

Terry memo gives OPA golf critics needed assurance

One solid operations year proposed by panel

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—Recent actions by members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors appear to have slowed momentum that began building last month for a referendum to stop the financial bleeding of expenses on the golf course by converting it to open space or park land.

During a March 5 work session, the overwhelming costs of maintaining and improving the golf course was one of two issues that drew a crowd to the proceedings. The other, of course, was geese.

Director Marty Clarke presented the issue of the OPA offering a request for proposals to lease the community's golf operations to an outside group to save the OPA from further expenditures on the financially troubled amenity. He said he intended to raise the matter at the next regular meeting because of reports that inquiries by interested third parties were not being taken seriously.

The discussion soon turned to long-time Ocean Pines developer Marvin Steen, who was circulating flyers on behalf of the members' group Coalition for Ocean Pines Equity (COPE), which was urging OPA management to consider either franchising or leasing the golf course.

The group said it had retained a lawyer to draft a binding referendum question should the board decide not to work with them to address their concerns.

During the work session, OPA President Tom Terry, General Manager Bob Thompson and a majority of the board made the argument that after the financial investments to improve the course were made last year the OPA should give the golf course one year of solid operation to determine whether it could make money in its newly improve state. They also said that a referendum just as the spring

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The 22-year-old mural in Stephen Decatur Park will be repainted during "Take Pride in Berlin Week," April 19-26. The repainting project was organized by the Berlin Parks Commission and was funded in part by the Worcester County Arts Council.

Mural artists reflect as landmark to be replaced

Twenty-two-year-old images to be redone at Stephen Decatur Park

By Sheila R. Cherry
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BERLIN—The artists involved in creating the first mural in Stephen Decatur Park took a few moments to reflect on their project as the 22-year-old images are about to be repainted during "Take Pride in Berlin Week" from April 19-26.

The repainting project was organized by the Berlin Parks Commission and was funded in part by the Worcester County Arts Council. The new mural will include elements from 10 art pieces submitted by Stephen Decatur Middle School students, who participated in a contest sponsored by the commission.

Patti Brumberg, a retired artist who now lives in Fenwick Island, was the

art teacher at Berlin Middle School (now Berlin Intermediate School) when the first mural was created, which was dated June 4, 1992. She said she was the host for Monique Goss, who had been chosen as the school's artist in residence, a position by which commissioned professional artists were provided with a project-based stipend to work with students on art projects in the schools.

She said Worcester County's Supervisor of Art was Jane Pruitt, who worked in conjunction with the Maryland State Arts Council and town officials, choosing murals as the study project that year.

The state Arts Council had provided a grant for the project and the muralist, Goss, was one of their member artists in residence, according to Pruitt. "Everybody worked well together," she said.

Berlin was seeking artists to create a mural to cover the bare wall that separated the racquetball courts and the

tennis courts in Stephen Decatur Park.

She described how the project came together. The student participants were chosen based on talent and whether they could gain some benefit from the experience, she said.

Brumberg said the theme was to be based on the life of the 19th century Naval Commodore Stephen Decatur, who was born on the Eastern Shore. First, the students were assigned to re-search the naval hero, she said.

Kathy Mumford, who was an educational assistant and an art enthusiast, said in an e-mail recollection on the project, "I remember the kids worked hard on the research by looking things up in books—no Internet yet." After that, she said, "Then they worked on drawings, then the artist combined the sketches and ideas into one drawing that was gridded onto the wall."

Each student got one section of the gridded template and was responsible

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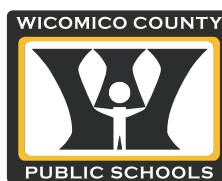
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OCEAN PINES—Ocean Pines Association's 2014 Search Committee will host an informative public meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center in the Assateague Room.

The meeting will be open to association members and anyone interested in a position on the board is encouraged to attend. The purpose will be to outline the function of the Search Committee, describe the qualifications of the candidates they search for, outline the responsibilities of OPA Board members, and receive input from attendees about finding interested candidates.

The Committee's function will be to seek at least four candidates to run for the Board of Directors in the next election. To be eligible a candidate must

be the owner of record of property in Ocean Pines as of Jan. 1, eligible to vote as of May 15 and have completed and submitted an application to the search committee or administration office no later than 5 p.m. on May 10.

An application form may be printed from the Association's Web site www.oceanpines.org or obtained from a Search Committee member or from the Administration Office at 239 Ocean Parkway. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays (after April 26). Any questions, contact a member of the Search Committee or the OPA office.

Search committee: Les Purcell, 410-641-7309, Jim Beisler, 410-208-2682, Martin Baer, 410-491-8350, Gary Miller, 443-618-9972, Ellen Spataro, 410-208-9545 and Micky Lobb, 443-880-2064.

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Stephen Decatur Park mural getting new, different look

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for drawing a reproduction of and painting it onto the wall, which had been marked with a corresponding scale of the grid. Scaffolding was used to access the upper sections on the wall and with half of the students on the bottom and the other on top of the scaffolding, diligently painting away, Brumberg said they had “an awesome time.”

From start to finish the project took three weeks, according to Brumberg. She said she remembered the students enjoyed the benefit of perfect weather for the project.

“Patti had a county vehicle which she drove the kids back and forth to the park in,” Mumford said, adding, “that would never go over well today!”

She said she enjoyed having the opportunity to hang out with the artist, teacher and students and the privilege to help with the mural. “It was fun, we got to leave the school during the school day and get outside in the sunshine which was a treat,” she said.

“I was pleased to see that it lasted as long as it did,” Pruitt said, when asked to comment on the project. “The image is still there even you can see that it is fading,” she said.

Gary and Lee McCabe, identical twins, were two of the students who participated on the mural project.

Gary, who is now Pastor of Mobilization for Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Salisbury, estimated that he was an eighth-grader during the project and remembered painting the back of a ship, complete with mast, rudder and stern. He only uses his creative skills in the course of his ministry teaching missionaries for community and global outreach now, he said.

Viewing the wall, McCabe’s image is one of the larger images portrayed. A father of three sons, including an infant, he said over the years he has taken his children to view the wall when they return to Berlin and occasionally visit the park. With the Parks Commission’s upcoming mural project he anticipates taking his children to the wall so they can get one last look at what their dad did when he was a student. He said it could be a teachable moment, a way to illustrate to his own children how young people can make a lasting contribution to their communities.

McCabe had a message for the students who will participate in creating the park’s second mural this spring, hopefully lasting for the next decade of artistic enjoyment. “Have fun with your work and take pride in it, because it is going to be around for a long time,” he said.



