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Replacement of this bulkhead will be part of the contract for a culvert replacement project on West Street that was approved by the Berlin Town Council during a March 25 meeting. Erosion from flood waters has made it necessary to replace the existing drainage pipe with a wider pipe and to reinforce supports for the house next door threatened by the ever-widening culvert.

Culvert collapse endangers house

Studies show drainage pipe can't accommodate increasing water flows

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Among the items the Berlin Town Council approved during its Monday meeting was a contract to replace a culvert on West Street that is too narrow to handle flood waters, a resolution to allow annexation of a lot on Old Ocean City Boulevard an agreement with the Maryland Department of Agriculture for the annual round of mosquito control.

The council also heard a presentation on the Berlin Reclaims Attitudes and Value Enhancement (BRAVE) organization, from Executive Director Diana Purnell.

Frank Lloyd Wright may have designed his "Fallingwater" house to appear seemingly precariously seated near water, but that was not the intent of the homeowners at 208 West St., near Broad Street. The ditch outside has been slowly deteriorating for years, because the culvert that connects

it to a matching ditch across the street is too narrow for increasingly heavier water flows.

The area has now reached a point where the house must be reinforced before crews can dig up and replace the culvert. The homeowner has been patient, said Town Administrator Anthony Carson after the meeting.

He told the council that \$25,000 in grant funding from the Assateague Land Trust was expended on the project two years ago in an effort to design a solution to mitigate the damage water intrusion was causing at the site.

But the hydraulic studies of flooding in the area showed that the drainage pipe was too narrow to handle the higher-than-usual water flow. During heavier storms, the flooding overflows both sides of the culvert and pools in the roadway.

The town has committed \$20,000 to help fund the project, and with an \$110,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources, and Monday night's vote, the project can now go forward. Carson told the council he had met with State Highway Administration officials to schedule the work, which he estimated

would probably begin once crews have finished the Broad Street repaving project.

A motion by Elroy Brittingham to approve awarding the project to A-Dell Construction was unanimously approved. The bidding process was timed to give officials enough time to complete the project in May.

In other business, Planning Director Chuck Ward presented Resolution 2013-03, a proposal to annex a lot on Old Ocean City Boulevard, between Barrett Jeep and Atlantic General Hospital Primary Care, for water and sewer service.

The road was already annexed by the town to bring water and sewer service to Stephen Decatur High School and Stephen Decatur Middle School, Carson explained. Since then, individual property owners along the road have been able to request that annexation into the town be extended to them at their discretion, he said.

The average annexation cost for a single family residence is usually \$16,686, the purchase cost of one equivalent dwelling unit. The rate charged for annex-

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Eure named Worcester's top teacher

Kindergarten instructor 'stunned and amazed'

By Zack Hoopes

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY — Karen Eure, a 25-year kindergarten teaching veteran at Snow Hill Elementary School, was crowned Worcester County's 2013 "Teacher of the Year" last Friday during a banquet at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City.

"I am stunned and amazed to be here representing the most wonderful group of teachers anywhere in the country," Eure said. "You are the ones who make this the best job in the world."

Every year, the state of Maryland charges each of its 24 school districts — 23 counties, plus Baltimore City — with selecting a top teacher to serve as a candidate alongside teachers from other districts in the contest for Maryland Teacher of the Year.

At each of the county's 14 public schools, a selection committee of administrators is formed to receive nominations for that school's best teacher. Following a review, the committee selects one nominee to represent the school at the county level.

All 14 candidates were present at last week's culminating event, along with their families and colleagues, not knowing which one of them would be named the winner following an intensive selection process earlier this year. A panel, consisting of former county teachers as well as education professionals from local universities, made the selection based on a 1,200-point rubric involving work samples as well as in-person interviews.

Before Eure's name was announced, Tony Bevilacqua — the county's 2012 Teacher of the Year — gave the evening's keynote address, in which he encouraged teachers to not lose sight of how profound an impact their dedication can have.

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Karen Eure



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Eure wins teacher of year award

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Bevilacqua cited a recent study by famed Harvard University economist Raj Chetty, "which suggested that if a student, in their K-12 experience, can have just one teacher that is a top five percent teacher – in other words, a Worcester County teacher – that the impact of having such a high quality teacher translates to an additional \$9,000 in earnings per year."

"It literally puts dollar signs on good lesson plans, which is something that we as teachers tend to forget," Bevilacqua said. "The study proves that what we do is an investment in our children and our communities."

Bevilacqua noted that he had worked in several other school districts, but always saw working in Worcester as a step up, and applied for jobs in the county several times before he was given a position. Elsewhere, he said, many teachers "had forgotten that what they do is an art form."

Worcester County Board of Education President Bob Rothermel echoed the sentiment.

"John Steinbeck is credited as saying, 'I've come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist, and that they are as few in number as any of the other great visual artists,'" Rothermel said.

Eure was presented with the award by County Commissioner Virgil Shockley, two of whose children Eure has taught during her tenure.

"Karen has a special place in my heart,"



ZACK HOOPES/OCEAN CITY TODAY

The 2013 Teacher of the Year award winner, Karen Eure, right, is congratulated by fellow candidate Arlene Hager.

Shockley said. "She's probably one of the most caring, loving individuals that I have ever met."

"We deeply, deeply appreciate everything that you do for Worcester County," Commission President Bud Church said to all of the teachers in attendance. "Not only do you educate our children, but you make this place safe for our children. You make our community proud, you make people want to buy homes, and make people want to live here."

Eure also received formal commendations from the Maryland State Senate and House of Delegates.

"You read so many things about the world today, about what's not right," said Sen. Jim Mathias. "But I can tell you that I believe in tomorrow, in a brighter day, because of our children, our teachers, and their inspiration."

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This lot, on Old Ocean City Road, can be annexed into the Town of Berlin to bring in water and sewer services, once the lot is cleared, now that the Town Council has approved the move, which it did during a March 25 meeting.



Cedasia Downing gets boxing lessons from pro Charles Rites during BRAVE's camp for kids last summer. BRAVE Executive Director Diana Purnell told Berlin Council members on Monday that the 2012 camp drew 22 students, and she requested \$1,000 from the town for a 2013 camp.

Council agrees to annex property

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ing a commercial property would be based on the estimated number of EDUs needed to adequately match the water and sewer usage required for the business.

The council voted unanimously to approve Councilmember Dean Burrell's motion in favor of the annexation. However, Carson noted that the property owner would be required to clear rubble and debris from a burned out building that was on the site before the water service work would begin.

The council received a presentation briefing from Purnell on the activities of the BRAVE program, whose mission she said, was "to raise the standard and quality of living for the greater Berlin community." She reported that in 2012 the organization held a summer camp for 22 children ranging in ages 6-11-years-old.

Purnell requested \$1,000 in financial support from the town to allow the organization to cap its camp tuition costs at the

2012 rate of \$25 per week, so that children from modest-income homes could continue to participate.

The types of camp activities Purnell described included educational field trips, academic reinforcement in the form of recreational activities, and reading and math projects, throughout the summer. The program, she said, was operating through grants from the Worcester County Commissioners and the Homes of Berlin, and with donations from the business community, such as Food Lion, Papa John's Pizza, Popeye's, Subway and Wal-Mart.

Mayor Gee Williams told Purnell the members of the council were "all pretty familiar with the program." He said as the council was beginning its budgeting process, he was collecting all funding requests and consideration of the requests would be made early in the process so that the various programs would be informed of the level of support the council would be able to provide with enough time to plan for the upcoming year.

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Rep. Harris talks jobs and regulation on shore

Says tax code reform would help bring more businesses to Maryland

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — In a comprehensive interview, Rep. Andy Harris (R-1st) discussed the impact federal action could have on the Lower Eastern Shore and what he plans to do to protect and promote the interests of this region in Congress.

Harris discussed his plans for using his new role as a member of the House Appropriations Committee to ensure oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency, and other federal policies that could negatively affect agriculture, the poultry industry, and tourism. He also offered his views on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare."

BAYSIDE GAZETTE: What can or should Lower Eastern Shore residents expect from Congress this year? What type of legislation do you think will have a direct impact on this area?

REP. ANDY HARRIS: Specifically for Lower Eastern Shore residents, I will work to sustain and expand Wallops Space Flight Facility, defend sportsmen and Second Amendment rights, and work to improve the science at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fisheries management. Also, the regulations on poultry farms and other agribusiness is something I have been following closely. I was concerned by the politically motivated regulations that came out of the Environmental Protection Agency during President Obama's first term that were not based on sound science.

Furthermore, I introduced a bill this past week that would protect farmers and small businesses from an arcane banking law against something called structuring. Current law prevents an individual from making repeated cash deposits under \$10,000 to get around the paper work one needs to file if making deposits over \$10,000.

Recently, there was a family on the

Eastern Shore who had no idea this was a law and had their assets seized by the IRS.

The Small Business Deposit Relief Act of 2013 (H.R. 1184) would limit any criminal and civil penalties for structuring when there is no other crime being committed. It also includes no jail time for first-time offenders and limits the amount that can be seized to no more than 10 percent of the cash deposits in question.

BG: As one of the newest members of the House Appropriations Committee, is there some way to ensure that any job creation targeted for this area could extend beyond tourism or corrections? Is there some way to push for manufacturing opportunities here on the Shore?

AH: As a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, I have a role in oversight of how Maryland taxpayer dollars are being spent. One of the things I'm concerned about is how the EPA is using its resources and regulating industry, especially agriculture and poultry. I will keep a watch on them to make sure their actions are based on sound science, not political motivations.

With regard to manufacturing opportunities on the Shore, we need to reform the tax code and lower the corporate tax rate to make it more attractive for businesses to come to the United States. Unfortunately, Maryland has some of the highest taxes in the country, causing businesses to close or relocate in neighboring states like Delaware and Virginia. There is not a tax increase that Gov. O'Malley does not like, but, at least at the federal level, I will push for a more competitive tax system that grows jobs here in the United States.

The Lower Shore is a great place to live and work. I regularly meet with local business leaders to listen to what they need to hire more workers. As I have traveled on the Shore, businessmen tell me that two things are hindering them from hiring more workers — burdensome government regulations and Maryland's high tax environment. I am working at the federal level to hold the Obama adminis-



Rep. Andy Harris

tration accountable for burdensome bureaucratic regulations that are killing jobs.

As a member of Congress, I cannot stop Gov. O'Malley and the legislators in Annapolis from increasing taxes, which is killing job growth. I have also been actively involved with Wallops, which has the potential, as it grows, to bring high-paying quality jobs to the Shore.

BG: With your appropriations Committee appointment and Sen. Barbara Mikulski's (D) appointment as chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Maryland has two key players in place in the congressional appropriations process. Will this present an opportunity for bicameral proposals that could benefit the Lower Eastern Shore? If so what might those proposals be?

