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#### **EASTER PARADE**

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Cecilia Weller parades past the judges at Berlin's 3rd Annual Grand Finale Easter Bonnet and Mad Hatter Parade. The March 30 event was sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

# OP memorial gets approval for final phase

## Dedicated in 2005, site to add finishing touches

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES -- The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors on March 27 gave the go-ahead for the third and final phase of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, as presented by Ron Fisher, vice president of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation.

Fisher said he thought the presentation went well, that the board was fair, and added that he was very pleased with its decision. The memorial, which was dedicated on Memorial Day 2005, is located on the South Gate Pond and is visible from Racetrack Road (Route 589).

In the proposal, the foundation's President Marie Gilmore told the board the construction would occur in three phases, if approved, and the \$30,023 construction budget for would be paid for through donations.

In keeping with the letter of understanding with the board, "Phase III will be in keeping with the educational objectives Continued on Page 4

# First round of mosquito control will target larvae in woodlands

#### Aerial spraying will take place in Turville Creek, Sinepuxent areas

By Sheila R. Cherry

. Associate Editor

-- The Department of Agriculture's MARYLAND mosquito control officials are now waiting for the right wind and weather conditions to begin aerial spraying of mosquito larvicide in the annual effort to keep the 60 species of bloodsuckers that populate Worcester County under control.

David Schofield, assistant chief for the department's Mosquito Control Section said in a March 28 press release, "In Worcester County, approximately 1,000 acres of woodland areas in the vicinity of Turville Creek and Sinepuxent Neck will be treated." The aerial application will occur during daylight hours and the areas will be treated with the biological larvicide Vectobac 12 AS, bacillus thuringiensis, it said.

According to the statement, the aircraft that will be conducting the aerial spraying will be a white twin engine with red and blue stripes, with the registration number N903MD.

During an April 2 interview, Schofield said spraying standing pools of water in the local woodlands is conducted every spring before the trees begin sprouting leaves that would act as a natural canopy preventing the chemicals from reaching the ground below. He said due to the amount of rain the area has experienced so far, there has been a lot of standing water in the woodlands that is not drying as quickly as it has in past years.

Spraying is expected to begin either this week or next depending on the weather, Schofield said. The conditions must be low to no wind, no rain and temperatures between 50-60-degrees-farenheit. The aircraft is being



used for the applications intended to kill mosquito larvae in an area of 600-700 acres in the county. Specifically, he said the aerial spraying would occur in the woods along Route 611 between Buck's Store and the Ocean City Golf Club, and along Turville Creek, Gumpoint Road, to

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# Guppy-sized fish will help too

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the southeast corner of Ocean Pines.

Subsequent spraying to kill adult mosquitoes will follow on a weekly basis, but will not be done by airplane, according to Schofield.

Instead, the adult insecticide will be applied by ultra-low volume trucks. The which disperse the contact insecticide out the back of the unit. The procedure will be used in Berlin, Ocean Pines, Pocomoke and Snow Hill, he said.

The weekly spraying can be increased to twice weekly if a disease situation occurs or at the request of a municipality.

Schofield said the chemicals that will be used were chosen because they were the safest for potentially populated areas approved by the state and the Environmental Protection Agency.

But not the entire mosquito battling arsenal is chemical. Schofield said that the department also stocks guppy-sized gambusia holbrooki fish that can be transplanted into woodland pools to eat the larvae.

He also said mosquito populations are monitored with the assistance of what has

to be some pretty brave humans, who more or less test the bite ratio.

According to Schofield, mosquito technicians take "landing rate counts" by standing in a monitoring area and literally counting the number of mosquitoes that land on them over a one to two-minute period. He said the number can be as high as 100.

The Berlin Town Council asked for four additional spray applications in 2012, a town official said. During its March 25 meeting, the council approved a \$6,000 allocation to MDA for the annual cost of mosquito control for 2013.

Truck spraying normally occurs during the early morning hours on Fridays, throughout Berlin and its annexed areas, the official said.

The specific areas would include Stephen Decatur Park, town limit at Bottle Branch, Stephen Decatur High School, Flower Street, Main Street, Henry's Mill, Franklin Knoll, Buckingham Lane, a portion of Germantown Road, and Bottle Branch near the wastewater treatment plant.

# Memorial gets OK for last phase

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of the Foundation," she said, including:

- The creation of a walkway leading from behind the existing memorial to near the end of the Peninsula. The walkway's gravel would be similar to the existing walkways and would be designed to shape a "V" for "victory."
- The walkway would end at a circular base of bricks and pavers to create a platform for three flag poles to permanently fly the Missing in Action, Killed in Action and Veterans Remembered flags.
- Evenly spaced along the walkway would be 14 interpretive panels. The dimensions of the panels would be 30 inches by 20 inches and they would be constructed from fiberglass along with permanent graphic panels inscribed with descriptions of various wars and conflicts of the United States.

Fisher said Bill Rakow would be acting as the general contractor for the pathway, excavation for pathway footers, flagpole footers and electric being done by the Ocean Pines Public Works Department.

Funding for the project will be provided through the Memorial Foundation and donations. Timing of construction will be determined after approvals and necessary permits are received, the proposal said.

According to its Web site at www.opvets.com, the mission of the foundation is "to create and maintain, in perpetuity, a suitable memorial to honor and preserve the unselfish contributions to the security and freedom of our country by the men and women of our military services."

Among the events the foundation is planning for the upcoming year are organizing school field trips to the memorial to teach flag etiquette and respect for the flag, and providing veterans to speak to schools for Veterans Day and Memorial Day events.

# Waterline flushing set in Pines

OCEAN PINES — The Water and Wastewater Division of Public Works will begin its semi-annual program for flushing waterlines in Ocean Pines, River Run, Pennington Commons and other areas of the county next week. The program will continue throughout the month and in May.

The purpose of this program is to remove any accumulated sediment from the lines and to ensure the hydrants are operational. Below are the proposed dates for the flushing of the waterlines. The dates are subject to change.

#### **OCEAN PINES**

Week of April 8: Sections 10, 15A, 15B, 16 and 17, and Baypoint Plantation

Week of April 15: Sections 9, 11 and 13,

Village Square, Manklin Creek area, Pennington Commons and Cathell Road Extension

Week of April 22: Sections 12, 14A, 14B, 14C and 14D, and Mumfords Landing

Week of April 29: Sections 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8, and Harbor Village

Week of May 6: Sections 2, 3 and 7, River Run and Showell Elementary

It is possible to experience discolored water on dates the water lines in your section are not being flushed. Residents who notice that their water becomes cloudy during these times should allow the water to run for a few minutes until it becomes clear. For more information, call the Water and Wastewater Division at 410-641-5251.

# OPA board approves capital projects before rec season begins

#### Projects not budgeted, this year, but time factor drives board's decision

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Three time-sensitive expenditure proposals raised a few hackles during the March 27 meeting of the Ocean Opines Association Board of Directors. Both occurred when General Manager Bob Thompson proposed maintenance work on items budgeted for the upcoming season, which begins May 1. He said he wanted to address them a month early to avoid having key assets unavailable when demand started to increase.

The first budget request was for the purchase of new batteries for the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club's 65 golf

The depreciation period for the cost of the batteries would be on the 2014 budget, Thompson said, but delivery would take two to three weeks. He asked the board to allow staff to order the items before the May 1 start date to ensure that all the club's carts are functioning when the season starts and to avoid having to turn away business due to an inadequate number of functioning carts. The cost would be \$41,000, he said.

Clarke to complain, "It's been one month [since the FY budget 2014 budget was approved] and we are already spending money that is not on the [upcoming] budget.'

Director Dan Stachursky asked for a comparison between the life of the batteries versus the remaining expected life of the carts. The answer was that the carts had an additional four years of useful lifespan. The board voted to approve the one-month acceleration time for ordering the batteries, with the exception of Clarke, who voted no, and Director David Stevens, who was absent.

The second request was for authorization to replace the nonfunctioning pump in the irrigation system for the back nine holes (holes 11 and 12) on the golf course, if it is called for after an upcoming inspection of the equipment.

Thompson said the inspection was needed and provided three bids for the work. The bids varied in both structure and price range and included A.C. Schutles with a variable rate starting at \$14,025; American Water Systems at a fixed cost of \$12,600 Hydrosolutions Inc, at \$16,895.

Thompson recommended the midrange bid from Schultes, noting that the lowest bid might not be the best for the needs of the overall project.

Thompson said that the inspection could warrant that the pump be re-

The requests led Director Martin placed, which would be an unbudgeted expense and would exceed his automatic spending authority of under \$15,000. He said he wanted to make the board aware of that possibility before the inspection work began.

> Clarke said he disliked "emergency decisions" and would not vote to approve a single-bid project, should, after the inspection, the equipment need to be repaired or replaced.

> The board, with the exception of Clarke, voted to accept Thompson's recommendation, but Stachursky offered a motion instructing Thompson to return to the board if any needed replacement exceeded \$15,000.

> Thompson's third request was to substitute \$18,000 in flooring replacement in the Ocean Pines Beach Club with a new \$22,500 heating, ventilation and air conditioning system upgrade. "A new floor doesn't drive traffic," he said, "uncomfortable temperature during the

> Initially Director Ray Unger moved to change the replacement expense from flooring to HVAC, but with a \$4,500 cap above the planned amount. But ultimately, the board voted on an amendment to remove the flooring project from the 2012 replacement account and replace it with the HVAC project. Clarke, who voted no, said "I see no benefit to outspending your budget — ever."

During the public comment session, Rick Clemmons, who identified himself as having been a property owner for 15 years, took issue with the board's approval of unbudgeted expenses. He expressed concern that the spending could lead to higher assessment fees in the future and asked whether the association had a rainy day fund that could pay for unexpected expenses.

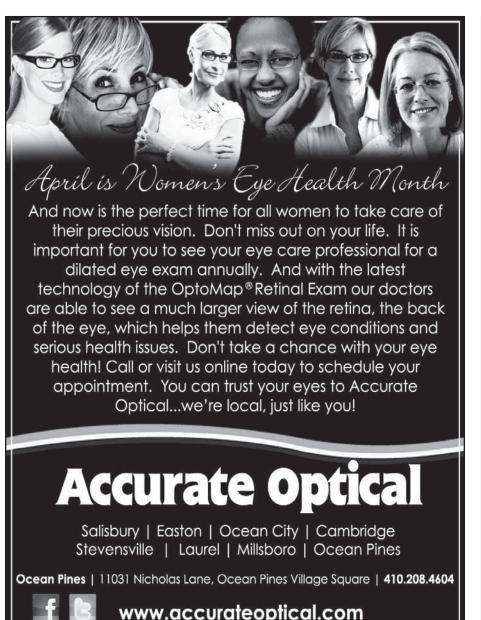
Treasurer Pete Gomsak explained the distinction between how OPA handled operating expenses, which drive dues levels, versus capital expenses, which do not affect dues in the year of expenditures.