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Year of solid operation asked for to determine course future

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play season was about to begin would send the wrong signal to potential members and players that the OPA was not commitment to its product.

At the March 19 regular meeting Terry reiterated his commitment to monitor the performance of the OP Golf Club under Billy Casper Golf, which the OPA had outsourced management to, and to be prepared to seek an alternate business model should the course still fail to attract a viable stream of business by later this year.

Terry distributed a memorandum outlining the history of the golf course's challenges and what actions management and the board of directors were taking to mitigate further financial losses.

The conclusion of experts who were called in to examine the course, Terry said, "was that the condition of the 40-plus-year-old greens was very poor and subject to future severe damage from weather conditions, as a result of the deterioration of the sub-surface drainage infrastructure and soil conditions." He added, "Their recommendations were to undertake a long-term solution and replace all 18 greens."

According to the memo, remediation of the greens essentially cut the amenity in half—turning it into a nine-hole rather than 18-hole course. "This caused a significant decrease in rounds played and revenue, resulting in much greater-than budgeted operating losses," it said.

Boater safety to be focus of three-day OP Library classes

OCEAN PINES—The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a three-day Maryland Basic Boating Safety course, April 8-10, 6-9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Library.

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As a result, Terry said, "FY 2013 was the most dramatically impacted period, as revenue declined 17 percent from the prior year and the operating loss nearly doubled to \$537,000." He also noted that "the operational budget, developed by Casper Golf, failed to recognize the extent of the fallout from the course problems and the budgeted loss was significantly understated."

Nevertheless, representatives of the OPA contacted four parties who had expressed interest in pursuing the possibility of a business arrangement regarding the golf course, Terry said. Of them, three of the parties were deemed serious business, rather than employment, inquiries. The club's anemic financial record was a recurring concern, he said.

None of the parties closed the door on the possibility of working with the

OPA, Terry said, "Unfortunately, when you have three out of three saying our financials could be a barrier, and/or the reference to the poor condition of the golf industry; the ability of our OPA to approach a leasing option right now is not easy."

With the golf season beginning, he said "The action to lease our course should be positioned for another time."

Terry assured members the OPA leadership was working to address ways to minimize losses from the course. "I would hope the board members would accept that a good faith effort was made, within our very short time frame, to find an opportunity with those who were proposed," he said. He added that OPA representatives would keep the lines of communication open with the interested parties they met with to build a solid alternative.

"The good news is that FY 2014, after 10 months of actual results, is expected to have an operating loss of approximately \$237,000, a decrease of \$300,000 (56 percent) from FY 2013," Terry said. "This financial improvement is scheduled to continue in the FY 2015 budget; which calls for a further significant decrease in operating loss to \$73,000," he added.

As a part of their strategy, Terry said the OPA would continue the discussions with the interested parties to better prepare them and the OPA for acting on a leasing option if the financial trend experienced in the past could not be reversed under Casper.

Asked where things stood with the referendum effort on March 31, Steen seemed cautiously optimistic about the actions the OPA board members had taken. For now, he said, he was "just letting them do their thing."



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By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND—If Delegate Norman Conway has his way, US Route 113 will serve as a memorial to the late Delegate Bennett Bozman (D-38B), who served as a Worcester County commissioner for 12 years and as a delegate in the Maryland General Assembly for 16.

In a March 18 letter to the Maryland Transportation Commission, Conway suggested that naming the highway, which connects Pocomoke City with Milford, Del., after Bozman would be a fitting tribute for the former pharmacist and Berlin Fire Company firefighter, who was originally from Princess Anne. The Maryland Transportation Commission, which advises the Secretary of Transportation and Department administrators on policy and programs, is planning to meet on April 2 to discuss and vote on the request, Chuck Brown, a spokesman for the Maryland Department of Transportation said in an email.

"If the majority of Commission

members vote to approve the dedication, then the recommendation is sent to the Transportation Secretary for final approval," he advised.

According to his official state biography, Bozman was born in Norfolk, Va., attended high school in Princess Anne, earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 1961.

His military career included service in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1961-69. He entered politics as a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Worcester County, from 1974-78, and he served as president of the Maryland Association of Counties in 1990. Bozman died in route to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on April 27, 2006, after suffering complications from cardiac arrest.

"We worked together during his tenure as a commissioner and as a delegate," Conway said. In the letter, Conway recommended that US 113 between Berlin and Snow Hill—also known as Worcester Highway—be named for Bozman.

"He was widely respected in the District and in the Maryland General Assembly and he worked hard to make things better for people in general," according to Conway. "One of the projects



Delegate Norman Conway is proposing that Route 113 be named in memory of the late Del. Bennett Bozman (D-38B). Bozman served for 16 years in the General Assembly and 12 years as a Worcester County Commissioner.

he fought to bring to completion is the dualization of U.S. 113 for safety reasons," he said in an email.

Bozman's widow Elizabeth, said the news of the proposal came as a surprise when Conway told her of the request. "He would really be proud and honored" by the proposal, she said. She added the late delegate would have been even more happy with the completion of the dualization of the high-

way, a goal he had apparently fought long to help achieve.

But Mrs. Bozman, who still resides in Berlin, probably navigated the highway the most of the two. "I was the official driver," she said, adding a common joke the couple shared was "He took care of the politics and I took care of the politician."

Last September, Bozman was honored.
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Point home owners look to complete turn over agreement

Accord would deed ownership rights to Ocean Pines Assoc.

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—The homeowners in Section 17, The Point, are working in conjunction with the Ocean Pines Association to find a way to complete the development's "turn over agreement," which deeds ownership rights to the

Conway seeks to name Rte. 113 for late Del. Bozman

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ored by the Germantown School Community Heritage Center for being instrumental in helping to start the process of restoring a 1920's era Rosenwald School built in 1922 and located in the historically black Germantown Road neighborhood of Berlin. The German-town school is historically significant because it is one of a few of the unique structures still standing that were built to facilitate the education of African American children and financed by philanthropist Julius Rosenwald.

During their March 24 meeting, the Berlin Town Council unanimously voted to approve a proposal by Mayor Gee Williams to the MTC a letter supporting Conway's request.

"Bennett was not only an outstanding representative for our town as an effective and dedicated member of the Maryland House of Delegates, but also was a longtime Berlin Main Street pharmacist who selfishly served Berlin as a community leader and active member of the Berlin Fire Company," the letter said.

"The Mayor and Council of Berlin, on behalf of the citizens we serve, believe naming the highway in honor of Delegate Bozman would be a most fitting tribute to his service to our state, county and community."



