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Members of the Country Grass, plus a few friends, provided street corner entertainment during last week's 2nd Friday Art Stroll in Berlin.

OPA assessment increase indefinite

A loss to the IRS could make \$4 annual hike a long term proposition

Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — Should the Ocean Pines Association fail in their latest attempt to reverse the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision, the membership may find what was meant to be a temporary increase in dues extended indefinitely.

This week the Board of Directors voted to use the funds that have been set

aside to pay down the Association's debt by means of a \$4 annual increase over five years to instead pay any fines handed down by the IRS. After the IRS amount

is paid, the five-year plan will be reinstated.

The five-year plan was designed to pay down a \$500,000 structural debt by setting an automatic increase of \$4 per year, eventually doing

away with the need to increase the Association membership fee to combat debt.

At the time is was passed some ex-

pressed skepticism over the plan, worrying that the board could not be trusted with a large amount of money set aside. Should the OPA lose the IRS case, the

"This obviously

increases [the five-

year plan] and it will

have to continue."

- Pete Gomsak

amount owed could be in the \$1 million range. During this week's meeting the board said that they still had no exact figure to share but expected to have one in time for the end of the fiscal year.

Should the OPA lose, the first million or so in income generated by the \$4 an-Continued on Page 4

Greens to be ready for spring

Replacement program should be completed well ahead of schedule

Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — The first phase of the greens replacement project at the Ocean Pines Golf Club will be completed within days and the affected holes ready for use before the Memorial Day Weekend deadline, according to General Manager Bob Thompson.

Thompson brought with him to the meeting a piece of wood as an example of the type of debris, which also included discarded drainage pipes, that had been found during the replacement project.

Thompson showed slides of the replacement project process culminating with photos of completed greens.

"Everything has worked out ahead of schedule," Thompson said. "I think this is going to make a significant difference, as we expected."

The project may have been finished even sooner, but the opportunity to add Hole #7 to the nine-hole project presented itself this week and the Board, via e-mail vote, agreed to approve the additional \$32,500 to get it done. The estimated savings associated with including it, according to Thompson, was \$50,000.

As part of the continued improvement of the Golf Course, Thompson Continued on Page 5

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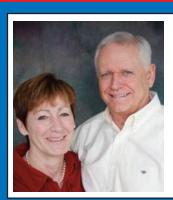
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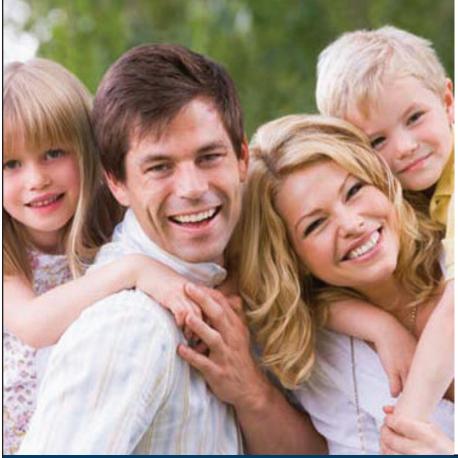
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OPA to offer daily passes to the public

Move aimed at easing Association's tax liability

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nual increase will go to pay down the IRS debt. After that debt is cleared, the increases will continue until the \$500,000 mark is reached.

Although the board renewed their commitment to continue the case, it is possible that the renewed appeal might never be heard.

Whatever the case, the Board decided that it would be best to book the loss in the fiscal 2012 financial statement and make adjustments as necessary should they prevail.

They also took a step toward deflecting tax liability in the future by passing a measure that would allow single day passes to be sold for the Beach Club parking lot. Under the program, members and non-members alike may purchase a \$30 one-day pass.

The restrictions are that the pass must be purchased two-days before the date of its intended use at the Ocean Pines Administrative Building. The pass comes with single-day access to the Beach Club bathrooms and there will be no rain checks offered.

The directors reasoned that as long as it was technically possible to purchase a pass, the OPA would again have tax-exempt status for Beach Club parking revenues. The proposal was vetted by OPA legal council.