#### Corrections

Justin McGinnis, a representative of Milford, Del.-based Lasertone Business Systems was misidentified as Claude Lewis, owner of Berlin-based Home Instead Senior Care, in the March 28 Business Section article on the Ocean Pines Chamber's Business Expo.

Also, Sen. James Mathias's (D-38) Worcester Co. liquor bill SB 949 was unanimously approved by the Senate on

It should have read that it was approved by the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee on that day.





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# Grant money helps nourish garden at Berlin Branch Library

# Project one of 80 picked from 925 applicants in competition for award

BERLIN – The arrival of spring finds volunteer gardeners preparing the Berlin Branch Library garden for the coming growing season. This thriving community garden, now in its fourth season, is capturing plenty of attention, and not just locally.

As volunteer gardeners begin sowing their seeds, their efforts will be more fruitful than ever because the garden was awarded a highly competitive grant of \$500 along with \$50 worth of seeds from Kitchen Gardeners International (KGI), plus a grant of \$550 from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

"The library garden project was one of 80 gardens selected from 925 applicant gardens worldwide for a Sow it Forward grant from KGI," said Katherine Munson, the natural resources planner for Worcester County who spearheads the garden project.

"In addition to the grant, KGI will donate a book for the library's collection and a subscription to an online garden planning tool," she said. "The mission of KGI, which mirrors our own, is to empower individuals, families and communities to achieve

greater levels of food self-reliance through the promotion of kitchen gardening, home-cooking, and sustainable local food systems."

The grant funds will be used to build additional raised-bed systems, purchase soil and gardening equipment for volunteers to use at the site, and miscellaneous gardening materials.

New to the garden in 2013 is an asparagus bed, prepared last fall. Rich in folate, Vitamin C and potassium and other vitamins and nutrients, asparagus is well-suited for cultivation on the Eastern Shore. Asparagus beds produce repeatedly for years. The fern-like leaves serve as an ornamental part of the garden after spring production ends. Also planned for this season are tomatoes, sweet peppers, carrots, beets, greens, herbs, garlic, onions, raspberries, potatoes, bush and pole beans, eggplant, cucumbers and cabbage. Towering sunflowers will again grace the garden in mid-

Since 2010, hundreds of people have benefited from more than 1,500 pounds of organic produce grown in and donated from the garden to community food assistance programs, including Diakonia.

The garden is now a model for sustainable community gardening projects. Several groups looking to start

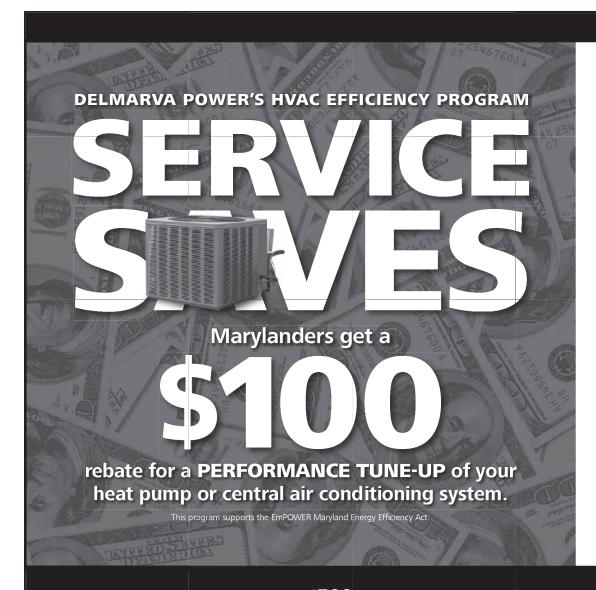


SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County Natural Resources Planner Katherine Munson (left), Berlin Branch Library Manager Alice Patera (center) and gardener Pat Pilling display the Kitchen Gardeners International grant, gift certificate, seeds and a book to the Berlin Branch Library garden project.

gardening projects elsewhere on the shore have visited and consulted with the master gardener volunteers as a first step to beginning their own project. Likewise, dozens of children and adults have volunteered or participated in educational programming provided by the library project.

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Amy Jewell Alexander Rothert

OCEAN PINES - Amy Jewell Alexander Rothert, 92, a longtime resident of Baltimore and Ocean Pines, died



**Amy Rothert** 

Monday, March 18, 2013, at Long View Nursing Home in Manchester Md.

Born Aug. 12, 1920 in Green Spring, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late John Clark Alexander and Nell Robinson Alexander.

She was the wife of Frederick William Rothert, who preceded her in death in 2012.

Mrs. Rothert was a graduate of Romney High School, who completed her nursing training at Memorial Hospital in Cumberland, Md. She was an Army veteran of World War II, having served in France, England and Germany attached to the 30th General Hospital. She worked at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore and retired as administrator of Bel Air Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Rothert was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward "Buzz" Alexander of Florida and Everett Alexander of Wilmington, Del. She is survived by two daughters, Judith Eckenrode of Manchester, Md., and Donna Rothert of Reston, Va.; three grandsons, John Eckenrode of Magnolia, Del., Adam Farver of Ocean Pines, and Andrew Farver of New York City, N.Y.; as well as five great-grandsons and one great-granddaugher.

A memorial service will be held in the spring for the family and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., online at www.scripps.edu/ tribute/home.

#### **Dennis A. Creager**

OCEAN PINES — Dennis Aaron "Bernie" Creager, 62, of Ocean Pines and formerly of Frederick, Md., died unexpectedly Monday, March 25, 2013, at his home. Born Feb.19, 1951, in Frederick, he was the son of the late Charles L. and Shirley Ann Shull Crea-

Mr. Creager was a level IV waste-



**Dennis Creager** 

water operator for the Town of Ocean City. He moved from Frederick to his home in Ocean Pines in 2000. While a Frederick resident, he worked for Solarex. He had also been an animal tech at

Fort Detrick early in his career.

In his life, Mr. Creager enjoyed gardening and exploring nature, and he was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hike in the mountains. He also enjoyed canoeing and bicycling. His ultimate Continued on Page 8



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# Pines and county joint effort presents annual Bike Rodeo

OCEAN PINES - In an effort to continue to promote bicycle safety in Ocean Pines, the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, Ocean Pines Police Department and Worcester County Extension Office have teamed up to offer a free "Bike Rodeo" on Saturday, April 6, starting at 11 a.m. This event is open to all ages.

The event will be on the Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club's back nine cart path. The back nine has been closed for renovation and will reopen May 1.

The rodeo will feature multiple training phases, including stop-andgo, bumps and obstacles. Instructors will also discuss proper hand signals and laws, all in an effort to increase riding skill levels.

The course will be broken into two parts. Part one will be solely designed for the training aspects of the course while part two will be an open ride on the back nine cart.

It is preferred that kids bring their own bikes and helmets to the rodeo, but free helmets will be provided to children who do not possess one. Riders can decorate their bikes with their favorite old or new Ocean Pines items as prizes will be awarded to the most unique and creative bikes.

In Maryland, all youths under the age of 16 must wear a bike helmet on public roads. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a riding adult during the event.





## <u>OBITUARIES</u>

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hobby was carpentry and he loved building things. He assisted his parents in building their home in Frederick, as well as doing numerous renovations on his home in Ocean Pines.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Creager of Gettysburg, Pa.; his brother, David C. Creager and wife, Jill, of Palm Bay, Fla., and their two sons, Keith and Bryan; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mr. Creager also will be remembered by his former wife, Beverly Gail Smith of New Midway.

The family will receive friends from 4-5 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at Stauffer Funeral Homes, P.A., 1621 Opossumtown Pike in Frederick, Md. A celebration of life service will begin at 5 p.m. with Jacqui Kreh serving as celebrant.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ocean Pines Police Department, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.staufferfuneralhome.com.

#### **James Ryan VanSciver**

BISHOPVILLE - James Ryan Van-Sciver, 34, died Tuesday, March 26, 2013, in Baltimore. Born in Salisbury, he was



James VanSciver

the son of James Van Sciver and Christine Waters Wenker.

In addition to his parents, Mr. VanSciver survived by his maternal grandmother, Joan Mancuso, and maternal step-grandfather, C. Michael Mancuso of

Lewes, Del., stepfather, Philip Wenker of Ocean City and stepmother, Paula Van Sciver of Salisbury. Also surviving are brothers, Shane Van Sciver of Baltimore and Clint Van Sciver of Los Angeles; sisters, Lindsay La Rue of Chicago, Mollie Montgomery and her husband, Christopher James Montgomery, of Okinawa, Japan, and Casey Wenker of Baltimore; a

stepsister, Crystal O'Neal and her husband, Andy, of Laurel, Del.; two nephews, Christopher James Montgomery II and Jaxon Montgomery; an aunt and uncle, Donna Leiner and Mark Leiner of Ocean City; and aunts, Deborah Gouert of Milton, Del., and Amy Wyatt of Montana.

Mr. VanSciver was a 1997 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School. He attended Gettysburg College and graduated from Salisbury University in 2003. He had worked as a mortgage broker with Mortgage Protection Group, LLC, in Rockville, Md. He was a member of Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City and a sports enthusiast who enjoyed boxing, car racing and soccer.

A funeral service was held Monday April 1, at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. The Rev. Norman Poultney officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Berlin. Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 4002018, Des Moines, IA. 50340-2018. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

#### **Bruce Brooke Blottenberger**

OCEAN CITY — Bruce Brooke Blottenberger, 66, died Saturday, March 30, 2013, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. Born in Baltimore, he is the son of Doris Wicklein and the late Walter Blottenberger. He is preceded in death by a sister, Arlene

Mr. Blottenberger is survived by his life partner, John E. Meyers Jr.; a brother, Wayne Blottenberger and his wife, Erica; two nieces, Holly and Laura; a nephew, Eric; and a host of friends. He loved to cook for Gail and Ron, the Monkey's Trunk and Father Cocucci.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 8, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea, 208 S. Baltimore Ave., in Ocean City. Father Joseph Cocucci will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.



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# Construction begins on Ocean Pines Yacht Club Renovation

#### With golf course work winding down, efforts directed to new facility

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — A construction barrier fence is now surrounding the area that workers will be demolishing as they begin work to build the new Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

The job will be getting under way now that work to improve the condition of the golf course is nearing completion, General Manager Bob Thompson told the Board of Directors during a March 27 meeting.

The existing Yacht Club building will remain open until Labor Day at which time it will be demolished, he told the board

Construction of the new structure has begun next to the existing building and will have only a minimal overlap with the existing club building. The new club is expected to open early 2014.