AH: My appointment to the House Committee on Appropriations means that for the first time in over 30 years a member of Congress from the Eastern Shore will have a voice on this powerful committee. I look forward to working with Sen. Mikulski for the good of the Lower Shore on issues affecting agriculture, the poultry industry, and the tourism industry. One example is making sure that the EPA does not harm our farmers through over-regulation.

BG: As a medical practitioner, how do you anticipate the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2014 affecting the lower shore? Given the

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REP. ANDY HARRIS (R-1ST)

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heavy retiree population in Worcester County, do you think the expansion of Medicare participants will affect services (i.e. elder health conditions such as joint replacement and chronic illnesses, cancer, heart and diabetes)?

AH: Medicaid – healthcare for the poor – is expanded, but Medicare – healthcare for the elderly – is actually cut by \$716 billion under the Affordable Care Act. I am very worried about the negative impact numerous parts of the Affordable Care Act will have on seniors.

The Independent Payment Advisory Board, a board of 15 unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats whose sole purpose is cutting Medicare spending will lead to a decrease in access for seniors to the physician of their choice. In addition, it has the power to restrict treatment options and limit medical innovation for diseases like Alzheimer's or Parkinson's. The Affordable Care Act is bad for Maryland and especially for seniors.

In addition, I am worried about how the Affordable Care Act will affect everyone's, not just seniors', healthcare on the Eastern Shore. Everywhere I go, I hear about family

insurance premiums that are going through the roof.

Young adults are having a particularly hard time affording plans, with some seeing premium increases in excess of 20 percent already. Some businesses are already having to drop healthcare coverage, lay off workers, and convert full-time jobs to part-time jobs to avoid penalties because of the dramatic cost increases.

BG: Do you think that Maryland is making the right move in going full steam ahead with its state health exchange? Will we be better off than places like, say, Virginia, which were leaving it up to the federal government?

AH: Whether or not to operate a state health exchange or have the federal government operate it is a decision that rests solely with the governor. I believe the Affordable Care Act is the wrong way to reform our healthcare system.

I support a plan that is patient-centered and would implement more free market reforms to the system to allow for greater competition instead of government control. Despite initial claims, we now know that the implementation of the law will now cost

more than \$2 trillion, something our nation just cannot afford. Healthcare insurance costs will rise under the Maryland exchange and become unaffordable for many.

BG: The undercurrent in the debate over Second Amendment rights/gun violence curbs seems more like an urban versus rural issue, but it is an emotionally charged one, which recently seems to suggest that there must always be a congressional response. What will you do to educate your colleagues, when other emotional issues prompt Congress to propose one-size-fits all types of legislation in response to current or tragic events that what works in the city might not be as practical for rural communities?

AH: I held a town hall in Ocean City recently so I could have a conversation with people in the area about the issue. The turnout was great and I think it was very productive. As I said at the meeting, the issue of gun violence is complicated.

I'm a father of five so my heart goes out to the families of Newtown and all the families and friends who know someone who has been a victim of gun violence. During this debate, I worry that the discussion about making our kids safer focuses too much on passing more laws surrounding guns and not enough about dealing with the root of the problem – enforcing the laws already on the books and helping those with mental illness.

It is more important that we get this issue right, than try and do it fast or install a one-size-fits-all approach. Our Second Amendment rights are important and need to be protected.

BG: Will you look at appropriations for roads/bridges in our region, such as completion of Route 113, widening of Route 589 and monies for any of the bridges that need repair in our region?

AH: The House and Senate have banned earmarks from bills so money cannot be directly targeted to specific

projects by a member of Congress. I agree with that ban on earmarks. When agencies look at how to spend the money we appropriate to them, I will urge them to make projects like those mentioned priorities, but the final decision will be made by the state.

BG: What will sequestration mean for the Eastern Shore? Will there be any impact on: 1) the Coastal Bays Program, 2) Assateague Island, or 3) shore replenishment?

AH: From the very beginning, I was against the President's sequester. I think it's a bad way to try and get out-of-control spending under control because an across-the-board cut does not force the government to prioritize what's important or determine what is efficient and what is not. That's why I initially voted against the sequester and after it was law, I voted for two replacement plans that were smarter cuts of the same size.

With regard to the impact on those three programs, the reality is that the sequester cuts less than 2 percent of the budget. At the beginning of this year, hardworking families across the Shore saw their incomes decrease because of the 2 percent payroll tax hike. I think government can cut at least that much without serious compromise to any federal program including those three.

The Washington Post recently confirmed that claims about the sequester cutting vaccines for children was misleading – something I exposed in a discussion with the director of the Centers for Disease Control at an Appropriations Committee hearing.

A video of the exchange can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKbMhr-cfh8>.

BG: Do you anticipate additional stormwater management proposals this year?

AH: I'm not aware of any additional proposals at the federal level – legislation or otherwise – to deal with stormwater management.

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Local delegation wins approval of sponsored bills

Measures include break recycling requirement

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND – Monday marked the 76th day of the Maryland General Assembly's 2013 session, which is the Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date or the deadline on which each chamber must send those bills it intends to pass to the other chamber.

A bill proposed by Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38) that would modify the rules for beer, wine and liquor sales in Worcester County was unanimously approved by the Senate on March 22, after the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee approved it with amendments the day before.

The legislation (SB 949) would substantially increase the maximum fine for restaurants and bars that sell beer, wine and liquor during prohibited hours from \$1,000 to \$4,000, and require that personnel with alcohol awareness certification be on-site during hours when alcohol is sold or served. However, the law gives businesses a two-hour window of leeway from the alcohol awareness requirement when the certified employee must be absent for a bona fide personal or business reason, or for an emergency.

The law change would apply to restaurants and bars with Class B or Class D "beer and wine," or "beer, wine and liquor," licenses that allow them to sell for on or off site consumption. According to a summary of the bill, there are 22 certified alcohol awareness programs and 394 alcohol awareness instructors in the state.

Legislative analysts estimated that businesses in Worcester County that pay for the \$70 to \$80 alcohol awareness training and which may need to train additional employees might incur a minimal amount of additional expenses as a result of the bill.

Mathias also co-sponsored SB 1049,
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Certain condos would be exempt from recycle law

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with Sen. John Astle (D-30) of Anne Arundel County, a bill that would exempt Ocean City apartment buildings and condominiums with 10 or more units from requirements that they provide for collection and removal of recyclable materials by Oct. 1, 2014.

If the bill fails to be approved and enacted into law, building owners and managers would need to find waste and recycling contractors, which would be an added expense unless offset by tipping fees and revenues from the sale of recyclable materials.

A third measure proposed by Mathias, SB 963, which establishes a task force to study a post-Labor Day start date for Maryland public schools, received a favorable final vote in the Senate on March 22. The third reading of the bill, which has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, was approved by a vote of 46-1.

Two bills sponsored by Delegate Norman Conway (D-38B) were approved by the House last week with no opposition. The proposal (HB 408) would expand the state tax law that provides a subtraction modification for conservation tillage equipment purchases. It would extend it to include manure spreading equipment, vertical tillage equipment, global positioning system devices used for management of agricultural nutrient applications, and integrated optical sensing and nutrient application systems, according to a summary of the bill.

The House approved the bill March 21 on a third reading by a vote of 138-0.

A second bill proposed by Conway, HB 1494, would allow the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to use funds within its existing budget to accredit its correctional facilities through the American Correctional Association.

The third reading for the standards for correctional facilities bill was approved by a vote of 134-0. A first reading occurred in the Senate March 25.

Delegate Michael McDermott (R-38B) won passage in the House for two bills he sponsored and saw passage of a proposal that he said he originally sponsored that failed only to be re-proposed and approved with a Democrat sponsor.

The Worcester County Delegation is the listed sponsor of HB 999, similar but exactly like SB 949, which Mathias' won Senate approval for on March 22. It too would modify the rules for beer, wine and liquor sales in Worcester County. McDermott chairs the delegation.

It was approved in a final House vote of 137-0.

McDermott's proposed "Alex's Law" (HB 1382), which generally requires courts to allow victim impact statements during trials where the defen-

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House approves tax credit for emergency power generators

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dant is found guilty of causing a traffic accident, won overwhelming approval in the House by a 133-0 vote. It was referred to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee after a first reading in that chamber.

In a statement after the House vote, McDermott said, "This bill proposal comes directly from an actual case in Maryland where a victim was severely injured in an automobile accident, but because of the accident, the victim was injured beyond the ability to make a statement to the court. The mother was there to testify with the victim about the incident's impact, but they were not allowed to give the testimony because the defense objected to it and the judge didn't find it practical to do so."

He said the bill would provide an opportunity for accident victims to mitigate what they believe has been wrongly done to them and more fully detail the impact of the incident to the trier of fact.

The House also approved Delegate Peter Murphy's (D-28) retail service station tax credit for alternate power sources proposal (HB 817) on third reading by a vote of 134-0 on March 25. That was a far cry from the treatment McDermott's bill received as HB 188

retail service station, disaster preparedness and generator tax credit, introduced Jan. 21.

Like McDermott's bill, which never made it out of the House Ways and Means Committee, Murphy's HB 817 would direct counties or municipalities to grant a property tax credit for purchases of generators or wiring and transfer switches by a retail service.

Generally, the first difference between the two bills is the amount and manner of providing the tax credit. In Murphy's bill the amount of the tax credit is equal to the lesser of 100 percent of the value of the alternate power source or \$20,000. In McDermott's it was a maximum \$7,000 property tax credit against the property tax imposed on a retail service station in the taxable year in which the generator or wiring and transfer switch is installed.

The second difference was that in Murphy's bill the tax credit gives local governments the discretion to provide the tax credit; in McDermott's it was mandated.

Noting the stark similarities between the two bills, McDermott said after the vote, "I don't care how they pass it, I'll still take a victory lap," because the concept nevertheless made it through the House.

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Church plans day of philanthropy within community

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN – The Worship Center is planning a day of community philanthropy as it prepares for its first Servefest on April 6. It also will sponsor an informational session with a county official on April 14 about social services that are available to those in need.

While the activities are based on Bible teachings that thousands of churchgoers hear each Sunday about caring for the poor, fatherless and widowed, the Servefest organizers have structured their events into hands-on community-based action. “The Worship Center desires to be doers of the ‘Word’ and not hearers only,” they said in a March 14 statement.

The event consists of four main elements based on bible teachings followed by the church, according to Pastor Bryan Pugner: feeding and clothing those in need (Isaiah 58:7); 2) visiting the sick and elderly (Matthew 25:26); serving widows, single mothers and the elderly (James 1:27); and caring for orphans and the fatherless (Isaiah 1:17).

Events based on the first three of the elements will take place on April 6 in various locations.

