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Town Council gets rundown of celebrations

Little League on budget list for concession stand

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN — Representatives from various departments and organizations presented their plans and requests for upcoming events to the mayor and council on Monday, setting the stage for activities for the remainder of the year.

Mayor Gee Williams presented Roberta Baldwin and Monica Martin with a proclamation in recognition of April as Child Abuse Awareness Month and child protection activities of the Cricket Center, Worcester County's child advocacy program. Baldwin said the center investigated more than 520 cases of suspected abuse over the past

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WORK AT THE POOL

The Ocean Pines Yacht Club pool, damaged during superstorm Sandy in late October, is being demolished. A new pool is expected to be completed in time for the summer season.

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Art Stroll to feature quest for prizes as well as hope

Multi-shop scavenger hunt and purple bows tie in to Relay for Life

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN — The collection of goodies for the "Quest for Hope" scavenger hunt grand prize is starting to overflow. More than 20 local businesses will be sponsoring the event for this Friday's Art Stroll, and many are do-

nating prizes from hand-blown glass to gift certificates and fun gadgets and gifts.

The grand prize winner of the scavenger hunt will win a hope chest filled with gifts valued at \$200, the event's organizers said. Glass artist Jeff Auxer of Jeffrey Auxer Designs has made and donated to the American Cancer Society 20 purple glass spheres valued at \$20 each.

According to Dawn Hodge of Relay for Life, 15 local businesses are sponsoring the event and serving as "clue

spots" for the scavenger hunt participants. They are: A Little Bit Sheepish, Baked Desserts, Bungalow Love, Bruder Hill, Bustle, Coconut Bay, Main Street Sweets, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Mouse Thrift Shop, Tex Mex & Beyond, Victorian Charm and World of Toys.

Purple bows have been placed throughout Berlin's Main Street and on the doors of business scavenger hunt participants where scavenger hunters will find various clues designed to raise cancer awareness. The competition is

intended to help increase public understanding in the increasingly winnable battle against the disease.

Several sponsors are also donating gifts for the grand prize, including:

- Berlin Chamber of Commerce is donating a Berlinopoly game.
- Berlin Coffee House is donating coffee beans and a ceramic mug.
- JJ Fish Studio is donating a bubble wand.
- Jeffrey Auxer Designs is donating hand-blown glass spheres.

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Little League gets council commitment for restroom update

No time frame set, but it will have a place in town's FY 14 budget

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year, 117 of which were suspected cases of child sexual abuse.

Williams also recognized April as Fair Housing Month.

Ray Thompson of the Berlin Little League received a commitment from the council for \$10,000 that would allow the league and its 350-plus participants to meet their matching requirement related to a \$100,000 grant to replace the concession stand at the Berlin Little League Fields and Northern Worcester County Athletic Complex.

Thompson said the upgrade was

needed to improve the restroom facilities and to provide a climate-controlled rest area for the umpires who officiate the games.

According to Thompson, the budget for the renovation was \$150,000 and the club has received a financial commitment from a private foundation for a \$100,000 grant. But payment of the grant is on the condition that the ball club can raise the remaining \$50,000.

He said through fundraising efforts \$40,000 has been raised so far, primarily from its Brick for Building campaign, and he asked the council to consider funding the remaining \$10,000. Ultimately, he said the bricks purchased by parents and friends of the players will be used to pave a new patio that is planned for the area.

Thompson told the council he wants to be able to announce that the match-

ing requirement had been achieved in time for opening day this weekend. Williams said that the council has been advising the organizations that have requested funding this year that the council would be making its decisions after the first round of budget meetings later this month.

Noting that the Little League was raising money to replace the existing portable bathrooms with permanent restrooms, Councilmember Paula Lynch asked whether there would be a need to seek an EDU permit at the site.

Thompson said years ago a septic system had been installed at the location and the issue would be making it functional again. Once the league has the money, he said, the permitting required to address the EDU issue could be handled in the bidding phase of the renovation.

Town Administrator Anthony Carson asked the council to provide direction on funding allocation if councilmembers decided to approve the request. A motion to agree to a financial commitment for the fund that was specified in terms of budget year was unanimously approved.

Jesse Turner of the Berlin Shoe Box and Repair briefed the council on plans for the upcoming Old Fashioned Memorial Day, which is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 27.

He said festivities would include a parade that will begin at 11 a.m. on Flower Street, from Stephen Decatur Middle School to Henry Park, a gospel concert, a family talent show, yard sales and food vendors. Turner, who is the parade coordinator, asked Williams to lead the parade and Williams agreed.

Lynch asked if the sidewalk would be completed in time. Public Works Director Michael Gibbons said it would be close, so Williams asked Gibbons to coordinate with the contractor try to ensure the work was done by the parade date.

Tom "Big Al Reno" Sholtis discussed the Jazz and Blues Festival that is scheduled for May 4, from noon to 8 p.m. and said the event, which will be held for the fifth year, would follow the same format as last year. Activities would be held between Jefferson Street and the Tex-Mex and Beyond Restaurant on the north end of town and on Main Street in front of the Atlantic Hotel, he said.

The events are co-sponsored by the town and the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. Sholtis was requesting the town's assistance in blocking the streets around the staging areas.

Sholtis, with Economic and Development Director Michael Day, also discussed the town-sponsored May Day/Play Day, a Second Friday Art Stroll event that will showcase rock n' roll, on May 10. The event will take place in the center town area near Rayne's Reef Restaurant.

Day said May 18 had been designated as this year's Spring Cruisers Day for vintage car enthusiasts and that activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All of downtown Main Street will be closed off for the event.

Kate Patton of the Lower Shore Land Trust began a preliminary discussion on a Walkable/Bikeable Berlin project she said would take several years to implement. She said the goal of the project would be to establish a green belt of trails throughout the Berlin area that eventually could be connected to similar biking and walking trails in nearby jurisdictions.

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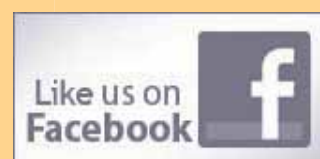
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• The Nest is donating a handcrafted handbag.

• Treasure Chest is donating a shoe-shaped ring holder.

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

Bayside Gazette and Ocean City Today will serve as media sponsors of the events, and the Town of Berlin has given its support by allowing the downtown area to be decorated in recognition of the "Paint Berlin Purple" activities. The Atlantic Hotel is not a sponsor but is donating a one-night stay as part of the grand prize.

Sisters, the host of the event, will remain open until 9 p.m. for an awarding celebration after the hunt.

The scavenger hunt will be sponsored in conjunction with the 16th Annual Relay for Life event, sponsored by the North Worcester County Relay for Life. The all-night event will be held at the Frontier Town Campground on May 10 at 6 p.m. The campground is located at 8428 Stephen Decatur Hwy.

According to the organization's Web site, the opening ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. and is being billed as "a high-energy event kickoff to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to inspire hope by sharing recent accomplishments and progress, and to remind everyone that while we are winning this battle, fighting cancer is a year-round priority."

Cancer survivors will take the first lap around the track cheered on by other participants who line the track. Beginning at dusk, the event will take a more somber tone, as participants light luminaria in a ceremony to remember people who lost their battle with cancer, to support people currently struggling with the disease, and to honor those who have fought cancer in the past.

The event is scheduled to end the next day at 6 a.m. after a closing ceremony to remember the lives of those lost and to celebrate the ongoing commitment of the attendees to fight back against this disease over the next year.

For more information on the "Paint Berlin Purple" campaign or the "Quest for Hope" scavenger hunt, visit Sisters at 13 N. Main St., or call 443-513-4158. Additional information is available on the Web site at www.relayforlife.org/north-worcestermid or by calling Dawn Hodge at 443-497-1198.

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Buckingham Elementary School representatives are trying to get the Berlin Historic Commission to approve the design for a proposed new sign for the Main Street entrance to the school. A decision by the commission, which met April 3, was postponed for lack of an affirmative quorum.

Elem. school request for new sign will wait until next time

Buckingham officials granted continuance by Historic Commission

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Historic District homeowners Tim Vocke and Emily Cook easily received approval for their request to change the color of the shutters on their home on South Main Street during a meeting of the Historic District Commission on April 3.

It was a different story for Buckingham Elementary School, however, as its representatives were not as fortunate in their attempt to update the school's sign.

For the third time, school representatives came before the commission with a request to place a new sign in front of the school. When the proposal was brought before the commission, there was no affirmative consensus, which could have led to approval of the proposal by default. But because of an apparent misunderstanding, the applicants requested a continuance, rather than allow the application to be approved by default when no action could be taken.

A special meeting to revisit the issue may be called later in the month.

Buckingham Principal Roger Pacella and sign designer Jamie Covington of Pocomoke-based Selby Signstold the commission members, the sign would

cost \$5,600 and was intended to be consistent with the historic design of the area.