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OPA. The OPA maintains the common areas, roads and stormwater management system of the subdivision, Kathy Brennan, president of The Point Homeowners Association, Inc. said April 1.

Brennan spoke about the effort to complete the agreement in an interview with Carol Terry, treasurer of The Point HOA.

Brennan said OPA legal counsel Joseph Moore, of the firm Williams, Moore, Shockley & Harrison was in the process of conducting research on how to obtain an agreement without the signature of the original developer, who had left the area and could not be reached. She said the parties were seeking to model the agreement after a similar turn over agreement that exists between the OPA and The Parke at Ocean Pines.

Brennan said the homeowners discovered the original developer of their subdivision, David Meinhardt, had not complied with the turn over agreement he initially signed with the OPA. The agreement required developers to deed, or turn over, the open space land title rights to the community's out lots, roads, and stormwater management to the OPA, which would in turn maintain them.

"He's just gone and nobody can reach him," Brennan said of Meinhardt.

Apparently all of the OPA's other developers complied with their turn over agreements and despite the agreement

with Meinhardt being incomplete, The Point's homeowners have been paying OPA membership dues.

Brennan explained that completing the agreement would finally and officially put The Point's homeowners on par with the other member developments in the OPA community.

As did all of the other developers, Meinhardt signed with the original turn over agreement, however he did not complete the final actions, according to Brennan.

The type of agreement The Point's homeowners are seeking would identify which areas of the point the OPA would be responsible for maintaining and the scope of those services, according to Brennan. "We're taking baby steps right now," she said in describing where the parties were in the process.

Even with a turn over agreement, the OPA would not maintain all of The Point's common property, according to Brennan and Terry. Aesthetic items including a foundation in The Point's stormwater pond, signage and its unique lights and posts, would be maintained by The Point.

[CORRECTION: A previous article said the clubhouse would be part of the agreement between The Point HOA and

the OPA. The article should have said the clubhouse would not be part of the agreement between The Point and the OPA.]

Terry said the roads of the community are part of Worcester County's road inventory. The road inventory designation indicates the roads have met all the county's standards required to be counted as public roads that belong to Ocean Pines, a county official confirmed on April 1. The road inventory is used for purposes of the county receiving highway user fee revenue and for providing address information used by emergency services departments, the official explained.

Brennan said it was unclear what the cost of pursuing the completion of the agreement would be, but for now the OPA and The Point HOA are each paying for the legal costs of their respective counsel. The two associations would likely share the court costs, if there are any, she surmised.

Also, any additional maintenance that might be called for that was beyond the routine maintenance provided by the OPA under the agreement is already paid for by The Point HOA, according to Brennan.

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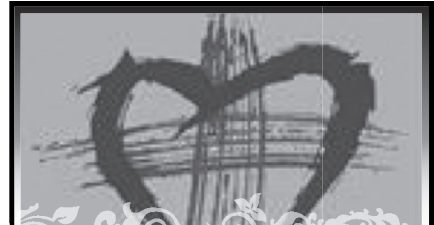
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MARYLAND—The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) announced the launch of an innovative program aimed at supporting state-of-the-art and pioneering business development in Maryland.

The Market Entry Assistance Grant Program is the first initiative to originate from the Offshore Wind Business Development Fund, and is designed to help Maryland businesses become integral participants in the global offshore wind market.

MEA intends to issue grants to support immediate rollout of emerging businesses' products and services throughout the state, and facilitate development of specific business opportunities within the offshore wind sector. This grant program will spur industrial innovation and growth of Maryland businesses, including minority businesses, seeking their first entry into the offshore wind market.

According to Abigail Ross Hopper, director of Maryland Energy Administration, "this ground-breaking program is the result of the Business Development Fund's Advisory Committee's recommendations which will aid in job creation and provide greater opportunities throughout the state for emerging businesses, including minority owned emerging businesses."

Under this program, a Maryland emerging business that is ready to enter the global offshore wind market is eligible to apply for grant funds. The funds are aimed to reduce the costs associated with establishing commercial offshore wind sector exports. This program will provide two types of grant assistance. Administrative Costs Grants will be available to cover up to \$25,000 for organizational needs. Capital Equipment and Facility Upgrades Grants for amounts up to \$500,000 will offer meaningful financial support for significant equipment investments.

"It is important that we support innovative Maryland businesses that seek a dominant position in the offshore wind supply chain with products that challenge the established European market," Hopper said. "It is our hope that with MEA's help these burgeoning companies will develop competencies and become invaluable assets to Maryland's clean energy economy and the global offshore wind supply chain."

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The geraniums will be available for pickup May 2-3, in time for Mother's Day giving. The geraniums are available in red, pink or white, and are locally grown in 4.5-inch pots.

The deadline for placing orders is Friday, April 25, and orders may be placed on a link from CoastalHospice.org or directly at <https://coastalhospice.thankyou4caring.org/annual-geranium-sale>.

Pick-up locations May 2-3 include points in Cambridge, Crisfield, Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke City, Princess Anne, Salisbury and Snow Hill. Complete pick-up locations and dates are listed online at CoastalHospice.org.

This is the 30th and final year Coastal Hospice will be selling geraniums. In the language of flowers, geranium means "comfort and friendship."

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Ernie Matthews of Salisbury, chairman of the geranium sales, stands among the colorful flowers.

Worcester counties.

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BUSINESS

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

New popcorn snack merchant comes to Berlin

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Tom Pfeifer is hoping his kernel of a startup, Eastern Shore Kettle Korn, will burst into a fully blossomed retail and wholesale business, as temperatures heat up this year.

Eastern Shore Kettle Korn is the newest addition to John Derrickson's rapidly growing shopping plaza on U.S. Route 113, across from the Worcester County Athletic Complex—home of the Berlin Little League (and yes, it will be on sale there this summer). The business is located at 9040 Worcester Hwy.

While he is putting the finishing touches on his showroom, Pfeifer assures popcorn-lovers they will be able to purchase his snacks at local businesses and special events around Berlin.

"I plan on doing as many special events as I can," said Pfeifer. Meanwhile, he added that bags of his sweet and salty popcorn are available for purchase at Burley Oak Brewery, on Old Ocean City Boulevard, and Pepper's Tavern, Frontier Town and Castaways Campground, on Stephen Decatur Hwy (MD 611).

Pfeifer said his goal was to offer a great product that would be affordable as convenient family snacks. The large, 2-foot, bag is \$7.50 per bag, or two bags for \$13. The medium, 11/2 -foot, bag is \$6 or two bags for \$10. The small, 10-inch, bag is \$4, or two bags for \$7.

