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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Delmarva Shorebirds gave their arms and fans a little workout yesterday as they kicked off their season with an exhibition game against the Salisbury University Seagulls. The Shorebirds won 2-1. Their regular season home-opener will be Thursday, April 12.

Take Pride in Berlin expands scope

Changes to the event to inaugurate another aspect of the project

BERLIN — Take Pride in Berlin started as an annual event aimed, essentially at preparing two of the town's parks for spring but is being repackaged and relaunched this year as a week of raising awareness and encouraging a community-wide cleanup and "greenup" movement.

For the last three years, Grow Berlin Green (GBG) — a coalition of local environmental groups, the Town, and civic-minded volunteers - has sponsored the event. Last year more than 100 people came out to Stephen Decatur Park, Henry Park, and Hudson Branch and removed tons of garbage from the ares, pulled weeds and other invasive species of plants and planted native plants throughout the designated areas. The group has also been a leader in the installation of "rain gardens" around Town and in the parks.

This year, GBG will inaugurate "Take Pride in Berlin Week" which will

"The whole area will

benefit"

- Kate Patton, Lower

Shore Land Trust

bring with it more than a cleanup and a hopefully infectious attitude about the way the Town looks. It will kick off the next stage in the Town's 21st Century profile.

Take Pride in Berlin Week begins

8 a.m. Saturday, April 21 at Stephen Decatur Park where volunteers may register and get their various assignments. The cleanup begins at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a group lunch, prepared by Berlin Ministries United and with music provided by Troy Mawyer.

The after event will also include giveaways of reusable GBG shopping bags, the sale of rain barrels and the raffle of a rain barrel. GBG has been a leader in getting rain barrels installed in homes and businesses throughout the

town. Rain barrels help reduce stormwater runoff and provide an excelant alternative cleaning and plant-watering source.

They will also be providing resource packets with more details on how to participate during Take Pride

in Berlin Week and well into the future. But both between now and then as

well as for the following days GBG will be pushing the new initiative to spend the week, getting the town a little more in order.

"The goal is to institutionalize the Continued on Page 6

OPA may fight on in

Unanimous vote could extend process for one more possible hearing

IRS suit

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES - By unanimous decision this week the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors elected to

continue their fight against the IRS over the OPA's tax liability for Beach Club parking revenue, as long as the proposition is fiscally reasonable.

The decision comes on the heals of the US

Tom Terry

Court of Appeals most recent ruling against the home owners association.

Board President Tom Terry said a significant part of the decision was the fact that only one of the judges who ruled against the OPA last month would be among the nine judges who would hear the appeal.

Because of increased caseloads at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, only one judge from the court sat on the OPA's case.

The other judges were members of a lower court.

We want to get in front of a broader audience down there," Terry said of the decision, with qualifiers, to continue to pursue the case.

Terry said that, to a one, the Directors believe they have a strong case and that it is worth pursuing an additional hearing

The catch is whether or not it makes financial sense to pursue the case. After rendering their decision the Board directed General Manager Bob Thompson to set the OPA's legal team to work fig-Continued on Page 4

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"What we're still trying to

determine is the money

issue."

– Tom Terry

The cost of continuing to be OPA v. IRS determiner

'We're not going to take a blind step without knowing the cost'

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uring out precisely the cost of victory.

Although in general terms, the amount owed has been reported at around \$1 million, the fact is that the OPA has been more focussed on prosecuting the case than calculating to the penny what the cost of losing the fight would be.

Now that they've exhausted all but their last option, they want to make sure that to cost of this final round won't be an unnecessary expense. Should it turn out that the additional fees to both apply for an appeal and then prosecute it puts the OPA over a tipping point, the Directors may decide that the fight isn't worth the additional cost.

Terry clarified that it is possible the Court may decide not to hear the case but said if it was prudent financially it was an option worth exercising nonetheless.

"What we're still trying to determine is the money issue," Terry said. "We're not going to take a blind step without knowing the cost." After last month's

ruling Terry said that the OPA legal team was working on negotiation possibilities that might be acceptable to the IRS.

Should the case go unheard it might be possible to negotiate a payment plan with the IRS to limit the bite of the payment due.

So far, the OPA has paid \$119,171 in combined taxes from 2003 and 2004 as

a condition of continuing to defend itself in the IRS suit. The payments were necessary to get a hearing in the Fourth Circuit.

Courts and mediation have both

found in favor of the IRS before the OPA brought the case to the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, which sided with all the lower courts against the

Association.

The IRS suit stems from a law that makes revenues earned from exclusive, private clubs taxable if they do not have a direct affect on a non-profit's purpose. While the other OPA amenities — the Yacht and Country Club and the Indoor Pool, for example — are open to the public, Beach Club parking is not.

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The central part of the OPA's argument had been that the revenue the company derived from the sale of parking spaces was substantially related to their purpose of promoting social welfare.

Providing access to the Beach Club parking for members only was a way of looking out for the interests of the OPA membership, which owns the property.

NEWS BRIEFS

Community alert

SNOW HILL — A steady alert tone will sound at 10:00 a.m. for approximately one minute Saturday, April 7, as Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens.

The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens would be used as additional means to warn the surrounding communities of imminent danger and the need to tune to either radio, television or the internet for information.

Waterline flushing

SNOW HILL — 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 during the months of April and May.

Below are the proposed dates for the flushing of the waterlines, and please be advised that these dates are subject to change.

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Week of April 9 - Sections 10 15A, 15B, 16, 17, Baypoint Plantation

Week of April 16 - Sections 9, 11, 13, Village Square, Manklin Creek Area Pennington Commons, Cathell Road Extension,

Week of April 23 - Sections 12,14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, Mumfords Landing

Week of April 30 - Sections 1,4,5,6,8,18

Week of May 7 - Sections 2, 3, 7, River Run, Showell Elementary

Other areas

Week of April 16-20 – Mystic Harbour and West Ocean City Area (including Oyster Harbor, Bay Vista 1&2, Whispering Woods, Ocean Reef, Deer Point, Marsh Harbor, Martha's Landing, Seaside, and Ocean Village)

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Berlin Trail Mix 2012 just the beginning for LSLT

Environmentalists seek economic development, health improvements

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process," said the Executive Director of the Atlantic Coastal Trust Steve Farr. ACT is one of the primary GBG partners. "The notion behind the week is to get people to do stuff in the homes and neighborhoods."

GBG expects to provide packets that include tips and instructions ranging in difficulty from constructing a rain garden to being more conscious about electricity use.

By coincidence, halfway through the week — Wednesday, April, 25 — the Town has its seasonal bulk garbage pickup for those whose regular collection days are Tuesday or Wednesday. The expectation is that this will be all the more incentive for people to focus on getting their neighborhoods, homes and properties in better ecological order.

But if the week is aimed at beginning to establish a culture wherein, as Farr said "Every week is Take Pride in Berlin Week, the project will end with the commencement of the next phase of the GBG-coalition's initiative — Berlin Trial Mix 2012.

Just as the face of the early Take Pride in Berlin events began with a narrow scope that quickly expanded, Berlin Trial Mix 2012 will act as a coming out party for the next big phase in the Town's approach to better living though ecological awareness.

Slated to be held 9 a.m. at Berlin Intermediate School, Berlin Trial Mix 2012 will be a double celebration. The first aspect is the promotion of "Safe Routes to School" a program aimed at encouraging more children to walk or bike to school by making the trails there plainer and safer. Participants will be given maps highlighting walking and biking routes in the area.

It will also be the first glance of a bike trail plan that could very well add an additional socio-economic aspect to the town, combining helpful living with increased tourism opportunities.

Earlier this month Kate Patton, Director of the Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT), another GBG partner, presented the Mayor and Council with an update on the bike trails master plan the LSLT was tasked with composing.

The LSLT has enlisted the help of public agencies, including the Worcester County Health Department, the Worcester County Department of Tourism, and both the roads and the bike trial departments of the State Highway Administration as well as local non-profits, such as the Eastern Shore Heritage Council to compose a concept plan that brings together each of those entities' best interests.

By constructing safe, commutable, trails with worthwhile scenery and stopping points, the initiative will both give people more access to healthful living and entice visitors to the region for the trail opportunities.

The basic idea is to create a network of bike paths from Assateague Island to Berlin and throughout the adjacent areas that both accommodates safe transport and scenic passive recreation.

Although Patton was clear that the first plan will be a concept plan only, she told the council that the earliest draft will be released, hopefully, by the end of May.

That will begin a process wherein stakeholders and experts can begin to comment on the plan — in addition to the aforementioned partners, school officials, police, and property owners near proposed trail development sites will have the opportunity to share their opinions and expertise — with the aim of eventually producing a solid roadmap to constructing the bike trails.

Patton said that, for example, if the SHA has plans for development along a particular stretch that might have a bike

FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETT Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips, Washington Street residents Tom Sholtis, Brad and Cata Parks, and GBG Coordinator Steve Farr display the trash they removed from Hudson Branch stream as part of last year's Take Pride in Berlin Clean Up Day. trial, the two entities might be able to pro-

vide mutual aid. Another case, especially since ecological preservation is an important aspect, might be that a trail is slated for an area that has stormwater management issues. Should that occur - which is pretty likely given Berlin's stormwater difficulties — the trail construction can take those issues into account.

The Maryland Coastal Bays Program another GBG partner — was recently given stewardship of the Adkins Property, about 400 acres along Assateague Road. Patton said it is possible a trail could be developed that takes that land into account.

The parcel not only provides the opportunity for a bike route to the Ayres Creek Kayak launch in West Ocean City, but could also act as the halfway point between Assateague Island and Berlin.

"Long before we attracted people from Ocean City we attracted people from Assateague," Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said at last week's meeting. By increasing the route's safety and also building in stopping points along the way, the ability to entice more people from Assateague for a day trip to Berlin can only improve.

"The whole area will benefit," Patton said.

By partnering with Tourism and business, as well as putting up historic place markers in conjunction with the Eastern Shore Heritage Council, the trail could legitimately be all things to all people, improving resident health, visitor recreations opportunities, and merchant marketability.