In Sunset Park, on the bayside of Philadelphia Avenue near the Ocean City Inlet, volunteers will distribute 100 boxes of food from the Share the Harvest ministry of Berlin, along with additional food donations provided by Chick-fil-A and the Minit Market of Ocean City. Use of the park, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be donated by the Ocean City Parks and Recreation Department.

At the Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 9715 Healthway Dr., Servefest participants will make the rounds to visit with or entertain patients and residents, including those who may be unable to communicate well or at all, but might appreciate conversation or music. The visitation sessions will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

During the third event, small groups of volunteers will go to designated homes in the community to provide yard work and home repairs. The “honey do list” teams will work in shifts from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2-6 p.m.

On April 14, the church will sponsor an event with Terri Edwards from Worcester County Social Services. She will be on hand to provide information about the county’s Foster Parent Program and foster care services available in the area. The event will take place at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the church, which is located at 10736 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, Md.

Additional information on how to make donations or to participate in the Servefest events is available by contacting Jenn Mitchell at 410-603-3628, or by calling The Worship Center church office at 410-641-3325.



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Social Security benefits and how to boost them

The average monthly Social Security benefit for a retiree in 2013 is around \$1,261, which just \$15,132 a year is hardly enough to live on.



Chip Gordy,
MBA, CRPC

There are certain actions you can take today to boost your Social Security payments during retirement that can potentially add up to thousands of extra dollars in your golden years. Here are a few:

■ **Work at least 35 years.** Social Security benefits are calculated based on your 35 highest-earning working years. If you work fewer years, you'll have years with zero income averaged in, which can lower your payout.

■ **Ask for a raise.** If you experience a jump in salary, you'll likely boost your future earning potential and may see an increase in your Social Security payments down the road.

■ **Get a second job.** The same logic applies: if you earn more each year, you'll likely increase the amount you get in Social Security when you retire. Wait until full retirement age to claim Social Security.

■ **Wait until age 70.** If you can afford to wait, it'll pay off. Thanks to what the Social Security Administration calls "delayed retirement credits," benefits increase 8 percent each year you delay tapping into Social Security up till age 70. Waiting until you reach 70 means about a third more income for life.

When considering this strategy, it's particularly useful for the higher-earning spouse in a marriage to hold out until age 70 to increase the total benefits the couple will receive throughout their lifetime. In the event that the spouse with the higher benefit passes away, the surviving spouse will receive the higher payment.

If you took benefits early and regret the move, it might not be too late to fix

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Claude Lewis, left, owner of Home Instead Senior Care in Berlin, displays the services offered by his company at the business expo, held on the former Harley-Davidson site on March 20. (Right) Anna Giles, of Merrill Lynch, is chairman of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Committee. Here, she participates in the Annual Business Expo on March 20 in Berlin.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Third year of OP Chamber of Commerce Business Expo proves to be a success

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN – More than 200 people attended the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Business Expo held last Wednesday at the site of the former Harley-Davidson building at the corner of Route 50 and Seahawk Road.

Chamber President Imad Elali, said that he was pleased the event had become such a big success after only two years.

According to Executive Director Elizabeth Kain-Bohlen, holding the event just ahead of the tourism season allows local enterprises — both new and well established — to remind resort consumers and businesses of the services they provide.

It marked the third year for Kevin Justice, chief executive officer of Matice Interactive, a Salisbury design agency that offers expertise in advertising, marketing and public relations. He said the expo allowed his firm to ensure that "everyone stays aware of what we do."

Justice gauged attendance at the expo as "very strong" and applauded the format for the after-business hours event.

"Two hours is a good time period," he

said. The firm conducted free marketing seminars during the expo.

Kain-Bolen reported that despite a drop of about eight vendors this year, "turnout seemed to be better this year." Most of the 33 exhibitors that participated said they made good contacts and gained new clients, she said. "That's pretty much what it's all about," she added.

She said from the early input she had received so far from business that exhibited, "They said they enjoyed it."

Justin McGinnis, owner of Lasertone Business Systems in Milford, Del., also commented the amount of attendance at the two-hour event. "I couldn't ask for more," he said.

Representatives of Wawa were on hand to provide complimentary snacks and beverages to attendees, for which Kain-Bolen expressed her gratitude.

Parties Your Way/Myers Tool Rentals, Royal Plus, Inc., WMDT/47 ABC & CW3, and Wawa were sponsors of the event.

Door prizes were awarded every 15 minutes and at least 30 prizes were given away, according to Kain-Bolen. They included an iHome Portable Stereo System

from Mediacom, \$1,000 in free advertising from WMDT, a gym membership and foot spa from Atlantic Health & Fitness, and a wine basket.

In addition, some exhibitors held drawings at their booths, such as the gift certificate for a quarter-page color advertisement in the Bayside Gazette that this paper awarded.

Joseph Morse, a special advisor for Maryland Capital Enterprises Inc., was on site to promote the organization's micro loan services in the Worcester County business community.

MCE provides micro loans to help small Maryland businesses (up to 10 employees) and entrepreneurs, by giving loans of up to \$35,000 for start-up costs, and up to \$50,000 to businesses that have been in existence for two or more years.

Other exhibitors included: Anderson Minuteman Press, BB&T Bank, Herl's Bath & Tile Solutions, Home Instead Senior Care, the Law Offices of M&T Bank, Michael B. Mathers, Merrill Lynch, Myers Tool Rental, Oasis Travel, Pro-Team Pest Control Professionals.




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Appeals board green-lights expansion plans for neighborhood

Community tradition will continue but with a little more work space

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — The next generation of a Berlin tradition is about to sprout an extension, now that the Board of Appeals has approved a request to authorize a zoning permit that will allow the expansion of an inveterate neighborhood landmark on Flower Street: “Sonny’s Barbershop.”

The Board of Appeals on March 20 approved owner, Dena Briddell’s request to expand the tiny brick building that has been a gathering and grooming place for little boys, young adults and men for more than 60 years.

Through her representative, she gave the board a brief history of the business, which was started by her father Mansfield “Sonny” Derrickson in 1951 to serve African-American men in the neighborhood, after he returned to the area from serving in the U.S. Army.

“Men from Delaware, Salisbury, Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Virginia’s Eastern Shore would come to Sonny’s for the conversation, fellowship, and, yes, haircuts,” she said.

Briddell said on March 25, “It really means a lot to me that at least my dad’s legacy is still continuing. That was his life.”

She added that she felt “we’ve got a great guy in there now,” who was committed to continuing the tradition of the business started by her dad, who passed away last year.

The special request was necessary because the commercial building and its store-front parking lot is located in a residential neighborhood, so it is characterized as a building with a legal nonconforming use, which would restrict any expansion to no more than 35 percent of the existing structure.

However, the building is 280-square-feet, which would mean the maximum expansion under administrative approval would be limited to 98-square-feet. The proposed renovations would require an extension of 145-square-feet. The architect for the renovation project will be Design Resources of Berlin.

Town staff recommended the board approve the request, noting the historical significance of the shop and stating, “As one of the only service establishments in the neighborhood, the expansion of the barber shop should be considered as a reflection of the growth of the community.” During a brief public meeting, the board concurred.

For Dorian Purnell, who now runs the shop as D-stinct D-signs Barber Shop, the ruling gives him the opportunity to make expansions that will allow him to serve more customers and bring in an additional barber. He said the planned expansion could bring more work opportunities



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Dorian Purnell, owner of D-stinct D-signs Barber Shop, gives Shakkia Collins a trim. Purnell is the new proprietor and next generation of a Flower Street barbershop that was started by Mansfield “Sonny” Brittingham in 1951.

into the neighboring community.

Purnell has continued barbering services at the shop since Derrickson became too ill to continue serving his clientele. At that time Derrickson’s family were put in touch with Purnell, a former Worcester County corrections officer, who retired from the force after 12 years to follow his passion of becoming a barber. He now rents the space from Briddell, carrying on the tradition of the familiar neighborhood meeting spot that has a tidy and modern waiting area and a small barber station.

Local attorney Joseph Moore, of Williams, Moore, Shockley & Harrison, attended the hearing in support of the request. He said he had known Sonny “since I was a little kid.” He called the barbershop, “a significant part of the community.”

According to Briddell, “The history that goes along with Sonny’s Barbershop will forever be inside that building for many on Flower Street. The renovation and reinventing of the barbershop will forever keep Sonny’s memory alive for new generations to come.”

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Maximize your Social Security

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it. You may be able to repay all the benefits you received so far and restart them at a higher level based on your age.

■ **Claim spousal benefits.** If you're married, you have a choice: You can either take the benefit based on your work history, or half your spouse's benefit. So if your spouse earned a lot more than you did, and has a higher benefit as a result, compare and see which will pay the most.

You can also claim Social Security benefits based on an ex-spouse's work record if you were married for at least 10 years.

■ **Claim twice.** A dual-income retired couple may be able to claim spousal benefits, then later switch to payments based on their own work record. This could make sense if waiting until a later age would result in higher benefits.

For example, say the husband is 66 and the wife is 62. If the husband files for benefits, the wife could opt for half her husband's benefit, while still earning money and letting her benefit grow. When she turns 70, she could drop the spousal benefit and file for benefits based on her own work record.

There are many strategies like these to maximize Social Security, therefore talk to a financial expert before you get ready to file.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Walter Bowden

FRANKFORD, Del. — Thomas Walter Bowden, 86, of Frankford, Del., died Wednesday March 20, 2013, at Atlantic Shores Nursing Home in Millsboro, Del. Born in Berlin, he was the son of the late William Clifton Bowden and Mamie Smack Bowden.

Mr. Bowden was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Wainwright Bowden in February 2013, and a daughter, Catherine Hudson in 2012. He is sur-

vived by two sons, Thomas C. Bowden and his wife, Maryann, of California and Robert J. Bowden and his wife, Kathy, of Berlin; and daughters, Patsy B. Taylor and her husband, Preston, of Salisbury and Peggy Luzier and her husband, George, of Frankford; a brother, Ralph Bowden of Berlin; a sister, Myrtle Pusey of Snow Hill; 10 grandchildren, Nichelle Hudson, Stephen Hudson, Christopher Hudson, Michael T. Bowden, Christy T.

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Hall, Tiffany T. Simpson, Missy Burbage, Brian Luzier, Andrew Luzier and Branda N. Bowden; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bowden served in the United States Army during WWII. He had owned and operated of T's Grill in Ocean City, and later worked as a truck driver for H&H Poultry.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, March 27, at Bowen Cemetery in Newark. The Rev. Sherwood McGrath officiated. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to The National Parkinson's Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, Md. 21741-5018.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Allen Douglas Ake

OCEAN CITY — Allen Douglas "Doug" Ake, 69, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 22, 2013 at his home. Raised



Allen Ake

in Gumboro, he was the son of Jean Ake Miles and the late Marshall W. Ake.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Elena Danforth Ake, and daughters, Dr. Jennifer Marie Ro-

manow and her husband, Josh, of Arlington, Va., and Christina Ake Harrison and her husband, G. Hale Harrison, of Berlin. He was adored grandfather to Haven Victoria Harrison. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Joshua W. Miles II. He also leaves behind his beloved dogs, Trouble and Dirty Harry.