He also offers free samples in sealed containers, because, he wants to encourage people to try the sweet and salty flavor that, he said, is totally different from any other popcorn offered in the area.

Unlike other brands that are air popped, the process for cooking Pfeifer's Kettle Korn uses corn oil and sugar with a dusting of salt. He cooks the batches in 160 quart kettles in the store. Everything is there—corn oil, sugar, salt, corn—ready to bag and seal. He uses a special GMO-developed corn that is gluten-free and produces very large popped kernels.

He has a Facebook presence and is in the process of developing an online marketplace for the line, which he will be selling at Berlin Main Street's special events throughout the year. For now, he regularly sells bags of Kettle Korn at the



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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Berlin Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays, and at the Ocean Pines Farmers Market, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Pfeifer was previously a finance executive for a nursing home in Buffalo, N.Y. which he calls "the city of good neighbors." He and his wife changed jobs and moved to the area five years ago, he said. Of their new home, Pfeifer said, "This town blows Buffalo away."

His son is a firefighter in Fairfax County, Va., and his brother, a retired fire captain who started a Kettle Korn business near Hilton Head, S.C., was the inspiration for Pfeifer's venture.

Pfeifer said at his brother's encouragement, he checked out the business by working hands-on for a few days. "I saw the response and thought it was something I should look into." So he decided to try it in Berlin.

Funny thing is, a curious coincidence occurred when he was selling his Kettle Korn in Whitehorse Park in Ocean Pines—a customer mistook him for his

brother. When he corrected her misidentification, Pfeifer laughed, she said "I buy popcorn from him every Thursday."

None of this would have happened without John Derrickson, said Pfeifer, who pointed out the two were introduced to by Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day.

Initially his store hours will vary as he attempts to serve both his wholesale and his special events customers, Pfeifer said—a down-side of being a one-man operation as the business begins to take off. He is not leaving his customers without options.

Pfeifer invited potential retail customers to feel free to stop by when he is on-site for a bag hot from the popper. Popcorn snackers will not have to be without a Kettle Korn fix when he is not around either. Fresh-popped bags of his products will be on sale two doors down at the Pitt Stop Beer and Wine store, Pfeifer said.

Large orders will be available by appointment.

As the warm seasons approach he said he plans to add café tables, Coca

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Notice comes after agency's revisions of home, property rates

WORCESTER COUNTY—The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently revised the Worcester County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). This notice is to inform property owners that FEMA placed Worcester County and incorporated areas in a 90-day appeal period, which runs from March 14 to June 11. During this time, property owners may appeal preliminary FIRM's provided they can supply scientific information that the preliminary FIRMs are incorrect.

The FIRMs indicate flood-prone areas in Worcester County, and insurance companies use FIRMs to determine flood insurance rates for buildings and contents. In most cases the base flood elevations on the maps have been reduced significantly, in some cases by several feet. However, there are areas in Worcester County that will have an increase in base flood elevations. These changes will affect property owners' insurance rates. Preliminary FIRMs are available for viewing at www.mdfloodmaps.com.

FEMA published information regarding the appeal process in the Federal Register (Vol. 79, No. 20, Jan. 30), Ocean City Today newspaper (March 7 and 14), and Worcester County Times newspaper (March 6 and 13).

"The county's primary message continues to be to encourage Worcester County property owners to consider retaining their flood insurance coverage, even if their properties are no longer officially mapped in the flood plain once the new maps are adopted," Commission President Church said. "While it may be tempting to save a few hundred dollars by dropping flood insurance, the savings will pale in comparison to the thousands of dollars in potential losses caused by flooding in a major storm."

To file an appeal, information must be provided to FEMA that shows the preliminary FIRMS dated July 19, 2013 are scientifically or technically incorrect. This information would include hydrologic studies, hydraulic analyses, or topographic/elevation information certified by a Maryland licensed surveyor or professional engineer.

Those who live in incorporated areas (Ocean City, Berlin, Snow Hill or Pocomoke City), should contact their town offices for information on filing an appeal. Those who live in unincorporated areas of Worcester County, see form – "Worcester County Application Information for Appeal of a FEMA Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map," on the Worcester County Web site. Also available on the site is the FEMA publication "Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps,"

dated Nov. 30, 2011, which must be followed to file an appeal. Both the application and the FEMA publication are available at www.co.worcester.md.us under current news.

We urge all county property owners to know how FIRM changes apply to their individual properties and more importantly that they continue to maintain adequate flood insurance protection regardless of these changes.

Appeals should be submitted first to Worcester County Development Review and Permitting (DRP) for review. Afterward, DRP will assist applicants to submit valid appeals to FEMA.

For information about the FIRMs or the appeals process, contact DRP at 410-632-1200.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rose Kowalski celebrated her 102nd birthday at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on March 26.

She was born in 1912, in Bali, Italy. She has lived in many places throughout the years, including New York City.

Her family consists of her husband, who resides at Brandywine Assisted Living, children, grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Kowalski remained busy as a housewife and having other small jobs, such as a receptionist for a doctor's office. She played basketball and golf and enjoyed bowling and Mah-jong.

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MD legislators vote on liquor license expansion

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND—The General Assembly is in the process of closing its 2014 session with legislation that gives more flexibility for issuing Class D licenses in Berlin and Snow Hill, facilitates public accommodations for individuals with gender identity concerns and moves closer to reaching agreement on a fiscal budget.

The House Economic Matters Committee held a hearing on March 27 to consider SB 1079, which would expand the authority of the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue Class D beer, wine, and liquor licenses beyond Ocean City to within Berlin and Snow Hill.

The legislation was requested by the Worcester County Commissioners, said sponsor Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38), in a statement.

According to an analysis of the bill, the proposal could increase Worcester County revenues by \$938 for each new six-day Class D license for beer, wine, and liquor issued—and by \$1,063 for each new seven-day Class D license for beer, wine, and liquor issued—within the corporate limits of the towns of Berlin and Snow Hill.

The Senate approved the legislation on March 20 by a vote of 46-0.

The House passed a fiscal year 2015 budget bill (SB 170) on March 27 by a vote of 100-38; the Senate passed their version on March 13 by a vote of 41-6. But the two versions are not identified must now be reconciled.

On March 28 the MD Senate passed the final version of the Fairness for All Marylanders Act SB 212, a bill to prohibit discrimination based upon gender identity, by adding the term “gender identity” to anti-discrimination laws. The House, voted to approve the bill by a vote of 82-57 on March 27, after the Senate had passed it on a vote of 32-15 on March 4.

