foot of Route 90. Cocktail attire requested.

ANTIQUA AVENUE APPRAISAL SHOW — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Charlene Upham and Steve Blumenaier of Charlene Upham Antiques will appraise portable treasures. They specialize in jewelry, coins, clocks and glassware, but will access any small antiques. Food and drink available. Appraisals cost \$6 for one item and \$10 for two. Sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County.

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

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods, honey and more.

SPAGHETTI DINNER — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5-8 p.m. Also featuring a Chinese auction and raffle. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Proceeds benefit Camp Possibilities. Tickets: Katie, 410-251-4793 or Corey, 410-251-0626. Check out auction items: www.SpaghettiForPossibilities.com.

IL QUARTO ANNUALE FESTA DI SAN GUISEPPE 2014 (4TH ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH’S DAY FESTIVAL 2014) — St. Andrew’s Hall, Sinepuxent Avenue at 144th Street, Ocean City, noon to 7 p.m. Free admission. Meatball and italian sausage subs, minestrone soup, ravioli and meatballs, cannoli, zepole, homemade desserts, wine, beer, soda and coffee. Other attractions include free childrens activities, basket raffles, Italian speciality items for sale, St. Joseph religious articles for sale. Music by Baltimore’s Mario Monaldi Band. Info: www.sonsofitaly.oceancity.com.

GUEST BARTENDING FUNDRAISER — Sisters Gifts, Wine and Gourmet, 113 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Wino Heroes Relay for Life Team will be guest bartending. Sisters will donate 20 percent of the sales to American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life of North Worcester County. Contact: Dj Thompson, 443-366-5440 or Susan Hutchinson, 443-880-0208.

OPEN GYM FUNDRAISER — Mid-Coast Gymnastics, 15 Duke St., Selbyville, Del. Ages 6 and younger from 3-4 p.m. and ages 7 and older and team, 4-6 p.m. Open gym is a supervised playtime. Cost is \$10. Benefiting the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life of North Worcester County. Info: 302-436-6007.

SUN. March 23

30TH ANNUAL HOME, CONDO & OUTDOOR SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission costs \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors 55 and older and students ages 14-22. Free to children 13 and younger and for military, police and fire with ID. Info: www.oceanpromotions.info or events@oceanpromotions.info.

ART AND CRAFT FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission included in Home, Condo & Outdoor Show admission. Info: 410-213-8090.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Help for those struggling with a compulsive eating problem, whether it is weight gain, bulimia, anorexia, or those who are a parent of a child with one of these problems. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, noon to 1 p.m. Open to the community. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

WORCESTER COUNTY CHORAL CONCERT — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. Area wide multi-chorus participation featuring Jean Anne Shafferman, conducting and David Leahey, accompanist. A free will offering will be taken.

MON. March 24

T.O.P.S. OF BERLIN MEETING — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. The group meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline’s, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Info: 410-208-4171.

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

TUES. March 25

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

WED. March 26

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 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.

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

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky’s Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 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 support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

SPAGHETTI DINNER — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 5-6:30 p.m. Food prepared by Decatur Diner. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3-12. Carryouts available. Benefits Relay For Life. Info: Joanne, 410-641-5434.



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March 21: DJ RobCee, 9 p.m.; Trip-wire, 10 p.m.
March 22: DJ Groove, 9 p.m.; Scott's New Band, 10 p.m.
March 23: Jazz Brunch w/Everett Spells, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
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HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
March 21: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T
March 22: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
March 23: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.
March 24: DJ Jeremy
March 27: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Every Saturday: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.
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HIGH STAKES

Route 54
Fenwick Island, Del.
302-537-6971
March 21: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; Lowercase Blues, 9 p.m.
March 22: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; DJ Rupe, 9 p.m.

HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd.
West Ocean City
410-213-1841
March 21: Uprizing, 8 p.m. to midnight
March 22: Monkey Paw, 8 p.m. to midnight

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131st Street
Ocean City
410-250-3100
March 21: Bob Hughes
March 22: Howard on the Piano

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56th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-524-7499
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410-629-1022
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101st Street and the ocean
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410-524-3535
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410-524-4900
March 21: Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
March 22: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Big Bang Baby, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
March 27: Opposite Directions, 5-8 p.m.

SMITTY MCGEE'S

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March 21-22: Rick Artz, 8 p.m.
March 27: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
443-365-2576
March 21: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Chicken tostada with salsa, crème fraiche

And so my career as a weatherman comes to a screeching halt; my prediction of no more snow for the year fell flat on its face. I can't complain though, since the storm gave us perfect packing snow for the first time this winter.

Snow ball fights, snowmen and of course our sled run in the back yard were all effective results of the surprise 'Blizzard of St. Patrick's Day 2014'. Maybe we need to make some t-shirts.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

The fun part of the day was in not expecting the day off in the first place. The other treat was watching it actually snow in the daytime, since it typically relegates itself to the evening hours.

When the opportunity presented itself, I cracked open the textbooks from the grad classes that I am taking and I would get easily a full page or two in before I would fall asleep. Wiping the drool off of my shirt, I would try again to read through the corporate financial accounting book before hitting the economics book.

Truth be told, I enjoy both of the classes, but despite my sometimes ill-reasoned desire to write, reading puts me to sleep with little effort. It's not uncommon for a book that I'm reading at bedtime to come crashing down on my face. My kids think it's hilarious, taking up bedside seats to watch the show.