For more information on any of the programs in the article call 410 629-1538, e-mail growberlingreen@hotmail.com or visit the participating groups' Websites: Grow Berlin Green - www.growberlingreen.net

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Shorebirds are not just playing a game out there

Minor League Baseball has its own unique way of entertaining the fans By Tony Russo

Staff Writer

SALISBURY — Les Moore settled into his seat, the last in the first row along the first base line at Arthur W. Purdue Stadium, munching peanuts, watching the Shorbirds exhibition game against the Salisbury University Seagulls, and giving minor league guff to the players who passed him on the way back to the locker room. He's a season ticket holder so he knows many of the returning players by face and name and they know him by face at least.

Some will even check the situation with him, if they've been in the locker room for some reason during the action.

This week outfielder Michael Planeta made several game time trips to the locker room. He'd been given the day off so he popped back into the locker room from time to time, once to grab a warmup jacket. Upon emerging from the tunnel he saw the Seagulls had gone up 1-0.

"What happened?" he asked Moore.

"Single. Up the middle." Moore answered without taking his eyes from the batter.

This kind of interaction is pretty much exclusive to Single A baseball. In face almost everything that goes on at the Shorebirds game, with the exception of the actual playing of it, is exclusive to minor league baseball.

Although wins and losses are important to the team and to the fans winning is not what this league is about. It is about learning to be professional baseball players, fine tuning not as much one's skills as a player as the almost preternatural awareness it takes to be a functional major leaguer.

The skills will improve or they won't. Kids will suffer injuries or just wash out for a hundred different reasons. But if their talent gives them any chance at all of making the big leagues getting their without a professionals understanding of how the game and the organization of it work is very close to impossible.

The man on the Shorebirds most responsible for the nuts and bolts teaching of professional baseball to mainly college-aged kids is Delmarva Shorebirds' manager Ryan Minor.

Minor has lived on the peninsula for nearly 20 years at this point. Although he was not the first Shorebird to make the Big Leagues, he was the first Orioles 3rd baseman who wasn't Cal Ripken this century and among the first to fully embrace the Eastern Shore as his new home.

He dug in here, had his career in the majors and finally returned when the opportunity to manage the Shorebirds presented itself. During this week's "Media Day" Minor spoke about the top draft picks, including infielders Nicky *Continued on Page 10*



Shorebirds' manager Ryan Minor speaks with last year's top prospect Manny Machado during an early season game last year. Machado has a servicea-

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ble season throughout the organization last season and returned to the minors after an impressive spring training. He, along with fellow former Shorebird Jonathan Schoop will start the season with the AA Bowie Baysox.



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Seahawks find their stride and whack Wi Hi 20-1

SDHS was quick out of the gate and showed up to play against Indians

By Casey Knerr Staff Writer

BERLIN — Last week the members of Stephen Decatur's Varsity Boys' lacrosse team took the opportunity to show off their talent in an exciting match against the Indians of Wicomico High School. The Seahawks emerged victorious with a final score of 20-1.

The game began with four Decatur goals in rapid succession, three of which were scored by senior captain Curtis Snyder. An attacker, Snyder fought hard to keep the ball on the offensive side.

However, a stalemate dominated much of the first half as both Wicomico and Decatur gained and lost the advantage. Shots were attempted by Decatur juniors Riley McCabe and Andrew Ternahan and freshman Matt LeCompte, but only Snyder succeeded in increasing the Decatur lead. The first quarter ended with an unofficial goal one second too late by senior captain Erik Geiser and a score of 5-0.

The Indians kept the Seahawks on defense for the first minutes of the second quarter, but two goals (one from a considerable distance) by Ternahan kept Decatur firmly in the lead.

Later, the Seahawks were able to score six times in a row, further frustrating the determined efforts of Wicomico High. The Indians did gain the ball after a struggle, eventually attempting a shot at goal, but with .9 seconds left the Seahawks reclaimed the upper hand and increased the score to a lofty 15-0.

After a ten minute halftime full of pep talks and sprints, both teams stood ready to face each other again.

Neither scored for the first half of the third quarter, but Seahawk Jake Howe shattered the deadlock with the 16th Decatur goal.

A 17th quickly followed, but the following attempts were caught by Wicomico's goalie, who threw the ball impressive distances to his offensive teammates. After Seahawk Joe Floun-



Senior captain Curtis Snyder of the Stephen Decatur Varsity boys' lacrosse team faces off against his opponent, a Wicomico High Indian, during Monday's match. Decatur earned its fourth season victory with a score of 20-1.

lacker wrestled the ball from his opponents, Decatur made and missed its last shot for that quarter. The final seconds ticked off the clock as, during an intense scramble for the ball, three athletes ungracefully toppled over each other.

Wicomico seemed to recover slightly once the fourth quarter began, and within the first minute the score was brought to 17-1.

LeCompte and his teammate Dylan Greer ended the celebration, however,

when they earned two more goals for Decatur. Flounlacker attempted to continue the series but was knocked over by an opponent, after which Wicomico gained the ball. Once Decatur regained the upper hand, the last goal was made and the match drew to a close.

"We're having a good season," said head coach Scott Lathroum after the teams cheered and shook hands. With five games played so far and only one loss against Kent Island (a "good team," according to Lathroum), Decatur is leading the Bayside South conference.

On April 11, following spring break, the Seahawks will play Queen Anne's County High School.

"I hope they run over break," said Lathroum of his players, considering the talent of the opposing team. Still, if their good fortune and dedication continue, he hopes that this season the Seahawks will earn yet another coveted conference championship.





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Driving it home Senior captain Curtis Snyder of the Stephen Decatur Varsity boys' lacrosse team attempts one of numerous goals made during Monday's match against the Wicomico Indians. Decatur won 20-1.





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Players and parents are required to submit a League Player/Parent Contract and Waiver, and parent permission slip. The cost of the league will be \$10 each week of participation. For more information please check the website www.esjgl.yolasite.com or contact Jim Krall (kralldad@hotmail.com)

Doherty owns circle

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - Freshman Sean Reilly had a breakthrough day with two goals and five assists to help the Lycoming College men's lacrosse team post a 10-goal second half en route to a 15-9 win over Elmira College in non-conference action at the Shangraw Athletic Complex on Saturday, March 31. In the fourth quarter, Matt McCaffer within a two-minute span, giving Lycoming an 11-7 lead with 11:57 left.

McCaffer finished with a careerhigh four goals, scoring three man-up goals. In the circle, senior Tim Clemente won 13-of-19 faceoffs and junior and SDHS alum Matt Doherty of Berlin won 6-of-7.



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Shorebirds continue to develop talent for Orioles

For Ryan Minor and his staff readying players for the 'Bigs' is the key

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Delmonico and Jason Esposito, with whom the organization had entrusted him.

He also talked about, especially in the beginning of the season, keeping the pitch count low for pitcher Parker Bridwell, and their presumptive phenom and the Orioles first draft pick this season Dylan Bundy.

But at the end of the day, Minor isn't judged by his bosses, or the fans really, on the team ability to win games. He's judges on his ability to help turn the players on the Delmarva Shorebirds into players for the Baltimore Orioles. This is Minor's fifth year as manager and he has apparently hit his stride in that department.

The Shorebirds' fan base is split pretty evenly between three groups, kids and families who want a day at the ballpark, purists who enjoy the pleasure of the game, and people who are out to see the stars of the future up close and personal. It is the rare fan who has fixated on some kind of rivalry between the Shorebirds and the Lakewood Blue Claws. No one

hates the Savannah Sand Gnats with the passion they hate the Yankees. Most people go to the games to be entertained and to feel the kind of detached leisure that is almost exclusive to sitting in the stands and watching the game.

Last season, both because of logistical issues with the Orioles system and because of the amount of talent, Minor had to deal with one of the most malleable lineups he's had to since taking the reins. Players were constantly getting called up to Frederick, Bowie or Norfolk - the hi-A, AA and AAA teams in the system respectively — and although he attributes it to a million different reasons that have nothing to do with him, it is a tough sell to see the teams continued production as merely a function of chance.

"Wins are great," Minor said, "But we've got to treat it is if they're gonna help us in the Big Leagues."

His attitude toward his role in the Orioles organization gives insight into how seriously he sees himself as a team player. His capacity has changed but his commitment to the team's success - and here the team is the Orioles - remains as intact as it was when he worked in Baltimore.

Moreover, as a former player he has an acute sense of the things that it is crit-Continued on Page 12







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Teaching the professional fundamentals is the key

Many players need the confidence boost to get their game to Baltimore

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ical to know about the Major League aspect of the game that must be taught. He understands the subtext of the everyday



language in the clubhouse and teaches that language as much as he does critique styles of play and positions.

In speaking about the Shorebirds' chances of winning games, he talked about hav-

ing more produc-

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tive at-bats.

"There's nothing worse for a pitcher than having men on base," he said.

But the subtler message is that, as coaches have been saying to players for time immemorial, "You've got to get the

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bat off your shoulders."

Players, especially in the first two or so years of professional ball, are too often too eager to impress. A significant part of Minor's job is helping to check that. It's as if they need to be, not retaught, but reminded of the fundamentals that got them their opportunity. They need to get used to putting the pat on the ball all over again, for instance, before they can return to things like situational hitting and placement.

This is why it's important to have pros teaching potential pros. Batting coach Einar Diaz spent nearly a decade in the Major Leagues and finished as a lifetime .254 hitter. Pitching coach Troy Mattes, spent only a year in the Majors but had a solid career in the Expos farm system and has been a critical part of bring pitchers up through the ranks.

This is the sub-game that the purists and all around fans come to see. While it is always a nice boost when your team wins, for a number of the attendees getting a glimpse of how the players are developing overtime is the real treat at Arthur W. Purdue Stadium.

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Poll says seniors are no menace to other drivers

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AAA study suggests that drivers over 65 are among most cautious

TOWSON — Nearly 90 percent of senior drivers say it's important to them to keep driving - and they will do what it takes to stay safe, according to a recent survey by the American Automobile Association (AAA).