Pacella said he wanted the school, which is located at 100 Buckingham Rd., to also have a presence on Main Street that would allow the school to promote its activities.

Pacella and Covington proposed a double-faced, non-illuminated sign made of composite wood and vinyl, to replace the existing sign, which is currently located on Main Street.

An artist's rendering dated Feb. 21, 2012, showed the proposed sign to be a pedestal-based structure slightly more than 8-1/2 feet wide and 6-feet high, with a chevron embellishment in the center top, and a white marquee area from which to display black changeable letters under the name of the school.

The proposal presented on April 3 was smaller than an 8 x 10 foot sign that was proposed in 2010, and which Pacella said the commission indicated they would not like without officially voting on it. He said later that year he returned to the commission to resubmit a revised proposal, but only three commissioners were present and they voted it down by 2-1.

According to the town's staff recommendation, although the building on the property had no historic value, the property's location was significant to the district. The sign replacement proposal, it

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Historic Comm. must wait to rule on Buckingham sign

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said, “may be compatible in the District, will not provide a permanent negative impact to the District and may be considered for approval.” The recommendation, however, did question whether the proposed materials would be considered incompatible in the district and whether a sign in excess of six feet tall would be inappropriate for a pedestrian scale sign.

But the staff report added, that even if the materials were found to be incompatible, the proposed sign “does not need to be considered a permanent change to the property,” as no architecturally significant features of the district were proposed for change.

Members of the commission include Chairman Carol Rose, Ellen Lange, Mary Moore, Rick Stack, and Joel Todd. Lange and Todd were absent at Wednesday’s meeting.

Moore called the latest proposal a huge improvement. Nevertheless, she said she disliked the marquee-look because she felt it would introduce an unwelcomed commercialization element in the historic district.

Rose and Stack indicated that they were fine with the proposal as is, and Stack offered a motion to approve the proposal as drawn, with the composite materials, as long the proposed sign was in the same location as the current sign and was not illuminated.

However since Rose, as chairman was unable to second the motion, and Moore was against approving the sign, there was no one to allow the motion to proceed forward.

Planning and Zoning Director Chuck Ward told the commission that an affirmative consensus of a majority of the commission (three) was needed to meet the code’s requirements once a motion was made. But the panel could not reach consensus, so Covington asked for a continuance, which Rose granted after the school representatives answered affirmatively when Ward asked if they were asking for a continuance rather than a vote. The meeting on the proposal will be continued at the May meeting of the commission, but could come sooner.

Section 104-33(b) of the town’s Code of Ordinances regarding the time limit

set for commission approval dictates that, “The failure of the commission to act upon an application within 45 days from the date the application was filed shall be deemed to constitute automatic approval of the proposed changes unless an extension of this 45-day period is agreed upon mutually by the applicant and the commission.”

Ward said later that the commissioners had the legal authority to continue discussion on the matter because the applicant asked for it.

Pacella, who is retiring as principal of the school in July, said he tried to take each commissioner’s opinion into consideration. He said later that he and Covington interpreted the code language to mean that the proposal needed three affirmative votes to pass, not to turn it down. Since there were only three people, with two in favor and one opposed, the pair requested the continuance with the hopes that having all five of the commission’s members in attendance at the next meeting would improve their chances of acceptance.

“I look forward to going before them again in May,” Pacella said.

But, according to Ward, “Had the applicant not requested a continuance of discussion, according to current code language, the action would have been approved by default.”

In other business, a presentation by a representative from Decatur Investments, which was seeking approval for its plans to add an awning, lighting and a new door to its building at 11 S. Main St. was also continued to the next meeting, because Stack, an architect who has done work for Decatur Investments in the past, had to recuse himself from the commission’s decision.

Ward said the commission might schedule a special meeting mid-April to continue discussion on the Buckingham School and Decatur Investments proposals, and proposed code revisions, along with a workshop to discuss designs for Berlin’s Architectural Heritage recognition program. The signs would recognize architectural landmarks throughout the town in preparation for the first “Berlin Historic Festival,” which is scheduled for July 6.

Worcester Chorale concert in May

BERLIN — The Worcester Chorale, under the direction of Billie Wall and accompanied by June Todd, will present “A Night at the Movies” next month in Berlin and Ocean City. Guests will hear a variety of popular songs from the cinema.

A dress rehearsal will be open to the public at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin. Admission to the dress rehearsal is free, and free-will offering will be collected. The concert will be held Friday,

May 10, at 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Ocean City. Tickets cost \$10.

Free refreshments will be served following each performance.

Funding for the concerts is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. For more information about the “A Night at the Movies” performances, call 410-208-4707.

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BERLIN — The Worcester Chorale, under the direction of Billie Wall and accompanied by June Todd, will present "A Night at the Movies" next month in Berlin and Ocean City. Guests will hear a variety of popular songs from the cinema.

A dress rehearsal will be open to the public at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin. Admission to the dress rehearsal is free, and a free-will offering will be collected. The concert will be held Friday, May 10, at 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Ocean City. Tickets cost \$10.

Free refreshments will be served following each performance.

Funding for the concerts is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information about the "A Night at the Movies" performances, call 410-208-4707.

Workshop set for 'Suddenly Single'

OCEAN PINES — The Worcester County Commission for Women is offering a "Suddenly Single" workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Route 589 near Ocean Pines.

The goal of the "Suddenly Single" project is to assist single women who are widowed, divorced or separated to move forward.

The cost is \$7 in advance and lunch is included. Register online at www.friendsofwccw.org or mail checks, made payable to FWCCW, to P.O. Box 1712, Berlin, Md. 21811. Registration deadline is April 22.

For information, call 410-208-1272 or e-mail f.daly@mchsi.com.



OP PLAYERS

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The cast of "Dear Hortense," which the Ocean Pines Players will perform at the Ocean Pines Country Club, April 11-14. In the front row, from left, are Felecia Zakan as Terri, Barbara Gallagher as Dolly, Heidi McNeely as Tulip Bronosky, Sharon Sorrentino as Etoile Cross and stage manager Karen McClure; and in back row, Paul Kahn as Mick Brentwood, Sam Barnes as Don Taylor, Cynthia Walston as Grace Tollingsford, Assistant Director Judy Nelson, Larry Walton as Rocky and Director Don Klein. Evening performances will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when doors open at 7 p.m., and the play begins at 8 p.m., and for the Sunday matinee performance doors open at 2 p.m. and the performance will begin at 3 p.m.

Kids, mommy clothes, home décor sale benefits Coastal Kids

Not to mention chance to save serious money at consignment event

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — For the typical bargain hunting mom or dad, the Coastal Kids consignment event at the former Harley-Davidson store on Route 50 will be a way to save big bucks on small clothes and toys. But behind the scenes of the three day event that begins on April 11 is hi-tech organization that has streamlined the up-scale swap meet.

Vicki Burns, a former public accountant, has used her uber-organizational skills to create sales events that help moms and dads from Salisbury to Harrington stretch their kid gear dollars. This weekend's event in Berlin will feature high quality, gently used goods for infants to juniors, toys, maternity clothes, regular women's clothes up to size 24, and home décor goods. She said 77 local sellers will be participating in the sale and the clothing items will be for the spring and summer seasons.

A pre-sale event for pass holders, consisting primarily of sellers and volunteers, will take place from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, before the doors open to the public from 6-8 p.m. the event is free to the public. Purchases can be paid with cash or by Visa or MasterCard with proper identification. Children are of course, welcome. But Burns advised parents to remember the event will have all the chaos of any other major sale, so little ones should be kept close at hand.

Burns said she is currently in the process of expanding her bi-annual

events to four times a year at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center (spring, summer, fall, and holiday). She expects to increase the events held in Berlin to three or four per year next year, she said.

On average, the Berlin sales attract around 600 customers over the course of the events. Burns, an Eastern Shore native who now lives in Willards, said she has been organizing the events since the fall of 2008 and while it is a for profit venture, she said it was also her way of giving back to the local community. It gives parents on a budget a way to earn and save extra money on kid's clothes and other items that can drain a family budget.

While the prices are meant to be affordable, some items are priced as low as \$5, Burns was careful to point out that the quality of the goods are to that of a consignment store—not a yard sale. The layout of the event is not hap hazard; it is meant to be similar to what customers would expect at a retail chain, in an effort to minimize the confusion of making shoppers hunt all over the building for the goods they need, she said. "As a mom I ask myself what would encourage me to sell my items here or shop here," she said.

Burns has managed to lower her overhead cost by primarily using volunteers instead paid sales staff. The thousands of items included in the sale are screened by Burns and her teams for damage, excessive wear, or stains, before being placed on the sales floor.

The \$8 consignment fee is non-refundable, but it can be discounted, if a seller commits to volunteering their services for one or two four-hour shifts they can lower the registration price. Working one shift lowers the cost to \$5; two shifts

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Software approach helps organization keep its costs low

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eliminate it completely, according to Burns, who added that volunteering also helps sellers raise their percentage of profit.