Previously, the utilities in the complex over the years have been placed in a patchwork of locations, not all of them practical. In the new design, Thompson said, there would be a more specific alignment of the utility components.

Meanwhile, construction for a new Yacht Club pool is under way and is

## Pines beach grass planting scheduled Saturday, April 6

OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Environment Advisory Committee is conducting a community beach grass planting on Saturday, April 6, from 8-11 a.m., at the Swim and Racquet Club. The effort is aimed at improving the water quality of the St. Martin's River.

Volunteers should take a shovel and garden gloves. Rain date will be April 7, same time.

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Thompson said the Yacht Club Marina will open for regular business in May and that other than relocation of the fuel tanks no other construction has been planned.

Thompson outlined several moves intended to increase traffic and event bookings at the club. The first was the hiring of culinary expert and Wor-Wic Community College assistant professor Paul Suplee as the club's new executive chef and Rob Sosnovich as the new sous chef during the summer hiatus. Thompson said the hiring would add "two extremely talented folks to the kitchen."

According to Suplee, the only thing that has changed for him was his role as the club's acting kitchen manager for the 2013 season—"with a twist."

He said he has been brought on board to hone and train the kitchen staff as well as to train and mentor Sosnovich, who would take over at the end of the summer.

"That's the plan and I am there more in an effort to develop menus and help the kitchen staff to build on their skillset to move to the next level. When the new building is completed, the kitchen staff will be ready to run a seamless operation," Suplee said.

Thompson also told the board the club's liquor license had been updated. Patrons would now be offered buy and carry purchases for consuming off-site, he said. In addition, he added the new license would allow the club to hold wine tastings and wine clubs.

Finally, Thompson announced the creation of a new banquet coordinator position. He said that it was not a budgeted position because the position would be a straight commission-based

function, except for a small initial startup salary for the first few weeks as the new person came on board. Director Dan Stachursky seemed to concur with the concept of an initial salary, stating that it might be unreasonable to expect a strong cold start in the position. Although Thompson pointed out that event booking requests were already coming in through the Yacht club's Web site, he said the club would have much vested in the new person being successful.

Board President Tom Terry advised that the salary paid initially could be structured as a draw against future commissions.

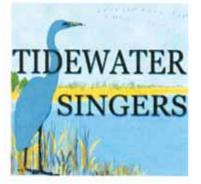
The \$4.3 million in construction cost for the Yacht Club renovation project was approved by the membership in 2012 and is funded by the five-year funding plan.







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TINY TRAP

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Showell Elementary kindergarten student Emilie Entwistle shows her leprechaun trap to teacher, Cathy Woodland. Entwistle constructed a trap that had at least one moving part to trap the leprechaun. She built it to entice him into the trap, which is why her box is decorated with four-leaf clovers inside. Entwistle also demonstrated how her trap works to her fellow classmates. Solving mechanical problems with creativity, listed supplies, specific criteria and presentation skills are all curriculum requirements for kindergarten.



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#### PI DAY

Pi Day is celebrated around the world on March 14 each year. The Greek letter Pi is used in mathematics to represent the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. The value of Pi can be rounded to 3.14, thus Pi Day on 3/14. Each year,



students in Michelle Hrebik's seventh-grade math class at Stephen Decatur Middle School bake pies on March 13, and then enjoy them on Pi Day. (Top) Peeling and slicing apples for baking, from left, are Alexis Abrams, Emily Hurley, Roxanne Pitcher, Caroline Kurtz and Sierra Parker. (Above) Mixing the filling for an apple pie, from left, are Kyla Taylor, Drew Russell, Jenni Smith and Sidney Mattie.

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# Tourism Officials seek nominations for going green

SNOW HILL - Worcester County Tourism department is accepting nominations through April 9 for the second annual Worcester Green Awards. Worcester Green celebrates excellence in promoting environmentally friendly practices, strategies and products.

Awards will be granted to Worcester County businesses that demonstrate extraordinary performance related to sustainable environmental practices, such as water conservation, wastewater management, the promotion of alternative transportation and transit, recycling, energy conservation, on-site renewable energy production, use of local products and food sources and the purchase of renewable energy. Nominations are being accepted in the following five categories:

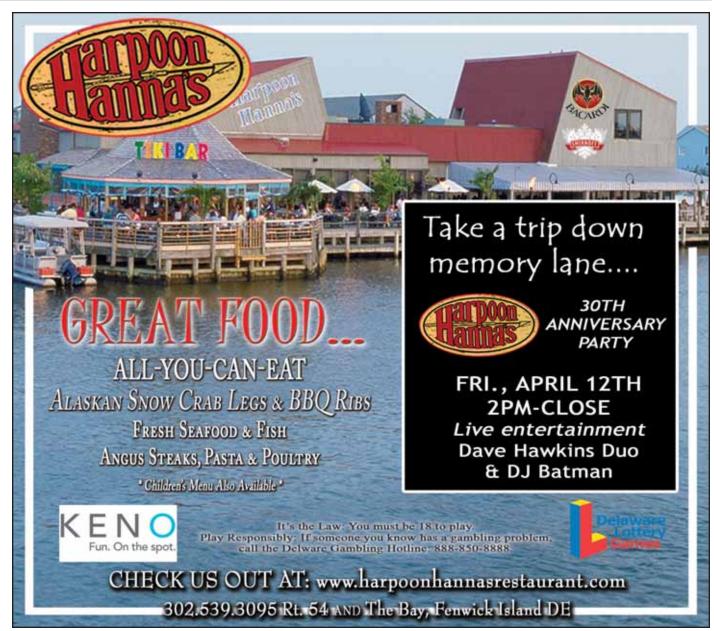
- Community Leader (business person or organization): This award will recognize a long-term contribution to the environment by an individual, volunteer or an organization. Efforts should engage community building or conservation.
- Business: This award will recognize a positive ecological footprint in some or all of these areas: storm water, recycling, sedimentation and erosion controls, construction debris reuse and energy innovation.
- Lodging: This award will recognize a lodging partner who includes some or all of these practices - recycles, use of organic cleaning supplies, reduction of water consumption and use of alternative energy sources.
- Restaurant: This award will recognize a restaurant that has made a concerted effort to buy local, recycle, reduce waste and energy consumption and involve staff and community.
- Teacher: The recipient of this award will have demonstrated leadership in teaching others about the environment.

Applicants will be judged on their overall level of commitment, measurable environmental benefits or progress, cost savings, and customer outreach and engagement. To qualify, applicants must reside or operate businesses in Worcester County. Awards will be announced during the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association dinner meeting on April 18.

Last year's award recipients include community organization winner Grow Berlin Green, business winner Ayers Creek Adventures, restaurant winner Baked Dessert Café and Gallery, and teacher winner Karen McCabe.

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

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Personal gifting of a substantial amount can enable individuals to endow a scholarship in their name or the name of a loved one.



If you would like more information about the Endowment or if are interested in funding a scholarship, please contact Larry Campbell at 410-991-3360 or Rich Dalton at 631-278-5644.







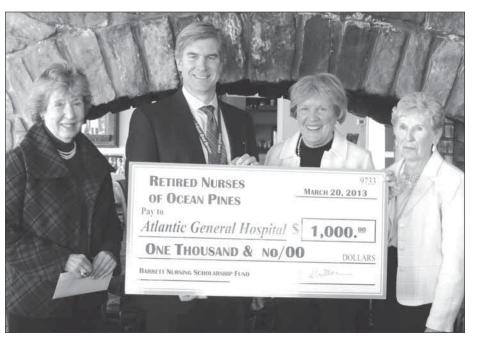
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Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines present a check for \$1,000 to Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital, benefiting the James G. and Nancy Barrett Nursing Scholarship Program. The Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines have contributed \$5,000 to Atlantic General Hospital's nursing scholarship program since 2008. At the presentation, from left, are Joyce Brittan, treasurer; Franklin; Gale Alford, president; and Marlene Goodwin, recording secretary.

# May 1 target date for AGH's move to tobacco-free campus

#### New policy will cover everything from pipes to smokeless products

BERLIN – Atlantic General Hospital, Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the Worcester County Health Department are joining to become a tobacco-free campus on May 1.

The new tobacco-free campus policy comprises cigarettes, pipes, and cigars as well as all smokeless tobacco products, which are prohibited in all buildings, parking lots and grounds along Healthway Drive in Berlin as well as all Atlantic General Hospital and Health System facilities throughout the region.

"This change will help support the health of our clients and employees. We look forward to the benefits of this new policy," said Worcester County Health Officer Debbie Goeller. "It is our hope that those who use tobacco products will consider participating in one of our free smoking cessation programs."

Several of Worcester County Health Department's other locations are already tobacco free.

"Our organizations share a common goal of improving the health and lives of individuals in our community," said Tracey R. Hall, BSN, RN, who leads the Employee Wellness Program at Atlantic General Hospital. "Becoming tobacco free to protect our patients, associates and visitors is an important step."

"Tobacco has been recognized for years as a contributor to the increasing health care costs in our country because of the increased disease risk, so it is important for our campus to be an example of good health practices, "says Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital. "Coordination of these efforts with all facilities on Healthway Drive was important for the success of this initiative."

The facilities join a growing number of colleges and universities, municipalities, and hospitals and other healthcare organizations across Maryland and the U.S. that are banning the use of tobacco on their grounds.

# AGH 'Enroll Delmarva Day' will help with insurance issues

BERLIN – Atlantic General Hospital will hold "Enroll Delmarva Day" next Thursday, a day that its patient financial services department has dedicated to assisting the community with health insurance coverage.

During this event, uninsured Marylanders can learn more about available health care coverage options and receive guidance in filling out plan applications. Atlantic General will have financial counselors on hand to answer questions and assist with the forms.

"As part of our ongoing assistance to our community, financial counselors are always available to assist our patients in need," said Mickey Griffin, director of patient financial services at Atlantic General. "The enrollment event serves to increase

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# ALOC exhibit, reception honor corporate sponsors

OCEAN CITY – The public is invited to the Art League of Ocean City's reception for its corporate sponsors exhibit 5-7 p.m. this Friday at the Ocean City Center for the Arts located at 502 94th St.

Refreshments will be served and admission is free. There will also be the unveiling of pavers that have been placed at the outside front entrance area of the building. These pavers, which are part of the ALOC fundraising efforts, have been purchased by individuals and businesses and have their name or message engraved on them.

This will be a juried show in honor of corporate sponsors of the Art League of Ocean City. Each corporate sponsor will be presented with a matted print of the painting "Kitty Wants In" by Dorothy Harrison Braun, the winner of last year's "Best in Show."