At its core, the legislation is “A civil rights measure for transgender Marylanders,” the bill’s primary sponsor Sen. Richard Madaleno (D-18) told members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Com-



ART & MEDIA SHOW AT WORCESTER PREP SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Students in grades 9-12 at Worcester Preparatory School are preparing for their annual Art & Media Show to be presented Thursday, April 10, from 3-6 p.m. in the Guerrieri Library on the school’s campus. The public is invited to the show, which will include painting, photography, crafts, programming, video and graphics. Teachers helping the young artists with their work are Don Lehman, photography; Nancy Raskauskas, technology, video and graphics and George Zaiser, painting and design. Worcester Prep is located at 508 S. Main Street in Berlin. For more information, contact the school at 410-641-3575. Pictured, Mark Wilson works on a painting for the Worcester Prep Art & Media Show while art instructor Zaiser looks on.


mittee during a Feb. 4 hearing.

According to a legislative analysis, the bill would prohibit “discrimination based on ‘gender identity’ in public accommodations, labor and employment, and housing.” Discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation would also be prohibited by persons licensed or regulated by a unit of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, in state personnel actions, and in the leasing of property for commercial use.

None of the officials representing Worcester County voted to approve the bill, but in a statement released prior to the vote, Delegate Michael McDermott (R-38B) said the bill would “create a host of problems for Maryland businesses.”

He added, “The potential outfall and burdens that will be placed upon our businesses and families cannot be fully appreciated” and complained that House democrats had blocked attempts to amend the bill.

One concern about the bill was who would bear liability if a sexual predator, abused the legislation’s provisions to gain access to a business’s facility for an



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unlawful purpose, including assault on another patron. Eastern Shore Delegation Chairman Addie Eckardt (R-37B) responded that she was told that there were existing provisions under the law already that would address a crime committed on a business's premises.

A proposed amendment by Delegate Anthony O'Donnell (R-29C) that would have prohibited a person from asserting a gender identity to enter a public accommodation for the purpose of committing an illegal activity or for prurient interest was voted down by a vote of 59-77.

In a statement after the final vote, Gov. Martin O'Malley said, "We're proud to stand with these leaders, the LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender] community, and other allies to complete this major piece of unfinished business—ensuring that everyone is protected from discrimination under the law. I look forward to signing this bill."

Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown testified on behalf of the bill before the House Health and Government Operations Committee and worked with advocates and stakeholders to ensure its passage, he said in a press release applauding the vote. "Everyone deserves to be treated and protected equally under the law, and today we are making that commitment clear," he said. Nearly one in five transgender Marylanders have lost a job because of their gender status, and more than half have been harassed in a restaurant, store, or movie theater, according to Brown. "Nobody should ever be forced to endure this kind of discrimination or harassment, and that's why we're taking this important step to protect all Marylanders," he said.

On March 14, the Eastern Shore Delegation held its last meeting for the 2014 legislative session, according to Mathias. He said representatives from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation joined the legislators, who spoke with them about the need to find solutions for protecting the environment that could work for all parties involved "so that we can continue our work to clean up the bay, without placing a strain on our local farmers."

In her March 21 legislative wrap up, Eckardt said many bills had not survived the process and would become the basis for future legislation.



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Ocean Pines Golf Club should get extension

We think that the Ocean Pines Golf Club should be given the “one year of solid operation” to determine if it can be turned financially turned around. The suggestion by OPA President Tom Terry and GM Bob Thompson and the majority of the board is a sound one.

Also, we agree that any sort of referendum just as the spring golf season begins, would for sure send a wrong message to potential members and players.

With that, we know that Terry will keep a close eye on the course’s performance under Billy Casper Golf. We also are confident that OPA will seek a different plan if the course fails to attract the business it needs.

A report, Terry said, showed that the 40-year-old golf course’s greens were in poor condition and subject to future “severe damage from weather conditions.”

Remediation of the greens, the report said, turned the course into a 9-hole facility instead of an 18-hole course, and that alone caused a much greater operating loss. Terry said, “FY 2013 was the most dramatically impacted period, as revenue declined 17 percent from the prior year and the operating loss nearly doubled to \$537,000.”

Mr. Terry is correct; trying to lease the course needs to happen at another time.

With less of an expected operating loss, the course will be in a better position. OPA needs time, and it should be given that time.

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Titanium-Wrecks Rookie All-Stars

Worcester to send robotics teams to Worlds contest

By Phil Jacobs
Editor

There were over 3,000 people at the George Mason University Patriot Center in Fairfax, Va. last Thursday through Saturday.

On the arena floor were some 50 high school robotics teams representing 10 states.

Most teams came with 100 members or more.

There was one team, however, that showed up with 16 members, and yet came away as “Rookie All-Stars” ensuring a trip to the St. Louis-hosted world championships.

Titanium-Wrecks took part in “Aerial Assist,” a contest challenging the student-operated robots to grab and toss two-foot diameter exercise balls through goals while working with at least one other team. George Mason was hosting its inaugural For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology or FIRST Greater D.C. Regional.

Titanium-Wrecks, Worcester County’s NASA house robotics team got some strong criticism during a safety inspection from officials. But according to Paul

Suplee, who mentors the team along with William Mast, the team accepted the criticism and asked for advice and help from other teams participating in the spirit Suplee said of “coopertition,” or cooperating with the competition.

“You can not do it alone,” said Suplee, who was walking on air, he was so excited about his team’s Rookie All-Star win. “We got the safety tips we needed, and the next day the kids blew the judges out of the water. And the kids were able to handle the inspection.”

A chef by trade, who writes a food column for Bayside Gazette, Suplee has three children on the team.

This weekend, the team will be competing in College Park at another regional competition.

Tyler Jenkins, a team co-captain and Stephen Decatur High School senior, said that Titanium-Wrecks team members “brought it all together” to operate their robot and impress the judges.

Jenkins is excited about the world championships.

“We’re going to see all different competitors from everywhere,” he said. “There are teams coming from as far away as the Netherlands and Israel.”

If anything, Jenkins said his team came away with a better feeling for “organization,” and even with the Rookie All-Star designation, “there is always room to improve.”

Suplee effusively thanked the local Worcester County community for the financial support it needed to build the robot and travel to compete. Now, team Titanium Wrecks” is going to need to raise \$15,000 for the April 23-26 competition at the Edward Jones Dome, home to the St. Louis Rams of the National Football League.

The team members represent county public schools, Worcester Preparatory School and home schoolers.