Burns has used software-based automation to replace the time consuming guess work of pricing and tagging items, and the hair pulling confusion over who gets paid what. She has developed an awesome Web site (www.coastal-kids.com) that answers just about any question a potential consigner or buyer might have prior to sale day. It is clear, concise and organized, and it has a counterpart on Facebook.

Prior to starting the sales event business, Burns said she had never made a Web site before. But she found a Web site builder and bought some consignment software to create her online presence.

The consignment program allows sellers to track their sales daily, so they will know what to expect once the event is over.

A "Mommy Boutique" area will allow local businesses to show their related wares and services to the shoppers attending the consignment event.

Additional information on the event on April 11-13, or about future events is available at www.coastal-kids.com or by calling 410-603-3925.

OP represented at nat'l conference on hurricane plan

OCEAN PINES – Two members of the Ocean Pines Fire Department Command Staff attended the National Hurricane Conference held March 25-28, in New Orleans.

Deputy Chief Bill Bounds and Assistant Chief Steve Grunewald attended classes on "Hurricane Readiness for Coastal Communities," "Intro to & Applying HURREVAC" (a computer program used to assist in making decisions, such as evacuation timing, based upon the hurricanes track and forecast), evacuation planning as well as discussions that focused on the response to recent hurricanes.

"While the communities in our region are very fortunate to have been spared the direct hit of a hurricane for quite some time, it is a valuable experience to network with fire department and emergency management officials from areas that deal with the impact of these storms on a yearly basis," Bounds said.

The Command Staff of the Ocean Pines Fire Department are putting these lessons learned to work by updating operating guidelines and response plans in an effort to increase preparedness for the 2013 Atlantic Hurricane season, which begins June 1.



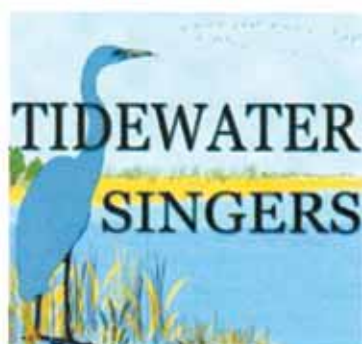
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Volunteers solicited by town for annual park clean-up day

Take Pride in Berlin Week starts with this event and follows up through town

BERLIN – Volunteers needed for the Annual Berlin Spring Clean-Up Day, which kicks-off Take Pride in Berlin Week next at Stephen Decatur Park and Henry Park.

The town is looking for individuals and teams to help spruce up Berlin's parks and other areas by planting, weeding, raking, mulching and whatever else needs attention.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in both parks or via Facebook at Take Pride in Berlin Week. Some supplies will be available for use, but participants should bring their own if possible.

A free lunch and music will be provided for participants in Henry Park starting at 11:30 a.m. Organizers expressed their gratitude to Berlin Area Ministries United (BAMU) for providing lunch.

Donations are also welcome to offset the costs of supplies. Donations of supplies such as bedding plants can have a big impact on what the cleanup can accomplish. Donations to BAMU to help provide lunch would also be appreciated. BAMU can be contacted through Son

Rise Church, 410-629-1901 or pastord@sonrise.cc.

Meanwhile, Take Pride in Berlin Week will take place throughout the week. Clean-Up Day, sponsored by the Berlin Parks Commission and Grow Berlin Green, has been an ongoing springtime rite in Berlin.

For those who can't make it on the 20th, other areas can still be designated for them and town services may be made available if needed.

Residents are also encouraged to take this opportunity to do their own spring-cleaning on their property and to consider what else can be done to show Berlin Pride. Throughout the week, residents are asked to look around their properties, neighborhoods and anywhere else they think of that could do with a pick-me-up.

Finally, on Saturday, April 27 residents and visitors can go downtown for a Business Open House.

For more information about Take Pride in Berlin Week, visit the town's Web page at www.berlinmd.gov. Participants should feel free to submit ideas about what makes them proud of the town and what might be done to show that pride.



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Jim Stenger arranges a wooden sailboat in preparation for the Pine'er Craft and Gift Shop Spring open house on April 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with refreshments and door prizes. The shop features items handcrafted by members of the Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines. The club meets every third Thursday of the month, at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Center. All residents of Ocean Pines and neighboring communities are invited to attend.

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OBITUARIES

Lois Jane Lynch Nickel

TAYLORVILLE — Lois Jane Lynch Nickel died Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at Somerset Gardens Assisted Living in Princess Anne, Md.

Born Sept. 13, 1929, on the family farm in Taylorville, Md., she was the daughter of the late Irving Lynch Sr. and Charlotte Elliott Lynch.

After graduating from Buckingham High School in Berlin in 1947, Mrs. Nickel studied nursing at the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia. She taught nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and worked in nursing administration at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

She and her husband, George C. Nickel, an engineer, lived in Philadelphia, Pennsauken, N.J., and College Park, Md., before retiring to the home he built on Gum Point Road in Taylorville.

A former president of the Prince George's Historical Quilting Society, she was also a prolific quilter after returning to live in Taylorville. She enjoyed sewing in her living room while enjoying an expansive view of Turville Creek. She was also an avid collector and liked to spend time doing yard work.

She is survived by two sons, John Irving Nickel of Oakridge, N.J., and Eric George Nickel of Taylorville; one daughter, Sarah Jane Ellis of Dallas; granddaughters, Katie Freeman of Texas and Danielle Nickel of Taylorville; a great-grandson, Preston Freeman of Texas; and a brother, Nelson Lynch of Taylorville. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, George, her sister, Etta Lynch Powell, and seven brothers, Herbert, Dale, Norman, Irving, Marvin, Frank and Farrell. With the exception of Norman Lynch, who moved to Florida during his later retirement years, her

siblings lived in the Taylorville or St. Martins area.

No formal services are planned.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Fisher Center for Alzheimers Research Foundation, 1 Intrepid Square, West 46th St. and 12th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10036.

Charles A. Rouse

BERLIN — Charles Alan "Charlie" Rouse died peacefully at home on Thursday, April 4, 2013, after a brave struggle with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a blood disorder presumed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange while serving his country in Vietnam. Born Sept. 1, 1944, the son of Emma Mae Kearney Rouse and Marvin W. Rouse, he was raised on the family farm in Snow Hill, N.C.

After graduation from North Carolina State University, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967. He served in the infantry in ground combat in Vietnam from 1967-1968, until he was honored to provide military escort of a childhood friend who was killed in combat. He completed his military service term stateside.

Prior to his honorable discharge, Mr. Rouse was awarded two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal and numerous other medals for meritorious service. After his military service, he enjoyed a stellar career in animal pharmaceuticals for more than 30 years. He retired in 2007 and was diagnosed with MDS in 2011.

Mr. Rouse was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Stephen Reynolds Rouse and Lemon Wayne (Sandy) Rouse; and his sister, Jean Rouse Preston. He is survived by his wife, Deedee Edwards Rouse; his brother, Tommy Rouse and his wife, Sandy; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and treasured friends too nu-

merous to name, whom he cherished more than words can express.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 8, at the chapel of Taylor-Tyson Funeral Service in Snow Hill, N.C. Interment followed at the Mewborn Church Cemetery.

The family wishes to express its sincerest appreciation to everyone whose kindness and support helped them through this difficult time, especially Dr. James Martin and the staff of Peninsula Oncology, the patient care staff of PRMC 2 South, Infusion Center and Berlin office.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following charities in his memory: Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, Worcester County Veterans Memorial, the Military Order of Purple Hearts, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Mewborn Primitive Baptist Church, Peninsula Regional Medical Center or any charitable organization of your choice. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.taylor-tyson.com.

Ralph G. Bowden Sr.

BERLIN — Ralph George Bowden Sr., 93, died Saturday, April 6, 2013, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. Born in Newark, Md., he was the son of the late William C. Bowden and Mamie Smack Bowden.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Edna Powell Bowden, and children, Ralph Bowden Jr. and his wife, Debbie, of Snow Hill, Emily Horseman and her husband, Raymond, of Linkwood, Md., Roy G. Bowden and his wife, Faith, of Berlin, Virginia Bowden of Berlin, Dorothy Greenwalt and her husband, Marvin, of Whaleyville and Albert Bowden and his wife, Betty, of Berlin. There are 16 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister,

Myrtle Pusey of Snow Hill.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, seven brothers and one sister.

Mr. Bowden had been a farmer and truck driver. He had been a member of the Worcester County Farm Bureau.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, at Bowen Cemetery in Newark, Md. A donation in his memory may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Peggy Claudette Marshall

OCEAN CITY — Peggy Claudette Marshall, 78, died Saturday, April 6, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Claude B. Morgan and Vera Broom Morgan.