The passes will be bar-coded with the correct date and one-day passes will end at 5 p.m., just as the annual passes do.

The Board discussed making a different rate for members — \$20 per day and non-members but General Manager Bob Thompson suggested that this might encourage members to stop purchasing Beach Parking passes and opt for a payas-you-go approach. The Board agreed and amended the motion.

Part of the decision against the OPA in the IRS suit was that since the passes were not available to the general public the revenue did not serve the general good. In other Board business, Thompson explained, in response to questions on the matter, why the current liquor license was best left as is.

The OPA has a Class "C" license which allows them to sell alcohol in an area zoned R-3 residential. Although, according to a slide provided by Thompson "Zoning prohibits a public restaurant being located at the property" since the OPA has a club on the premises they are allowed to serve food to members.

There have been calls to attempt a change in the past, but it would, Thompson said, require getting the Town of Ocean City to rezone the property; a prospect he considered difficult and time-consuming at best. As it stands the liquor license will be left as is.

Thompson to focus on **Lifetime Memberships**

Tee markers will all be replaced by summer as part of course rehab

Continued from Page 1 also suggested the board vote to replace all of the tee markers.

The idea came when one of the tee markers rotted out of the ground and collapsed, requiring replacement. The plan called for it to be replaced with the kind of tee marker that appears on Holes 1-6. Upon investigation Thompson said he priced those types of markers at \$2,900 apiece and felt the expense to continue replacing the markers at that price was untenable.

"These are beautiful markers," Thompson said of the newer models on the front nine. But he added he couldn't justify the cost to furnish the remaining 13 holes with them.

Instead he investigated an aluminum alternative, similar to those in place at GlenRiddle, and suggested that in stead of spending the \$30,000 it would cost to bring them all into line, the Board approve a measure allowing \$20,000 to be spent on 19 new ones.

The markers will still have trash receptacles and ball washers but be lower maintenance and have less upfront costs. The markers they currently have will be repurposed at the driving range as well as at "strategic locations" around the course.

With the money invested in the course, and the greens completed as promised, Thompson and the board will now return aggressively to selling the

Lifetime Memberships designed to defray the cost of the work.

For between \$12,500-\$25,000 a limited number of golfers can join the Ocean Pines Golf Club for life as part of a plan to help fund the greens replacement.

Although golf membership costs have generally held the line over the past few years, age, the economy and the course condition has dwindled the memberships ranks. Moreover, Thompson was concerned that a significant annual membership increase might cost the Association even more members.

His solution was to propose offering lifetime memberships and using the revenue they generated to help fund the first and most necessary part of the golf course renovation — replacing the greens at the cost of about \$900,000.

Initially the plan was to offer 40 memberships at \$25,000 per and raising the entire amount from membership sales. Further research and Board of Directors input altered the plan and last month Thompson presented the new deal. In an effort to fund \$595,000 of the \$900,000 needed, the OPA would offer 33 memberships at a stair step, age-based rate.

The contracts outline the lifetime membership rights — participants packages include greens fees, cart rental, player improvement program, a locker, and are non-transferable — as well as a commitment that the money will be used to rebuild 18 greens. One of the provisions is that if a future board decides not to finish the plan, which is an always-looming possibility in the OPA, members can get their money back, less the number of years they've already participated.

Company seeks to raise OT awareness in April

SALISBURY "Occupational therapists focus on 'doing' whatever activities are meaningful to the individual," said Therese Ganster, branch director, Peninsula Home Care. "The purpose of OT is to help people get beyond problems to the solutions that assure healthy, more independent living.

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OPA and **MCBP** to give members recycling tips

Waste Management to partner for a special presentation next week

OCEAN PINES — Join the MCBP Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Ocean Pines Association, Inc, and learn about the new Ocean Pines recycling program and the impact trash has on our waterways and on our marine mammals 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

A representative from Waste Management will give a brief presentation on the Ocean Pines single-stream curbside recycling and will answer any questions or concerns residents may have regarding the new program.