As 10,000 Americans turn 65 every day, AAA is helping drivers and their families cope with the life-changing transitions facing the "silver tsunami" with expert advice and easy-to-find resources at a newly relaunched website, AAA.com/Senior Driving.

Helping to dispel the all-too-common myth that seniors are dangerous drivers, AAA's survey indicates that the majority of motorists age 65 and older often "selfpolice" their driving or avoid driving situations that put them at greater risk of a crash.

In fact, 80 percent of senior drivers voluntarily avoid one or more high-risk traffic and 37 percent avoid unfamiliar roads.

To view results from AAA's survey of older drivers NewsRoom.AAA.com.

"By 2020-just eight years from now-it's estimated that nearly one in six people will be age 65 or older and most of them will still be licensed to drive," said Ragina C. Averella, Manager of Public and Government Affairs at AAA Mid-Atlantic. "No matter how active and healthy seniors are today, it's evident that anxiety about giving up the keys is still an age-old concern."

While the perception is that older drivers are involved in more fatal crashes compared to their younger counterparts, according to the most recent research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) this is not necessarily true nationwide and in Maryland.

Older drivers age 65+ in Maryland were involved in 98 fatal crashes or 12.6 percent of all driver involved fatal crashes in 2009, compared to 35-54 year olds who were involved in 269 fatal crashes or 34.7 percent of all driver involved fatal crashes - the highest number of driver involved crash fatalities of Continued on Page 13

Choice to 'give up the keys' is tough to make

Continued from Page 12 any age group.

As a leading road safety advocate for 110 years, AAA continues to provide expert advice and helpful resources for older adults and their families—working to support them as they tackle the challenge of balancing safety and mobility.

AAA has launched an improved senior driving website, AAA.com/Senior Driving, as a one-stop resource with state-specific driver information, quizzes, videos and Q&As, slideshows and even unique brain fitness exercises shown to reduce the risk of a traffic crash by half.

To help manage the effects of aging on driving ability, AAA Mid-Atlantic also offers the following resources for older drivers:

AAA Roadwise Review is a computer-based self-screening tool designed to assess a driver's functional abilities important to safe driving.

CarFit evaluation determines a senior driver's proper fit in their vehicle while AAA's Smart Features for Mature Drivers brochure outlines recommended vehicle enhancements to help boost seniors' comfort and safety while driving.





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Environment Maryland for offshore wind

ANNAPOLIS - As lawmakers prepared to pass Gov. Martin O'Malley's offshore wind power legislation out of the Maryland House of Delegates, an environmental group stood in front of the state house with minority and business leaders to hail offshore wind's benefits for Maryland. The group, Environment Maryland, released a new report, "What Offshore Wind Means for Maryland: Environmental, Economic and Public Health Benefits Across the State," detailing regional benefits throughout Maryland of clean energy and reduced global warming pollution.

"We're incredibly lucky to be right next to a clean energy resource as vast and powerful as the wind blowing every day off our Atlantic coast," said Tommy Landers, director of Environment Maryland.

According to the new report, developing Maryland's offshore wind resource would bring benefits to all regions of the state, as soon as a wind farm is built and for years to come. Below are some of the benefits that various regions of Maryland could achieve from the development of wind power off Maryland's Atlantic Coast.

Employment could increase on the Eastern Shore. Already, AC Wind is preparing to open a blade-manufacturing plant in Salisbury that will employ 200 people. In the longer term, the lowlying Eastern Shore could benefit from offshore wind's contribution to curbing global warming and slowing sea level rise.

Sea level is expected to rise by more than a foot in Maryland by 2050 and potentially by 3.4 feet by the end of the century, which could submerge hundreds of square miles of land.

Offshore wind, together with other measures to cut global warming pollution, can help to maintain the agricultural productivity of Southern Maryland by limiting temperature increases and changes in precipitation patterns due to global warming. By 2050, a projected 2 to 3° F increase in temperature could cause corn and wheat yields to decline by 8 to 14 percent. A drop in agricultural productivity could undermine the economic viability of farms in the region.

Producing electricity from wind turbines in Maryland and elsewhere could help avoid the hotter and more prolonged heat waves that will hit residents of urban areas in Central Maryland especially hard. The entire ecosystem of the Chesapeake Bay will benefit as offshore wind's clean power helps to reduce global warming pollution, stabilizing water temperatures that determine whether rockfish, oysters and crabs can survive in the bay. Electricity from offshore wind produces no solid waste that must be disposed of, unlike electricity from coal burning.

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The Berlin Coffee House Third Anniversary festivities will be on Friday, April 6, not during the 2nd Friday Arts Stroll as indicated in last week's story. We regret the error.

Membership means more than just a ribbon cutting

As Berlin grows so does the Chamber's plans to help business owners By Tony Russo

Staff Writer

BERLIN — The primary notion behind small town chamber's of commerce is to promote their area not only as a retail destination, but also to develop businessto-business opportunities within their membership. Over the past several years, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce has become even more aggressive in conceiving and fostering opportunities and events that have helped to position Berlin as one of the most economically stable and successful Towns in the region.

"In Berlin, we're becoming more of a destination community," said Chamber Executive Director Olive Mawyer. "Being a member gives businesses more opportunity and exposure."

For the Berlin Chamber, success is as

much about partnering with both the Town and other interested parties — such as the Main Street Merchants Association — as it is in developing networking opportunities for members to get to know

one another and see where their common interests are. Linda Dearing, who owns Copy Cen-

tral and chairs the Chamber's Membership Committee, said that providing these networking opportunities is among the biggest benefits to her. Although her shop is equidistant from the North and South Gates of Ocean Pines, being active in the Berlin Chamber has both social and economic benefits for her.

"By belonging to this Chamber, people know where I am," she said. "By belonging to this Chamber we get access to all the networking and workshops."

The networking opportunities for members who are out of town are even greater, given the limited chances for direct engagement. Dearing said that, at first blush, when people think of Berli, *Continued on Page 16*



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Olive Mawyer during this week's membership drive kick-off event. Mawyer hopes to grow the membership this year in such a way as to provide greater opportunity for all members.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Getting a handle on the different powers of attorney

Power of attorney (POA) is a legal document that gives a person (or entity) the legal authorization to act on another



By Chip Gordy MBA, CRPC

mBA, CRPC entity that has been given the legal authority to act on the principal's behalf becomes the agent. The agent is usually a family member, friend, or associate. In general, the agent is allowed to act on behalf of the principal only as it pertains to certain specified acts.

There are many different types of

power of attorney. Following are some of the more common types.

A durable power of attorney is a type of power of attorney that's effective when the principal becomes incapacitated or disabled. If a power of attorney is not made durable, it will automatically expire. A principal may consider a durable power of attorney if the possibility of a sickness in the future exists.

On the other hand, a non-durable power of attorney is normally used for single transactions such as the closing of a sale on a home, a stock trade, or if the principal is traveling abroad and can't conduct business back home. A nondurable power of attorney becomes effective immediately. It becomes null and void when revoked by the principal or upon the principal's death.

A power of attorney for finances is a legal document that gives an agent the authority to manage another's financial affairs only, if the principal become disabled and can't express their wishes. The agent is usually a trusted friend, family member, attorney, accountant, or associate

A springing power of attorney is effective only when a specific event takes place. This document gives the agent the legal authority to handle the principal's affairs at a future time, should an event such as an illness or disability occur. In many cases, a springing power of attorney will specify that it will only become effective after the principal's doctor has determined that he or she is incapacitated or unable to handle his or her own affairs. A springing power of attorney remains in effect until the principal dies or until the document is annulled by the court.

A Limited power of attorney is customary in the world of investing. It gives an agent the power to handle very specific matters such as trades, disbursements, payments, and property transfers. It's important to note that a limited power of attorney very specific, while a general power of attorney gives an agent the authority to handle all legally permissible matters on behalf of the principal; many times, this may be the only type of power of attorney an individual needs. Always remember to consult an attorney to see if a power of attorney makes sense in your unique case. Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC is a Financial Advisor with Coastal Wealth Management, LLC, 10441 Racetrack Rd, Unit 1, Berlin, MD, 21811 and specializes in Wealth and Retirement Planning. He can be reached at 410-208-4545 or chip@coastalwealtmgmt.com. Registered Representative, Securities offered through Cambridge Investment Research, Inc., a Broker/Dealer, Member FINRA/SIPC. Advisory services offered through Cambridge Investment Research Advisors, Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor. Coastal Wealth Management LLC & Cambridge are not affiliated.



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'A lot of small businesses need more information'

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- Olive Mawyer

Working to connect companies, resources is another Chamber focus

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their thoughts are limited to Downtown. But it is precisely that draw that makes it worthwhile for Copy Central to be an active member.

The workshops are one aspect of the Chamber that may be a little underplayed, but that is something Mawyer expects to change in the coming year. The regular lunch and breakfast small business workshops have been successful and she hopes that by growing the membership the Chamber can offer more and more in-depth small business workshops.

"A lot of small businesses need more information," she said. "Our workshops are a way to get access to aspects of running a small business with which some members might not be familiar."

From talks by experts in finding funding opportunities to short social networking primers, the Berlin Chamber works to support members as they try and get a grip on which parts of the new economy are for them and which would be an unnecessary diversion.

Main Street is a part of the Chamber's focus, but since it is so high-profile it is easy to lose track of the membership benefits for the area companies that operate throughout the county, from home-based businesses to direct to customer concerns to those industries that support other businesses exclusively, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce is about supporting and growing the entire network.

Maywer and the rest of the Chamber leadership work very diligently to ensure that they put as much energy into servicing members from outside or Berlin proper as they do inside.

"It has to do with connecting in Berlin," she said of the way the Chamber is run. "We have more events, more networking and more workshops to keep members engaged."

This week the Berlin Chamber kicked off their membership drive season with Connect, Support and Grow Chamber Member Luncheon at the Atlantic Hotel. It was the first opportunity for current members to renew their commitment and for potential mem-

bers to see the kind of networking opportunities the Chamber provides.

According to a recent statement, the Berlin Chamber has more than doubled its membership over

the last two years, and currently represents 230 businesses in Berlin and the surrounding area. As an incentive to get the drive off to a fast start, the Chamber is offering a 20 percent discount for businesses that join this month.