She is survived by her husband, Melton L. "Roy" Marshall, and her children, Cynthia "Cindy" McBride and her husband, Tom, of Spring Branch, Texas, Deanna Jenks of Cypress, Calif., and Bret A. Marshall and his wife, Dawn, of Ocean City. There are eight grandchildren, Jennifer Marshall, Travis Taylor, Ryan Marshall, Alex Jenks, Blake Marshall, Elizabeth Jenks, Brady Marshall and Halle Marshall; and two great-grandchildren, Mas Tavenner and Jayden Marshall. Also surviving are two brothers, Carl Morgan of Merrells Inlet, S.C., and Clyde Morgan of California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation followed her death. A celebration of her life service will be held at a future date. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

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State gun control act gets mixed reviews locally

Gun shop owners see rise in sales now, but a loss of jobs over time

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — Although a gun control bill (SB 281) was passed and enrolled by the General Assembly last Thursday, it was not among the first group of proposals signed by Gov. Martin O'Malley) on Tuesday, according to an aide in the governor's office. Meanwhile, locals on both sides of the issue offered opinions about the new legislation.

Bob Arthur and Larry Friedman are gun storeowners who each reported that the gun debate has dramatically increased sales volume, primarily from first-time gun purchasers. The demand for weapons has apparently overwhelmed officials assigned to perform background checks.

Ron Pagano, a supporter of the governor's proposal and Democratic organizer, said the bill was an important measure that was needed to help ensure public safety.

Arthur, owner of Arthur's Shooting Supply, in Willards, is a federal firearms dealer and manufacturer who holds a state firearms dealer's license as well. He said currently to buy a regulated firearm in Maryland, purchasers must either complete an online training class or be a member of the police or military, and they

must fill out paperwork that will allow authorities to run background checks to ensure they are eligible to purchase the items in the state.

The background check process used to take one week he said. With the uptick in sales since the debate began, the turnaround time has expanded to eight weeks. Nevertheless, Arthur said he has received no information on how officials plan to change the process when they implement the new law.

He said gun purchasers currently must file a number of forms before purchasing a firearm in Maryland, including a federal Firearms Transaction Record from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and a Maryland State Police Authorization for Release of Information to Purchase a Regulated Firearm application.

One problem with the new law, as Arthur described it, is that once enacted, the law would increase registration costs to \$400 or \$500, which would practically double the price of a firearm and pose a financial hardship and barrier to more modest-income gun purchasers.

Another problem, he said, is that a proficiency test that would serve as a condition of eligibility could block first-time gun ownership. Individuals, who have never owned a gun before would be unable to build their skills without access to one, Arthur said.

Friedman, owner of Larry's Trading

Post in Ocean City, also reported a sharp rise in nontraditional gun purchasers recently who are concerned about home protection. Friedman said his business has increased by 50 percent since last December.

He said he has sold guns to middle-aged and elderly first-time purchasers who are now afraid they are going to lose their right to buy firearms. "I've yet to see anybody who is happy with what is going on," in the General Assembly, he said.

Friedman also said he has not heard anything from state officials on what changes should be made to implement new processing and transferring procedures under the upcoming gun purchasing changes, which he said would include a 40-hour training course and fingerprinting for purchasers.

Both Friedman and Arthur said the legislation would result in a loss of jobs and tax revenue leaving the state over the next two years. Both viewed the bill as an infringement on the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

But Pagano pointed out that he is a gun owner and said that the law would only target the types of guns "that are causing violence in our society."

O'Malley said last week that the legislation would ban assault weapons, limit the capacity of a magazine of ammunition from 20 to 10 rounds, require fingerprint licensing for future handgun purchases

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Daily 10-5pm	Bay Point Plantation, Rt. 589 to Gum Pt. Rd.	—	Estate Size Lots	From \$199,900	Mark Fritschle Group/Condo Realty
Saturday 11-2pm	Atlantis, Unit 1206, 103rd St., Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo, Oceanfront	\$320,000	Mark Fritschle Group/Doug Covert
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Gun control law responses mixed

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and restrict possession of firearms and ammunition by persons prohibited by prior criminal offenses and mental health disqualifications.

Meanwhile Jeff Reh, of Beretta USA, Stoeger Industries Inc., and Bellini, which have facilities in Accokeek and distribution facilities in Pocomoke, has said the company would move from the state if the gun bill became the law.

Reh, however, said he would disclose his company's position after the bill is signed and enacted by the governor. The companies employ approximately 400 workers in the state, he said.

Darren Mellors, of Cambridge-based LWRC International and Salisbury-based MaTech Solutions said that no decision has been made with regard to the company's operations in this state, yet.

Father, daughter dinner scheduled

SNOW HILL — Transitioning from eighth grade to ninth can be a risky time for adolescents. There is substantial research that reinforces the role of fathers in impacting their daughter's academic achievement, future jobs and incomes, avoiding teen pregnancy, self confidence, emotional and mental stability and assertiveness.

Because of concerns for the choices that young people make during this period regarding their peer group, relationships with the opposite sex and use of substances that can impact future success and happiness, the Worcester County Health Department will present its fourth annual Father-Daughter Transition Dinner on Tuesday, April 16, at the Blue Dog Café in Snow Hill. The special date night celebrates the next phase of the girls' lives and encourages them to stay connected through the challenging high school years.

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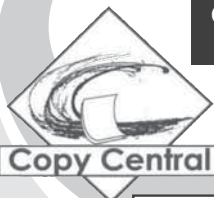
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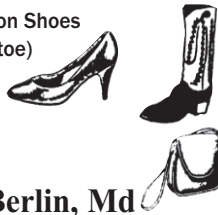
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EDITORIAL

Berlin knows how to put on an event

Say you want to have a successful event that requires community support, businesses chipping in and volunteers stepping forward to help the cause. Where would you go?

In this neck of the woods, the first choice of most people should be Berlin. Not only does the town know how to throw a festival, it does so with good organization and planning. Chances are, if the idea is a good one, the response in town will be just as great.

A good many small towns can't say that because they don't have the organizational and commercial cohesiveness to pull it off, at least more than a few of times a year.

Berlin's calendar, however, is one special event after another, with no sign of waning interest in any of them.

The case in point this week is the scavenger hunt to held as part of the 2nd Friday Art Stroll and in conjunction with the annual Relay for Life fundraiser.

At the last count, somewhere between 15 and 20 businesses signed up to sponsor the hunt or to help in some other way. That kind of support is difficult to find just anywhere.

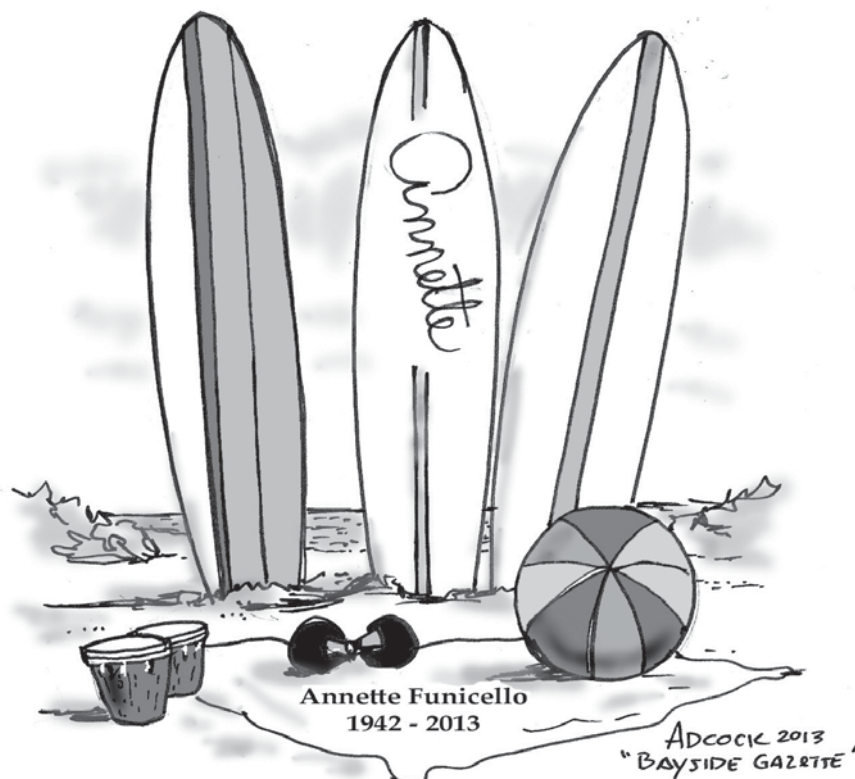
The other coastal communities are equally generous – no one even knows how many millions of dollars this area has given to charity overall – but Berlin seems to have the formula down solid.

You make your pitch, everyone joins in, the plan is set and it all comes together. Check out this Friday's Art Stroll and see for yourself.