“We will make you proud,” Suplee wrote on the team’s website, www.team-t-wrecks.org. “That I can promise you. It was a very intense weekend, and what the judges loved more than anything was the graciousness that our kids displayed when having issues with inspections of the robot itself. The team displayed decorum and professionalism the entire weekend, found solutions to every area of opportunity and showed the region that we are proud to be the Worcester County NASA House Robotics Team.”

Contributions can be

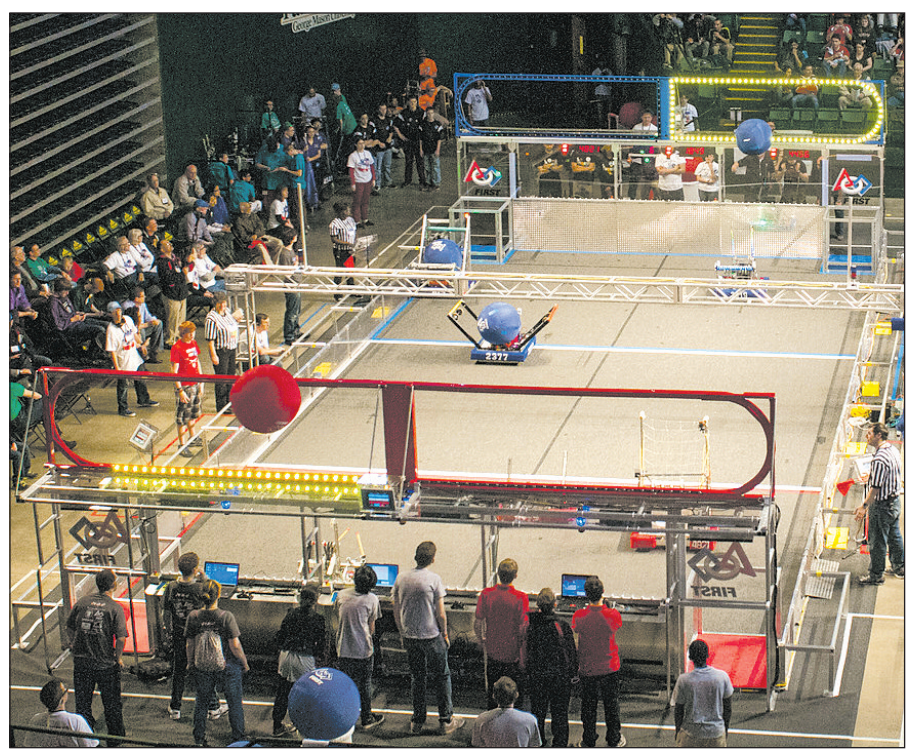


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Two alliances of three robots each go face-to-face in competition in each match, playing offensive and defensive roles.

Titanium-Wrecks named ‘Rookie All-Stars’ at event

made by going to the team’s website. At the same time all this was happening at George Mason, the Worcester Beach Bots, only its third year, won at the North Carolina FIRST Regional and is also heading to St. Louis for the worlds. Its website is www.worcester-beachbots.org. So as a person who spent his high school years dreading the words “science fair,” I think we all have to be impressed that Worcester County has the opportunity to see about 80 of our county’s youth working in the areas of problem solving, mechanical engineering, marketing and so much more. Many of these students are pulling heavy AP class loads, applying to colleges and getting ready for projects and exams. Yet they get together and create

these robots. They both deserve our admiration, contributions if possible and support to get to St. Louis. I don’t think it’s too difficult to understand that besides their own hard work, they will get to meet students their age from all over the nation and world. If you were a political science person, you could call the Worlds, the “Model U.N.” of robotics. This is impressive. Remember, if this was a sports team winning a state title, we’d be excited, sending out the band, cheer leaders and wildly applaud. That’s what Titanium Wrecks and Worcester Beach Bots have already in a way done. Now they get a chance to see the “world.” Let’s help them get there.

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ACROSS

1 Start of the United Negro College Fund slogan

6 Old lab burners

11 Abbr. at the top of an email

14 Something passed between the legs?

19 _____ Domingo

20 Now and again?

21 Like an ode

23 Kind of farming

25 Like Neptune among the planets in the solar system

26 _____ pro nobis

27 Echelon

28 With the circled letters, 1955 Bill Haley and His Comets hit?

30 Sound of sweet nothings

31 Having a beat

33 Hall-of-Famer Ralph

35 Purveyor of the Doublicious sandwich

36 _____ Webster, Twain's "celebrated jumping frog"

37 With 43-Across, 1973 Deep Purple hit?

39 Like Odin

41 Sound engineer's knob

43 See 37-Across

45 Brings in

47 Some dreams

50 Reverse, e.g.

51 Dismissed

53 "Eternally nameless" thing, in Eastern religion

54 Bath accessories

55 Dr Pepper alternative

58 Former Disney president Michael

60 Dreamy romantic quality

62 Olympic leap

64 Ring Lardner's "Alibi _____"

65 It's put on before takeoff

66 1959 Dion and the Belmonts hit?

69 Old mattress stuffing

72 Pond denizen

73 Phil who played 65-Down

78 1984 Cyndi Lauper hit?

79 Memorable series in "Psycho"

81 Dawn-to-dusk

82 The continents, e.g.

83 "Phooey!"

85 Kelly of morning TV

87 Haughty affectation

88 Rap sheet listing

89 Query at the start of a poker game

91 Verbally assault

94 Rene of "Thor"

96 Thumbing-the-nose gesture

98 Challenge for F.D.R.

99 Mideast V.I.P.

101 Meatless day in W.W. II: Abbr.

103 Some lawn mowers

105 Pertaining to religious rites

108 Bugs Bunny addressee

109 Where to find screwdrivers and rusty nails

111 Like peas in _____

113 Suffix with salt

114 Made bats

116 Primer pair

119 Info on a magazine cover

120 Real dear

121 More cool, in slang

122 French thinkers?

123 Wink's partner

124 _____ State (Mountain West Conference team)

125 Runners in the cold?

14 Medium for love letters?

15 Card reader, for short

16 What fastidious people can't be

17 _____ Scott Card, "Ender's Game" writer

18 Competitor of ZzzQuil

22 Label for 28-Across

24 Alaskan city

29 Fake

32 Chef Lagasse

34 "To sum up ..."

36 No longer in fashion

38 Info for an airport greeter, for short

40 Victorian _____

42 Summons, of a sort

43 The "T" of Mr. T

44 Prefix with thermal

46 "Long time _____"

48 Boss Tweed nemesis

49 New York arrival of '77

50 BBC std.

52 Bank in need of support?

54 Where "hello" is "sveiks"

56 Reinforces

57 Muff a grounder

59 Something you can believe

61 Hands on deck

63 Chicken _____ (Italian dish, informally)

65 NCO of 1950s TV

67 Former faddish exercise regimen

68 Way off

DOWN

1 Org.

2 Actress Tierney

3 Suffering

4 Some versions of Windows

5 "Quit stalling!"