Mr. Ake had worked at Wallops Island prior to earning his degree in ocean engineering from Florida Atlantic University. In 1975, he married Elena Danforth, and together they founded Ake Marine in Ocean City.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Thursday, March 28, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon. The Rev. Dr. Olin Shockley will officiate. Interment will follow in Pittsville Cemetery. A donation in his memory may be made to the Ocean City Reef Foundation, P.O. Box 1072, Ocean City, Md. 21943, or Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 27, Ocean City, Md. 21943.

Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Arthur Richard Felsher

OCEAN PINES — Arthur Richard "Dick" Felsher, 81, of Ocean Pines, died Wednesday March 20, 2013, at his home.

Born in New Orleans, he was the son of the late Arthur Richard Felsher Sr., and Josephine M. Dubret Felsher.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Ann Myers Felsher; a son, Richard Anthony Felsher of Santa Ana, Calif., and Christopher Scott Roman of Arlington, Va.; a daughter, Maria Collette Lynn of Rockville, Md.; a stepson, Matt R. BALLENGER of Baltimore; and stepdaughters, Valerie Jo Thacker of Huntington, Md.,



Arthur Felsher

Wendy Jo Subasic of Ellicott City and Cindy Dukes of Stevensonville, Md. Also surviving is a sister, Patricia Ruth Hardee of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., 11 grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Felsher was a graduate of Louisiana University and a Korean War veteran. He had been a regional manager and vice president with Wells Fargo.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 27, at the Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City. A donation in his memory may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Harold D. Breidenstein

OCEAN PINES — Harold Donald "Bud" Breidenstein, 81, of Ocean Pines, passed away Friday, March 22, 2013.

Bud was born in Baltimore on March 24, 1931. He graduated from Mount St. Joseph's High School in 1949. He joined the Army in 1951 and served for three years.

Mr. Breidenstein married Susanne Marker "Sue" Eavey on July 2, 1952. They were married for more than 60 years. He resided in Ellicott City, Md., for 37 years and then relocated to Ocean Pines, where he and Sue have lived for the past 16 years.

In 1965, he began his career with State Farm Insurance, where he worked until his retirement in 1995. He was a member of the American Legion and Kiwanis. He was also actively involved in Meals on Wheels and volunteered his time with the elderly.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Breidenstein is survived by his children, Tim (Fran), Joan Hajek (Mike), Diane Korpa (Mark), Tom (Jale), Brennan,



H. Breidenstein

and Kerri. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold D. and Edna E. Breidenstein (née Bussard) and his two sisters, Betty and Jane.

A celebration of life Mass will be held at noon on Tuesday April 2, at St. John Neumann Church in Ocean Pines. A celebration will follow the Mass at the American Legion in on 24th Street in Ocean City. Interment will be private at Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802 or online at www.coastalhospice.org. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Lorene J. Peake

OCEAN CITY — Lorene Baptist Jones Peake, 92, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, March 22,



Lorene Peake

2013, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Earlsville, Va., she was the daughter of the late Abraham I. Jones and Lou Alice Herdon Jones. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman W. Peake, in 2003.

She is survived by her son, George B. Peake and his wife, Mary, of Monrovia, Md. She was adored grandmother to George, Willie, Dawn and Michael, and great-grandchildren Kimberly, Kirsten, Brittany, Samantha, Alexandria, Mary, Jacob and Shyann.

Mrs. Peake had served in the United States Navy as a lieutenant junior grade nurse during World War II. She later worked as a registered nurse at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring until retiring in 1984.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

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A funeral service was held Wednesday March 27, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Damascus, Md. The Revs. Ray Scheck and George Winston officiated. Interment followed on Thursday at Parklawn Memorial Park in Rockville, Md. A donation in her memory may be made to Atlantic General Hospital, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneral-home.com.

Wilson Morris Townsend

PARSONSBURG — Wilson Morris Townsend, 80, of Parsonsburg died Sunday, March 25, 2013, at Anchorage Nursing Home in Salisbury. He was the son of the late Maurice Townsend and Lola Boston.

Mr. Townsend was preceded in death by his wife, T. Lee Townsend; a sister, Patsy Ader; and a brother, Arthur Townsend. He is survived by two sons, Clarke Townsend and his wife, Cindy, and Mark Townsend and his wife, Dottie; one sister, Thelma Lambden and her husband, Bobby; three grandchildren, Joshua Townsend and his wife, Jennifer, and Nathan and Garret Townsend; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Layla; a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Townsend; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Townsend was a loving father and

grandfather who enjoyed giving to others and loved his farming and gardening.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Friday, March 29, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Pastor Bruce Bowden will officiate. Interment will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Parsonsburg, Md.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneral-home.com.

Caitlyn Diann Lebo

OCEAN CITY — Caitlyn Diann Lebo, 19, of Ocean City died Thursday, March 21, 2013. Born in Salisbury, she was the daughter of Robert "Bob" and Darlene "Dee" (Lewis) Lebo of West Ocean City.

Miss Lebo graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 2011 and had worked at the Wawa in West Ocean City for five years. Recently, she was working in the Copy Center at the Staples Store in West Ocean City and at Save-A-Lot in Berlin.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 27, at First Presbyterian Church in Ocean City. Pastor Alex Ayers officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, Md. 21842.

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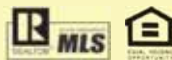
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Statewide bills will have their affect on Lower Shore residents

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND – As members of the General Assembly scrambled to win passage of their respective proposals in time to meet the March 25 crossover deadline – when bills must at least be passed by the chamber where they originate – several proposals were approved that could affect the Lower Eastern Shore, though they were not proposed by local delegation.

For example, House bills that were passed by that chamber last week in-

cluded a medical marijuana proposal, a signage requirement to make restaurant patrons aware of the potential for food allergies a property tax credit for historical real estate, a stricter sanction against driving with handheld communication devices and a protective measure for landlords trying to defend themselves in court from against nuisance actions caused by their tenants.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

The final House vote on a medical marijuana bill (HB 1101) was overwhelm-

ingly approved on a vote of 108-28 on March 25. According to a legislative summary, the proposal would establish a Medical Marijuana Commission tasked with issuing requests for applications for academic medical centers to operate medical marijuana compassionate use programs, establishing a review process for initial and renewal applications, and monitoring and providing oversight for approved programs.

The legislation was sponsored by Delegate Dan Morhaim (D-11) of Baltimore

County.

MENU ADVISORIES

The House approved by a 134-1 vote HB 9, which would require restaurants to post information on food allergies on signage in staff areas and on menus by Jan. 1, 2014. The individual designated as the "person in charge" of a food establishment would be required to view a video on food allergies and food preparation approved by the state.

The bill would also direct the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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to develop food allergy information packets, a program to designate certain restaurants as food-allergy friendly, food allergy-related rules and guidelines, and a report on the bill's impact to the General Assembly by Sept. 30, 2015. It would also designate the second full week of May as Food Allergy Awareness Week.

CELL PHONES

The proposal HB 753, which would make texting or operating a handheld communication device a primary traffic offense that by itself could trigger an en-

forcement action, was approved by the House by a vote of 106-29, March 21.

Essentially, the bill would replace the current status where violations of the ban on driving while operating handheld cell phones is a secondary action that can trigger police enforcement if the driver is stopped for another reason. Instead, it would make the violation a primary violation that would allow officers to stop a motorist without the need to witness another infraction.

A first reading of the bill and referral to

the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee occurred in the Senate March 22. The proposal was sponsored by Delegate James Malone (D-12A), who represents Baltimore and Howard counties.

LANDLORD PROTECTION

HB 1222 would provide certain legal protections for landlords who have notified tenants or the district court of their intent to evict because of nuisance conditions caused by either their tenants or individuals on the premises with the tenants' permission. The bill defines nuisance as:

maintenance-related conditions that pose a danger to public health or safety; using building or vehicles to administer dangerous substances or contraband; water-based unsanitary conditions involving plumbing or waste material; or property used for prostitution or the distribution or manufacture of controlled substances.

A hearing in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on the bill has been scheduled for March 28. It was sponsored by Delegate Michael Weir (D-6) from Baltimore County.

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EDITORIAL

Celebrating beginnings

Two of the most significant religious events in the world are either taking place now or are about to occur: Passover, which began Monday and continues through next Tuesday, and Easter, which this year falls on March 31.

In the Jewish faith, Passover marks the emancipation of the Israelites in ancient Egypt. In that time, 10 plagues were visited upon the Egyptians, while the Children of Israel were spared, until Pharaoh relented and released the Israelites from slavery. Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt, across the Red Sea and to Mount Sinai, where he received the Ten Commandments.

For Christians, Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection is the foundation of the Christian faith, proving that Christ was the Son of God and signifying that Christ's followers will themselves be spiritually resurrected at the end of their days on earth.

What both these observances have in common, aside from shared symbolism in some instances, is that they both celebrate the gift of hope and a new beginning.

Beyond that, the name Easter itself a derivation of the name Eostre, who some scholars contend was a goddess of Germanic paganism who, possibly, represented the dawn and the bringing of light and life in the spring.