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LETTERS

Guardian angels arrive to help

Editor,

On Tuesday, April 2, as I was preparing dinner, I heard a voice at the front door. As I went to answer, I saw two men holding up my husband, Earl, who had fallen in the driveway and being good Samaritans, they stopped to help him into the house.

You are guardian angels, I thank you. I took Earl to the ER and he received five sutures over his right eye. I didn't thank you at the time, but I thank you very much. You are both very special.

Edna E. Smith
 Ocean Pines

Media somehow missed big change

Editor,

I attended the Wicomico County PTA information meeting on Common Core on April 4. If your readers are unfamiliar with Common Core, then the media needs to ask itself why? How could such a radical change in our education system be adopted almost completely "under the radar" of the citizens and taxpayers of this nation? Were the media

asleep at the switch?

The general mood of the parents and concerned citizens in attendance — and there were not many considering the importance of this matter — was one of skepticism with a strong dose of resignation to a fait accompli.

The educators who presented the Common Core standards tried their best to put lipstick on this pig, but, in my opinion, raised more questions than they answered. Frankly, I have sympathy for them — it appears they don't want this, they don't like it, but they are stuck with it and are trying to make the best out of a bad situation. I have talked to teachers in Worcester County, also, who feel the same.

The state was forced by the federal Department of Education to adopt Common Core standards before they were even written. It is now the middle of April; the 2013-14 school year, when Common Core is required to be fully implemented, begins in fewer than six months and teachers haven't seen most of the curriculum (or, in some subjects, any of the curriculum). And if the teachers haven't seen it, neither have the parents.

Five states have refused to accept Common Core, and other states that are implementing it are having serious doubts about it.

Where is the money coming from to pay for this? Wicomico County Superintendent of Schools Dr. John E. Fredericksen stated at the meeting that Wicomico County doesn't currently have the funds, they don't really know where the funds are coming from, but he's sure they will get it. How? By magic?

The area of greatest concern to parents should be the assessment testing required by Common Core; not only will data be collected on educational performance, but also on attitudes, family history, family religious and political affiliations, extra-curricular activities, and on and on. More than 400 data elements will be collected on each student through the testing, which apparently will be administered twice a year. Why? And who will have access to this information? How secure will it be? Again, Dr. Fredericksen stated he was sure it would be secure, but apparently he wasn't aware that the Department of Education's Web site was

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hacked just last week. So much for security.

I urge my fellow citizens to check out Common Core for yourselves — go online and view the many, many articles and videos on the subject, attend board of education and county commissioner meetings, ask questions.

The Worcester County Board of Education's regular meeting is at 12:30 on Tuesday, April 16. Please attend this meeting and encourage the members to schedule an evening meeting so more parents can attend.

Carol Frazier
Ocean Pines

Hospice grateful for all the support

Editor,

Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care is grateful to all those who turned out for the fourth annual Taste of Finer Things in Ocean City on April 4. The event sold out and we had a record turnout, which raised nearly \$19,000 for the Coastal Hospice at the Ocean Residence Project.

Many thanks to the "Real Housewives of Worcester County" volunteer committee: Stephanie Meehan, Pam Buckley, Karen Cramer, Cathy Donovan, Marcia Hirsch, Madalaine How, Marsha Howarth, Elaine Jacobs, Donna Leiner, Macky Stansell and

Gayle Widdowson.

We also thank those businesses that provided such fabulous food and wine, starting with host restaurant, Harrison's Harbor Watch. Other participating businesses are Adolfo's, Atlantic Hotel, Bonfire, Crabs-to-Go, Embers, Hooked, Jules, Macky's, OC Wasabi, the Palette, Seacrets, Sweet Disposition, Wockenfuss and Reliable Churchill.

We so appreciate all the time and effort that goes into making this event the success that it is year after year. To all those who attended, we again thank you for supporting Coastal Hospice. We could not succeed in any of our endeavors without community support, and you rise to the occasion every time.

Alane K. Capen, president
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Women's History month observed

Editor,

On March 5, the Worcester County Commissioners proclaimed March as Women's History month to pay tribute to the millions of women who have taken action to help create a better world for the times in which they lived, as well as for future generations. In accordance with the theme chosen by the National Women's History Organization, every March the Friends of the Worcester County Commission for

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This year's theme was Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The luncheon was held March 27, at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City and recognized Brenda Dingwall as the Woman of the Year, Virginia Dale Ayers Swindler as the Woman in History and six young women as the Women of Tomorrow. To read more about each of these outstanding women, visit www.friendsofwccw.org.

Additionally, we were honored to have Marlyn Barrett, coordinator of instruction of STEM in Worcester County, as the keynote speaker.

I would like to publicly thank all the women who devoted their time, energy and donations that contributed to making this year's Women's History Luncheon a success, and give a special thank you to both my luncheon co-chairwoman, Olive Mawyer, and to Diane McGraw, who is always there to ensure every detail is addressed.

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Planning for 'liquidity event' means analyzing information

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Chip Gordy,
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How do you plan for liquidity events so they're successful?

It's hard to predict how much something will cost years or more down the road. Many things can affect price trends over the long term. As we don't have a crystal ball, we can't make long-term price predictions with any precision. The best thing we can do is set up best-case, worst-case and most likely-case scenarios.

How do you set up these scenarios? First of all, you need data sources. The Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Department of Commerce, to name just two, provide access to the historical data you need. Based on this data, you can also make assumptions about your potential investment returns in alternative scenario outcomes (best, worst and average/median).

For example, a period of sustained high

inflation (like what we saw in the 1970s) might represent a worst-case. A period of low inflation coupled with high market returns might represent best (although improbable) case scenario. An environment with an average market return of 7 percent coupled with an inflation rate of 3.5 percent may represent a base-case setting.

Remember, these are just supposed to establish reasonable boundaries, not accurately predict the future. So look at how poorly investments did in a high inflation scenario and how well they did in more stable environments. Then set your best- and worst-case scenarios accordingly.

Your "most likely case" should probably fall somewhere in between.

Each liquidity event has a different time horizon and amount needed. So some investors prefer to set up individual portfolios for each event. For example, Junior's College Fund or Our Dream Vacation Fund are common liquidity event themes.

Others prefer the simplicity of maintaining two portfolios: one for retirement, and the other for everything else. Retirement planning should be your number one goal. And because of the tax incentives that come with retirement plan ve-

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Allam promoted

Raymond M. Thompson, president and CEO of Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company in Berlin, has announced that Kathy Allam was recently promoted to the IT/Electronic services manager. She has been employed with Taylor Bank since November 2008. Her office will be located at the main branch on Main Street in Berlin.

Allam is a native of New York and moved to the Eastern Shore in 1997. She earned a bachelor's degree in information systems management from Salisbury University, and she has a background in network operations.

She lives in Ocean Pines with her husband and two young children.

Deadline for J-1 conf.

Today is the last day to register for the J-1 International Student Workforce Employer Conference, sponsored by the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce and the

Seasonal Workforce Committee. The conference, set for Tuesday, April 16, is free to any employers who employ Summer Work Travel (SWT- J1 Visa) students.

Representatives from the Department of State will discuss issues regarding the students, including an explanation of the J-1 Work Travel Program, as well as the new regulations regarding the Interim Final Rule, sponsors' and employers' responsibilities, and statistical data pertaining to Ocean City and its surrounding areas. Additional speakers will also address payroll issues, social security, emergency services and sponsor involvement, among other topics.

A continental breakfast will be provided.

The conference will take place at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel on 100th Street. Participants may check in at 8 a.m., and the four-hour conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. To register, contact Melanie Pursel at melanie@oceancity.org. For additional information, visit www.ocworkforce.com.

FINANCE

Establish goals and allocate assets

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hicles like 401(k)s and IRAs, it makes sense that you should save for this goal separately from the others.

Once you choose between single-goal or multi-goal portfolios, you'll move to the really important decision: how to allocate assets. The general rule of thumb is that the farther out the event occurs, the more weight you can give to equities (stocks). Since equities are generally more volatile than fixed income (bonds), you should reduce your equity exposure as your "goal date" draws near. This lowers the potential for short-term volatility spikes to leave you short.

Liquidity events are a big part of our lives. They reflect the things we hold important for ourselves and our loved ones. Make sure you're prepared for the liquidity events waiting in your future. And as always, as I've mentioned many times in the past, it's best to seek the help a financial professional.

— Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC is a financial

advisor with Coastal Wealth Management, LLC, located at 10441 Racetrack Road, Unit 1, in Berlin, who specializes in wealth and retirement planning. He can be reached at 410-208-4545 or chip@coastalwealthmgmt.com.

CORRECTION

In last week's social security article, two paragraphs that should have been deleted were not. The second-to-last two paragraphs should have read, "Claim twice. A dual-income retired couple may be able to claim spousal benefits, then later switch to payments based on their own work record. This could make sense if waiting until a later age would result in higher benefits."