Each new member will be entered into a drawing for a Berlin Basket full of gifts courtesy of our current members. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the membership drive.

For more information about how to join the Chamber of to learn about some of its other benefits call 410-641-4775 or visit http://www.berlinchamber.org/.

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The Endowment, which is funded by personal giving, is managed by the Eastern Shore Community Foundation. Personal giving takes many forms, including gifting through cash, wills, trusts and life insurance policies, gifting through retirement plans such as 401K's, IRA's, 403B and 457 plans, and/or gifting of personal property such as homes, condos and land.

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WPS student encourages more gifts from the heart



Stephanie Rhoads, Senior Director of the American Heart Association of Delaware; Celeste Bunting, Head of Worcester Prep's Lower School; and Sierra Hall who led a program at the school to raise funds for the American Heart Association.

Fourth grader turns her own left-threatening emergency into good

BERLIN — Sierra Hall, a Grade 4 student at Worcester Preparatory School, led students and staff at the school in a program to help the American Heart Association. It's been a year since Hall suffered a collapse while playing lacrosse and was saved because of CPR applied by a nurse on the field and EMTs in a helicopter, and an operation and a twomonth stay at the DuPont Children's Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware.

After her release from the hospital, she hit the ground running raising money for the American Heart Association. She lives a life free from medicines but cannot play contact sports, like lacrosse, again. What she can do though-and what she has done-is spread her story and share her firsthand knowledge of the importance of knowing what to do in an emergency.

In October 2011, Hall with her friends and family "walked the walk" in the Sussex County American Heart Walk in Georgetown, Delaware raising more than \$9,000 for the American Heart Association. She received the

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Child Chair award for the 2012 Heart Walk, a trophy for 1st place for Sussex County Top Fundraising Walker, one for Top Community Team, and had 259 people walk for her.

She received a letter from Delaware Governor Jack Markell and Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn applauding her for taking such charge in raising awareness about congenital heart defects and the American Heart Association.

Hall attended and set up her own booth at the Beebe Heart Health Fair to raise awareness, started a Mending Little Hearts Chapter locally, organized two CPR classes for coaches, friends and family, and was instrumental in getting an AED donated to the Beach Lacrosse team with help from the Matthew Stewart Krug Foundation. Beach Lacrosse was the team Sierra played for before her accident.

Hall raised an additional \$2000 for the American Heart Association through Sierra's Community CPR Day – held at her parent's restaurant – to give back to the community that rallied around her. Today Hall serves as a spokesperson for CPR and the Heart Association. She knows she can't play rigorous sports anymore, but she can live a happy, healthy life and work to help others with heart problems.



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Gas will likely top the \$4 mark in time for summer

Low demand during the winter has an affect on production, prices

TOWSON - Gas prices continued their steady climb this week, coming within a nickel of last year's high of \$3.98 per gallon (reached in early May). The national average price for regular grade gasoline rose 4 cents this week to \$3.93 per gallon Friday. Prices remain 20 cents higher than month ago prices, 31 cents higher than a year ago and within 18 cents of the all-time record high of \$4.11 per gallon set in July 2008. Analysts believe prices will top \$4.00 per gallon in the coming week or so and likely top the all-time record high well in advance of Memorial Day weekend, the traditional start of the summer driving season.

Also weighing on oil prices were signs the global economy may be slowing, therefore driving demand down further. The commodity ended at a six-week low Thursday, following word from Saudi Arabia's oil minister saying the kingdom would be able to increase oil production to counter high prices. Although prices recouped some losses Friday, crude oil settled at \$103.02 at Friday's close, down nearly 4 percent on the week. Though oil has seen three consecutive weekly losses,



it posted a quarterly gain of 4.2 percent. In its weekly report, the Energy Infor-

mation Administration (EIA) showed the nation's crude oil stocks rose by 7.1 million barrels to 353.4 million barrels. Gasoline stocks surprisingly dropped 3.5 million barrels to 223.4 million barrels. Oil demand showed a oneweek jump of 530,000 barrels per day (bpd), yet remains 401,000 barrels below the same week last year. Gasoline demand rose to 8.710 million 8.379 bpd, a high not seen since late December 2011.

Also this week, the Federal Highway Administration reported that after almost a year of declines, the latest data on U.S. road use show that drivers are using their vehicles more than they did a year ago. Improving economic conditions for both businesses and consumers are likely behind at least some of that rise in driving, but increasing vehicle fuel efficiency appears to be working against gains in U.S. gasoline demand. The Federal Highway Administration reported increases in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) of 1.1 percent in December and 1.6 percent in preliminary January data compared to the same months a year earlier. The Northeast showed the strongest move up in January (4.6 percent). Among the 10 most-driven states, Pennsylvania rose the most, climbing 5 percent year-on-year. It should be noted that some of the yearon-year VMT gains in recent months may be due to weather distortion. The 2010-2011 winter had too much trafficsuppressing snow and 2011-2012 showed a striking lack of it. But even if one omits the previous year in comparisons, the most recent months show multi-year strength. December 2011 VMT are the highest for the month since 2006 and January 2012 VMT are the highest for that month since 2009.

Right now, Americans are spending about \$1.37 billion each day on motor fuel. Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) chief analyst Tom Kloza expects daily spending to peak \$1.5 - \$1.6 billion, given his expectations for gasoline prices topping out at the \$4.05-\$4.25 range nationally.

GAIT provides needed caregiver experience



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Bonnie Mannion, MSN, education manager, accepts a plaque recognizing Atlantic General Hospital for hosting GAIT from Jeanne Bromwell, Deputy Director of Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center.

Access to more geriatric training is one of the keys to clinical success

BERLIN — Healthcare students had an opportunity to experience rural healthcare while attending the Geriatric Assessment Interdisciplinary Training (GAIT) recently at Atlantic General Hospital. This program is coordinated by the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (ESAHEC) in Cambridge.

Funding for the GAIT program is provided by a University System of Maryland Redeployment Grant to the Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore and the Johns Hopkins Geri-



atric Education Center Consortium. The funding allows health care students an opportunity to work as an interdisciplinary team member as they assess a patient and establish goals and treatment plans.

The interdisciplinary approach allows the students to consider the goals of other health care professionals thereby giving the geriatric patient the best comprehensive medical care. Eleven health care students participated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Physician Assistant program and University of Maryland Baltimore Pharmacy program

Dr. Louis, DMD, was the guest speaker who provided the students with information on periodontal disease in the older adult as well as early detection of oral cancer. Billy Boothe, PharmD, spoke on the role of the pharmacist in oral health care. Donna Wilson, BA, MA, led the group in teambuilding session as well as an Aging Simulation Sensitivity Training (ASST). The ASST component of GAIT not only reviews the physiological aging process but simulates being aged using special glasses, gloves and ear plugs.

Students then participate in activities in order to empathize with older adults who have visual difficulties, arthritis and or sensory problems. The students responded positively to having new insights on the aging process.

"I learned what it must be like to live as an older adult," one participant said. "I saw how difficult activities of daily living are when your dexterity, vision and hearing are impaired."

LIFESTYLE BRIEFS

Boating course

OCEAN PINES - Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-05, Ocean City is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Course 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, Wednesday, 18, and Thursday, 19, at the Ocean Pines Library. A course will and also offered 6-9 p.m. Friday May 4 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. SaturdayMay 5 at the Park in Ocean Pines.

This course meets the requirements of the Maryland Boating Safety Education Act that requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the State of Maryland. In order to receive this certificate, one must attend all three nights and pass a written exam on the last night. Discussions will include local water knowledge, piloting, knots, boat terms, trailering, and maintenance.

Cost for the course is \$15.00 and includes all course materials. Contact Bob 410-629-1016 Cooke or at CGAUX1205@Gmail.com for registration and information.

Thaler opening

BERLIN — Artist Rina Thaler will be exhibiting her artwork at the Globe Theater in Berlin for the month of April. The exhibit titled "Israel- Life in the Holy Land" will feature original watermedia works by the Ocean City artist. After a recent trip to Israel and Jordan, Thaler who is best known for her Eastern Shore landscapes and florals, was inspired to convey what daily life in Israel is like.

"People only know what they see on CNN," Thaler said. "Despite the fear the Israeli's always have in the back of their minds, life goes on quite normal there. The land of Israel itself is amazing; it is both ancient and modern at the same time, and quite inspiring to people of all faiths. The work puts forth a narrative of the people and places I encountered there".

The exhibit will be on display from April 3-30. A reception is planned in conjunction with 5-7 p.m. as part of the 2nd Friday Arts Stroll. To see more of Thaler's work go to www.rinathaler.com or visit her studio at Gallery One 32 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, Del.

Church service

OCEAN CITY — The Ocean City Christian Ministers Association will hold the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 8, at North Division Street and the Boardwalk. Many pastors of Ocean City's local churches will participate in this annual service, which has been held on the Boardwalk since 1965. In the event of severe weather conditions, the service will be held at Atlantic Methodist Church, 4th Street and Baltimore Avenue.

Pascha celebration

OCEAN CITY — This year's Greek Orthodox Easter (Pascha) celebration will take place the week of April 8-15. Besides nightly Bridegroom Services at 7 p.m., the main celebrations with heightened attendance will be Good Friday (April 13) services at 3 p.m. and Lamentations at 7 p.m. with candlelight procession of the Epitaphilos (funeral bier) our parishioners. We will celebrate the entombment service of Christ, with an outdoor procession on the grounds of the church approximately at 9 p.m. The midnight services for Paschal Sunday will take place at Midnight April 15. For more info call (410) 524-0990.

Brushes and Bubbly

OCEAN CITY — The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring an evening of painting and fun that requires no prior experience 7-9 p.m. Saturday, April 18. The Art League will supply brushes, paints, 16" x 20" canvases, music and cups, and an artist to guide participants. Participants asked to bring an adult beverage, old clothes and snacks to munch on. All will go home with a personalized, completed work of art. Participants must be at least 21 years of age. The cost is \$40 per person of which \$35 is a tax deductible donation to the new Ocean City Center for the Arts.