MCBP Development and Marketing Coordinator Sandi Smith will be on hand to discuss the impact of trash in our waterways and then Chuck Erbe from the National Aquarium's Marine Animal Rescue Program (MARP) will cover actual incidences in our area of marine mammal strandings due to trash in our waterways.

Waste Management is the company handling the new Ocean Pines curb side recycling program.

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The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297 ext 107 or Teresa Travatello at TTravatello@oceanpines.org or 410-641-7717 ext 3006.

Burn ban placed on the entire County for 'indefinite' period

BERLIN — Effective immediately, Worcester County Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon issued a burn ban on outdoor burning for an indefinite period of time in Worcester County. All current burn permits have been rescinded until further notice.

The ban applies to all outdoor ignition sources, with the following exceptions: proper use of gas and charcoal grills, campfires at the County's commercial, State and Federal campgrounds; permitted official Ocean City bonfires; private property recreational campfires that are limited to a fire area of 2 feet

with a height of 3 feet; public fireworks displays and official volunteer fire company training exercises.

"Due to the County's recent drought conditions and the forecast for a continued drought the Burn Ban is effective immediately," McMahon said. "This ban should reduce the number of out-of-control outside fires, which cause safety concerns for area residents, visitors and especially responding personnel."

The ban will remain in effect until the dry conditions dissipate. For further information, contact Fire Marshal McMahon at 410-632-5666.



Yacht Club bids are out, public opening is slated

Thompson says a new Food and Beverage manager to be named

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — OPA General Manager Bob Thompson told the Board of Directors this week that 30 perspective contractors attended the March 28 Yacht Club bid meeting. This week, he said, several have asked to be allowed to send sub-contractors out to take a look at the property in the interest of making their bids as accurate as possible.

Bids were solicited, with specs, for both the complete rehabilitation of the Yacht Club and its replacement, as the contracts saw fit to suggest.

This aspect of the bidding process, weighed against requests that the bid opening be public, prompted the Board to split the difference, saying that the openings would be public and the bidding companies along with whether the company proposed a rehab or rebuild would be announced at the public

opening, the project costs would remain confidential.

The reason, according to Thompson, is that the bids can not be properly reviewed during a public meeting. The management and

board, he said, would be unable to be sure that each of the bids met each of the specifications and as a result, the wrong number of kind of work could be announced in error.

By reviewing the bids privately and making sure "we're comparing apples

to apples" Thompson said, when the numbers are made public their justification would be as well.

The bids are due 4 p.m. Friday May 18 and the public opening will take place between 4:30-5 p.m.

With the likelihood that the beginning of the approval process will coincide with the beginning of the summer season, Thompson also told the Board of Directors that he was very close to naming the new Director of Food and Beverage.

After the position was posted, 40 applicants responded and Thompson recruited three people to help him sift though the applications. The process he used was to have each produce a list of their top 15 preferences based on the resumes alone. When the four lists were compiles, the top seven were identical for all those vetting the resumes.

After interviewing the top seven, Thompson and his advisors have narrowed the list to two finalists.

"We're down to two extremely good candidates," Thompson said.

Since the summer events and entertainment are already booked — a necessity as it requires contracts —

"We're down to two

extremely good

candidates.."

Bob Thompson

Thompson said that the primary responsibility for whomever they choose will be to keep food and labor costs in line and work closely with Thompson in developing a de-

tailed business plan for the new or refurbished Yacht Club.

Thompson said that one of the applicants was relatively local and the other was from farther away. He said the decision should be finalized in the coming weeks.





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Pines Parks and Rec to consider reflooring

"Any room that's going

to be used as a food

surface area shouldn't

have carpet."

- Bill Wentworth

Use study to be done for playgrounds slated for mulch replacement

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — Roy Foreman of the Ocean Pines Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee presented an update on that body's goings

on to the Ocean Pines Board of Directors this week.

Foreman told the directors that the committee was considering changing the flooring in the Assateague Room of the community center from carpet to a

more cleaning-friendly substance. He said that hard-surface flooring would likely be preferable since the room is so often used for food service. The carpet in the room as already been replaced once and the current one shows stains but not much other signs of wear.