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

Diehl joins IMG

Ashley Diehl has joined the staff of Insurance Management Group, Inc. an independent insurance agency located at 77th Street in Ocean City.

Diehl, who has experience in property and casualty insurance, started her insurance career in 2003. She joined Insurance Management Group in February as a personal lines insurance advisor.

Diehl and her husband, Brandon, live with their three children in Berlin.

Cain named manager

Long & Foster® Real Estate, Inc. an-

nounced this week that real estate veteran Suzanah Cain is the new manager of its Salisbury office.

Cain has nearly 15 years of experience in the real estate industry. Licensed in Maryland and Delaware, Cain most recently worked in Long & Foster's Ocean City office.

Cain is a member of the National Association of Realtors, Maryland Association of Realtors, Maryland Land Title Association, Coastal Association of Realtors, and Sussex County Association of Realtors. She is married to Stephen Cain, a realtor in Long & Foster's Ocean City office, and has three children. She is a graduate of the University of Richmond.



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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11

COASTAL HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES' SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Open to the public. RSVP: Lenora Berger, 410-726-6405.

OCEAN PINES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS — Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City. All chamber members and guests welcome. Food will be served and a cash bar with happy hour prices. Winning ticket for chamber's annual Ocean Pines Dues Raffle will be drawn. Info: Dennis Hudson, 410-390-8934.

ANNUAL ARBOR DAY MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON — Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at Pintail Park in Ocean Pines and commemorates Ocean Pines Garden Club friends and relatives who have passed away in the last year. Delmarva Chorus and bagpiper Pat Harmon will perform. Local dignitaries offer proclamations recognizing the event. Buffet luncheon at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Luncheon tickets: Sharon Puser, 410-208-3032.

STORY TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 2-5 years old, enjoy stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-208-4014.

OC AARP 1917 MEETING — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Speaker is Brian Garrett, executive director of the Delmarva Discovery Center in Pocomoke. His talk precedes a planned chapter trip to the center in June. Numerous travel opportunities also presented. All persons age 50 and older are welcome. Info: aarp1917.org or 410-352-5748.

WRITING WITH RUTH — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. Local writers share independent works (poems, essays, memoirs, prose, etc.) and receive encouraging feedback from fellow participants. All writers welcome. Info: 410-524-1818.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

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

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

'DEAR HORTENSE' PERFORMANCE — The Bistro Theater of the Ocean Pines Players will present an original comedy, "Dear Hortense,"

by Bob Davis at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive. Doors open at 7 p.m., curtain is at 8 p.m. Snacks before the show and dessert and coffee during intermission. Cost is \$25. Reservations required: Karen, 410-600-0462.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

COASTAL HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES' MEMORIAL SERVICE — Carousel Resort Hotel, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2 p.m. Open to the public. RSVP: Lenora Berger, 410-726-6405.

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Group will discuss "The Shadow of the Wind," by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. All are welcome. Info: 410-208-4014.

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

AUMC THRIFT SHOP GRAND REOPENING — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spend \$20 and receive a free beach tote. New bathing suits and sandals, summer clothing and accessories, condo and home décor, jewelry and more. Info: 410-289-4458.

FAMILY FUN BINGO — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6-8 p.m. No cash prizes. Food and drink welcome. Admission is free. Info: Ocean Pines Association, 410-641-7717 or www.oceanpines.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

MS WALK EVENT — Walk 5k (3.2 miles) along Ocean City's Boardwalk and help create a world free of MS. Register at 9 a.m. at the inlet lot. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Info: Katie Amos, 443-641-1209 or www.nmss-md.org.

4TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEAN UP — Meet at Ocean City Town Hall gazebo on Third Street for clean up assignment, gloves, bags and commemorative T-shirt. Preregister: sandis@md-coastalbays.org or 410-213-2297, Ext. 107.

'DEAR HORTENSE' PERFORMANCE — The Bistro Theater of the Ocean Pines Players will present an original comedy, "Dear Hortense," by Bob Davis at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive. Doors open at 7 p.m., curtain is at 8 p.m. Snacks before the

show and dessert and coffee during intermission. Cost is \$25. Reservations required: Karen, 410-600-0462.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN HOUSE — Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features handcrafted home decor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club. Refreshments and door prizes.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 9 a.m. to noon. All ages come and play the old family favorites. Info: 410-957-0878.

GREAT READS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Join the group for an informal discussion of recommended titles and authors. Info: 410-208-4014.

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

LINCOLN DAY DINNER — The Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound, 12723 St. Martin's Neck Road, Bishopville. Cocktails in the lounge start at 5:30 p.m., with cash bar and appetizers; program at 6:30 p.m.; and dinner at 7 p.m. Hear an update from local Republican elected officials. Cost is \$40. Advanced tickets only. Call Dr. Sharon Nelson, 410-632-5454 or e-mail snelson60@gmail.com by April 5.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE — Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

AUMC THRIFT SHOP GRAND REOPENING — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spend \$20 and receive a free beach tote. New bathing suits and sandals, summer clothing and accessories, condo and home décor, jewelry and more. Info: 410-289-4458.

SPRING INDOOR/OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. Refreshments available. Indoor spaces are \$15 and outdoor spaces are \$10 for Ocean Pines residents. Non-residents pay \$20 for indoor spaces and \$15 for outdoor. Registration for vendors: 410-641-7052 or info@oceanpines.org.

BLUE MASS — St. Luke Roman Catholic Church, 9903 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2 p.m. In memory of our fellow officers. Followed by a reception at Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company on 15th Street. RSVP: Patrice Pikulsky, the-momster5000@comcast.net or 302-436-8551.

5K MEMORIAL WALK/RUN — St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin. Registration begins at 7 a.m., walk is 8-10 a.m. Register early at a cost of \$10 or day of for \$15. Cost of children, 15 and younger is \$5. Wear a T-shirt or button representing your family members.

Info: Church, 410-641-0270; Bertha, 410-641-0713; or www.st-paulumc.com.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Cpl. Frost of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will discuss new regulations, boating channel changes and poaching. He will use Internet videos that show how to catch any kind of fish, what tackle to use, bait and lure selection, how to cast, how to fly cast, how to throw a cast net, how to clean fish. Also, a fishing flea market to buy or sell rods, reels, lures, etc. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

OCEAN CITY BRIDAL SHOW — Seacrets, 49th Street and the bay, 1-4 p.m. Meet local wedding vendors and enjoy music, entertainment and Bridal Fashion Show. Win prizes and gifts, including a free Caribbean cruise for two. Cost is \$10 at the door, \$7.50 online. Info: Sean Rox, 410-289-7699 or www.oceancitybridalshow.com.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, children 11 years and younger eat at half price. Info: 410-524-7994.

KIWANIS ITALIAN DINNER — DeNovo's Trattoria, 11310 Manklin Creek Road, Berlin, 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Seating is tables of four. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Cash bar. Carryouts available. Walk-ins welcome, space permitting. Tickets: Ralph Chinn, 410-208-6719.

'DEAR HORTENSE' PERFORMANCE — The Bistro Theater of the Ocean Pines Players will present an original comedy, "Dear Hortense," by Bob Davis at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive. Doors open at 2 p.m., curtain is at 3 p.m. Snacks before the show and dessert and coffee during intermission. Cost is \$25. Reservations required: Karen, 410-600-0462.

'ORPHANS AND FATHERLESS' SERVICE — The Worship Center, 10736 Ocean Gateway, Berlin, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Terri Edwards of Worcester County Social Services to speak to Congregation. Held in conjunction with Servefest 2013. Info: 410-641-3325.

THE ALLELUIAS SINGING HIS PRAISES — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 10 a.m. Sacred Choral Cantata "The Risen Christ." Info: 410-289-7430, www.thealleluias.org or Facebook: The Alleluias.

TAKE A KID MOUNTAIN BIKING DAY, OFF-ROAD BIKE RIDE — Lower Shore Family YMCA, 1900 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke. Dirt trails as well as a paved loop. Registration starts at noon, ride starts at 1 p.m. International Mountain Bicycling Association Trail Building Demo begins at 2 p.m. *Continued on Page 27*

CALENDAR

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Open to all level riders. Refreshments will be provided at 3 p.m. IMBA and Eastern Shore IMBA members bring cards or membership numbers, non-members \$5. Take helmet, water bottle and snacks, pot luck. Register in advance: 410-430-4992. Rain date: www.esimba.com. Facebook Eastern Shore IMBA.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

BEGINNERS AND BEYOND WATERCOLOR CLASS — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., April 15-17. Workshop will concentrate on using a tri-color wash depicting a sailboat on a lake or spring flowers. Cost is \$70 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$90 for non-members. A complete watercolor kit is available at a \$5 rental fee, for use during the class. Info: Barbara Schmid at 410-208-0219 or barbaradoyleschmid@yahoo.com.