To reserve a space, call the Art League at 410-524-9433. The Art League is temporarily located at 94th St. and Coastal Hwy. in the Ocean Plaza Mall.

Walk the Boards

OCEAN CITY — For the ninth year, participants can raise money for the treatment of cancer-stricken children

and research for a cancer cure by walking the Boards. The 9th Annual "Let's Walk the Boards for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital" begins with registration at 9 .m. Saturday, April 14 in front of the Tram Station at the south end of the boardwalk.

Since its founding in 1962, St. Jude Children's Hospital has treated over 20,000 children from the United States and 70 foreign countries, without regard to race, religion, or ability to pay. Contributions are used prudently, with 81 cents of every dollar going to the current or future needs of the hospital. St. Jude Children's Hospital is the leading researcher of childhood cancer, pediatric AIDS and genetic immune disorders. Cancer survivor rates for Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia are miraculous, with 94 percent of patients surviving today compared to 4 percent in 1962.

Cost to participate in the Ocean City walk is \$15, and walkers are encouraged to solicit additional donations by signing-up sponsors for their walk. All donations are tax deductible. Students can also earn 3 hours student service with their participation. Additional incentives are available for \$35 in donations.

Complete information about this event is available at 410-213-1956 or judymarieh@comcast.net.

Poetry reading

SALISBURY — In celebration of national poetry month, the public is invited to attend a poetry reading by Dr. W.D. Ehrhart 7 p.m. Friday, April 20 in Guerrieri Hall at Wor-Wic Community College.

Ehrhart is the author of seven books of prose and eight full-length volumes of poetry, including "Beautiful Wreckage: New & Selected Poems" and "The Bodies Beneath the Table."

His work has appeared in numerous literary publications, including "The American Poetry Review," "The Chris-tian Science Monitor," "Colorado Review," "New Letters," "The Journal of American Culture," "The Virginia Quarterly Review" and "The Washington Post Magazine."

A Vietnam veteran, Ehrhart has written extensively about his experiences as a Marine, and received the Excellence in the Arts Award from the Vietnam Veterans of America in 2008. A former research fellow at the University of Wales, Dr. Ehrhart received the Rafael Laserna Outstanding Teacher Award in 2010. He currently teaches English and history at The Haverford (Pa.) School.

A book signing will follow the event, which is part of the college's Echoes & Visions reading series sponsored by the arts club and the college's cultural diversity committee at Wor-Wic.

Art opening

SNOW HILL — Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft anf Wine will open the spring season with the annual exhibit of new work by Lynne Lockhart and Kirk McBride, two of the area's most recognized artists. Lockhart has included classic small animal and bird studies in the show. McBride's work includes a series of harbor boats from up and down the East Coast. McBRide will be teaching a plein air workshop April 18 and 19. Both artists will be participating for the ninth year in Pain Snow Hill April 20-22.

Paintings in the show may be seen on www.facebook.com/BishopsStock. The show opens with a First Friday reception on April 6, 5-8pm. It will run through May 1. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11-6 and Sunday noon-4. Call 410-632-3555 or e-mail info@bishopsstock.com for more information.

Community cleanup

OCEAN CITY - The Town of Ocean City is offering residential property owners the opportunity to do their spring-cleaning by offering free residential bulk pick-up on Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15.

The Town will also sponsor a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 14 at Northside Park.

Ocean City's bulk pick-up service offers a convenient way for residents to get rid of large household items, such as furniture, appliances, bicycles, carpet, etc., which cannot normally be loaded into a standard refuse truck. Normally, this service does not include building materials, yard debris, etc. However, during the Spring Clean Up the town will be accepting these items.

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Registration night

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Barrett Karen Clayland, Worcester Youth & Family board member; Kelly Rakow, owner of Ocean City Crossfit; Carolyn Cordial, this year's Team GoWoYo honoree; Teresa Fields, Executive Director at Worcester Youth & Family; and Ally Cordial, daughter of Carolyn. Worcester Youth and Family is recruiting those who want to Run for a Reason during the 2012 Ocean City Half Marathon and 5 K race taking place on April 28th.

The Team is holding a fundraiser at Oceanview Grille, 16th Street and the Board-walk, on April 15th from 3 – 6 p.m. For \$20 guests enjoy heavy hor'doeuvres, happy hour prices at the bar and entertainment.

For ticket info. call 410-641-4598.





LIFESTYLE BRIEFS

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13, for Saturday April 14 pick-up from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 15 pickup from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Town is providing bulk pick-up free of charge.

There will also be an amnesty program to collect fireworks, old ammunition and old weapons that residents may have in their household and need to be removed. For more information, call Solid Waste at 410-524-0318.

As part of the Spring Clean Up, Ocean City's 11th annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 7a.m. until noon at Northside Park.

The yard sale will be held on the parking lot at Northside Park on 125th Street in front of the Community Center. Vendor spots will be available for Ocean City residents and property owners only. Space is limited, so please apply in advance.

The cost is \$15 per double space. If space is still available, participants may register before 7 a.m. on the day of the event for \$20. Participants can begin setting up their items for sale no earlier than 6 a.m. All items need to be removed by 12:30 p.m.

No retail merchandise will be permitted for sale, and no personal or professional services are permitted for sale. Certain items may be excluded for sale including cars, trucks and any powered wheel conveyance; boats, snowmobiles, firearms, martial arts weapons, alcohol, paint, hazardous chemicals, food, produce, beverages or any other items which may be deemed inappropriate on public property. Raffles are not allowed.

To register, stop by the Ocean City Department of Recreation and Parks Northside Park Community Center, 200 125th Street. For more information about the Community Yard Sale, call 410-250-0125.

Amelia Earhart show

OCEAN CITY — Join OCAA, Sunday, April 15 at the Carousel Resort Hotel, Ocean City, for the Ocean City Aviation Association's annual fundraiser dinner/show.

Renowned actress Mary Ann Jung will perform "Amelia Earhart-Dreams Take Flight," a reflection on the life and experiences of Amelia Earhart.

Jung is no stranger to Ocean City audiences having performed many "Women in History" roles. She performed the role of Mary Brent, Maryland's first woman lawyer for the Worcester County Commission for Women, and received raves for her performance. Working the audience, she has the uncanny ability to immerse audiences into the time period and character of the person portrayed.

Cash bar 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Menu: choice of either roasted prime rib or broiled flounder, with sides, beverage, and dessert.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person, reservations are required. Contact Coleman Bunting, at 410-726-7207, for reservations, choice of meals, and method of payment by Thursday, April 12.

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EDITORIAL

OPA Board is right to start running numbers

When the Ocean Pines Association Board announced that they would move forward and proceed in the next step in their suit against the IRS, it may have been a little difficult to swallow for some. There was more than a little concern that the decision was based primarily in Board's overconfidence in either their interpretation of the law or, worse, plain willfulness.

It was a relief, then, to hear they were actually holding off on the final decision until they had a better sense of the cost.

Doing the math on whether or not it would make more sense to continue to run up legal fees or just cut the losses makes sense on many levels. The most important aspect of this decision is, for the first time apparently, OPA will have a reasonable accounting of potential losses should they be unsuccessful in their suit.

It is irksome that it has taken OPA this long to determine an accurate figure, but the upside is the membership will at least be able to have good numbers with which to critique the decision.

Although the OPA hasn't included this possible loss in any budgets since the onset of the IRS notice, it is worth noting should they decide to go forward, that there still remains a possibility the Association could prevail before the full panel of judges.

If they do, then all the money they've already invested would have been well spent.

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HAPPY HOUR: Wound up

By Tony Russo

So although I am a married man, I understand (barely) that this is called housekeeping: We moved where we are on iTunes. Same rules apply — type GCFL into your iTunes store search bar and you'll find us, both. The the 300-ish hundred of you who have already subscribed, it's an extra hassle.

Sorry. I'd explain why but it is unbearably boring.

Now to business:

I understand that it is in poor form to knock the competition, but unfortunately I spent the better part of the Todcast doing it. Let me 'splain.

I covered the Shorebirds this week (See Page 7)during media day and began to worry for the future of sports reporting. To be clear I am neither an Orioles fan, nor a close follower of the Delmarva Shorebirds.

I showed up as I do on every media day and, for the second year running, was astounded by the fatuousness of the questions.

Maybe as a non-regular

sports reporter I don't know how to interview sportspeople. But as a watcher, I'm always disappointed when a coach is forced to talk about his "young team" and how they're just going to "play tough" and how he's put into a position to predict the kind of season the team is going to have.

As an actual baseball fan, I know that the most important thing about the minors is that it develops potential players for the team I really like (in my case it's the Mets, but let's not get started on that) to have some sort of future.

I would expect that the Orioles fans are mostly interested in what the Shorebirds are doing to put the Orioles in a better position to win. I must have missed a memo, or something.

Because Todd Dehart, my co-host, cannot leave well enough alone we also had to cover how poorly the whole "cigarette smuggling epidemic" has been discussed and the reticence of some outlets for using Twitter, which is something reporters in the past would have killed to have access to.

For his part, Todd (aka Good Cop) talked about the fantastic time everyone had at Fager's Brew Grass event and we gave tons of love to Evo. Well, half of us did.

I live in Delmar, where Evo used to be made, and haven't quite come to terms with the abandonment yet. Feel free to join us 6 p.m. each Tuesday for the Happy Hour Todcast at Burley Oak Brewery. If something tragic keeps you from coming out, you can always check out the resulting recording Thursday afternoon by subscribing on iTunes. Just type GCFL into the search bar at the iTunes store to subscribe. We're now also on the Stitcher app, which smart phone users can download free using the promo code 'Todcast' and have the show streamed directly to their phones. Fair warning before you listen: Put on your irony hats, kids. It's all in good clean fun.

Please send all letters, notices, and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your ideas and events are printed.

Letters to the Editor

Open letter

Dear Sir:

The following is a letter which is selfexplanatory, in answer to Mr. Burbage's request for zoning changes.

Dear Ms. Ott, Mr. Clayville, Mr. Diffendal, Mr. Gladding, Mr. Hartman, Ms. Smith, and Mr Wells:

I am a resident on King Richard Road, in the south-south side of Ocean Pines. My address is 13 King Richard Road.