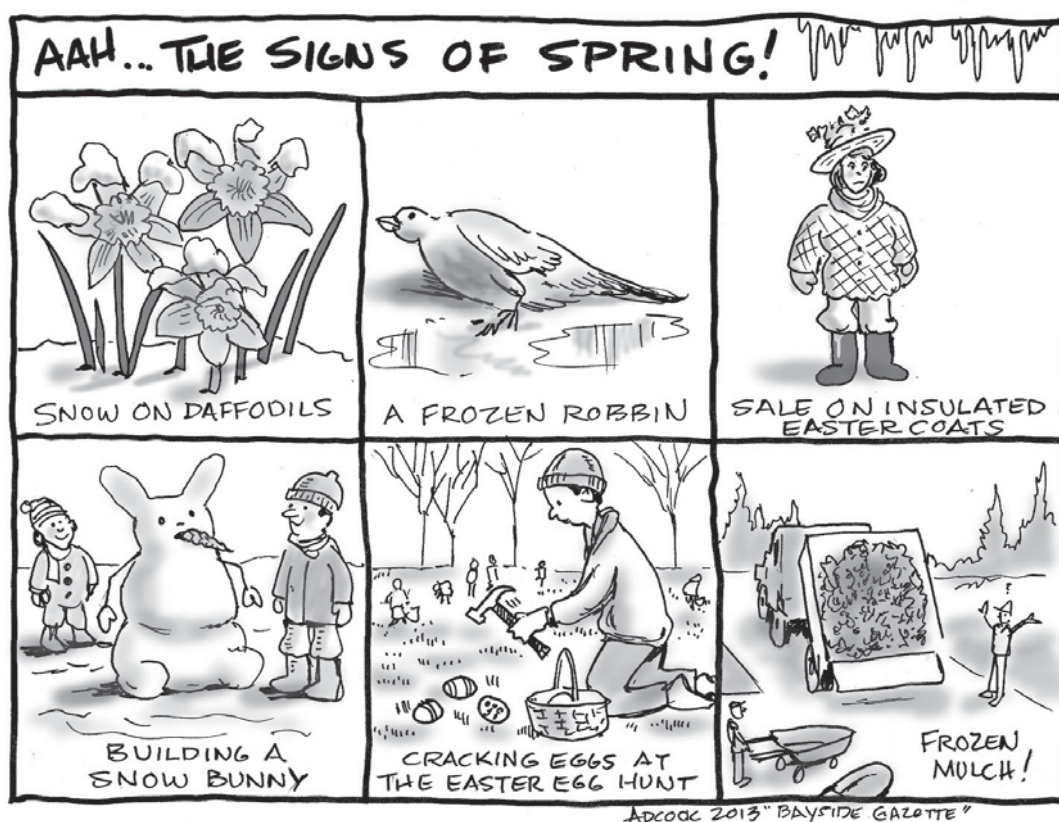
So it appears that the one thing binds all people, regardless of their beliefs, or even the lack of them, is that this is the time of year to celebrate the opportunity to start anew, with new hopes and new outlooks.

We may mark this occasion in different ways, with dissimilar ceremonies and observances, but their essence remains the same: the freedom to believe in a better time ahead because of the sacrifices of the past.

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LETTERS

Another name for govt. control

Editor,

Recently, a local paper published an article highlighting Worcester County Public Schools' request to the county to request from the state a "one-time non-recurring" additional \$400,000 of funding, with more than half being applied to the advance of technology. Specifically, \$200,000 of the budget is meant for computer tablets as a means to ready students for the PARCC Test (Partnership for the Assessment and Readiness for College and Careers). While I am generally pleased when funding is allotted for the purpose of education, do we really need to spend \$200,000 (we don't have) for an extraneous item that really seems more of a novelty than a necessity? That aside, the tablets will be used to assist students with passing an assessment that is supposedly designed to measure "common core" knowledge of language arts and mathematics.

The Common Core State Standards initiative is a paper tiger to the failed No Child Left Behind program. Changing the title certainly did not

change the methods or practices of the organization. This program, working in conjunction with the PARCC, says it is meant "to provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them." Perhaps my perspective is skewed, but if a teacher doesn't know what his or her students need academically, perhaps he or she shouldn't be a teacher?

An educator needs a government institution to tell them how and what to teach so they can do it effectively? Sounds more like the common core is designed to teach educators how to do their job, since bad educators can't be fired (thank you, Teachers Union). As a means to ensure the students are absorbing a curriculum the Common Core considers to be "robust and relevant to the real world," the PARCC is tasked with creating an assessment to measure student progress.

On the surface, the PARCC doesn't seem so bad — measuring student progress and perhaps a means to regulate the Common Core itself? Until you learn the program was formed with government stimulus money, \$186 million to be pre-

cise, and the "assessments" are tracking more than math scores. The tax money given to the PARCC could be spent on schools and students directly for the facilitation of learning, not on a program that allegedly creates a test to determine if they are learning. As a means to track student progress, PARCC is amassing copious amounts of data on each student, details that prove invasive and unnecessary, especially if the data really is (as they say) meant strictly for monitoring academic progress. The assessments were supposedly designed to track language and mathematical competence, but they are also tracking things like "appreciation for diversity" and "flexibility." How are either of these imperative to mapping a child's academic progress? They are not. How can subjective things of this nature be measured objectively? They cannot.

Maryland is implementing the Common Core standard in September 2013, and participates with the PARCC-as evident with the aforementioned funding proposal to assist with the assessment. We should be fighting against an educational institution that is a façade for more government

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control, as well as invading the most basic privacy of school children, that we as adults take for granted. Shakespeare said it best, "A rose by any other name ...," and while the regulation may be under a different guise it will still be as unproductive as the first implementation, and just as costly.

Leigh Williams
Berlin

A sad loss for animal shelter

Editor,

We lost our mayor this week. Not one of the human mayors of the local towns, but rather the anointed mayor of the Worcester County Humane Society.

His name was Shawnee. For the many of us whose lives he touched, it is a very sad day. Shawnee is well known in the area, especially by the many generous volunteers, employees and supporters at the shelter. His antics, fun-loving personality and charisma made him a legend in the dog and human world.

The memories and tales of Shawnee are too numerous to recount in this brief memorial. Suffice it to say that he was no normal dog. He loved his home at the shelter and despite the director's (Kenille Davies) best attempts to find a "forever" home, Shawnee refused to leave "his town" in the paws of another. On more than one occasion, he left his forever home in the dark of night and made his way back to the shelter. In fact, Kenille passed him on her drive to the shelter one morning as he made his journey back to the place he loved. Finally, Shawnee got his point across and Kenille capitulated — Shawnee was not going to give up his position in his "town."

Perhaps the most telling example of how popular and well-known Shawnee became, was during the shelter's annual and biggest fundraiser, Boardwalkin' For Pets. At this event, dog lovers are given an opportunity to "borrow" a dog from the shelter to walk. As a result, many of our dogs are able to participate. Shawnee was always in demand and never missed a chance to lead a parade. Two years ago, a young couple was awarded the opportunity to escort Shawnee in his main public appearance event. When they returned to the shelter with him afterwards, they spoke in amazement about all of the people along the way who knew Shawnee and would enthusiastically shout from the crowd, "Hey, there's Shawnee!"

Shawnee touched many lives and will continue to do so, thanks to the efforts of the Worcester County Humane Society. He epitomized the joy, love and friendship that the shelter affords to its residents and the people who are fortunate enough to be adopted by one or more of them. He will be missed and always remembered. RIP Shawnee.

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On the second weekend in May, hundreds of area gardeners will fill their trunks with native flowering plants, tomatoes and herbs, and will offer last-minute Mother's Day gifts at this year's festival. ACT is encouraging local artists and craftspeople who cre-

ate nature- and garden-related items to participate in the annual event.

The festival will be held on the lot adjacent to the ACT office, steps from the corner of Old Ocean City Boulevard and North Main Street in Berlin.

The goal is to promote the work of local vendors who make gardening items like pots, trellises, wind chimes, garden sculpture, jewelry or anything that is plant and nature focused. To complement the native plants that will be available, the emphasis is

going to be to support the work of local artists and craftspeople as well.

There will be no charge to participate as a vendor. Displays, which must be provided by the vendors, will be arranged on the grounds adjacent to the ACT office. The hours of the sale are 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DeHart on St. Martin's bd.

Natalee DeHart was recently elected to the board of directors for The Historic St. Martin's Foundation, which presides over the management of the circa 1756 preservation project located in Showell.

St. Martin's newest board member earned a bachelor's degree from Towson University and a master's degree in education from Loyola University. She is the project manager for D3 Corp in West Ocean City and is the creative director for Good Clean Fun Life, an online arts and entertainment magazine, which she and her husband founded.

"Natalee's amazing array of talents adds an element to the board of directors that we were searching for in the community," said board President Sherrie Beckstead.

DeHart is the mother of two children and resides with her family in Berlin.

Poker league under way

Beginning this holiday weekend, Resort Poker League will host a weekly free poker event at Peak's Restaurant on 138th Street, overlooking the Ocean City skyline. The newly opened restaurant is located on the eighth floor of the Fenwick Inn.

The first event will be held Saturday, March 30.

"One of our league's most popular games in the past," says Resort Poker League's co-owner Lee Chidester, "was at Jordan's Rooftop, the old restaurant in the Fenwick Inn. I think Peak's, as the new vendor, is primed

to surpass all our expectations. It's got it all."

On Saturday, April 6, Resort Poker League is co-sponsoring with Peak's their largest Mega Tournament of the season, where prize giveaways include gift certificates to the restaurant, a Kindle Fire and a chance to play at Resort Poker League's Grand Finale at Brew River in Salisbury this June, where players will compete for a paid seat at a \$1 million Prize Pool Casino Tournament. It's open to the public.

For additional information, e-mail resort-poker@aol.com or call 484-364-1033.

'Brushes & Bubbly'

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring an evening of painting that requires no prior painting or art experience. Brushes and Bubbly will be held Wednesday, April 10, from 7-9 p.m. at the new Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th Street.

This event is in its second season and will be held monthly. Take friends, a snack and an adult beverage, and enjoy a fun, stress-free evening of painting. The Art League will supply brushes, paints, canvases, music and cups. The artist guide for this month will be Kathi Stevens.

All will go home with a personalized, completed work of art. Participants must be at least 21 years of age. The cost is \$36 for Art League members and \$40 for non-members. To reserve a space, call the Art League at 410-542-9433. For more information on the Art League of Ocean City and what it has to offer, www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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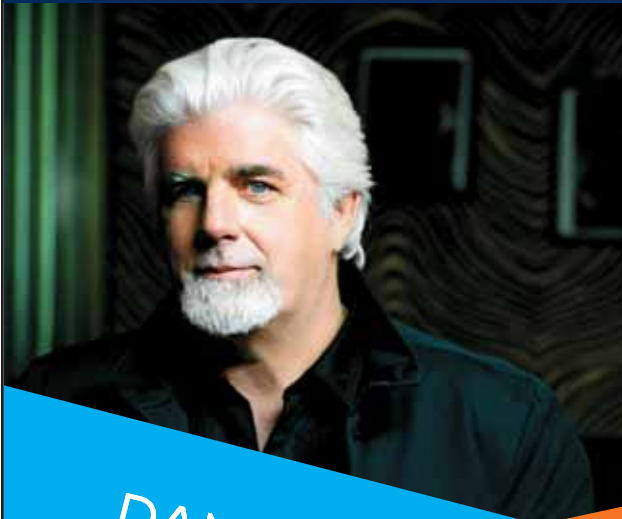


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Sisters, Worcester Relay for Life will offer 'purple event'

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Sister's Gifts will be the hub for the town's first "Paint Berlin Purple" event during the Second Friday Stroll on April 12. It will include a "Quest for Hope" scavenger hunt sponsored in conjunction with Relay for Life of North Worcester County.

Donna Compher, co-owner of Sisters, said March 25 she was hoping for a successful turnout for the event, which will start and end at the store.

Based on Compher's description, town lampposts would be festooned with purple ribbons and participating downtown businesses would be decorated with purple bows on their doors as part of a townwide scavenger hunt. One concept the event sponsors are considering is hiding various cancer awareness signs throughout the town to help increase public understanding in the increasingly winnable battle against the disease.