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

COOKING WITH CHEF JIM WASHINGTON — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 2 p.m. Learn to prepare a seafood trio; a signature crab dip with a twist, a classic stuffed shrimp and an easy crab imperial sauce. Tips about different grades of crab meat and types and sizes of shrimp. Info: 410-632-3495.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. Non-invasive, inexpensive and painless ultrasound tests to help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular diseases or osteoporosis. Pre-registration is required by calling 1-888-653-6441.

EASTERN SHORE DINNER — Harrison’s Harbor Watch, Ocean City inlet, noon to 4:30 p.m. Tick-

ets cost \$15. Carryouts available. Benefits the Calvin B. Taylor Museum. Info: Ocean Pines Association, 410-641-7717 or www.oceanpines.org.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

YOGURT, CHEESE & ICE CREAM ... OH MY! — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. See how inexpensive and easy it is to make your own yogurt, ricotta, mozzarella cheese and ice cream. Info: 410-524-1818.

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

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING COURSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, April 16, 17 and 18, 6-9 p.m. The course meets the requirements of the Maryland Boating Safety Education Act for those born after July 1, 1972. Discussions includes basic boating information, local water navigation and piloting, knots, boat terms, trailering, maintenance and more. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 16 and younger. Register: 410-629-1016 or CGAUX1205@gmail.com.

DEM. WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MONTHLY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Berlin Mayor Gee Williams will discuss county history. Light lunch following provided by the club. Info: 410-641-6683.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

PLAY TIME — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, ages infant to 5 years old, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program. Info: 410-632-3495.

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

REFLEXOLOGY 101 — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Reflexology is a method of using the thumb and fingers to apply acupressure on reflex areas to break up energy blockages and bring comfort and relaxation to the human spirit. Info: 410-208-4014.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky’s Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted

food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

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

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

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

BINGO FUNDRAISER — Stephen Decatur Middle School, 9815 Seahawk Road, Berlin. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Food for purchase, Chinese auction, door prizes, special games and \$50 winner every game. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Benefits OC Lioness Club Community Outreach. Tickets: Ann, 410-208-6951 or Joan, 410-641-2174.

GEOCACHING WORKSHOP — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, April 17, 5-6:30 p.m. and April 20, 1-3 p.m. Free, two-day workshop teaches how to use GPS enabled devices to follow coordinates that lead to hidden caches. Info: Ocean Pines Association, 410-641-7717 or www.oceanpines.org.

OP BOAT CLUB GENERAL MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6:30 p.m. Wine tasting event followed by guest speaker Mike Lichniak, WBOC-TV’s weekend weatherman. Topics include TV meteorology, storm tacking and Mike’ forecast for Delmarva this year. Everyone welcome. Info: Bill Gallagher, 410-641-7924 or <http://opboatclub.org>.

RABIES CLINIC — Worcester County Animal Control, 6207 Timmons Road, just north of Snow Hill, 5:30-7 p.m. Vaccinations available for dogs, cats and ferrets. Cost is \$5 per pet for Worcester County residents and \$10 for non-residents. Proof of residency required. Info: Worcester County Health Department, 410-352-3234 or 410-641-0550.

SUICIDE GRIEVERS SUPPORT GROUP — Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jessespaddle.org.

RETIRED NURSES OF OP MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 3 p.m. Peggy Naleppa, CEO of PRMC and Nancy Creighton

will discuss the changes in Health care and what we can expect from the Obama Health Care Plan. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

TRADITIONAL HAND HOOKED RUG EXHIBIT Dunes Manor Hotel, 28th Street and Baltimore Avenue, noon to 7 p.m. Extensive exhibit features variety of rugs, wall hangings and pictures with Oriental to pictorial designs, hooked in the primitive or tapestry style. Free to the public. Info: Janice Russell, 410-289-4110 or www.marylandshores.blogspot.com.

COASTAL HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES’ LUNCH SOCIAL — Liquid Assets, 9301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1 p.m. Open to the public. RSVP: Lenora Berger, 410-726-6405.

PINE’EER CRAFT CLUB OPEN HOUSE — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:45 a.m. All residents of Ocean Pines and neighboring communities invited. Sample the refreshments and participate in the craft. After the business meeting, members will make stepping stones for the cost of \$5. Reserve kit: Nancy, 410-208-1979. Sharon Puser, club president, will give a tour of the club’s sponsored craft and gift shop.

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

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

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SNAPSHOTS



THE RANSOM OF MISS ELVERNA DOWER SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Worcester Prep students in grades 7 and 8 presented “The Ransom of Miss Elverna Dower” for students in grades 4 through 8, parents, relatives and friends. The fun drama was directed by English teachers Geneva Sampson and Susan Godwin. The cast included students from three states and four counties. The young actors, in front row from left, are Riley Mears, Maya ZiaShakeri, Sarah Savage, Julie Talbert, Nikhil Moondra, Cameron Langeler, Emilee Dorey and Olivia Parker, Ocean City; in second row, Sydney Boright, Sambina Anthony and Taylor Campbell; in third row, Sophia Principe, Josh Bredbenner, Regan Lingo, Padraig Loftus, Matt Wilson, Keegan Pando, Anchita Batra, Camryn Sofronski, Kathleen Emche, Caroline Savage, Eva Parks and Kendall Holmes; and in back row, Lauren Meoli, Deborah Marini, Sandra Karsli; Jay Poduval, Brenner Maull, Melissa Laws, Brad White, Jordan Welch, Josh Willey and Maddie Simons.



PANDO WINS FAIR HOUSING POSTER CONTEST SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
This month marks the 45th anniversary of the 1968 landmark Fair Housing Act in which U.S. law was established to prohibit discrimination in housing. The law forbids discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status and disability. Each year, state and local REALTOR® associations sponsor fair housing poster contests with local elementary schools. These contests generally include a specific theme for the year and incorporate the ideas of the 1968 Fair Housing Act. CAR’s Community Relations committee met earlier this year to choose three calendar drawing submissions from more than 300 entries submitted by elementary school students in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. Of the final three submitted to MAR, a drawing by Fiona Pando of Worcester Preparatory School was selected by MAR to be printed in the 2014 Fair Housing calendars. Later in April, Pando will travel to Baltimore to be recognized by Gov. Martin O’Malley.



VFW RECOGNIZES WORCESTER PREP JUNIOR SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsor a “Voice of Democracy” awards competition, during which students write an essay about democracy and record it, as in a radio broadcast. Worcester Prep Junior Jamie Welch of Ocean Pines, who is known for his digital radio broadcasts on the Cosmic Things Network, was selected as the winner of the local and district competition, and placed fourth in the state competition. For each level, Welch received a check from the VFW for his outstanding work. Pictured with Jamie Welch is VFW representative Deborah Shell.

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Across

1 Postal ID

6 Memphis belle?

10 Raspberry

14 Kind of form

18 Cobbler’s job

20 So that one might

22 Black shade

23 Stevedore, at times

24 College student’s place

25 Dial competitor

26 British soccer powerhouse

28 “Got it”

29 Fish with a long neck

31 Procrastinators’ enablers

34 Shark, maybe

35 Beat at a Nathan’s hot dog contest, say

36 Snake in “The Jungle Book”

39 Salad bar items

40 “Le ___ de Monte-Cristo”

42 Visa offering

47 Of ___ (servicing)

48 Mayo containers?

49 Turned

50 “China Beach” actress

Helgenberger

For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.

52 Novelist who had two spouses simultaneously

53 Abbr. on car sellers’ license plates

54 N. African land

55 “Decision Points” author

58 Repeats

61 Vague response to “When?”

62 Marsh of detective fiction

65 ___ City, Miss.

66 Gecko’s gripper

69 Turbulence

71 Local bird life

73 “Bye Bye Bye” band

75 Onetime sunblock agent

77 BB shooter

79 Galileo, for one

83 Electric ___

84 Mishandle something, say

85 One of the M’s of 3M: Abbr.

88 Electric car

89 Football misdirection

91 Hipster’s pad

92 Charioteer’s place

94 Apt anagram for 42-Across

96 Beat it

97 Name on a museum plaque

98 Memphis-to-Nashville dir.

99 Opera character who sings “Largo al factotum”

101 “The ___ Show” (best-selling album of 2002)

103 “Great” 1666 conflagration

109 Birthday suit enthusiast

112 Passage

113 Video store penalty

115 Medical suffix

116 Apt anagram for 24-Across

119 Designer Picasso, daughter of Pablo

120 Coastal niche

121 They’re on the left in Britain

122 “South Pacific” protagonist and namesakes

123 Former Israeli president Weizman

124 Dustup

125 Baffled

126 1978 Peace Prize recipient

12 To be in Paris?

13 Buckingham Palace resident

14 Alters to allow development, maybe

15 Scotland’s “Granite City”

16 English poet who co-founded the Pre-Raphaelites

17 Begins, as a journey

19 Scratch the surface of, maybe

21 Per ___

27 Galena and cerussite

30 Apt anagram for 55-Across

32 Egyptian sun deity

33 Reggae precursor

37 Georgia neighbor

38 Not much, as of paint

40 Fleetwood or Eldorado, informally

41 Checked out

43 Ask for change

44 “How can ___ sure?”