"This is a prestigious show for artists and we have submissions from local artists as well as artists from hundreds of miles away," said Marian Bickerstaff, president of the Art League of Ocean City. "We appreciate so much the support of our sponsors who recognize the importance of the arts to our community. This is one way for us to thank them."

For more information on how to become a corporate sponsor of the Art League of Ocean City, contact Barbara Melone, corporate sponsor chair, at 410-726-9450.

The show will be judged by Marie Cavallaro, retired associate professor of art from Salisbury University. Cavallaro is a three-dimensional artist, working primarily in clay with multi-media additions of fiber, feathers and drawing ma-

terial creating more painterly sculptures.

Since retiring from Salisbury University, Cavallaro continues to use her resources and energy in support of the Cavallaro and Cleary Visual Arts Foundation (CCART) established in 1999.

The goal of CCART is to provide scholarships to talented high school seniors living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. To date, CCART has awarded over \$50,000 benefiting more than 90 students.

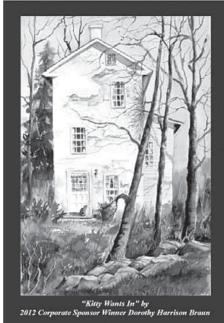
In addition, during April, the Art League will be hosting a photography exhibit by the Ocean Pines Camera Club. Photographs taken by Ocean Pines Camera Club members will be featured in the Galleria of the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

The Ocean Pines Camera Club was formed to help its members learn and enjoy the art of photography, as well as to promote photography to the public.

The club is open to members of all skill levels and is not limited to Ocean Pines residents. Club members have the opportunity to view presentations by photography professionals at club meetings, participate in workshops on photography techniques, go on field trips to photographic areas and participate in member contests as well as gallery exhibits.

For more information on the Ocean Pines Camera Club, visit www.oceanpinescameraclub.org

Featured exhibits at the new Ocean City Center for the Arts for April also include the artist-in-residence and the members' spotlight gallery. The artist in residence studio for the month of April



will be occupied by Lola Panco. Lola will be available to do portraits, both from sitting and from photos. Portraits of people or their pets will be available. Watercolors by ALOC member artist Dianne Shearon will be on display in the members' spotlight gallery.

All exhibits will run through the end of April and works will be available for purchase. There are also the ongoing displays by Erik Hertz, with his handmade pottery, and original watercolor paintings by Dorothy Harrison Braun. The galleries at the Ocean City Center for the Arts are open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Art League of Ocean City at 410-524-9433 or visit the Web site at www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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# Heritage Foundation announces new fundraiser

BERLIN – The Berlin Heritage Foundation this week announced a new fundraiser, "Celebrate Berlin!" which will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 12 at the Harrison's Harbor Watch Restaurant at the Ocean City Inlet.

The foundation's new cocktail party will take place on the recently renovated second floor of the restaurant and will juxtapose Berlin in the days of Calvin B. Taylor House builder Isaac Covington with the town and its merchants today.

The celebration will feature the music of the Elwood Bishop Duo, a silent auction, displays of vintage and modern photographs of Berlin, museum events and hors d'oeuvres featuring local foods prepared in historic and modern ways. Throughout the room will be information areas about upcoming museum events with opportunities for sneak peaks and early sign-ups.

Advance tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling the museum before

April 1, at 410-641-1019 or emailing us at taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$30. Each ticket includes food and a first glass of local wine or beer.

The cocktail party takes the place of the foundation's annual Eastern Shore Dinner previously held at the restaurant. After 19 years of dinners, organizers decided to try something different and thanked the Harbor Watch staff for its continuing support.

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the visibility of our financial counseling services, and we encourage the community to take advantage of this opportunity."

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Atlantic General Hospital's financial counseling staff will be joined by representatives from Priority Partners, the Worcester County Health Department, and Worcester County Social Services in the main lobby, where they can address any specific questions or concerns about their programs.

AGH financial assistance applications will also be available for those who qualify

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# Tidewater singers to offer two concerts at Community Church

#### A cappella choir plans to perform Lux Aeterna and Brahms, Hayden

OCEAN PINES – The sanctuary at the Community Church at Ocean Pines will fill with the voices of the Tidewater Singers, Delmarva's finest a capella choir, on Saturday, April 20, as the singers present two concerts.

The concerts support the choir and the Worcester County Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program.

"Our featured work is Lux Aeterna – Eternal Light – a requiem that celebrates renewal, hope and goodness. The lyrical music is a perfect theme for spring, as well as for the hopeful mission of our partners, the youth suicide program," said choir soprano Mary Ochse

The choir will also perform works by Johannes Brahms, Franz Joseph Haydn and John Rutter. Music will begin at 3 p.m. for the matinee and 7 p.m. for the evening concert.

Tickets are \$20.00 each, and are available at http://www.jessespaddle.org/donations.php (Click on Donate, which will take you to PayPal. Then donate the appropriate amount, and in "Add instructions to vendor" designate matinee or evening and the tickets will be mailed to the buyer). Tickets also can be or-

dered by phone at 443-982-2716, or purchased at the door. Advance purchases are suggested, because concerts at the Community Church typically sell

The Community Church at Ocean Pines is on Route 589 (Racetrack Road)

just north of the Ocean Pines north gate. The Worcester County home of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony, the church is known for its superb acoustics.

"We're delighted to bring this beautiful music to the lower Easter Shore," said Kim Klump, president of the spon-

soring organization, the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund. "Our nonprofit mission is ending suicide and offering a place of compassion and caring for those who have lost loved ones to suicide. Lux Aeterna is our mission set to music."

## Land Trust seeks volunteer for conservation work

#### Conservation Corps needs assistance with easements, restoration

BERLIN – The Lower Shore Land Trust is seeking a stipend volunteer for the Chesapeake Conservation Corps 2013-2014 program. The Chesapeake Conservation Corps program offers this person an opportunity to become involved in conservation on the lower shore, to network with other conservation professionals, to learn new skills and to add to their resume.

The trust holds more than 100 conservation easements on 18,000 acres of land, most of which are agricultural and forestry lands. These lands are in some of the most biologically diverse areas of the Mid-Atlantic region, and the position provides a unique opportunity to learn about a range of conser-

vation tools designed to maintain and enhance the conservation values of working landscapes and natural habitat.

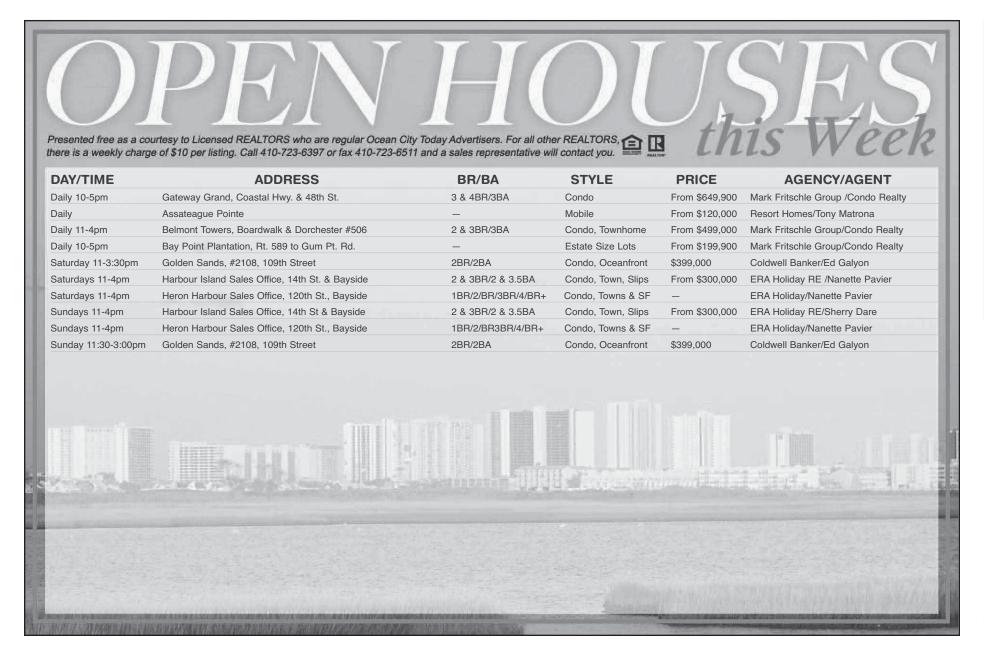
- Lead the coordination and monitoring of conservation easements with volunteer support and staff assistance.
- Work with staff to identify and engage new volunteers for monitoring of conservation easements.
- Engage landowners in the best practices to maintain, manage, protect, and enhance their working landscapes.
- Identify potential sites for restoration projects.
- Develop monthly educational Enews updates for landowners and land trust supporters about stewardship and conservation practices.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is also seeking volunteers for the 2013-14 Chesapeake Conservation Corps, a program that provides service and learning opportunities and green job training for young people through environmental and energy conservation projects.

This initiative pairs young adults with organizations that provide handson environmental, leadership and technical training opportunities for a one-year term of service.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust anticipates placing around 25 corps volunteers in organizations throughout Maryland for one-year terms of service, with service to begin Aug. 27. Individuals will be between the ages of 18 and 25 years at the time of enrollment. Volunteers will receive stipends of \$15,500 per year plus health insurance, administered by the trust.

For questions about becoming a volunteer or about the Chesapeake Conservation Corps, contact Tara Baker at 410-974-2941, Ext. 102. For more information about the Lower Shore Land Trust and the CCC volunteer position, contact Kate Patton at 410-641-4467.



# Elijah Cummings to address Democrats at annual dinner

#### Kennedy-King banquet to take place next week at Berlin's Atlantic Hotel

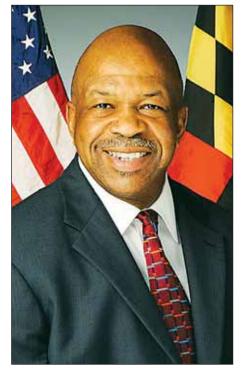
BERLIN - Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-7th) will be the speaker at the Worcester County Democratic Party's annual Kennedy-King Dinner on April 13, at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Cummings obtained his bachelor's degree in political science from Howard University, serving as student government president and graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He then graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Cummings, of Baltimore, serves as the ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and is a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, serving on both the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

"Congressman Cummings is major leader in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is known for dynamic and inspiring messages when talking to fellow Democrats," said Howard Sribnick, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee.

"His presence will make our



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Kennedy-King Dinner an inspiring opportunity for those lucky enough to attend."

For tickets or additional information on the organization, contact Lanny Hickman at 410-600-0552 or soonerlanny@gmail.com.

# Art League scholarship fund sets silent auction for painting

#### Bidding for original oil under way, with final opportunity on May 31

OCEAN CITY -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.