"Any room that's going to be used as a food surface area shouldn't have carpet," said Boardmember Bill Wentworth in response to the suggestion.

Forman told the Directors that the Committee would narrow the choices and make a presentation to the Board as the time to make a decision neared.

He also told them that the Committee was considering the possibility of changing the mulch at the various playgrounds around Ocean Pines. After a recent presentation from a playground development expert, the Committee began looking into

the safety aspects of the wooden mulch and will consider changing to another form — possible composite or rubber — as the mulch at the various parks requires replacement.

Before beginning the process, he

said, the Committee will get a better idea of how and how much each playground is used to it can present a need study that takes both deterioration and use into consideration

There are new guidelines for child safety that will come into play should the decision be made to switch mulch. In fact, any replacement at this time would come under newer safety guidelines. Beginning of the end

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Experienced artists and newcomers at Art Stroll



Dover miniaturist Monica Graham had her first show at j.j. Fish last weekend after having attended many as a patron of the arts.

April 2nd Friday event draws artists from all around the Peninsula

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — There were no shortage of openings at last week's 2nd Friday Art Stroll and among them were relative newcomers to the scene as well as places that have been participating regularly for

j.j. Fish this week featured miniaturist Monica Graham. Miniaturist is kind of an odd description but Graham was pressed for a better one. She joked that the usual description "miniature basket maker" wasn't appropriate because it made it sound as if she was small, but miniaturist isn't terribly descriptive. Simply put, Graham weaves very, very small baskets.

The baskets are collectable both as art in themselves and as pieces of interest for a larger culture of people who furnish dollhouses with handmade items alone.

Although she wears glasses, Ghaham doesn't use them when she weaved. In fact, all the intricate work she does on the various baskets is mostly by hand. If it gets particularly tricky or the medium is not cooperating she may elect to use tweezers but that is the exception rather than the rule. While some of Graham's baskets are constructed from the weaving material —

she uses various kinds — others are weaved over small objects. She will sometimes take an acorn cap as the basket's bottom and around that to create a lavered effect reminiscent of a hanging bas-

Graham has been slated to be j.j. Fish's featured artist before but this was the first time scheduling allowed it.

In addition to Graham's work the work of several other miniaturists — including owner Judy Fisher — is on display at j.j.

Around the corner and down the block, Eric Swick of the Waystead Inn chatted over hors d'oeuvres with fellow Berlin residents Paige Warrington and John Paugel at Johns Cigars. The three were in attendance for the shop's second month participating in the Arts Stroll.

Ocean Pines resident Crystal Collins and Ocean City resident Tiffany Curtis were the featured artists. Mounted on an "A" frame easel, displaying each of their acrylic on board works on a side, the shop's back room room was dominated by

Although Collins showed last month at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club as part of the exhibition given in conjunction with a play put on there last month, both are relatively new to showing their art publicly.

So far they've been happy with the response they've received and look forward to continuing showing in Town.



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The art, magic, and science of blown glass

Jeffrey Auxer Designs prepares to grow as steadily as the Town

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — When Jeffrey Auxer started offering Saturday glassblowing classes it was primarily to get people introduced to the art. It started with making Christmas ornaments but quickly grew to include flowers and paper weights and solidly-booked Saturdays. There is something so primitive in the feeling one has molding molten glass into an object and seeing it solidify before one's eyes.

Watching white-hot sand transform into pure art is experience no amount of scientific understanding or practical or even spiritual knowledge can quite get at. It's an experience that people not only begin to crave but are also bound to want to share and Auxer said it is not uncommon for people to bring friends back or to return time and again until they've completed all of the available projects.

But working the glass is only a small part of the attraction of Jeffrey Auxer Designs on Jefferson Street. Auxer said that he regularly schedules demonstrations for groups, at no charge, who come in to watch the process unfold as he explains how the are comes together.