Registration will begin 5:30 p.m. and the hunt begins at 6 p.m. and ends with entertainment and a celebration ceremony at Sister's Gifts at 13 N. Main St. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The grand prize winner of the scavenger hunt will win a hope chest filled with gifts valued at \$200.

The goal of the local Relay for Life committee is to raise \$150,000 for the American Cancer Society, the group said in a statement. The group is preparing its 16th Annual Relay for Life event, which will be held at Frontier Town Campground on May 10 at 6 p.m. The campground is located at 8428 Stephen Decatur Hwy.

According to Compher, Frontier Town is donating the campground for a overnigher of activities and entertainment, including a survivor's lap, caregiver's lap, a lighting of luminaries at dusk in memory of people who have been lost to cancer and in honor of those who have won their battles, a "fight back" ceremony of motivational speakers, and ceremonies in recognition of various fundraising efforts held throughout the past year.

The overnight event will be from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

For more information on the "Paint Berlin Purple" campaign or the "Quest for Hunt" scavenger hunt, visit Sisters at 13 North Main Street, Berlin or call 443-513-4158.

Relay for Life organizers are inviting team participants, sponsors and survivors to attend. Online registrants will be asked to make a \$10 donation. The event will be complimentary for cancer survivors and one caregiver.

Additional information is available on the organization's Web site at www.relayforlife.org/northworces-termd or by calling Dawn Hodge at 443-497-1198.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 29

EASTER ART & CRAFT FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibitors displaying unique hand-crafted items, including wearable art, jewelry, lawn and garden decor, toys, florals, fine art, caricatures and more. Admission costs \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students and free to children 3 and younger and military. Admission includes Easter Kids Fun Fair. Info: www.oceanpromotions.info or 410-213-8090.

GOOD FRIDAY — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 7 p.m. Info: 410-289-7430 or www.atlanticumc.com.

GOOD FRIDAY — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin. Good Friday Liturgy at noon. Evening Prayer/Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. Info: 410-641-4066.

EASTER KIDS' FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Continuous events, activities and entertainment including Beany the Easter Bunny, egg hunts, coloring tables, door prizes, games, contests and several shows. Additional entertainment on a pay-as-you-go basis includes sand art, face painting, photos with the Easter bunny and more. Admission costs \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students and free to children 3 and younger and military, police and fire with ID. Admission includes Easter Art & Craft Fair. Info: www.oceanpromotions.info, events@oceanpromotions.info or 410-213-8090.

GOOD FRIDAY — St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Info: 410-524-7474 or www.stpetersoc.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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BERLIN SPRING CELEBRATION — Main Street,

Berlin. Pancake breakfast and photos with the Easter Bunny at Rayne's Reef. Seatings are: 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Reservations: 410-641-4775. Easter egg hunt at Stephen Decatur Park at 11 a.m. for children ages 2-10. Throughout the day there will be face painting, pony rides, workshops, vendors, amusement rides, demonstrations and more. Register for the Egg Drop Contest at the chamber tent from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Egg drop starts at 1 p.m. Rules: www.berlinchamber.org. Third annual Grande Finale Easter Bonnet & Mad Hatter Parade at 3 p.m. Register at the chamber tent, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Costs \$2 for children and \$3 for adults. Schedule of events: www.berlinchamber.org or 410-641-4775.

EASTER BUNNY FUN SHOP — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. Easter egg hunts, visit from the Easter Bunny, arts and crafts and entertainment. Take a basket. Registration is limited. Cost is \$6 for Ocean City residents and \$8 for non-residents. Info: 410-250-0125.

28TH ANNUAL OCEAN CITY JOB FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free to all who are seeking employment. Info: Lisa Dennis, lisa@oceancity.org or 410-213-0552.

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.

SPRING CELEBRATION AND EASTER EGG HUNT — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring roving magician Wild Willy Woo Woo, face painting, pony rides, carriage rides, moon bounces, Easter themed arts and crafts as well as food and goodies for sale. Easter egg hunt times are: ages 0-2, 11:30 a.m.; ages 3-4, noon; ages 5-6, 1 p.m.; and ages 7-9, 1:30 p.m. Easter Bonnet contest begins at 12:30 p.m. Easter candy donations are accepted at the community center. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

'WINE THRU TIME' FUNDRAISING EVENT — Furnace Town Visitor Center, 3816 Old Furnace Road, Snow Hill, 5-7 p.m. Wine tastings and food pairings provided by Bishop's Stock, JJ & K Caterers, and Miss Patti Cake. Cost is \$50 and by reservation only. Benefiting Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum. Ticket reservations: 410-632-2032.

VIETNAM VETERANS WELCOME HOME — Ocean City American Legion, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. There will be a POW/MIA Table Presentation at 3 p.m. All Vietnam era veterans are invited to attend this open house for lunch and to greet and meet other Vietnam veterans. There will be information available from the 50th United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration

(www.vietnamwar50th.com). Info: Sarge Garlitz, firstsgt166@msn.com, 443-735-1942; Bill Wolf, commander166@comcast.net; 410-289-3166; alpost166@comcast.net; or www.alpost166.org.

BUNNYPALOOZA! 5K/10K WALK/RUN — Runners, local businesses, spectators, entertainers and volunteers in Bethany Beach, Del., join forces to raise funds for the Quiet Resorts Charitable Foundation. Race begins at 8 a.m. at Garfield Parkway and Atlantic Avenue, downtown Bethany Beach, Del., and finishes at the Bethany Beach Boardwalk at the Bandstand. Info: www.bunnypaloozarun.com.

HOLY SATURDAY — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin. Great Vigil of Easter at 8 p.m. Incense will be used. Info: 410-641-4066.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE — Ocean City Boardwalk at North Division Street, 6 a.m. Open to all. Sponsored by Ocean City Christian Ministers Association. Info: Norman Poultney, 410-289-7430 or beachpastor1@atlanticumc.org.

EASTER SERVICES — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. Easter Sunrise service at 7 a.m., at Evergreen Cemetery, on Route 376. Easter Service at 9 a.m., at the church. Info: officesumc@verizon.net.

EASTER SERVICES — St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Traditional worship at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Contemporary worship at 9:30 a.m. Info: 410-524-7474 or www.stpetersoc.com.

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EASTER SERVICES — St. Paul's by-the-Sea, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. All are invited. Info: <http://red-doors.org>.

EASTER DAY — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin. Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:30 a.m. (no music). Choral Eucharist Rite I at 10:30 a.m. Info: 410-641-4066.

WEEKLY FREE POKER EVENT — Peaky's Restaurant, in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Free, no limit Texas Hold 'Em. Info: resortpoker@aol.com or 484-364-1033.

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT — Ocean City beach at Third Street, 10 a.m. Hunt for eggs in the sand. Take a basket and a camera to get pictures of the children on the beach in their Sunday best. Info: <http://red-doors.org/community-center-ocean-city-md-programs/easter-egg-hunt-on-the-beach/>.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, 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. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. 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.

DRAWING, PAINTING, PRINTMAKING — Six sessions held Mondays, April 1 through May 6, 4-6 p.m. For ages 8-13. Cost is \$120 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$150 for nonmembers. Materials included. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

POTTERY CLASS — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. Six-session class. Students will learn the basics of ceramics and pottery. Morning, afternoon and evening classes available. Cost is \$180 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$216 for nonmembers. Materials fee is \$35. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION — Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Great Books focuses on works that shape our culture and provide a deeper appreciation for what it means to be human. Info: Don Winslow, 410-208-6613.

CPAP MASK FITTING — Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin. Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month at Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY SEMINAR — Atlantic Bariatric Center, Berlin Main Place Complex, 9956 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-6 p.m. Receive information about the lap band and gastric sleeve weight loss procedures. Pre-register: 410-641-3960.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, first Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m. All welcome. Dr. Peter Costantini, of Atlantic General Health System, will discuss "Obstructive Sleep Apnea." Info: Darlene Jameson, 410-629-6877 or AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education Program, 410-641-9703

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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

RESURRECTION LESSON — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 6:30 p.m. Info: officesumc@verizon.net.

ST. CLARE'S ANNUAL SPRING CARD PARTY LUNCHEON — St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Luncheon served at noon. Cost is \$15. Reservations: Amanda Cropper, 410-641-5049 or church office, 410-289-3453.

YOUNG MASTERS SERIES BEGINS — Six sessions held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 2 through April 18, 4-6 p.m. For ages 8-13. Students may register for individual dates or all six. Materials provided. Cost is \$20 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$25 for nonmembers. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

PLAY TIME — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, ages infant to 5 years old, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program. Info: 410-957-0878.

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 2-5 years old, enjoy stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-641-0650.

SCREEN PAINTING — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2-5 p.m. Local artist, John lampieri instructs this class on the art and technique of screen painting. Register: 410-524-1818.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, Clarksville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

SALSA DANCE FEVER — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 6:30 p.m. Learn the art of Salsa dancing. Go alone or take a partner. Info: 410-957-0878.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, April 3, 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Free conference, continental breakfast and buffet lunch. Learn about the latest health initia-

tives in Worcester County, Maryland's health insurance exchange and attend the "Preparing Today for Tomorrow's Emergency," an interactive session. RSVP: Sue Buhr, 410-632-110, Ext. 1164 or sue.buhr@maryland.gov.

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 Peaky's 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 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.

CLAY DAYS BEGINS — Six sessions held Wednesdays, April 3 through May 7, 4-6 p.m. For ages 8-13. Learn hand building and use of the wheel. Cost is \$180 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$216 for nonmembers. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

STORY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 2-5 years old, enjoy stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-524-1818.

FOREIGN POLICY KEY ISSUES: DISCUSSION GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Reading discussion of major foreign policy issues. Study guide provided. Reserve study guide: 410-208-4014.

E-READER TECH ZOO — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St. Kindle Connections at 2 p.m. Nook Know-How at 3 p.m. and iPad Info at 4 p.m. Learn how to download ebooks from the public library. Info: 410-641-0650.

SMITH ISLAND CAKE BAKING DEMO — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Lisa Evans of Smith Island will prepare a "Smith Island Cake." Info: 410-957-0878.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. All welcome. Dr. Peter Costantini of Atlantic General Health System, will discuss "Obstructive Sleep Apnea." Info: Ellen Lurz, 443-814-5450, elurz52@mchsi.com or the AGH Diabetes Out-patient Education program, 410-641-9703.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

COASTAL HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES' SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOP — Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, 10441 Racetrack Road, Berlin, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to the public. RSVP: Lenora Berger, 410-726-6405.