Local artist Peter Cosby has donated his original oil painting, "Atlantic Light", to the Art League to raise funds for its scholarship program. This large painting is valued at \$6,000. The minimum bid is \$2,500 with minimum increments of \$100. The auction will close on May 31, at 4 p.m.

Dollars generated will go directly to the Art League's scholarship fund, which has been in existence since 1991. The scholarships benefit graduating high school students who will study in the visual or performing arts.

Cosby's daughter, Elizabeth, was a past recipient of the scholarship and this gesture by the artist acknowledges his appreciation of that award.

Cosby lives in Berlin and specializes in marine paintings of seascapes and boats. He also enjoys mountain landscapes and waterfalls. He has been represented by the Water's Edge and Waterline Galleries in Berlin and Bishop's Stock in Snow Hill. His painting, "Atlantic Light", is inspired by reflected light that is common at sunset over the Atlantic Ocean.

"All my life I have dabbled with painting," Cosby said. "About 12 years ago, I got more serious about painting with the guidance and advice of Lynn Lockhart, Kirk McBride, and Patrick Henry, who generously shared their knowledge about composition, color, materials and marketing."

For more information or to place a bid, visit the Art League of Ocean City at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. or call the Art League of Ocean City at 410-524-9433 or visit the website at www.artleagueofoceancity.org. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.





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# As things change, it pays to review your beneficiaries

Tax time is sometimes a point when many of us reflect on the past year and look forward to planning for the future.



Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC

It may also be a really good occasion to review your beneficiary designations to make sure they reflect your current wishes.

This is especially important if there have been changes in your life, such as the birth of a child or grandchild, a

death in the family, a divorce, or a remarriage. But even if your family situation remains the same, it's always a good idea to review whether you have completed and updated all appropriate beneficiary forms. Sometimes if this isn't done, the account owner's wishes aren't followed.

Sometimes a will isn't the best or most thorough answer to pass on assets. A will is an essential legal document for naming beneficiaries — not only for financial property, but also for personal items. A trust may also be helpful in some situations. However, the assets in most retirement accounts and life insurance policies transfer directly to the people named on the beneficiary forms (even if they are different from the people named in your will or a trust) and don't go through the probate process.

Fortunately, it's fairly easy to designate or change your account beneficiaries. Unlike wills and trusts, which can sometimes be costly to update, you can simply file a new beneficiary designation form with the appropriate financial institution or insurance company.

Here are some issues to consider as you review your beneficiary designations:

■ Your current spouse must be the beneficiary of an employer-sponsored retirement plan unless he or she waives that right in writing. Without a waiver, this could mean that any children from a previous marriage would not receive any account proceeds. There have been

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**DRAWING WINNER** 

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Hourly drawings were held at the Long & Foster booth at the Home, Condo and Outdoor Show last month at the Ocean City convention center, and a number of prizes were awarded. All entrants were eligible for the grand prize — a Kindle Fire. The winner was Martin Baer of Ocean Pines, left, who was presented with his prize by Stephen Mastbrook of Long and Foster.

# Shore Spirits expects to open new store on Rt. 50 by May 1

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(April 5, 2013) The county's new liquor dispensary on Route 50 is expected to open in just a few weeks.

"We're hoping for May 1," said Robert Cowger, director of the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control, on Monday.

The new store, approximately a quarter mile east of Seahawk Road, will have a more noticeable presence than either the Berlin Liquor Mart, located in a Route 346 shopping center near Food Lion grocery store, or the West Ocean City Liquor Mart located not far from the Route 50 bridge.

The West Ocean City Liquor Mart will close when the new store opens, but the Berlin Liquor Mart will remain open, even though it might be temporary.

Cowger said he would consider the effect the new store has on the existing Berlin store before making a final decision.

"If [the existing store] stays fairly busy, we'd like to have it open," Cowger said.

During the Worcester County Commissioners' March 5 meeting when municipal leaders made their annual requests for funds, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said he was concerned that the town would cease receiving funds from sales of liquor at the county Liquor Mart because it would be closed after the new dispensary opens.

Like other municipalities, Berlin receives a share of the profits from the county liquor dispensary within its town

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#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **New stores at Tanger**

Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. has announced that more brand name outlet stores that will be opening soon in Ocean City.

Brooks Brothers Factory Store is under construction in suite 620 near SuperFresh, and plans to open before Memorial Day. The country's oldest clothing retailer, Brooks Brothers will offer men's and women's quality apparel and accessories.

American Eagle Outfitters will be opening in suite 780, near Wilsons Leather, in late June. American Eagle Outfitters offers on-trend clothing, accessories and personal care products designed for men and women ages 15 to 25.

J.Crew will be opening in suite 760 near Van Heusen, and plans to be open in early July. J.Crew offers high quality men's and women's clothing, including cashmere sweaters, dresses and accessories.

Eddie Bauer will be opening in suite 940, between Rue 21 and Body Central, and plans to open in mid-June. Eddie Bauer offers premium-quality clothing, accessories and gear for men and women.

Tanger Outlet Center is located at 12741 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City, one mile west of the beach. The center features more than 30 outlet stores.

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# New facility will likely mean it's all over for liquor marts

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limits. Williams said the town has been receiving approximately \$100,000 per year.

"To go from that to nothing is hard to swallow," Williams said.

Even though Cowger is willing to keep the store open if sales are high enough, he does not think it is likely to happen.

"People will want to go to the new store," he said.

Part of the new store's inventory will come from the shelves of the existing West Ocean City Liquor Mart. Shelves from that store will also be used in the new store.

Although some West Ocean City residents have said they do not want to drive to the new store to buy their liquor, Cowger expects them to change their minds.

"It's only three-and-a-half miles down the road for a much nicer facility," he said.

To staff the new store, a couple of new part-time employees will be hired. Typically, the Department of Liquor Control, formerly known as the Liquor Control Board, hires approximately 14 summer employees.

If the Berlin store closes, the employees working there would be transferred to the new store.

"No full-time employees will lose their jobs," Cowger said.

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now pays \$45,575 annually to lease the West Ocean City store, which has 3,200 square feet of space, and \$20,843 for the Berlin space, which has 1,500 square feet. The new store will have 4,800 square feet of space and "a huge wine selection."

The county will pay an annual lease of \$84,000 for the new store, which will also be used as a wholesale outlet. Increased sales volume would generate sufficient profits to pay the higher lease.

Leases for both the Berlin and West Ocean City dispensaries expired in December, Cowger said. They would have to be renegotiated if the commissioners did not approve the construction of the new store, which they did in February. They also voted to change the name of the store from Liquor Mart to Shore Spirits.

# **FINANCE**

## Review beneficiaries over time

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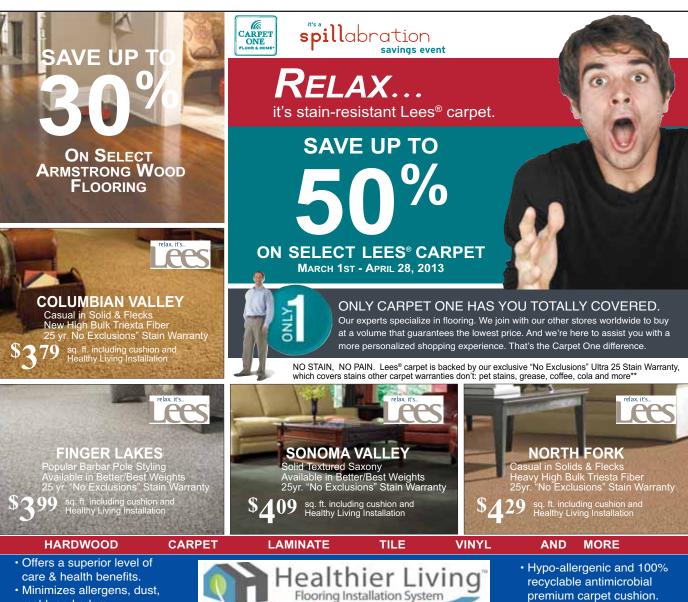
a few precedent law cases that address this issue and rule in favor of the exspouse.

- Make sure to designate secondary or contingent beneficiaries in the event that the primary beneficiaries predecease you. Otherwise, proceeds would be distributed according to the default method specified in the account documents and/or state law. Then probate could be involved, more costs, and ultimately the inherited assets may not go where they were intended.
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trust as beneficiary.

The use of trusts involves a complex web of tax rules and regulations. You should consider the counsel of an experienced wealth planning professional and your legal and/or tax advisors before implementing such strategies. When you're dealing with your final wishes, you don't want to leave anything to chance.

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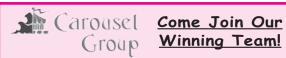
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## **EDITORIAL**

# **OP Yacht Club has smart plan to build for success**

Along with the recent groundbreaking for the much-anticipated new Yacht Club, Ocean Pines has put together a plan that should help ensure that, once the new building opens, it has a greater opportunity for success.

The recent hire of Paul Suplee to consult in developing menus and mentor the new sous chef and his staff is smart move. Suplee, who as former executive chef during the more prosperous years at the club, has spent his time in recent years as the head of the culinary school at Worcester Tech and now as an assistant culinary professor at Wor-Wic Community College.

Suplee, who also writes a popular column in this newspaper and has published a cookbook, is the ideal choice. Not only does he have a strong following of area residents, but during his helm at the club the facility had both a clear focus and consistent quality patrons could count on.

Since Suplee's departure, the club has suffered from unpredictability, with quality and service issues being the main complaints. In the past two years, the commitment towards customer service has improved, but the club has been unable to attract a larger following of diners.

Bringing in a seasoned professional, who has had previous success serving the community, is a wise move and one that shows the OPA board and general manager are laying the groundwork necessary to achieve future prosperity with the new facility.

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## **COMMENTARY**

# What next? A Md. tax on breathing?

**By Editorial Advisory Board** The Daily Record Newswire

BALTIMORE - Maryland's Constitution requires that the State maintain a balanced budget. During recent years, the State has been bedeviled by enormous annual deficit projections as, despite the so-called "Great Recession," Maryland has steadily increased its annual spending. To bring the State budget into balance, Governor O'Malley and the General Assembly have raised the State personal income tax, corporate income tax, sales tax, flush tax, real property transfer tax, vehicle titling tax (twice), vehicle excise tax, tax on tobacco, tax on alcohol, recordation tax, and tolls on major bridges and tunnels. This year, our politicians have already targeted increased taxes on gasoline.

Today, as a new month dawns and the 2013 legislative session is about to end, yet another tax has been proposed — a tax on breathing. We feel that this most recent proposed tax steps over the line.