6 Suffix with major

7 Back it up, in a way

8 "Seduction of the Minotaur" author

9 Bank ID

10 "Listen, pal!"

11 Tea Partiers, e.g.

12 Crack filler

13 Casual summer wear

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69 Oktoberfest quaff

70 John Locke, philosophically

71 Out-of-the-way way

74 Brand of pickles

75 Slanted writing

76 Description on many eBay listings

77 The "s" in Awacs: Abbr.

78 Dose meas.

79 Eastern religion

80 Place for a mani-pedi

84 Graz's land: Abbr.

86 Rev (up)

89 See 95-Down

90 1969 Creedence Clearwater Revival hit?

92 Quantum physics particle

93 Rubber from Arabia?

95 With 89-Down, 1968 Tammy Wynette hit?

97 "Twelfth Night" duke

99 "_____ to the list"

100 Inspector of crime fiction

102 One inspiring love of poetry?

104 "_____ alive!"

106 "Bonne _____!"

107 Longing looks

109 Some queens

110 Didn't stop in time, say

112 _____ ale

115 French scene

117 Hollywood special FX

118 "Selena" star, to her fans

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Hearty Hangtown Fry similar to frittata

Hearty food. Nothing is better than hearty food on a day like today. The winter breeze, the door frozen to the frame of the car and the thought that spring will someday be upon us.

But I write this over a week after Spring has sprung. I think of warmer days, and my thoughts turn to reality as I look at the young blossoms on some of the trees and the flowers that have

Cuisine. It is the antithesis of what we think of when discussing California food. It is not light, it is not healthy and it certainly pays homage to "a moment on the lips; forever on the hips" but it also pays homage to the brutal town after which it was named.

The most widely accepted story of its inception is that a gold miner during the Rush struck it rich and went to the most expensive saloon in town and told the chef to give him the most expensive meal they could cook. It included oysters (which had to be imported from San Francisco on ice, a great luxury back then, bacon and eggs.

The dish has been served in California in various renditions for well over 150 years, and I did learn that Tadich Grill in San Francisco has had a Hangtown Fry on its menu for that entire duration.

But why Hangtown? The town was and is Placerville, but apparently during the Rush, the town folk became hanging-happy, setting examples of pilferers, murderers and anyone else they saw fit to string up for public spectacle and justice. So, removed from that day and age, we can at least embrace the magical dish that comes forth to aid us on our quest to satiate our hearty hunger.

Made with eggs, oysters, bacon, sausage, cheese and more it resembles a frittata and for all intents and purposes it is a frittata, but don't tell the good people of Placerville that.

Similar to many dishes, there are as many variations of this dish as there are cooks. Some stack the ingredients neatly with a fried egg on top while some turn it into a sandwich. I keep mine like a frittata, and let me tell you, it hits the spot every time.

With a dash of goat cheese (and you could even sprinkle some grated cheddar



on top) this evokes many different flavor emotions (especially if you hate oysters and goat cheese, but I digress). Nevertheless, it sates the hunger. It fills the belly. It warms the soul on the chilly days of Spring.

Hangtown Fry

serves 6

6 eggs, scrambled
1/2 c. heavy cream
3 oz. goat cheese, two strips bacon, cut into lardon
1/2 medium red onion, julienne
1 clove garlic, minced
1 shallot, minced
4 links spicy sausage such as chorizo, sliced
10 ea. salt oysters, shucked with liquor
Italian parsley, as needed
salt and pepper to taste

Combine eggs, cream and goat cheese in a bowl.

It is best served in a cast iron skillet, so choose one that will fit all ingredients. Heat skillet to medium heat.

Place bacon lardons in the pan and cook until the fat is rendered and the

bacon is crispy.

Add the onion and cook until most of the water has evaporated from them and they start to wilt.

Add the garlic and shallot and cook for three minutes.

Add the sausage and oysters and mix.

Immediately pour your egg mixture on top and add the Italian parsley.

Season and cook on the stove top for 4 or 5 minutes, making sure to moderate the heat so that it doesn't burn on the bottom.

Transfer pan to a 375-degree oven and cook until the eggs have puffed up and are cooked throughout. Do not overcook as the oysters will be little pencil erasers.

Pull from the oven and allow to rest for five minutes before you cut into this amazing and hearty reminder of the gruesome mining town after which it is named.

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By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

already shot up through the dirt to make their presence known.

We only have a few more days, if not a week, during which we can brag about making the hearty home-cooked meals that sustain us in the chillier months. So I will get one last hearty meal in and try to stay true to form in moving into lighter, healthier meals as the season progresses.

When I wake up in the morning, I would rather eat a plate of steak and eggs or dinner leftovers than what most people consider 'breakfast'; processed cereals, oatmeal et al.

I often think of the Vietnamese street vendors (no, I've never been there) who offer pho, a type of soup, and other highly seasoned foods for breakfast. Granted, pho is lighter in nature, but there are a plethora of seasonings, noodles, meat, citrus and of course cilantro so it is significantly heartier than a bowl of Kix.

I opened the refrigerator to see the andouille and chorizo that I had cooked recently and immediately turned my attention to the California Hangtown Fry, which I have the students cook when we cover California

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'APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS' CARD AND GAME PARTY — Fager's Island Restaurant, 60th Street, bayside, Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be munchies, coffee, tea and water. Cost is \$25 for Women's Club of Ocean Pines members and \$30 for non-members. Reservations: 410-208-0171.

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

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

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

SOLID ROCK OUTREACH MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — Solid Rock Outreach Ministry, 16 S. Main St., Suite D, Berlin, 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend the services. Info: 443-513-4253 or admin@Srom.comcastbiz.net.

SPRINGO BINGO — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Cash and prizes from area businesses. Event includes Chinese auction, extra games and 50/50 raffle. Food and beverages available. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and are available at www.oceanpineschamber.org or at the Chamber office, 11031 Cathell Road, Berlin or call 410-641-5306.

SOLID ROCK OUTREACH MINISTRIES — 16 South Main St., Berlin. Celebrating 1st anniversary at 7 p.m. with Bishop Paul Harmon. Info: 443-513-4253.

LIVING WELL WORKSHOP - Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, 124 North Main St., Berlin, 1- 3:30 p.m. Six-week workshop that teaches participants how to live a quality life with chronic disease. Held Thursdays through May 8. Pre-registration is required. Info: Laura Small 410-629-6820.