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

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

BARISTA AND BOOKS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Infant to 5 year old children and their caregivers enjoy stories, crafts, cocoa and pastries. Coffee for the parents. 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 children ages 3-5. Info: 410-632-3495.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. The Ocean Pines Garden Club will present their 2013 events and programs. Members of the Women's Club will share their personal talents. Info: Pat Addy, 410-208-0171.

ONGOINGEVENTS

POCOMOKE SPRING OPEN GOLF TOURNEY Winter Quarters Golf Course, Pocomoke, April 20. Registration at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$50 per individual or \$200 per team. Cart and lunch included. Silent auction, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Support Pocomoke Chamber of Commerce in promoting local businesses. To get involved contact Jennifer at pocomokechamber@gmail.com or 410-957-1919.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to noon, April 6 through June 2. Donations support the Ocean City Aviation Association's Huey Memorial fund. Display is located within walking distance of Terminal. Info: Airport Operations, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-641-6888.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN — Pine'er Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open March 30, April 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features handcrafted home decor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'er Craft Club.

COMPUTER AND E-READER INSTRUCTION — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Staff offers individual computer or E-Reader instruction by appointment: 410-524-1818.

HORSEBACK RIDING ON THE BEACH — Ocean City now offers horseback riding on the beach

from 27th Street extending south to the Inlet jetty between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m., Nov. 1 through March 30. Cost is \$20 for a single-day permit and \$50 for a seasonal permit. Permit applications: City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 301 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City or online at www.oceancitymd.gov.

HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES IN DOWNTOWN OC — Horse and carriage rides offered 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, through April 14, (depending on weather and ridership). Begin at inlet lot near Thrasher's ride on the Boardwalk and around the pier. Cost is \$10 per person for adults, free to children 3 and younger. Info: www.downtownassociation.net, 410-289-1413 or 443-783-1409.

ORDERS FOR HOMEMADE PIES AND CHICKEN SALAD — Place orders for homemade pies, \$9 and chicken salad, \$6 per pint by calling Showell Christian Workers, 410-352-5163 or 302-436-8942 by April 3. Pick up orders April 6, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Showell United Methodist Church, 10115 Pitts Road, Showell.

HELP FOR PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG ABUSE Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free assessments and referrals: 877-413-3073 or www.narcononworks.com.

SILENT AUCTION — A silent auction to benefit the Art League of Ocean City's scholarship fund is being held at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. Local artist Peter Cosby has donated his original oil painting, "Atlantic Light," valued at \$6,000. Minimum bid is \$2,500 with minimum increments of \$100. Auction will close on May 31, at 4 p.m. To place a bid, visit the Center for the Arts, call the Art League of Ocean City at 410-524-9433 or visit www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

SOUP FUNDRAISER — Ocean City Airport, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., now through March 31. Soup and cake. Donation of \$5 benefits the Ocean City Aviation Association's Huey Memorial Fund. Info: Airport Operations, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

TICKETS FOR 'SISTER ACT' BUS TRIP — Bus will depart from the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, April 7, at 8:30 a.m. to arrive at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia for the 1 p.m. show. Will stop for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Group will return immediately after the show, stopping for dinner in Wilmington. Arrive home at 9 p.m. Cost is \$80. Info: 410-641-7052.

AARP — Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church). Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: aarp1917.org.

ART EXHIBITS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, through March. The watercolor exhibit features Barbara Doyle Schmidt, February/March Artist of the Month. The Artist Spotlight exhibit features Kathryn K. Cashman, multi-media artist. For library hours, call 410-208-4014.

BAYSIDE LIFE

Easter celebrations planned through weekend

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY — Family events and activities are scheduled to take place in Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin and Snow Hill this weekend to celebrate the Easter holiday.

OCEAN PINES:

■ The Spring Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at White Horse Park. There will be face painting, a moon bounce, pony rides, arts and crafts and egg hunts throughout the day. Wild Willy Woo Woo will wow the crowd with magic tricks. Vendors will also be on hand.

Easter bonnet and basket decorating contests will take place at 12:30 p.m. Typically, 500-600 guests participate in the Ocean Pines activity annually, according to Recreation Program Supervisor Debbie Donahue. There is no cost to get into the event. Refreshments will be provided by the Kiwanis Club.

"It's just a fun atmosphere," Donahue said. "It's a big event for us."

Easter candy donations are still being accepted at the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department located in the Community Center. It is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today (Friday). Smaller pieces of candy that can fit inside Easter eggs are preferred. For more information, call the recreation department at 410-641-7052.

BERLIN:

■ The town's 18th annual Spring Celebration will begin with a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Rayne's Reef. Reservations can be made for the three seatings (8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) by calling 410-641-4775. The cost is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.

Pony rides, face painting, amusement rides, arts and crafts and vendors will be available throughout the day.

Easter egg hunts for children ages 2-10 will take place beginning at 11 a.m. at the Stephen Decatur Park.

Register at the Chamber tent from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the inaugural egg drop contest, which will start at 1 p.m. For a list of rules, visit www.berlinchamber.org (Spring Celebration event page).

The grand finale Easter bonnet and Mad Hatter parade is set to begin at 3 p.m. Participants should design their hats in advance. Registration costs \$2 for children, \$3 for adults and can be done on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the chamber tent. Prizes will be awarded for Overall Mad Hatter, Best Bonnet, "Berlin Green" (made out of recycled material) Bonnet and top adult hat.

Approximately 2,000 to 3,000 people attend the Spring Celebration annually, depending on the weather, according to Aaren



Children wear the Easter bonnets they designed during Berlin's Spring Celebration last year.

Collins, Berlin Chamber executive director.

"We start with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and we have events all day," she said.

Spring Celebration sponsor are St. Paul-Episcopal Church: The Church Mouse Thrift Store, The Berlin Coffee House, Barrett Chevrolet, Git R Done Cleaning Services.

For more information, call 410-641-4775 or visit www.berlinchamber.org.

OCEAN CITY:

■ The 14th annual Easter Art & Craft and Kids Fun Fair will begin at 10 a.m. today and Saturday at the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street. The festivities will continue until 5 p.m. both days.

The Kids Fair will feature Easter egg hunts, carnival games, Cascading Carlos' juggling lessons and demonstrations, Mr. Jim and his puppets, magic by John Donaldson and Balloonamania. Children can also guess the number of jellybeans in a jar and draw at one of the coloring tables.

"It's fun for kids of any age, particularly the younger kids," said event Organizer Mike Wicklein of Ocean Promotions.

For an additional charge, there will be activities such as sand art, figurine painting, hair wrapping, face painting and temporary tattoos. A moon bounce, obstacle course, swing, shark slide and rock climbing wall will also be available for children. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to take photos with attendees.

Approximately 90 vendors will offer merchandise for children and adults, including jewelry, paintings, candles, glassware, accessories and pet-related items, among others.

Admission costs \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens (60 and older), military, police and fire personnel (with ID) and students 4 and older. Children ages 3 and younger will be admitted free. Approximately 4,500 to 5,000 people attended the two-day show last year, Wicklein said. For more information and to view the entertainment schedule, call 410-213-8090 or visit www.oceanpromotions.info.

■ At Northside Park on 125th Street, Peter Cotton Tail will greet children at the Easter Bunny Funshop on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$6 for Ocean City residents and \$8 for non-residents.

Funshop activities for children ages 2-10 will include comedic skits by Paul Hadfield, carnival games, egg dyeing, face painting, arts and crafts and egg hunts. Refreshments will also be available.

Approximately 200 children, along with their families, participate in the activities annually, according to Recreation Department Supervisor Lynda Brittingham.

"It's a jam-packed two hours, but it's a lot of fun for everybody," she said.

Those who would like to attend are asked to register in advance. Register online at www.oceancitymd.gov stop by the Northside Park Recreation Complex. For more information, call the recreation department at 410-250-0125.

■ The Red Door Community Center at St. Paul's By-The-Sea will present a free Easter egg hunt will in the sand at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Third Street and the beach. For more information, visit <http://red-doors.org/community-center-ocean-city-md-programs/easter-egg-hunt-on-the-beach>.

SNOW HILL:

■ The Burbage Funeral Home, at 208 W. Federal St., will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. on Saturday. It is co-sponsored by the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance. Prizes and treats will be provided. For more information, call 410-632-9991. The event is free and for children ages 8 and younger. It will take place rain or shine.

POCOMOKE:

■ The Pocomoke City Police Department's 11th annual Easter egg hunt is on tap for Saturday, from noon to 2 p.m. at Cypress Park. The activity is for children ages 12 and younger. Refreshments will be available. Prizes and gifts will be given away. For more information, call 410-957-1600.

Hospice event has good taste for good cause

'Taste of Finer Things' fundraiser Thursday

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY — Guests will have the opportunity to sample bites from more than a dozen Ocean City restaurants on April 4, during the fourth annual "Taste of Finer Things," a food and wine pairing party to benefit Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

"It's a great social event," said "Taste of Finer Things" committee Chairwoman Stephanie Meehan. Other committee members include Pam Buckley, Karen Cramer, Cathy Donovan, Marcia Hirsch, Madalaine How, Marsha Howarth, Elaine Jacobs, Donna Leiner, Macky Stansell and Gayle Widdowson. "I think it's a great start of our [busy] season in Worcester County and Ocean City."

This year's event will take place at Harrison's Harbor Watch, located at the southern end of the Ocean City Boardwalk near the inlet. The reception, which features a variety of food paired with wines, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Representatives from local restaurants — including Adolfo's, Atlantic Hotel, The Bonfire, Crabs to Go, Ember's, Harrison's Harbor Watch, Hooked, Jules, Macky's Bayside, OC Wasabi, The Palette and Seacrets — will be on hand to present and serve the food. Sweet Disposition and Wockenfuss will provide the desserts, and Reliable Churchill the wines.

"The selection of food is wonderful. What some of these restaurants are doing is just tremendous," Meehan said.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Louis Wright.

Tickets cost \$75 and are available online at www.coastalhospice.org or by calling 410-641-5481. Organizers are encouraging those who would like to attend to purchase tickets in advance.

A grand raffle will feature Waterford Crystal goblets donated by Kuhn's Jewelers of Salisbury, accompanied by a variety of wines. There will also be a silent auction.

"As always, we are so grateful to

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PUZZLES

YOU’LL KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT By Dan Schoenholz / Edited by Will Shortz

Across

1 Map symbol

5 Tolstoy and O’Neill heroines

10 Original state of the universe, in myth

15 When Macbeth dies

19 Baja vacation spot, familiarly

20 Vessel opener

21 Islamic denomination

22 Expose

23 Lying, maybe

24 Answer to 67-Across, per John F. Kennedy

27 Spam, e.g.

29 New Look designer

30 Pull (in)

31 Real estate abbr.

32 Answer to 67-Across, per Yeats

37 One of over 100 on a table

38 River of Phoenix

39 Go back over

42 Accomplished

43 [Shocking!]