I am writing to offer you my opinion and concerns about Mr Jack Burbage returning to you after two years to have his agricultural property re-zoned to commercial, for purposes of building a medical campus (in his words, a campus similar to Wor-Wic College).

Mr. Burbage's property abutes Ocean Pines and the Marvin Steen property directly behind King Richard Road. Mr. Burbage last week, approached the Board of Directors of Ocean Pines for the second time in as many years, requesting they offer approval by letter, to you, that they would agree with him to have the property re-zoned.

He has suggested a large revenue which would be gained by Ocean Pines, and he says that it would mean that all 8400 lots/residents in Ocean Pines would no longer have to leave their community to access their doctor or perhaps have an ex-ray.

Once again, I am not in agreement with Mr. Burbage that his property should be allowed to be re-zoned. It is my concerted opinion and the opinion of many of the homeowners in my immediate area, as well as within the entire community of Ocean Pines that this should not occur.

King Richard Road is 2/3 mile long (as measured by Board Member Ray Unger), 19' +- a few inches wide (as measured by my husband), and has 43 homes.

There is constant foot traffic, families walking with strollers, biking, many seniors walking and getting their daily therapy, kindergarten through senior high school children walking to the bus stop at the intersection of Ocean Parkway and King Richard Road, as well as people that also live on Lord Guy, Castle, Gatehouse, Quarterstaff and several smaller cul-de-sacs using King Richard for their activities as well.

I believe that giving Mr. Burbage the ability to build a campus of medical buildings, or anyting else that could be built based on a commercial zoning would be a disaster for our street and community.

It would be dangerous and it would essentially make a small, narrow, neighborhood street a thoroughfare for people to gain yet another access to Route 589. Surely, Manklin Creek Road, Cathell Road and Ocean Parkway at the Northgate gets the people of Ocean Pines out to Route 589 without interrupting King Richard Road.

We, as you probably know, have no "shoulders" on our roads. I have actually

seen a UPS truck and a FedEx truck trying to pass one another on my street and one of them has to stop in order to avoid their mirrors hitting each other. Many people have tree work and yard work done by various contractors and when that happens, the street becomes so blocked you can hardly squeeze by the trucks, who have nowhere to park except partially on the street.

Those trucks will not fit on the "berm" located in front of each of our properties. The trash trucks must scoot through the road gingerly in order to not run an oncoming vehicle off the road.

I hope I have made my objections clear to each of you and this letter has given you a better understanding why I feel you should once again deny Mr. Burbage's request to re-zone his property and support the citizens of Ocean Pines and more specifically those living on King Richard Road.

I appreciate your consideration in regard to this very important issue. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you would like to speak with me.

I have listed my phone number and email address below.

Linda Oehl, Ocean Pines

410-208-3016 lcoehl@yahoo.com

Yacht Club

To the Ocean Pines Board of Directors:

I would like to write this letter to you and hope you can understand my frustrations with our system and how it doesn't seem to be working in our community

I came to this country in 1958, became a citizen of the United States of America in 1964, in Washington, D.C. I have been living in Ocean Pines since 1993 when my wife and I purchased our home.

I have been a good neighbor and am eager to help anyone who needs me and have become extremely concerned about where the community is headed economically.

I love Ocean Pines but am not happy with the way things are going. I have many ideas and questions that I would like to present to the board, by way of this letter.

I have been to your board meetings and town hall meetings, and I don't believe it has been a positive experience, either for me, any board member or the community.

By writing this letter to you, I hope that you will understand my feelings about Ocean Pines and how I think the Board of Directors should be handling the problems we are experiencing, especially the Yacht Club. I would like my voice to be heard.

I hope the decisions about the Yacht Club will be to the liking of the residents of Ocean Pines.

I hope a referendum will allow the residents to decide how our money will be spent.

It is important to put the question to *Continued on Page 28*



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a referendum plainly and objectively and not write a question that is only suitable to what the board members want. You work for us; we voted for you and we want you to serve us and I don't feel you are doing a good job right now.

I am entitled to how I feel and I don't like to be called a naysayer.

I sometimes have difficulty expressing my thoughts and believe that putting my thoughts down on paper will serve all of us better.

I don't believe the General Manager is spending our money as frugally as he could be and I think you shouldn't give him so much free reign over how all of our business amenities are taken care of.

I have a copy of the Report of Evaluation for the Ocean Pines Yacht Club Building, from AWB Engineers, dated November 11, 2011, directed to Bob Thompson and the Members of the Board.

This is a 20 page report regarding the Yacht Club.

There are many issues construction and cost wise that seem difficult to understand from section to section.

They did say, and I quote, "Based upon our limited observations of the second level, we did not find any excessive settlement or deflection of the floor framing"...,.they further noted "in general, both roofing systems and cladding systems appear to be in sound condition'

And further note:

"In general, with regard to the commercial kitchen and food storage areas, much of the ceiling and wall surfaces would barely pass inspection by the local health department for cleanliness and the floors continue to suffer from water intrusion"...page to page it is extremely detailed.

I believe what we have can be repaired and I don't want to see the Yacht Club torn down and rebuilt. I think the membership should be able to have the information in this report on public display.

I believe the Yacht Club can be renovated and repaired and not cost the membership millions of dollars.

With our economy as it is, I believe



Since we keep losing money, some\$70,000 in January and February, it seems to me that the Board of Directors needs to stop trying to make a business successful when they don't know how to manage a business.

The membership has given the Board of Directors and two General Managers every opportunity to turn around the dismal state of affairs and nothing has changed, except we are now losing even more money than in past years.

It is most acceptable to close the Yacht Club in the winter and only be open in the summer months.

We cannot get outside people to come to the Yacht Club. The General Manager has tried and tried and has been unsuccessful. The Board gave the General Manager \$100,000 to make the Java Bay Cafe and that has been a total failure.

Please make time to make a referendum that will be for the membership with clear yes or no boxes to be checked on if we want a new building or a renovation, and have the Yacht Club to at least break even and stop losing money. Roelof Oostveen, Ocean Pines

Thank You Editor

The Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy would like to thank the Ocean City and Ocean Pines merchants who so graciously donated wine, merchandise and gift certificates for our Second Annual St. Joseph's Day Italian Festival held on March 24th.

Their gifts helped us have a table of prizes for raffling plus a table of gifts for a silent auction that was a key part of making our festival such a success again this year.

In spite of it being a rainy, foggy day we had over 800 visitors who came and enjoyed our home made Italian specialties and Italian music. We suspected last year that we had started a new Ocean City tradition and we furthered that notion this year. Again, we are grateful to these merchants and wish them great success in the upcoming season.

Sal Castorina President, Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy



Artists' Studios at **Berlin Chamber Visitors Center** 14 South Main Street Berlin, Maryland



Crafter of the Month

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ginger McGovern has been honored by the Pine'eer Craft Club as the April Crafter of the Month. McGovern creates handmade wreaths, oranaments and dog sit abouts made from golf balls. Her items, along with many other hand crafted items, are available for purchase every Saturday and Sunday in the Pine'eeer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, Ocean Pines.



Saturday, April 7, 2012 MAIN STREET • HISTORIC BERLIN • 10am-4pm

Come join the celebration and help us melt the last of winters chill and bring in the spirit of Spring in Historic Downtown Berlin! This event brings thousands of locals and visitors together to celebrate the beginning of a new season. This fun filled family event is appropriate for kids of all ages.

Kick-off the morning with a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny! Three Seatings: 8:00am / 9:00am / 10:00am

Cost: \$6 Children / \$8 Adults Raynes Reef (Corner of Main St. & Broad St.) PICTURES WITH EASTER BUNNY AVAILABLE Reservations Required: 410-641-4775

Hippity Hop Easter Workshop

by The Worcester County Arts Council, 9-10:45am Egostravaganza Hunt 11:30am at The Taylor House Museum. Kids 2-10

Face Painting

Pony Rides by Endeavor Farms

Cupcake Eating Contest Sponsored by Cupcakes in Bloom

Educational Activities Worcester 4H Club Berlin Parks and Recreation

Jolly Rogers Rides Town Center Antique Parking Lot

Arts, Crafts & Food Vendors Chinese Auction

(Sponsored by Local Merchants) In front of the Atlantic Hotel

Local Musician Troy Mayer

Bunny Hop Dancing By Seaside Dancing

Some activities have a fee.



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At the Annual Key Club Breakfast for the parent Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City last week as Stephen Decatur High School outgoing Key Club officers were recognized for their service during the 2011 -2012 year and the new 2012 -2013 officers were installed. President Yasemin Unal, VP Julia Wellen, Co-Secretary Katlyn Knowles, Kiwanis Club's Liaison to the Key Club Roy Foreman, Co-Secretary Victoria Murcia, Editor Lauren Bodolus and Treasurer Rachel Mulholland. The Worcester County Board of Education was represented by Superintendent Dr. Jon M. Andes, Assistant Superintendent for Administration Edward Barber, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. John B Gaddis, Chief Financial Officer Vince Hubbard, and Sara D. Thompson as well a SDHS Principal Lou Taylor.



OBITUARIES

Elva Irene Zenk

OCEAN PINES — Elva Irene Zenk, age 88, went to her rest Tuesday, March 27 at her home in Ocean Pines. Born in Turtle Creek, Pa. she was the daughter of the late Edwin O. Kerr and Mary Craig Kerr. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Herman Albert Zenk, Jr., her loving family and many good friends.

Zenk was a United States Navy Veteran. As a resident of the Eastern Shore for 26 years, she delighted in her life as a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, PO Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

David Paul Chambers

OCEAN CITY — David Paul Chambers, age 92, died Tuesday, March 27, at Berlin Nursing Home. Born in Gastonia, N.C., he was the son of the late John R. Chambers and Jane Lumley Chambers. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marion Elizabeth Hayward Chambers.

Chambers was a Unites States Army Veteran of WWII having served in the Pacific Theater. He had worked as a manger of Sanitary Laundry in Charlotte, N.C. and as a bridge tender with the State Roads Commission for the State of Maryland for 27 years. He tended the Harry W. Kelley Memorial Bridge on Rt. 50 entering Ocean City.