The argument is that, like the flush tax which cannot be avoided because everyone must occasionally flush, the breathing tax will affect all Marylanders. Elderly people will get a small

tax break because they breathe more slowly and use less oxygen, but all citizens of Maryland will have to pay their fair share in order to continue to enjoy the privilege of breathing.

We feel that the proposed breathing tax is a bad idea for several reasons. First, none of our neighboring states has a similar tax, so Maryland will stand out. In fact, none of the Mid-Atlantic states except New Jersey has a breathing tax, and in the case of New Jersey, the air is so foul that the breathing tax was enacted in order to encourage people to breath less and thereby to improve their life expectancies. By contrast, Maryland's air is healthy, except downwind of the Middle River sewage treatment plant.

Secondly, the proposed method of collecting the breathing tax from out-of-staters who are just passing through Maryland seems to us to be overly intrusive. Setting up toll booths at the Maryland state borders to stop cars bearing out-of-state license plates may sound simple enough, but how are the toll takers going to figure out how long the out-of-state car has been in Maryland? A trip up I-95 from

the Virginia border to the Delaware border may only take two hours, but suppose the travelers have stopped in Baltimore for the night? And what about our own citizens who live close to the borders of our neighboring states or the District of Columbia. What is to stop them from sneaking across the border late at night in order to breath for free?

Third, the sponsors of the Maryland Marathon, especially Under Armour, are reportedly very upset that tax collectors will be patrolling the area at the end of the race course to assess taxes based upon how much panting the runners are doing at the end of their races. Everyone knows that marathon runners don't burden themselves with wallets or purses, so it is likely that many of the runners will not have the cash on hand to pay the taxes.

Finally, we think the special tax on a person's "final breath" is especially inappropriate. Maryland already imposes a huge death tax on the assets of Maryland citizens who die here, as opposed to those who move to Florida, where there is no death tax. The proposed tax on a person's "final breath" merely

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# Tickets selling fast for annual Believe in Tomorrow benefit

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY —Tickets are going fast for Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation Beach Respite Housing Program's spring gala, scheduled for April 12, at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel on 101st Street.

Only 210 tickets will be sold. Wayne Littleton, coordinator for the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation Beach Respite Housing Program said Monday that fewer than 30 tickets remain. The cost is \$75 per person, or \$150 per couple. The deadline to purchase tickets is today, April 5.

Until last year, a musical act had been featured during the organization's annual gala. The 11th annual gala, however, featured "International Champion of Magic" John George.

"[It] was, by far, the best event we've had," Littleton said of the 2012 event, adding that attendees were in a good mood and happy when they left.

Comedian and magician Bruce Gold is set to headline the 12th annual event on Friday, April 12.

The 2013 fundraiser for Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation Respite Housing Program, which provides critically ill children and their families a much-needed getaway to the beach from the everyday stresses of a child's medical illness, will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by a sit-down dinner. Sweet Disposition of Selbyville, Del. will provide the desserts.

The gala is black tie-optional and will include silent, live and "top hat" auctions.

"The auctions are going to be great. Everybody has been so generous to us," Littleton said. "I was really trying to think outside the box and get some unique things this year. There will be a little something for everybody."

Some of the items featured in the silent action include sports memorabilia, jewelry, artwork, horseriding lessons, gift certificates for area restaurants and retail shops and themed gift baskets.

The live auction will feature dinner for 10 people at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City and at least one all-expense paid trip.

The "top hat" auction includes "a little bit more unique, high-dollar packages," Littleton said. Some of the items up for grabs in the "top hat" auction include a three-hour party at Seacrets for 15 people with open bar, appetizers and light fare, dinner for eight at Fresco's, dinner for six at Mancini's, an in-home meal prepared by Chef Paul Suplee and football jerseys signed by Washington Redskins' Robert Griffin III "RG3" and Baltimore Ravens' Joe Flacco. Ravens tickets will also be available for bidding.

Music will be provided by DJ BK of Ocean 98.1. JJ Roth of 93.5 The Beach will be the gala emcee.

The "Hero by the Sea" award will be presented to a longtime supporter Pete Meeks, owner of Delaware Elevator. Meeks is spearheading the project of installing a full-service elevator in the Believe In Tomorrow House By The Sea four-unit apartment building on 66th Street. Meeks has donated the elevator.

The project is about 65 percent completed, Littleton said Monday.

The building currently has a wheelchair lift. Because it is exposed to the salt air, the lift is prone to mechanical issues and rust. The lift only goes up to the first floor of the facility so just one unit is handicap accessible. With a full-service elevator, the three units on the second floor will be handicap accessible, as well.

"It will be great when it's done. It's something we really need here," Littleton said. "It's going to be unbelievable the difference it will make here."

Several families who take advantage of the program's services will attend the gala. One of the mothers will talk about her family's experience with the organization.

Billed as "Clean, Clever Comedy & Magic," Gold will take the stage after dinner. Gold, who at the age of 12 discovered he was related to Harry Houdini, has appeared in comedy clubs across the country and on the world's largest cruise ships. He has been featured on more than a dozen TV shows, including Evening At The Improv, Oprah and the 1980s-90s sitcom Full House. Gold also showed off his talent in an award-winning "Got milk?" television commercial.

"It should be a nice event. We're looking forward to it," Littleton said.

Proceeds from the April 12 event will help pay for upkeep of the organization's three resort facilities, as well as fund activities such as cookouts for the children and their families who stay at one of the houses.

The resort facilities include a four-unit apartment building on 66th Street; a house on the bay at 28th Street, the first respite house in the country to focus on the needs of military pediatrics; and a townhouse in Fenwick Island, Del.

Rarely is there a time when the facilities are empty. Six families fill the houses each week throughout the summer, typically from mid-May through September. In the off-season — the winter, spring and fall — at least three or four families on average stay at the facilities each week.

Last year, approximately 176 families vacationed at the houses, Littleton said.

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# Budget cuts may be a better plan

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will further incentivize Marylanders to leave Maryland when they retire. And it is not as if the final breaths of our citizens really use up much air.

For all of these reasons, it is our considered judgment that, before enacting the breathing tax, our Governor and legislators should instead consider another approach, such as making cuts to the State budget.



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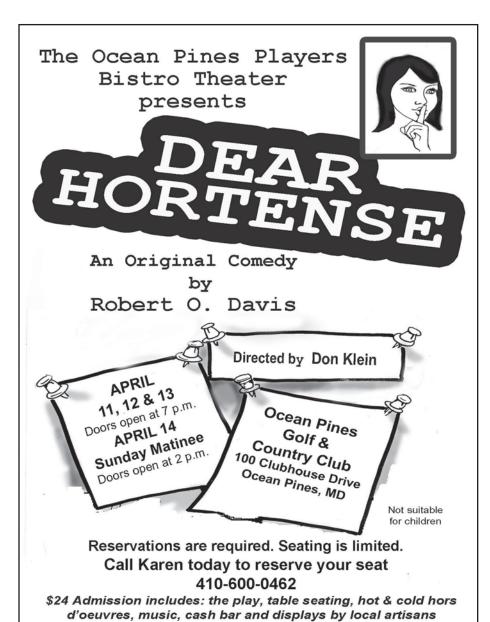
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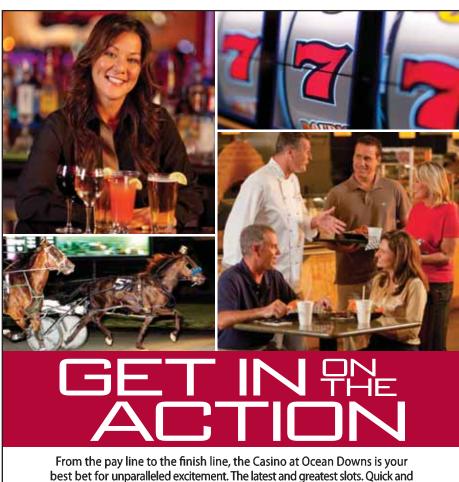
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#### **ETIOUETTE**

Part of Worcester Preparatory School's "Manners and the Social Graces" program is a review of etiquette for ninth-grade students. Other segments of the course at this level include dressing for success, knowing how to meet and converse with others, carriage and personal presence and respect for others. Owner Lisa Di Febo-Osias and Manager Andrea Baldini of Di Febo's Restaurants in Bethany Beach/Ocean View teamed to work with all of Worcester's freshmen students on the proper etiquette. With them are Jordan Osias, left, and Andrea Baldini.



After attending a Grandparents' Day assembly session at Worcester Preparatory School, Bunky and Pam Dolle, grandparents of second-grader Brody and pre-kindergartener Hailey, visited their grandchildrens' classrooms. Also taking part in the day is Jackie Wilson, right, grandmother of fourth-grader Ryan and second-grader Zoe.

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BUNNY EAKS

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This little Easter cutie and her mom came prepared for the Egg Hunt, held this year in Berlin's Stephen Decatur Park. The event was sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.



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Sarah and Cyrena Kuss show their Mad Hatter style to the judges at the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's Annual Spring Celebration, which featured an Easter Bonnet contest.



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Adults help young children find Easter eggs scattered in the grass at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Saturday.



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Winners of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce's 3rd Annual Grand Finale Easter Bonnet and Mad Hatter Parade were, from left to right, Ruby Manos, Easter Bonnet Award; Nada Benko, Go Green Award; Dawson Massey, Mad Hatter Award; and Sarah Kuss, Adult Hat Award.



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Twins David and Raymond Mahoskey, 3, of Carmel, N.Y., like the baby ducklings at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Saturday.

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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**COASTAL HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SERV-**ICES' 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 aes 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 its 2013 events and programs. Info: Pat Addy, 410-208-0171.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**REACH THE BEACH ALL STAR & COLLEGE INTERNATIONALS** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cheer and dance teams compete for national championship title. Admission cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors. Info: www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com.

**OPENING RECEPTION** — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. Opening reception for Artist Choice Juried Show. All media, 2D and 3D, in the main gallery. Corporate Sponsor Award for best in show. Ocean Pines Camera Club will exhibit in the Galleria. Dianne Shearon will be featured in Members Spotlight Gallery. Info: 410-524-9433.

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.

**HAM DINNER** — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4:30-7 p.m. Choice of cabbage or potatoes. Includes bread and drink. Eat in or carry out. Cost is \$7.95 for adults, \$4.95 for kids ages 5-12 and free to kids 4 and younger. Bake sale table available. Info: Kathy Davis, 443-235-6761.

FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-9 p.m. Evening of films and videos of iconic jazz greats from the 1950s to the present. Info: 410-208-4014.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

#### RACE RALLY AND RECRUITMENT PARTY

Burley Oak Brewing Co., 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Local art auction, 50/50 raffle and buffet. For \$10 donation. get \$1 off all draft beers. Computer and assistance available to anyone who wants to join Pink Ribbon Pinups team on-site or make online donations to the team. All proceeds sponsor the Pink Ribbon Pinups in Ocean City's second annual Race for the Cure event on April 21. To join the team, visit www.komenmd.org/oc/pinkribbonpinups. Info: Brandi, 443-614-2620 or pinkribbonpin-

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LET'S WALK THE BOARDS FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - Ocean City Boardwalk, from inlet to 27th Street, and back. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in front of the tram station at the south end of the Boardwalk. Cost is \$15 to participate and walkers are encouraged to solicit additional donations by signingup sponsors for their walk. Students can earn three hours student service with participation. For \$35, participants earn a T-shirt; \$75, a Tshirt and gym bag; and \$150, a T-shirt, gym bag and St. Jude camp stool. Info: Judy Davis, 410-213-1956 or judymarieh@comcast.net.

#### **WORLD CHAMPION PUTT PUTT CHALLENGE**

Old Pro Golf, 6801 Coastal Highway, 1-6 p.m. Open to the public. Teams can register at www.unitedway4us.org. Cost is \$30 per players or \$120 per team of four, and includes beverages, snacks and awards after-party. Proceeds benefit United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore. Info: Kierstin, 410-742-5143.

ANNUAL YARD SALE - Sponsored by the Berlin Lioness Club and held at 1064 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 7 a.m. to noon. Featuring gently used housewares, clothing, furniture and other items. Benefits the group. In the event of rain, yard sale will be held April 13. Info: Alissa Carr. 410-236-6016 or alissa.carr@peninsula.org.

#### **TEENS AND ADULT POTTERY CLASS**

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. Two-session class, Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. Students, ages 13 and older, will explore clay and the ceramics process and learn about glazing and firing. Cost is \$60 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$72 for nonmembers. Register: 410-524-9433 or

www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** — Northside Park. 200 125th St., in Ocean City, Players. ages 35 and older, can test skills against others for tournament champion. Register: 410-250-0125 or www.ococean.com/recprograms.html.

KIDS POTTERY CLASS - Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St. Two-session class, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Students, ages 5-12, will explore clay and the ceramics process. Cost is \$60 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$72 for non-members. Materials included. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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

#### **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET**

Mt. Pleasant Church, Willards, 11 a.m. Chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children and free to those 5 and younger. Bake table and carryouts. Info: Nelda Dennis. 443-614-9898.

**MEGA POKER TOURNAMENT** — Peaky's Restaurant, in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. 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, where players will compete for a paid seat at a \$1 million Prize Pool Casino Tournament. Open to the public. Info: resortpoker@aol.com or 484-364-1033.

#### WRITE IT! CREATIVE WRITING FORUM

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, nonfiction and creative writing projects. Share works, learn how to be published and share writing experiences. Info: 410-641-0650.

#### LIVING WELL WORKSHOP FOR CANCER **SURVIVORS/INFUSION CENTER PATIENTS**

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Saturdays, April 6 through May 11, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free, six-week workshop that teaches how to live a quality life with chronic disease. Chronic conditions include diabetes, arthritis, depression, asthma, bronchitis, pain, heart disease or any condition that hinders you. Pre-registration required: Laura Small, 410-629-6820.

#### COMMUNITY BEACH GRASSES PLANTING

Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Environment Advisory Committee and held at the Swim and Racquet Club, 10 Seabreeze Road in Ocean Pines, 8-11 a.m. Take a shovel and garden gloves. Rain date is April 7.

SERVEFEST 2013 - The Worship Center, 10736 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, rain or shine. Kids welcome. Sign up in hallway. There will be three areas to serve the community. First, a food and clothing distribution at Sunset Park in downtown Ocean City. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at Worship Center at 9:30 a.m. Second, companionship will be provided to those who are sick and who may be unable to communicate well at the Berlin Nursing Home, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Check in at front desk and inform them that you are with Servefest. Minimum of 30 minutes of companionship requested. Third, small groups will visit designated homes to render vard work and home repairs. Two work shifts, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Meet at the Worship Center at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. For information, donations or to volunteer, contact Jenn Mitchell, 410-603-3628 or the church at 410-641-3325. If you would like to serve and have childcare needs, contact Mitchell.

#### **GOD'S COUNTRY CROSSROADS IN**

**CONCERT** — Faith Chapel Church, 8006 Libertytown Road, Berlin, 6 p.m. Refreshments following. Info: 443-235-6911.

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.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

**REACH THE BEACH ALL STAR & COLLEGE** INTERNATIONALS - Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cheer and dance teams compete for national championship title. Admission cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors. Info: www.acdaspirit.com or www.theepicbrands.com.

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#### **ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER**

Shenanigan's, Fourth Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, 4-8 p.m. In honor of the late James Sapia. All-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and soft drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and younger and free to those 4 and younger. Alcoholic beverages and desserts also available. There will be a silent auction. Info: Ocean City Downtown Association, 410-289-1413 or ocdowntownassociation@verizon.net.

WEST OCEAN CITY CLEAN UP DAY — Meet in the parking lot of Seaside Christian Academy, 12637 Ocean Gateway, behind the White Marlin Mall in West Ocean City at 12:45 p.m. The clean up, held from 1-3 p.m., will focus on the area surrounding the athletic fields including the area surrounding Elliot's pond along golf course. Dave Wilson will be on hand to identify various bird

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species. Trash bags provided. Take gloves and whatever tools you may need. Wear long sleeved shirts and solid footwear. Clean up will count for community service hours. A waiver must be signed for those under 18 years of age. Refreshments served after the event. To participate, contact Chris or Cassidy Remmell, crmm@comcast.net. Info: Coastal Bays at 410-213-2297, Ext. 107.

#### **CROSS VENERATION AT ST. ANDREW'S**

St. Andrew Orthodox Church, 33384 Mackenzie Way, Lewes, Del., 9:30 a.m. The cross, decorated with flowers, is brought forth into the congregation with the call to humility and fasting. Visitors welcome. All services are in English. Info: 302-645-5791 or www.orthodoxdelmar.org.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 8

**COOKING WITH CHEF DEREK DAHL** — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2 p.m. Head Chef of the Palette Restaurant prepares a delectable meal. Info: 410-641-0650.

#### 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.

**WRITING FOR WELLNESS** — Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30 p.m. Writing group that uses expressive writing exercises to stimulate the writing process for creative expression and to process emotions. No experience needed. Info: 410-208-4014

#### **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.

#### **OCEAN PINES CAMERA CLUB MEETING**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7 p.m. Jeanne Anderton, of Salisbury University's art department, will discuss "The Color of Light." New members are welcome.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

**YOUNG AND RESTLESS** — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for children ages 3-5. Info: 410-641-0650.

**LAP TIME** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages infant to 2 years, will be introduced to songs, games, finger plays and movement activities. Caregivers will learn new way to interact with their toddlers. Info: 410-208-4014.

STEPPING ON WORKSHOP BEGINS — Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, weekly, April 9-May 21, 10 a.m. to noon. Stepping On is a well-researched falls prevention program. This free workshop meets for seven weeks, teaching participants about improving muscle strength and balance and avoiding hazards that could lead to falls. Pre-registration is necessary: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268 or ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org.

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 10

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

**SERIES** — Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island, 21111 Arrington Drive, Selbyville, Del., 2:30 p.m. Part V - Agitation ... It's A Sign. A five part educational video series as part of Brandywine's Lifelong Learning Signature Program. Info: 302-436-0808.

'BRUSHES AND BUBBLY' — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., 7-9 p.m. Take your favorite adult beverage. Canvases, paints, brushes and everything needed to complete a painting in an evening will be provided. No experience necessary. Must be 21 years old to participate. Cost is \$30 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$36 for non-members. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

**'SWEET SOUNDS' CONCERT** — Stephen Decatur High School, auditorium, 9913 Seahawk Road, 6:30 p.m. Stephen Decatur High School Choirs and The Delmarva Chorus for an evening of barbershop harmonies. Audience sing-along. Desserts and refreshments served. Admission is \$10. Benefits the Stephen Decatur High School Choir Program. Info: Josie Cover, 410-641-2171 or jlcover@mail.worcester.k12.md.us.

**PLAY TIME** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, ages infant to 5 years old, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program. Info: 410-208-4014.

## CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS SERIES-ROUND TABLE CIVIC DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Discussions based on the Cultural Diversity Awareness Series. Questions, solutions, suggestions are all welcome in this open forum discussion. Info: 410-208-4014.

**BARISTA AND BOOKS** — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Infant to 5 year old children and their caregivers enjoy stories, crafts, cocoa and pastries. Coffee for the parents. Info: 410-524-1818.

**BINGO** — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your events are printed.

All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

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 Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9:30 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.

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### STEFANY FISHER, ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway 410-524-1818. Original artwork by Stefany Fisher will be on display during the month of April. Her art displays character and originality, and her passion and love is evident in each piece. The exhibit may be viewd during regular library hours. Info: 410-542-1818.

BREAKFAST BARS FOR OUR TROOPS — Help supplement the MRE's, which is the breakfast currently served to some of our armed forces in Afghanistan, with breakfast and cereal bars. Donation boxes are located in the Ocean Pines area through April: Re/Max on Route 589, Copy Central on Cathell Road, Prudential Pen/Fed Realty on Manklin Creek Road, the Ocean Pines Community Church, the Ocean Pines library and the Ocean Pines Community Center. A box is also provided at Allstate Insurance on Route 611 in West Ocean City. To contribute or help collect boxes, call 410-641-7391 or louetta@mcclaflin.com.

#### PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN

Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open 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'eer Craft Club.

#### POCOMOKE SPRING OPEN GOLF

**TOURNAMENT** — 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. Enjoy cold beer while you play, \$3 each.

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.

#### **COMPUTER AND E-READER INSTRUCTION**

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

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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

**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.



#### **APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The CRICKET Center, Worcester County's child advocacy center, is raising awareness during April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. A "Pinwheel Garden" has been planted to honor the children who were maltreated in Worcester County in 2012. The garden will be displayed at Bates United Methodist Church in Snow Hill until April 10, when it will be moved to Healthway Drive near Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. The garden will remain on display in Berlin, April 10-20, and then at the Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Ocean City, April 20-30. Cooperating agencies include Atlantic General Hospital, local law enforcement, Life Crisis Inc., Worcester County Board of Education, Department of Social Services and the State's Attorney's Office. The CRICKET Center is in Berlin. For additional information, contact Wendy Myers 410-641-0097.

# Animal cruelty locally often means abandonment of pets

# Absence of shelter, food also found to be leading form of mistreatment

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

(April 5, 2013) April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month, but the Worcester County Humane Society is always looking for ways to help local animals in distress.