46 Water-into-wine site

48 “Star Wars” biped

49 Answer to 67-Across, per Malraux

55 Indignant reply

58 Oranges and lemons

59 Cry with a fist pump

60 1994 film based on an “S.N.L.” skit

61 Porto-___ (capital of Benin)

64 Terrestrial opening?

66 What’s nothing but problems?

67 Classic question answered six times in this puzzle

70 Camera shop item, informally

74 Certain feed

77 Rustbucket

78 Stiff drink, maybe

80 Fiver

83 KNO3, in Britain

85 End an engagement?

88 Answer to 67-Across, per Beethoven

92 “___ Said” (Neil Diamond hit)

93 Pop singer Brickell

94 Cutty ___ (clipper ship)

95 Kerfuffle

98 Particular sort

102 Some, in Sevilla

104 Moved along, as an old train

107 Answer to 67-Across, per Nietzsche

111 See 111-Down

113 On ___ with

114 Property encumbrance

115 Courses

116 Answer to 67-Across, per Emerson

121 Besmirches

122 Iona College athlete

123 Defame

124 Whoopi’s role in “The Color Purple”

125 Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famer James

126 Office nos.

127 Pulls in

128 What darners darn

129 Like many highlighter colors

16 Haul off

17 Chairlift alternative

18 Some November paraders, for short

25 1804 symphony that includes a funeral march

26 “Get ___!”

28 Notable mother of estranged brothers

33 Barrel part

34 Wane

35 Barreled toward

36 Not kosher

40 ___ d’Ivoire

41 Squeezes (out)

44 U.S.S.R. part: Abbr.

45 Legislative assemblies

47 NBC vis-à-vis “Meet the Press”

49 Greek vowel

50 Narrow inlet

51 Fidelity

52 Service call?

53 Match part

54 Dungeons & Dragons co.

55 Director Wenders

56 Greek vowel

57 W.W. II transport: Abbr.

62 Compete

63 Traditional enemies of the Kiowa

65 Like good water for snorkeling

67 Beside

68 Greek goddesses of the seasons

Down

1 Crossed a picket line

2 Mediterranean salad with bulgur wheat, chopped tomatoes and parsley

3 Gave a hand where one shouldn’t?

4 Hillary, once

5 Harsh

6 Advanced degree?

7 “___ say more?”

8 Hospital procedure, for short

9 Undiluted

10 Davis’s domain: Abbr.

11 Hardly a mansion

12 Composer Previn

13 Like most Bluetooth headsets

14 As easy as pie, say

15 As easy as ___

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69 Mimics

71 Fancy tie

72 Christiansen who founded Lego

73 What a dispensary dispenses, for short

75 Lead-in to -tard

76 Slam

78 Those not favored

79 Hosp. areas

80 “Yeah, right!”

81 Bridges of note

82 Nightmarish thoroughfare?

84 Reach, with “at”

86 Tellico Dam agcy.

87 Pfizer competitor

89 Menu heading

90 Eat by candlelight, say

91 Necklace makeup, maybe

95 Roil

96 Not challenge

97 Certain Ukrainian

99 Carillon sound

100 Challenge

101 Big shock

103 Funny sort

105 Sky light, for short?

106 Wheat protein

108 Two-time Olympic ice-skating medalist Brian

109 Word on mail from Spain

110 Angler’s line

111 With 111-Across, do battle

112 Prince in “Troilus and Cressida”

117 Green and Gore

118 “Golly gee!”

119 Returns letters?

120 German pronoun



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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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Hospice event raises money and awareness in resort area

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those restaurants that participate in this wonderful event," Coastal Hospice President Alane Capen said. "We also truly appreciate the 'Taste of Finer Things' committee for putting together this great fundraiser. They are a wonderful group of volunteers and we could not hold this event without their hard work and dedication."

Approximately 125 guests attended the 2012 event, helping to raise about \$12,000 for the organization.

Coastal Hospice, founded in 1980, is a private nonprofit community program that provides traditional hospice services, palliative care, bereavement support, education and training to patients and their families in Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset and Dorchester counties. Approximately 100 people are employed by Coastal Hospice and more than 300 individuals volunteer. Its main office is located in Salisbury.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, a planned hospice residence to be built in Berlin that will provide medical support to patients in a home-like setting.

"We've all had family members and friends who've used Coastal Hospice. This event is a great way to raise awareness in the community," Meehan stated

in a press release.

In December 2011, Coastal Hospice purchased six acres of land in Berlin off Broad Street for a 16,000-square-foot Hospice house. From the permits and land purchase to furnishing and landscaping, it is expected to cost \$5 million to create the Coastal Hospice at the Ocean Residence, according to the Web site, www.coastalhospice.org/hospice-care-capital-campaign.

According to Anita Todd, community relations manager for Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care, the plan is to break ground on the residence project this summer. Approximately \$1.5 million has been raised so far of the \$5 million needed.

Worcester County was chosen as the location for the Hospice residence because of the growing population in the county, but the house will also serve patients from Wicomico, Somerset and Dorchester counties.

Individual rooms will offer privacy, but also accommodate family members who want to remain close by. Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will also provide room for bereavement counseling and community education.

For more information about Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, visit www.coastalhospice.org.



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English muffin topped with Hol-
landaise sauce, served with home
fries
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eggs and ham on a English muffin
topped with Crab meat and hol-
landaise sauce, served with home
fries
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WRAP ...Scrambled eggs, shaved
beef, fried mushrooms & on-
ions and cheese, with home fries
- CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF ...
Served on toast or biscuit with
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or fried crab cake, two eggs, home
fries and choice of bread
- FRESH FRUIT BOWL
Add cottage cheese

The Griddle

Add our topping of the day to the
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- PANCAKES
- BELGIAN WAFFLE
- FRENCH TOAST

Omelets

Three egg omelet with home fries
and choice of bread

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- MEAT AND CHEESE
- VEGETARIAN
...Tomato, green pepper, mush-
room and onion
- WESTERN
...Cheese, ham, onion and green
pepper
- CRAB MEAT AND CHEESE

Eggs and More

- ONE EGG
...with choice of bread
- TWO EGGS
...with choice of bread
- ONE EGG PLATTER
...Served with your choice of
meat, home fries and bread
- EGG COMBO
...Two eggs and choice of 1 waffle,
2 French toast or 2 pancakes
- HUNGRY MAN
...Two eggs served with your
choice of meat and choice of 1
waffle, 2 french toast or 2 pancakes
with home fries

Breakfast Sandwiches

Sides

Bacon, ham, scrapple, homemade
home fries, cottage cheese, biscuit,
English muffin, toast
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...Orange, cranberry, grapefruit or
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Two Guys & A Mama at BJ's

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Md. biscuits: heavy beating, good eating

To food process or not to food process, that is the question.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Whether 'tis Nobler in the mind to suffer, the Slings and Arrows of outrageous Fortune, or to take Arms against a Sea of trouble. Or to have thine arm in a sling feeling like arrows have been shot through it. Because you have just made Maryland Beaten Biscuits — William Shakespeare (paraphrased).

In speaking with my publisher, Stewart, last week, I was enlightened on the existence of a biscuit so rare, so onerous to make, that he knew of no one under the age of 80 who made them anymore — the Maryland Beaten Biscuit.

After a little research, I was intrigued to find a plethora of information on this renowned piece of heritage from our Maryland shores and I determined to give it a go.

Arming myself with a newly-made albeit rudimentary "pricker," as the locals call it, I set out to make these elusively dense breads destined for a slathering of butter and our own famous salty country ham.

Immersing myself in a little Maryland culture and lore, I learned that the Beaten Biscuit is a known delicacy among the landed gentry in our area with many recipes dating back generations if not centuries.

Also uncovered in my sleuth-like journey was that most of said families only make these beauties once or twice a year, and judging by the condition of my shoulder, elbows and hands, I can understand why. Many families have a wooden board and mallet or a special roller dedicated to this singular craft (remember they only make these once or twice a year). That is dedication.

In looking at recipes, I found a number that said to simply use a food processor to make these as it would do in a fraction of time what it takes as long as 45 minutes to accomplish by hand,



and that is to develop the gluten (actually, to overdevelop).

However, I cannot succumb to technology on my first time out of the gate, so I slapped some Biofreeze on my shoulders, hit the speed bag to get warmed up and broke out the (Delmarva) champagne.

And then I got to work. For 5 minutes. Then, 10. Then, 20. Then, 30. Good God, when will this end? This is madness.

That's it! The Total Upper Body Beaten Biscuit Sculpting System. And at the end of every session, we get to eat a buttery biscuit with some country ham. I think I'm on to something.

But I digress. Back to the biscuits themselves, these are a straightforward chemically leavened biscuit that goes the distance with a beating and that makes for a dense and delicious combination of biscuit on the inside and oyster cracker on the outside, quite

possibly unlike any biscuit you have ever had. Not bad for a day's work.

While mine might not have been perfect today, they are a starting and reference point. Plus, I own a pricker, which makes me feel like a second or third generation Delmarvian.

I am content enough to have made Beaten Biscuits and I will make them again. And I will not use a food processor.

I'll take my arm in a sling as long as it's in the name of food.

Maryland Beaten Biscuits

1 quart all-purpose flour
scant Tbsp. salt
full Tbsp. sugar
pinch cream of tartar
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 pound lard
1 cup cold water, or as needed to make a somewhat dense dough

Step 1: Sift and combine all of the dry ingredients

Step 2: Add the lard

Step 3: Cut the lard into the dry ingredients and flake the lard into the dough as though you were counting off poker chips with your thumbs

Step 4: Once the lard is well incorporated, add the water only until a very dense but pliable dough has come together

Step 5: At this point place the dough on a heavy duty wooden cutting board. After researching this, it would make sense that a wooden cutting board or metal table would be best. They need to absorb the shock of being pounded for 25 minutes. If you try this on marble, granite or any type of solid surface counter, any pursuing damage is on you!

Step 6: With a clean hammer or meat tenderizer, pound the dough flat

Step 7: Fold the dough over and start again, pounding the dough flat and spreading it out evenly on the board

Step 8: Repeat this process for 25-45 minutes and the dough will be very pliable

Step 9: Cut the dough into 2-ounce pieces and roll them very smooth and round

Step 10: Place on a baking sheet and prick the top of the biscuits to allow any air to escape during cooking. I made a simple pricker out of a piece of 2x4, some thin nails and my drill press. A little mineral oil seals it and at the end, this gives me a prototype in case I want to make more (with improvements)

Step 11: Bake at 425 degrees for about 20 minutes or until lightly golden and cooked through

Step 12: Serve with country ham and butter

Step 13: Relish in the fact that you just recreated a piece of Maryland history and the fact that you did not use a food processor

Recipe derived from Delmarva Heritage and Traditions (www.delmarva-heritageandtraditions.org)

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