45 Hometown of TV’s McCloud

46 PC insert

49 Alternative to “com”

51 Banker’s concern

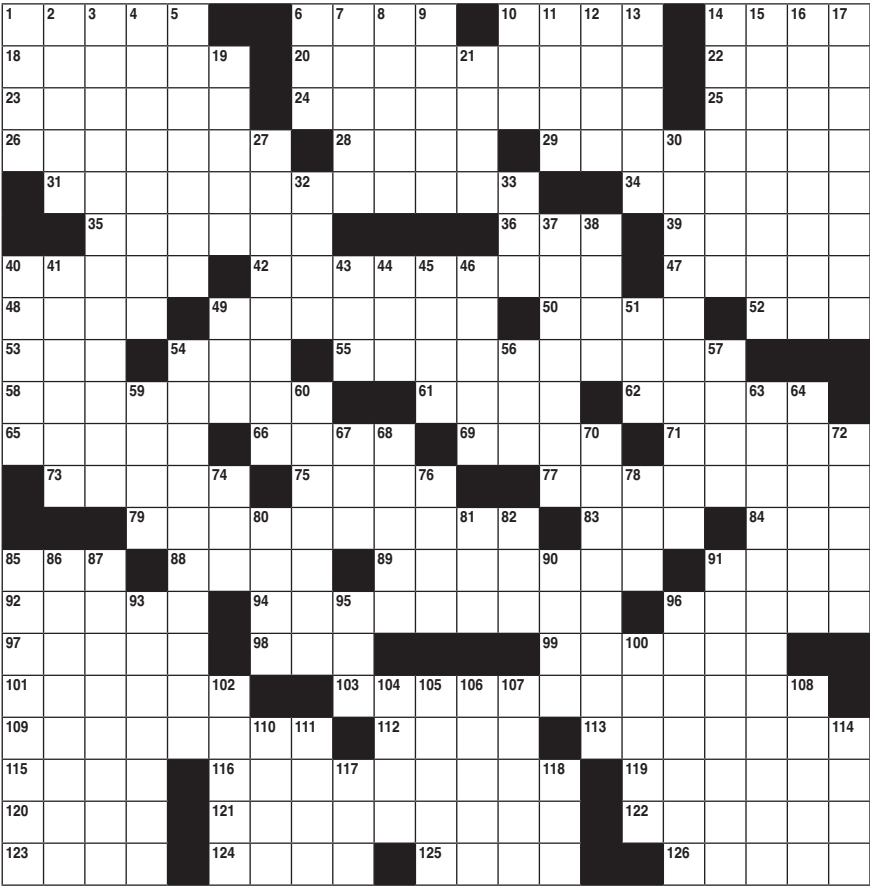
54 Apt anagram for 79-Across

56 Hot tar, e.g.

57 Mata ___

59 Good protein source

60 1984 title role for Emilio Estevez



63 Apt anagram for 103-Across

64 Offshore installation

67 Sun

68 Multiple-choice choices

70 Order during an M.R.I.

72 Croatian leader?

74 Municipal facility: Abbr.

76 U.S.A. part: Abbr.

78 Alternative to white

80 “Hurlyburly” writer David

81 Tomorrow’s is tonight

82 Like Mars

85 Was congenial

86 Completely

87 Like the word “curiae” in “amicus curiae”

90 Melodic phrase

91 Legendary queen of the Britons immortalized by Shakespeare

93 Teetotaler

95 Cool, in slang

96 Small chickens

100 Lose it

102 Heart

104 Short pastoral piece

105 Not built up

106 Prefix with car

107 Some Siouans

108 Where Hercules slew the lion

110 Minuteman’s location

111 Stepped

114 Big ___ (sports conference)

117 Moses Malone, on the 76ers

118 N.M. setting

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HARD – 16

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.

Answers to last week’s puzzles

9	2	6	4	3	7	1	5	8
7	4	3	5	1	8	2	9	6
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6	9	5	3	4	1	8	7	2
3	1	7	2	8	5	9	6	4
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Don't bake when you can brick a chicken

The father of Charles Carroll of Carrollton once wrote that "... if you do not think that you can go through it with applause, it is better let alone, for a dunce in a pulpit makes but a very awkward appearance."



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Despite the wisdom in this 18th century adage, it is in distinct contrast with what I learned years ago taking business classes. On the topics of motivation and character, we were told to imagine that everyone is standing in the audience at approximately the same height.

The rotting lemons are always being hurled by the naysayers who are standing on the stage. Oh, how they like to hear themselves talk and watch themselves act out.

Then, when you stick your head up to see what else is out there (it gets a bit droll staring at the back of someone's head) you are bound to be hit in the face with lemons. But truth be told, I do love lemonade, hence no need to worry about such things.

And so it is that I sit, week after week, pumping out senseless dribble while quoting some obscure passage from a random book that has passed through my hands and mind, wondering how many times I have myself been said dunce in pulpit. But that will have to wait.

I set down Charles Carroll of Carrollton; the Making of a Revolutionary Gentleman by Father Hanley, SJ as it has been requested that I fix supper. And that means that I am to face my toughest critics yet — my own children.

My pulpit is the kitchen; my sermon the food. and it's a tough parish.

Culinary weapon in hand, I carefully craft half-chickens (boneless but with skin on) and I brick roast them delicately yet with decisive fervor, yielding a crisp skin with juicy, tender meat beneath.



Topped with a fresh glaze reduced from some brown stock that I had in the freezer, I finish it off with some olives and seared lemons, the latter a trick I've shown you before.

Adding some roasted cauliflower and fresh-cut french fries (recipe for sweet fries below), the only thing left to do is to pour some water and iced tea.

As I watch the family eat, I can tell the parts of the dissertation that they find palatable and the ones unsavory. It's all in a day's work.

For now, I'm simply grateful that I'm not physically in a pulpit. I would loathe for any similarity to be drawn.

Brick Roasted Chicken

(serves up to 6)
1 whole chicken (2.5-3 pounds)
3 Tbsp. whole butter
2 Tbsp. EV Olive oil
salt and pepper to taste
3 sprigs fresh thyme
1 sprig fresh rosemary
2 whole lemons
1 cup dry white wine
1 cup Nicoise olives
2 cup quality brown stock

If you don't know how to break down a chicken, then I suggest you buy a few and watch some videos online. It is a great skill to have. Not only will you have the meat for dinner, but you will also have the bones for your next batch of stock.

Step 1: Starting from the breastbone, remove the meat from half of the carcass. If you are skilled enough to remove all bones while leaving the half-chicken intact, that is ideal. Otherwise, leave the leg bones in.

Step 2: Season the chicken with salt and pepper and set aside.

Step 3: Heat a frying pan large enough to accommodate the chicken halves and add the butter and olive oil.

Step 4: Bring to just below smoking, but definitely do not allow to smoke.

Step 5: Add the chicken, skin side down, to the pan. Place it down away from you so as to not splatter any hot grease.

Step 6: Place a piece of parchment on top and rest your foil-wrapped brick on top.

Step 7: Cook for approximately 6 minutes or until the skin is crispy but not burnt. Monitor your burner temper-

ature throughout.

Step 8: Turn the chicken over and repeat for 4 more minutes.

Step 9: Remove from pan and place in a baking pan. Finish in oven if needed. Otherwise, set aside and keep warm.

Step 10: In the pan, add the thyme and rosemary.

Step 11: Add lemons, cut side down, and sear for color.

Step 12: Deglaze with white wine and cook for 3 minutes.

Step 13: Add stock and olives and cook until sauce has taken on a syrupy consistency.

Step 14: Pour sauce and herbs, with lemon, on top of your chicken and serve.

Roasted Cauliflower

(serves 6)
1 head cauliflower
1/4 cup EV Olive Oil
salt and pepper to taste

Step 1: There is no need to reinvent the wheel here. Simply toss the ingredients (after cutting your cauliflower into florets) and roast at 425 degrees until cooked through and a little darker than golden.

Sweet Potato Fries

(serves 6)
3 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into fries
chicken stock (optional)
peanut oil for frying
salt, pepper and cinnamon blend

Step 1: Blanch the fries in chicken stock or in water if you prefer. The stock will simply add more flavor.

Step 2: Pull them out and cool before they get too soft. You want them fork tender.

Step 3: Heat the oil to 350 degrees and cook the fries until golden.

Step 4: Sprinkle with spice blend and serve.

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