Along with his wife he is survived by Continued on Page 31

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his son, Paul Gordon Chambers, Sr.; two grandchildren, Paul G. Chambers, Jr. and his wife Rachel and Jennifer Paige Chambers; a sister Minnie Reid Hamilton; one niece, Dawn Murchison; a brother, Stover Hill Chambers; and one nephew, Dan Chambers. He was preceded in death by a son Keith Dale Chambers in 2006.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Buckingham Presbyterian Cemetery, 20 South Main St., Berlin, MD 21811.

Francis Xavier Snoots

OCEAN CITY — Francis Xavier Snoots, "Frank", age 48, died Thursday, March 29 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Washington, D.C. he is the son of Lawrence E. Snoots and Margaret Hagerhorst Snoots.

Along with his parents he is survived by his brother, Lawrence E. Snoots, III, "Cory" of St. Petersburg, Fla; his sister, Teresa "Terry" Lanham and her husband David of Edmond, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews. Snoots had attended St. Andrews Catholic Church in Ocean City. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Polly Lee Phillips

BERLIN — Polly Lee Phillips, age 89, died Monday, April 2, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late Lee Insley and Pauline White Insley Purnell. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, William P. "Bill" Phillips, Sr. and her daughter, Susan P. DeGroft and her husband George of Berlin. She was preceded in death by her sons, William P. Phillips, Jr. and L. Richard Phillips.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Dr. David Phillips Smack, Christopher Cordrey Smack, Elizabeth Insley Smack Davis, George William DeGroft, III and Heather Arters; and her great grandchildren, Caleb P. Smack, Abigail P. Smack, Christopher C. Smack, II, Thomas H. Davis, V, Hannah A. Davis, George W. DeGroft, IV, Meghan Arters, Matthew Arters and James Arters. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Jane Purnell.

Phillips had worked for many years as a teacher and librarian with the Sussex County Board of Education. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin, the Altar Guild, Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Maryland Eastern Shore Chapter of the Colonia Dames, Sinepuxent Questers and the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday April 5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church Street, Berlin. Interment will follow in St. Paul's Episcopal Churchyard. Rev. Michael Moyer will officiate. Donations may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin, MD 21811. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.





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TAX HELP

AARP is once again offering free tax preparation for this year's tax season starting Feb. 2. Reservations required. Mondays

-GOING EVENTS

9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch. Call 410-213-1608 for an

appointment.

Thursdays

St. Peter's Lutheran Church 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 410-213-1608 for an appointment.

Saturdays

Community Church at Ocean Pines 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 410-213-1608 for an appointment.

CRAFT SHOP

Saturdays & Sundays. Pineeer Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by the members.

NETWORKING

Every Thursday. The Early Birds, 7:30 a.m. TC Diner, West Ocean City. Free. Reservations required, 410-600-5320.

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE Every first and third Saturday.

Habitat for Humanity, 310 E. Market St., Snow Hill. 8 a.m. to noon. Building materials, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets, vanities, fixtures, furniture and more. Selection and prices vary depending on inventory. Proceeds fund the Flower Street, Berlin house construction.

STORY TIME AT THE ZOO Every Tuesday

Salisbury Zoo, for children 3-5 years old. 10-11 a.m. Story and craft project. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 410-546-3440 for more information.

STORY TIME

Tuesdays - Berlin Wednesdays – Ocean City Thursdays – Ocean Pines Library, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. A different theme each week. For ages 2-5.

KIWANIS CLUB

Every Wednesday Meeting 7:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for 3rd Wednesday which meets at The Woodlands in Ocean Pines Meeting 5:30 p.m. dinner at 6 p.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

DELMARVA CHORUS

Every Monday The Delmarva Chorus under the direction of Carol Ludwig meets 7-9 p.m.at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. For more information call 410-208-4171.

SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS

Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the 4th Tuesday of the every month except for July, August, and December at the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

The Democratic Women meet 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10, the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members are welcome to attend.

BINGO

Fridays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. Doors open 5 p.m. Games begin 6:30 p.m. 410-524-7994.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturdays

VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City. 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person.

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays

45 plus Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. For more information, 302-436-9577.

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

On the corner of West Street and Main Street in Downtown Berlin Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

TACO NIGHT THURSDAYS

At VFW Post 8296 on 66th Street to benefit Veterans. Three tacos and a Corona plus dessert \$8 per person.

BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus #9053 every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 a.m. - noon \$8.00 - under 12 half price 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City Rear St. Luke's Church Info 410-524-7994.

SWEET ADELINES

The Delmarva Sweet Adelines Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets 7-9 p.m.each Monday evening at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in singing in a barbershop format with good fellowship are welcome to come visit with us. For information call: 410-208-4171.

SI BOC MEETING

Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines 6 p.m. dinner social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. for more information please contact Marty Cropper, President 410-213-1592.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

A non-denominational support group will meet 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at The Community Church at Ocean Pines, room 38 in the Thomas McKelvey Family Life Center. For more info call the church office at 410-641-5433.

AARP MEETINGS

Beginning in January, the Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 will meet at the Elks Lodge, 138th and Sinexpuent (one block off Coastal Hwy)9:30 a.m. on the second Thurs of the month – Jan. – June, Oct. and Nov.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free of charge. For more information, call 410-629-0164 or visit www.jessespaddle.org

WEEKLY SALE

Stevenson United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 5 Stevenson Lane, Berlin Sale every Friday from 10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

TALMUD CLASS

Temple Bat Yam is offering a Talmud class noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays. This class is open to all. The discussions will include Jewish law, ethics, philosophy, customs and history. Please call 410-641-4311 for more information.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines will meet at 10 a.m.at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The speaker is Jim Rapp who is well versed in nature and heritage tourism and currently serves as Director of the Rackliffe House Trust.

The Rackliffe Plantation House located near Assateague Island was constructed in 1752 and is one of the few remaining examples of an early plantation a house built by the English merchants and is under historic restoration.

Learn about opportunities to volunteer and a spring training program. This presentation is open to the public.For questions, contact Lenora Urie 410-208-6708.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET All you can eat. Mt. Pleasant Church, Willards. 11 a.m. until.. Adults \$11, children \$5, under years eat free. Bake table and carry-outs.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunrise Service beginning 6:30 a.m. at the Assateague State Park Pavilion. Hosted by Bethany United Methodist Church, this service is open to all denominations.

For more information, call 410-641-2186. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Church, located in West Ocean City at the corner of RTE. 611 and Snug Harbor Road.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

A traditional Easter Service will be held at 10 a.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church. Special music will be featured during the service. Call 410-641-2186 for more info.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

OP CAMERA CLUB

The next meeting of the Ocean Pines Camera Club will be 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library. Our quarterly "People's Choice" photo competition will be held at this meeting.

T.O.P.S.

Takes place 5-6:30 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1 Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style. They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION The Ocean Pines Garden Club's annual Arbor Day ceremony will be held 10 a.m. in Pintail Park, located on Ocean Parkway in South Ocean Pines. A new tree will be planted in the park to commemorate the day, and in memory of friends and loved ones who passed away in 2011.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the Yacht Club. The ceremony will be followed by brunch at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Cost for the brunch is \$17 per person and reservations are being accepted by Sharon Puser at 410-208-3032.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 7-8 p.m. at Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 3 Support and information for those af-*Continued on Page 33*

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fected by celiac disease. For more information, contact Betty Bellarin at 410-603-0210.

AARP MEETING

Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 meeting will highlight a tasty talk by Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewing Company, on the many joys and challenges of making a high quality beer.

Many upcoming travel opportunities will also be reviewed. The chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the O. C. Elks Lodge at 138th St., 9:30 a.m. All persons age 50+ are welcome. Visit aarp1917.org for further information.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

T.O.P.S.

Takes place 5-6:30 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1 Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style. They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

WCCW MEETING

The Worcester County Commission for Women (WCCW) will meet 5-7 p.m.in the Assateague Room at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The meeting is open to the public and women of all ages are encouraged to attend. For information, call 410-208-2569 or 410-707-6521.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS

Sponsored by the the Worcester County Health Department and Animal Control 5:30-7 p.m. at Worcester County Animal Control, 6207 Timmons Road, Snow Hill.

LAPBAND

LAPBAND Seminar 5-6 p.m. at Berlin Main Place Complex, 9956 North Main Street. Receive information about the benefits of the LAPBAND procedure. Those wishing to attend must pre-register to guarantee a seat by calling 410-641-3960.

BRUSHES AND BUBBLY

The Art League of Ocean City is sponsoring an evening of painting and fun that requires no prior experience 7-9 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person of which \$35 is a tax deductible donation to the new Ocean City Center for the Arts. for reservations and more info call 410-524-9433.

FOREIGN FILM

A foreign film night will be held at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore at 7 p.m. in the Student Services Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public. The featured film, "The Road Home," directed by Yimou Zhang, is in Chinese with English subtitles. The film has received numerous honors, including the Audience Award at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival. The first in a series, the event is sponsored by the university's Department of English and Modern Languages and the Foreign Language Instructional Center. Call 410-651-6543 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

TALMUD CLASS

Temple Bat Yam is offering a Talmud class noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays. This class is open to all. The discussions will include Jewish law, ethics, philosophy, customs and history. Please call 410-641-4311 for more information.

CARD PARTY

Sponsored by Star Charities to benefit cancer patients. The fundraiser will be 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. There will be a guest speaker, buffet lunch, door prizes, raffles, and fellowship. Tickets are \$20.00. Contact: Carol Caldwell, 410-641-5227 or Sandy McAbee, 410-208-6010 for tickets or information.

SOS! COMEDY

The Worcester County Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program will hold its 5th annual SOS! Suicide Prevention Comedy Tour fundraiser 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at Seacrets. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, and may be bought online at www.jessespaddle.org or by calling 443-982-2716.