We used a small portion of the day to clean under the couches in the family room, and I'm not sure about you, but I still can't figure out how much of the stuff even gets under there. It might be that the cats and dog have a plot against our sanity, or it may be our kids hoarding things in the TV room to save trips to the kitchen. Either



way, it strikes me as rather amazing.

In between all of these fun things, we break for lunch and I make an old standby; chicken tostadas. I mimic the Dos Equis bearded man, but it brings nothing but mocking laughter. I take it I'm not quite as interesting.

The snow has finally stopped falling and the roads are perfectly clear. The kids are sad that they won't get another day off of school for this. Sure, the cars have about seven inches of snow on them, but the roads are clear. Worcester County would be hard pressed to find a reason for even as much as a delay.

So, with the day's play behind us, and with a kitchen floor covered with soggy winter clothing, I for once can say that Spring is sprung and I, for one, do not want any more snow. I have been placated by the snow gods, and I cannot think of a better way to usher in Spring than with a recent event to remind us of what winter really is.

Chicken Tostada

Makes four servings

- 4 all-corn tortillas
- 1 pound chicken breast
- 1 tsp. Tony Chachere's Original Cajun Seasoning
- 1 c. sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 c. fresh salsa (recipe follows)
- 1/2 c. crème fraiche (recipe follows)
- 1 c. guacamole, optional
- Greens tossed in lime and avocado oil

Fry corn tortillas until crispy. Pat dry Season chicken breast and heat a fry pan

Melt butter or heat oil and when hot, sear chicken breast until dark on the outside

Sear other side, turn down heat and let cook until internal temperature reaches 165F

Remove from pan onto paper towels and blot

When you are ready to assemble, sprinkle cheese on tortillas that are placed on oven-proof sheet

Broil for a minute or until cheese has melted

Ensuring that chicken is warm or hot, top tostada with sliced chicken, salsa, crème fraiche, guacamole (if using) and

lime-tossed greens

Crack open a Pacifico or Simpatico and have a might nice nosh fest

Fresh Salsa

- 2 vine-ripened tomatoes
- Juice and zest of 1 lime
- 1/2 small red onion, finely diced
- 1/2 jalapeno, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- As much cilantro as you can humanly handle, minced

Seed tomatoes and dice Combine with other ingredients and allow to sit for at least an hour

Taste your salsa and adjust to preference. My wife does not like a lot of cilantro whereas I can't eat enough of it; everyone's preferences are different so you're on your own

Crème Fraiche

- 2 c. Heavy cream
- 1/4 c. Buttermilk (8:1 ratio)

The easiest way for me to teach this is to talk about ratio, keeping it at 8 to 1 cream to buttermilk. So, if I need 4 cups of cream, I would use 1/2 c. buttermilk

Combine ingredients in a clean glass or steel bowl and cover

Let stand on a warm counter overnight. It might take longer to activate since temperatures vary from kitchen to kitchen. When we made this recently in French class, we were stuck with a snow day so it sat for two days. It was the best crème fraiche we had made to date!

Refrigerate until ready to use

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

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93 Google datum

94 Robed performer

95 "Nothing seems to go my way"

97 *Frequent problem faced by algebra students

100 Pump up

102 Chichi getaway

103 A street drug, briefly

104 Rural call

107 Stoop

108 *Horror flick starring Humphrey Bogart as a mad scientist, with "The"

114 Something LOL-worthy

115 Water, wryly

116 Canadian coin named for a bird

117 "The Project" (Fox comedy)

118 In hot water?

119 Thrive

21 How lines of latitude run

24 Mount Zion's land: Abbr.

30 Couples

31 Scratch, say

32 Rest stop

33 "The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind" per H. P. Lovecraft

34 Cousin of a gazelle

35 Drink with two lizards in its logo

36 Club

37 "Bleah!"

38 Have second thoughts about

40 "Clueless" and "Bridget Jones's Diary"

42 Sponsorships

43 Serengeti prey

45 Put away for safekeeping

46 Hugs and kisses, at times

47 Paint variety

48 Type-A friend from "Friends"

50 One turning to the right

51 Lose everything

52 Certain bean

56 Hair-razing stuff?

57 Loud beast heard in theaters

58 See 16-Down

59 Bamboozled

61 Like gathering storm clouds

63 No-holds-barred

66 _____ and Thummim (sacred Judaic objects)

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67 "Need _____?" (query to hitchhikers)

68 Baron's blade

73 They're 18 to 21

74 Things for here and now

77 More pink, perhaps

80 It can be prickly

81 Jib, e.g.

82 John Candy's old comedy program

83 Motor with some muscle

84 You might get stuck with them

85 Book after Galatians: Abbr.

86 Nutritional info

88 Photogs' choices

92 It may help catch a fugitive

93 Like Brando's Don Corleone

94 Disappear, as a trail

96 "Good heavens!"

97 Eject, as froth

98 Retired govt. agent

99 Co. making arrangements

100 Dutch wheels

101 Member of the old Chero-Cola product line

102 "Chop-chop!"

104 Radius, e.g.

105 Seed casing

106 Jump on ice

109 Jet crew, brief

110 Quick time-out

111 Scream at a ring

112 Bit of love talk

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