FRI. April 4

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY - Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. All are welcome for Marian Argentina's presentation on seagulls. Info: 410-250-0098.

CHILD SAFETY CAR SEAT CHECK - Ocean Pines Fire Department, 911 Ocean Park-

way, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: 410-219-7543 or www.wicomicohealth.org.

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

SOLID ROCK OUTREACH MINISTRIES — 16 South Main St., Berlin. Celebrating 1st anniversary at 7 p.m. with Pastor Ronald Deal. Info: 443-513-4253.

SAT. April 5

7TH ANNUAL TIM KERN SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT — Hopkins Game Farm, Kennedyville, Md. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Shotgun start at noon. Cost is \$45. All proceeds benefit the Tim Kern Memorial Foundation. Post-event party providing free beer and wings to participants. A \$10 donation required at the door for non-participants. Info: 410-348-5287.

SPRING FESTIVAL — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft items, traditional bake sale, white elephant and silent auction. Info: 410-641-4066.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast and lunch available. Info: 410-629-0926.

SOLID ROCK OUTREACH MINISTRIES — 16 South Main St., Berlin. Celebrating 1st anniversary at 6 p.m. with Pastor Donell Winder. Info: 443-513-4253.

FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET — Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, 35639 Mount Hermon Road, Pittsville, 11 a.m. Menu includes all-you-can-eat chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children, free for 5 years and younger. Info: 443-614-9898.

SPRING FESTIVAL — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event includes bake table, silent auction, craft items and white elephant sale. Info: 410-641-4066.

BARKS IN THE FOREST FUN WALK FOR DOGS — Furnace Town Living Heritage Village, Old Furnace Road in Snow Hill. Registration begins at 9 a.m., walk begins at 10 a.m. Admission is free for pet owners and \$10 for pets, and includes treats, door prizes, and admission to Furnace Town. Dogs must be leashed and up to date on vaccinations. Info: Karen Taylor 410-632-2032.

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

Info: 410-524-8196.

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

SUN. April 6

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 8 a.m. to noon. Youth fundraiser. Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12 and free to those 5 and younger. Eat in or carryout. Info: 443-235-4761.

SOLID ROCK OUTREACH MINISTRIES — 16 South Main St., Berlin. Celebrating 1st anniversary at 10 a.m. with Pastor Timothy Stanton and 6:30 p.m. with Bishop Jesse Abbott. Info: 443-513-4253.

JAMES SAPIA SPAGHETTI DINNER — Shenanigan's, 309 N. Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, 4-8 p.m. Downtown Association will sponsor an all-you-can-eat dinner with spaghetti, meatballs, bread and drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10 and free for kids younger than 5. Event includes silent auction and dessert sale. Info: 410-289-1413 or downtownassociation.net.

KIWANIS ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER — Denovos Restaurant, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines. Three seatings: 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert and iced tea. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Benefits youth of the community. Info: Ralph Chinn 410-208-6719 or kiwanisofopoc.com.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. Info: www.OARegion7.org or Bett 410-202-9078.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 12 - 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Info: Rob 443-783-3529.

MON. April 7

AARP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Topic is Stephen Ministry from Community Church. Bring canned goods for Diakonia. Info: Larry Walton 443-831-1491.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing 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.

TUES. April 8

WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, second Tuesday of each month, 2:30-4 p.m. Information: 410-208-3132.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYER CONFERENCE — Carousel Hotel, 11700 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. This free conference includes everything you need to know about hiring international students and complimentary continental breakfast. Call the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce at 410-213-0144 ext. 104 to RSVP by April 4.

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WED. April 9

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB —
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ONGOING EVENTS

SINGERS WANTED — The Worcester Chorale will hold rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., from March 19 through June 25 at the Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. “Poetry, Lyrics, and Music,” a concert combining the lyrical flow of poetry with intricate melodies, will take place on June 29. Info: 410-208-4707.

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SNAPSHOTS



DR. SMALL GUEST SPEAKER
The Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County had as its February meeting speaker, Dr. Clara Small, who talked about black history in the U.S., emphasizing the struggles of African Americans during the Civil Rights events of the 1960s. Small is a retired professor from Salisbury University and is the author of many articles and two books on African-American studies. Pictured, from left, are Women's Club President, Judy Butler; Dr. Small; Vice President, Sandy Glassman, Candidate for Maryland House of Delegates 38C, Judy Davis and Dr. Ethel Hines.

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DONATION
During the weekly meeting on Feb. 19, of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City, Club President, Dick Clagett presents a \$350 check to Sonya Bounds, director of the Ocean Pines Parks and Recreation Department, in support of its annual Summer Concerts in the Park Program which are free to the public.



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WINNER
Lindsay Birkhead-Morton, a fourth grade student at Snow Hill Middle School, was selected as a 2014 Carson Scholar by the Carson Scholars Fund. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award. She will be recognized during the Carson Scholar Fund 18th annual awards banquet, April 6, in Baltimore.



WELCOME
The Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes Lighthouse Dance and Yoga to the business community. Owner Tikiri Shapiro brings her experience to the area to open this large, open air studio. Lighthouse Dance & Yoga offers a variety of yoga classes. The studio is located in the Williamsville Shopping Center at 33195 Lighthouse Road, Suite 4, in Selbyville, Del.

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HAMMOND GUEST SPEAKER
The guest speaker during the March 12 weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City was Robert Hammond III, PT, DPT of Atlantic Physical Therapy. Atlantic Physical Therapy is located in the Ocean Pines Plaza at 11070 Cathell Road and offers a variety of services including an anti-gravity treadmill, aqua therapy, specialized hand therapy, occupational therapy and a health and fitness center. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Programs and Speakers Chair, J. Graham Caldwell; Hammond and President, Dick Clagett.



NARFE MEETING
Claude Lewis, owner of Home Instead Senior Care of Berlin, a program for affordable home care for seniors, was the guest speaker during the March NARFE Chapter 2274 meeting. The program is designed to provide senior care that keeps them in their homes living safely and independently. The program can be tailored for companionship, home helper, personal care and also Alzheimer's care. Pictured, from left, are NARFE Chapter 2274 President, Arlene Page, Lewis and Programs chairperson, Anna Foults.

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RICE INDUCTED
During the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City, March 12, Ocean Pines resident Jennie Rice became the newest member of the club. Pictured with Rice, from left, are Club President, Dick Clagett; Kiwanian Tom Southwell, who sponsored Rice, and Membership Chair, Mike Morton.

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