HOOKED RUG EXHIBIT

The 19th annual Maryland Shores Rug Hooking School will present a free Hooked Rug Exhibit noon-7 p.m. at the Dunes Manor Hotel, 28th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City. The exhibit features rugs, wall hangings and pictures in oriental and pictoral design and hooked in the primitive and tapestry style.

For info, call Janice Russell 410-289-4110 ocrug@aol.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

FOOD SALE

Place orders for homemade pies \$9 and Chicken Salad \$6 pt. Showell Christian Workers Call 410-352-5163 or 302-436-8942 by April 18 and pick up orders 10 a.m.-1 p.m. April 21 Showell UMC, 10115 Pitts Road, Show-

ell.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

GARDEN PARTY

Garden Party at Furnace Town 1 -4p.m. Enjoy tea and cookies while exploring the garden areas of Furnace Town, including the 19th Century Kitchen Garden with Sidney Merrill.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

T.O.P.S.

Takes place 5-6:30 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1 Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style. They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

YOGA

Takes place 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, Rotunda

All levels welcome. Contact Georgette Rhoads at 410-641-9734 or grhoads@atlanticgeneral.org with any questions. Cost: \$72 for 8 sessions, or \$10 drop-in fee for first time.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Meets 7-8 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1 We gather the fourth Wednesday of every month. Pre-registration is not necessary. For further information, please call Pastoral Care Services at 410-641-9725 or email gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Republican Women of Worcester County luncheon and general meeting. Doors open at 10:30a.m.; Meeting at 11 a.m. Lunch at noon and the speaker will be around 12:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant, 12723 St. Martin's Neck Road, Bishopville. The Speaker will be Grant Helvey who will tell us about Plan Maryland, Agenda 21 and the Worcester County Comprehensive Plan and how they relate. Deadline for reservations April 24th. Please contact Bev Bigler, 410-208-6018 or

cwcandlewood@mchsi.com.

SATUDAY, APRIL 28

PUBLIC DIG

Public Archaeology Dig - 1 - 4 pm. Up to 13 people can learn about life in the 1830's - 1850's by being part of a supervised dig. Equipment and training supplied. \$12.00 per person (limit 13 people). Reservations needed.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

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THURSDAY, MAY 3

TALMUD CLASS

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SATURDAY, MAY 5

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Assateague Coastal Trust sponsors the 13th annual native flowering perennials and heirloom tomatoes sale. This year the event will be held in ACT's large back yard near the corner of Old Ocean City Boulevard and North Main Street in Berlin. The festival, which also features nature-inspired crafts, begins 8 a.m. To place your plant sale pre-order or for more information about sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.actforbays.org or call (410) 629-1538.

BAZAAR

Spring Bazaar and Plant Sale 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Lunch available - Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 North Main Street, Berlin.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS Sponsored by the the Worcester County Health Department and Animal Control. 5:30-7 p.m. at the Bishopville Fire Hall, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

RABIES VACCINATION CLINICS Sponsored by the the Worcester County Health Department and Animal Control 5:30-7 p.m. at Worcester County Animal Control, 6207 Timmons Road, Snow Hill.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life of North Worcester County will be held at Frontier Town Campground - marking the 14th year Frontier Town has hosted the event.

SNAP SHOTS



Coupla winners

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Terry Riley and his daughter Clare, show off their 2nd place ribbon. They placed during the parent/child waltz at the Grand Ball for the Southern Delaware Chapter of the Junior Cotillion.



Electric employees

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Delmarva Power's Co-Coordinators, Matt Likovich, Media Relations Manager and Jeri Shelton, Customer Care Call Center Administrative Assistant present a \$39,915 gift from Delmarva Power employees to United Way's Kathleen Momme, Executive Director, and Pamela Gregory, Donor Relations Director.



Treats on Wheels

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Kiwanian Jerry Powell, who delivered the treats made by members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, President -elect Barbara Peletier who was one of the Kiwanians who made the treats, and President Mike Morton.



Door prize

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The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist and North Bay Marina presented the pontoon boat door prize from the Seaside Boat Show to Jim and Clare Gallagher of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey. North Bay Marina has provider the door prize for the Optimist boat show the past 25 years. Pictured are ; Scott McCurdy, owner North Bay Marina; Lew Frey, Optimist President; and Jim and Clare Gallagher.



Servpro employee donation

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Servpro of the Lower Shore's Dave Foskey, Megan Jones, and Deanna Miller present United Way's Amy Luppens, joined by Servpro owner Robb Sartorio, with a check to support this year's campaign. To start an employee campaign in your place of business, please call 410-742-5143 or visit www.unitedway4us.org.



Americanism Essay winners

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The American Legion Auxiliary of Ocean City recently announced the Ocean City Elementary School winners of the Americanism Essay Contest. First Place winner Lydia Woodley, Second Place winner Arusa Islam, and Third Place winner Betul Yucel. Their winning essays explain how they can show patriotism in their community and will be recognized at a luncheon at the American Legion Unit 166 in April.

Bayside Gazette THE BAYSIDE GAZETTE'S GUIDE TO MAIN STREET John's Cigars Features artists Tiffany Curtis and Crystal Collins.



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MEDIUM - 61

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

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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Welcome Home

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All Vietnam era veterans in the area were invited to a "Welcome Home" gathering at Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion in Ocean City, Md. on March 29th to commemorate 39 years since President Nixon declared an end to the Vietnam War March 29, 1973. On March 29, 1974 a Presidential Proclamation with approval of Congress made this day the Vietnam Veterans Day. There is a Bill in Congress at this time to make this date National Vietnam veterans Day .The event was from Noon-3:00 and 50 Veterans attended. The photo is of part of the group of Veterans who attended.

Seated from the left: Charlie Brinkman, James Short, Nelson Kelly, Bill Wolf, Art Schoelkopf, Ira Zaratski, and Jack Devlin. Standing: Sarge Garlitz, Commander, American Legion Post #166; Mike Leizure, Bob Taroda, Ray Updike, Mike Beatty, Dave Kline, Buddy Jones, and Ken Gray.





You can only harangue me so much about an article and then I will succumb; so here's the BLT by request from regular reader Mr. Freistat.



The BLT, also known as the Bacon-Lettuce-Tomato sandwich is very difficult to assemble, and despite the simplistic moniker, one can only master its construction after decades of dedication, cuts, bruises, and practice. Only

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after failing at its mastery countless times can the true cook come to terms with this immortal dish.

Yes, you may think that you can make a BLT, but let me assure you that you cannot.

OK, that's not true at all. I just need to write about seven hundred more words, so I'm just filling up space.

I'm not sure about you, but the BLT is one of my top three sandwiches. A careful selection of good bread, good bacon (if you can't or won't make your own) and some homemade mayonnaise will yield a fine meal.

Before I go any further, if you decide to make your own mayonnaise, be sure to used pasteurized eggs so as to avoid any risk of salmonella. You can find these in the dairy aisle of the store where eggs are sold (They may be in the shell. Otherwise use liquid eggs). If you are a food geek and actually have a sous vide rig, just cook the shell-on raw eggs at 135F for 75 minutes and cool; they are then pasteurized and safe.

You won't be sorry that you made your own mayonnaise. I have written about the glorious emulsion on many occasions over the years and it is still one of the greatest techniques to practice. The flavor is so much richer and fuller than store-bought.

As far as the bread goes, I am going to plug a fast food restaurant and I am not ashamed to admit it.

While not giving you the name of the chain of which I write, I will tell you that its food puts me in a very good mood. The greatest sandwich on their menu is the Reuben sandwich. And what 'makes' the sandwich for me? It's the bread; a Marble Rye that is chewy and delicious. I could not get them to tell me where they buy it, but I found a sufficient substitute at a bakery in Alexandria last weekend.

The bacon that I use is homemade but if you don't want to go this route, I recommend thick-cut bacon. Please don't give me any hooey about low-fat,



low-salt, uncured bacon. And please, for the love of all that's holy, do not mention turkey bacon around me.

My wife and kids enjoy turkey bacon but I have to personally sacrifice something to the bacon gods every time that I eat it. It shames me. It is analogous to drinking diet soda or non-alcoholic beer. I'll just go without, thank you.

Now that we are getting close to tomato season we will start getting tomatoes that actually taste like something besides water. The lettuce will become fresher and soon enough we will have a fantastic lunch for all ages.

I like to finish this sandwich with vegetable chips and roasted grape tomatoes. The tomatoes are served cold and make a nice mini-salad while the chips, made from plantains, golden beets and potatoes are a natural fit on any summertime menu.

While this is surely not a traditional BLT, this is a knockout and one that you will probably see on the menu wherever I work this summer. And if you are lucky enough, I may even take you under my wing to teach you how it's done.

BLT

Homemade bacon Marble Rye

Lettuce Tomatoes, sliced

Homemade Mayonnaise (recipe follows) Roasted Grape Tomatoes (recipe follows)

S&P as needed Veggie Chips (recipe follows) Make the sandwich Eat the sandwich

Homemade Mayonnaise

1 whole egg, pasteurized ¹/₄ tsp. Dry mustard ¹/₄ tsp. Salt 1 Tbsp. Distilled White Vinegar Dash hot sauce 1 c. Vegetable oil Combine everything but the oil with a whisk and mix well. You can do this by hand, in a blender or in a stand mixer Slowly drizzle in the oil while whisking briskly When the oil has been added, the may-

onnaise should be nice and thick. Don't expect it to be white akin to the bleached stuff you buy in the store. It will have a yellow tint from the yolks.

Roasted Tomatoes

1 pint grape tomatoes EV Olive Oil to coat S&P as needed

Fresh thyme if desired Coat the tomatoes in the oil and seasonings Roast in a 450F oven until the skin blisters

Remove and chill. Set aside until ready to serve Serve cold

Veggie Chips

Plantains Golden beets Russet potatoes Peanut oil for frying S&P as needed Run the vegetables through a mandolin or slicer so they are very thin Rinse in cold water if you are going to be a while before frying. You don't want your veggies to oxidize Heat the oil to 375F and fry the chips until golden brown or just beyond Drain onto paper towels and sprinkle with salt and pepper immediately. For extra flavor a touch of cinnamon is great here; not too much but just a pinch. It goes a long way

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