Director Kenille Davies said during an April 2 interview that the major abuse cases in this area involve abandonment and lack of proper food and shelter.

Davies said the shelter, located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road in West Ocean City, takes in far more abandoned cats than dogs. Currently, there are 45 dogs and 100 cats at the shelter waiting for new homes. She calls owners who dump their cats off at the shelter overnight "cowards."

But Davies said that many cats get left behind in vacated or foreclosed homes, or are found by landlords when renters move out of apartments. Sometimes, she said, tourists abandon their pets when they discover the hotel they are staying in does not allow pets. Last week, she said, a cat was abandoned in a house, trapped in its cage.

Cruelty to dogs often involves owners who tether abandoned pets outside, drop them off away from their homes, fail to provide proper shelter, food or water, or who leave them to run at large. She adds pit bull fighting to that list, noting that a ring was broken up in Berlin eight or nine years ago. It's difficult, however, to find dog fighting unless someone informs the authorities, Davies

said.

The humane society has a doghouse donation project and will provide doghouses for pets without adequate shelter. She said the local shelter distributes approximately 20 houses each year. While Davies prefers pets to be inside the home, she said she was not totally against keeping a dog chained outside with the proper food and shelter.

"But what kind of life is that?" she

The risks for horses, according to Davies, are lack of pastures for grazing. She said the shelter sometimes works with Worcester County Animal Control authorities when there are cruelty complaints for other types of animals such as ferrets, rabbits and birds.

Davies advised that signs of possible cruelty and neglect might be poor physical condition, witnessing abusive treatment by the owner, lack of shelter, pets roaming throughout the neighborhood, or pets that seem to have a scared posture around their owners.

Davies suggested that pets be microchipped, which she said costs \$5, but can save a pet's life. That way, if the pet gets lost and is brought into a shelter or veterinarian's office, a scan will provide the information needed to return the pet to its home. Otherwise, it could be at risk in a shelter that euthanizes pets.

The Worcester County Humane Society is a no-kill shelter that also uses foster families to help resocialize animals so that they can find new homes, according to Davies.

The shelter's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additional information is available by calling 410-213-0146

# **LIVE MUSIC**



No Byscuyts @ BJ's on the Water

#### ■ 19<sup>th</sup> Hole

9636 Stephen Decatur Hwy. West Ocean City 410-213-9204

FRIDAY – Blake Haley SATURDAY – Scott Glorioso

#### BJ's on the Water

75th St. Bayside, Ocean City 410-524-7575

FRIDAY – Comfort Zone SATURDAY – No Byscuyts WEDNESDAY – Old School

## - Clarion Resort

10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City 410-524-3535

FRIDAY – Full Circle SATURDAY – Full Circle

# **Dead Freddies** 64th St. Bayside,

Ocean City (410) 524-3733

FRIDAY – DJ Wax SATURDAY – DJ Wax

#### ■ DeNovo's South Gate – Ocean Pines 410-208-2782

THURSDAY – Al Prescott SATURDAY – Al Prescott TUESDAY – Al Prescott

• Fager's Island 60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City

#### 410-524-5500

FRIDAY – DJ Hook / Tripwire SATURDAY – DJ Groove / Flow in the Dark

# **Globe Theater**12 Broad St., Berlin 410-641-0784

FRIDAY – Clendenen Brothers SATURDAY – The Larks SUNDAY – Mike Armstrong

#### Harborside

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

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

#### Harpoon Hannas

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

FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins SATURDAY – Dave Sherman

#### Ristorante Antipasti

3103 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City 410-289-4588

FRIDAY – Linda Sears & Michael Smith

#### Seacrets

49th & the Bay, Ocean City 410-524-4900

FRIDAY – Total Whiteout / High Five SATURDAY – Rew Smith / Steal The Sky

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- 8 Recurring Stephen King antagonist Randall \_\_\_
- 9 Vise parts
- 10 \_\_\_ Lovelace, computer pioneer

- 11 "The Way You Look Tonight" composer
- 12 De bene (legal phrase)
- 13 Music genre of Possessed and Deicide
- 14 Hollywood's Russell
- 15 Two-time Emmywinning actress for "Taxi"
- 16 Observatory subj.
- 17 Bill
- 20 English king who was a son of William the Conqueror
- 24 Smelt \_\_
- 29 Noted American writer in Yiddish
- 31 Signs off on
- 35 Computer used to predict the 1952 presidential election
- 36 Chemical dropper
- 37 The 57-Down, e.g.
- 39 Supports
- 40 M.I.T. part: Abbr.
- 41 Airplane area
- 42 Sentient 43 Big snapper?
- 45 More wound up
- 46 World banking org.
- 47 Prefix with noir
- 48 [I'm not happy about this ...]
- 49 Like some stockings and baseball games
- 50 Gridiron figure
- 52 Music related to punk rock
- 57 Aconcagua setting
- 58 Fund 59 Just what the doctor

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- ordered?
- 62 Vituperate
- 65 Darken 66 Nook
- 68 Weekly bar promotion, maybe
- \_\_\_ manual
- 70 Exactly
- 71 Allowed to enter 72 Wasn't exacting
- 73 Pond fish

- 75 Sam Spade, e.g., for
- 76 Île de la
- 77 Once again 78 Solo companion
- 79 Slew

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- 81 Subject of the Pentagon Papers, informally
- 82 Sugar suffix
- 83 Word at the end of many French films
- 85 Fr. title

89 City SSE of 117-

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- 90 Son-of-a-gun 91 Yield to weariness
- 97 Stations
- 99 Poet Conrad 101 Mess up
- 102 Ones who wrote in the Ogham alphabet
- 103 New Mexico State athlete
- 104 Helping hand. paradoxically
- 105 World powerhouse in cricket
- 106 Knoxville sch 107 Fake-book
- material

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- 108 Down 109 Part of a play
- 110 Many ages
- 111 iPod \_\_
- 112 Home of Typhon, in myth

## 116 \_\_\_ for life



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# **Answers to last**



# week's puzzles

# CUISINE

# A cheese board that's just strikingly simple

After a weekend at the club, it is an evening of in-laws, cold leftovers, children blaming each other for some



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particular injury that in reality no one has, and a three-DVD set of retro-commercials blaring in the background with young children glued to the screen. Most of the

commercials are innocuous and the subject matter is amazing in

what it reflects of American culture from 50 to 60 years ago.

But let's get real for just a second.

Does anyone else remember just how racist and racy many commercials were back in the day? My family sits and watches in awe as a Chinese baby is mocked for not being able to pick up JELL-O with chopsticks; the narrator speaking with a questionable accent, which further acts to degrade the child.

And then there were the toy guns. Coming right on the heels of World War II, some of the "toy" sets included comm gear, realistic rifles and submachine guns, medic kits, uniforms and medals. As for the cowboy trend of the day, it apparently wasn't a shock to have a Roy Rogers Authentic Secret Surprise Shooter Hat that "shoots your friends without them even suspecting a thing until it's too late."

The proliferation of Cold War propaganda was mind-numbing as toys were sold to encourage young ones to fight the good fight — all in the name of America ... and [insert toymaker here]. Even the youngest children are struck by the blatancy of the advertisers. At least nowadays they try to mask it a lit-

So it is in this environment that I try to do something constructive in the name of food. Now I begin my tale of edible endeavor.

We had a very successful weekend at the club and since this was Easter, that is no small feat. Nothing was a given and it was a push to the end. But all in



all, it was successful.

Upon getting home I realized that it was time to get down to business, so I did what any self-respecting, tired journalist would do - I turned to social networking to garner ideas for today's tome. The ideas poured in:

Josh: "Mac-n-Cheese"

Cathy: "Quinoa"

Joe: "Hot dogs'

Cathy (again): "Peeps"

Aaron: "Take it a Paula Deen direction for laughs!'

Bob: "How about leftovers from Easter? Frozen, of course"

Steve: "Tater Tots!"

Craig: "Pancakes versus crepes or omelets versus frittatas"

Jen: "Chimichurri /sauces using fresh herbs'

Jen (again): "Asparagus"

Janice: "I am really lit up about this white peach balsamic vinegar I got at "We Olive." I made grilled asparagus with roasted garlic and white peach balsamic. Magic! A study of fruit vinegars might be worth a look.'

Jen C.: "PB&J

James: "I remember you made some ceviche-type fish tacos or fajitas. Maybe summery ... good luck!"

Michael: "Deviled eggs"

Vicki: "Creamed eggs and potatoes"

Doug: "Ramps"

Milvssa: "Dessert"

Jeb: "Horseradish and tomato gelee" Jeff: "Chicken and waffles"

Lisa: "Eggs, natures most versatile and perfect food. Peanut butter is a close second. You can improve any dish by adding either one. But not both. One of life's more tasty mysteries. (I've had a peanut butter on a hamburger and a cracked egg on a pizza with arugula. Really strange, really good)."

Lisa (again): "How about solving the 'mystery' of foods that are available dyed pink? Like horseradish, pickled eggs, pistachio shells."

Richard: "How about some good spicy Indian food?"

Dan: "Please write about cheese. I like cheese. Especially bleu cheese. The bluer, the better.'

With so many good ideas, I realized that I had opened up the floodgates. If I choose one, will the others be upset? If I don't write about any, have I crossed the line of journalistic integrity by shunning those who recommended?

Not sure where to turn on the issue, I sat down to a strikingly simple cheese board, poring over the suggestions and trying to figure out what to do.

The Brie was a perfect finish to a hectic night and the berry preserves set off the slightly sour taste of the cheese amid the crunch of toasted walnuts.

If only I could figure out what it is I am to write tonight.

#### **Brie with Fruit**

Serves 4 as a starter or snack

1 medium wheel Brie cheese 1 pint strawberries

2 Tbsp. Kirshwasser or other fruit liqueur

1 Tbsp. granulated sugar

2 Gala apples, sliced thin

1/4 cup strawberry preserves

1/2 cup toasted walnuts

Crustini, as needed

Step 1: Hull and slice the strawber-

Step 2: Toss the berries with the Kirshwasser and the sugar and allow to macerate for at least 45 minutes

Step 3: Toast the walnuts until they just barely start to color. Remove and

Step 4: Make crustini out of a warm baguette or allow your guests to simply tear off some pieces

Step 5: Warm the Brie in an oven until easily spreadable

Step 6: Serve with preserves

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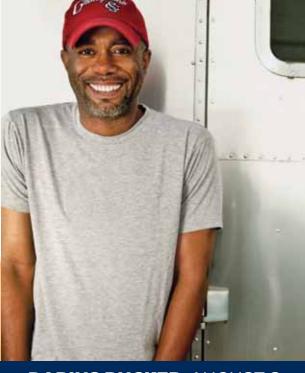
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