The combination of those two aspects alone would be enough to secure Jeffrey Auxer Designs as one of the premiere interactive galleries in the region. But Auxer splits his time between teaching and demonstrating his art and making it. Some of his work is inspired by the work of Dale Chihuly, arguably the world's most famous glass artist. There are several chandeliers on display reminiscent of that artists large

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTI

Over the course of three years, local glass artist Jeffrey Auxer has expanded his shop one piece at a time and given locals a visitors alike access to the world of blown glass.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Remember not to overlook health savings accounts

One savings vehicle that's often overlooked is a Health Savings Account (HSA). Individuals can open one, or a business can

offer this to its employees.



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By Chip Gordy MBA, CRPC

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Money put in the plan grows tax free and the funds withdrawn for qualified medical expenses are tax free as well. An HAS differs from the older Flexible Savings

HAS differs from the older Flexible Savings Accounts offered in employer plans because you don't have to spend the money put into the account by year end or otherwise lose whatever is left over. Because funds in the account can potentially grow tax-deferred until withdrawn, this allows

for possible growth and accumulation that can be withdrawn tax free at age 65.

If part of an employer plan, the money put into the plan is before taxes, including Social Security. Otherwise it usually is an above-the-line deduction, meaning you don't have to itemize your deductions to get the tax break and the deduction isn't subject to the phase-out rules that make many itemized deductions unavailable to high wage earners.

In order to qualify for a Health Savings Account, the individual or family must purchase a high deductible health insurance policy. These are special policies that have a minimum deductible of \$1200 for an individual and \$2400 for a family (remember: the higher the deductible, typically the lower the premium).

Also, except for certain preventive services, the deductible must be paid first, and account owners can use the tax-free money from the savings account for eligible expenses. The annual out-of-pocket ex-

penses (deductibles, co-payments, and other amounts, but not premiums) must not exceed \$6,050 for individual coverage or \$12,100 for family coverage.

Individuals can contribute up to \$3100 and for married couples or families the maximum contribution is \$6250. If the account owner is over 55, there's a "catch up" provision that allows an additional contribution of \$1000 more.

The money in the Health Savings Account can't be used to pay the premiums for this policy except in certain circumstances (usually unemployment). It's meant to meet the deductible on the policy, co-pays, drug costs, eyeglasses or any other medical expenses that could be itemized on an individual tax return as a medical expense.

Money used to pay qualified medical costs is withdrawn tax free. Money withdrawn in excess of qualified medical expenses is taxed as income and subject to a 20% penalty, unless the owner is disabled

or over 65. Any money in the account at death is usually added to the taxable estate.

There are no income limits on Health Savings Accounts. If started early, when you are still young and healthy, a substantial amount of money could potentially accumulate to either meet higher medical costs as you get older or to use to supplement your income in retirement.

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Local artist gives tours and classes

Functional and fine art are all part of the day's work in Berlin studio

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public works. But Auxer also produces functional art. Lamp stands, sinks, fixtures and even golf clubs are regular parts of his production work. Additionally, Auxer produces fine art pieces, including the very popular hanging platters that decorate businesses, restaurants and homes throughout the region.

When he opened his studio nearly three years ago, he had a fair idea of what he wanted to do, but could never have conceived how prolific he would be over the course of a handful of months. But, especially recently, commissions have lead to more commissions and Auxer is easily the most recognizable name in glasswork in the area and word is quickly spreading.

Auxer will fly to Chicago to do an instillation in someone's home next month, such is the quality of his work. He said that recently the Director of Design for insurance giant Kaiser Permanente called to let him know she's selected a number of his hanging platters for one of their corporate offices.

"She just picked them up while she was here," he said. "I didn't even know, but now they're in a highly visible space, which is pretty cool."

As word about his work continues to spread, Auxer gets commissions and attracts customers from up and down the shore as well as from the Baltimore-D.C. area. He was also recently commissioned to provide centerpiece bowls for the annual PRMC Gala, but one of his proudest commissions is even a local one.

When Galaxy 66 opens its Skye Bar later this month it will feature pendant lamps Auxer created. He said he is very excited to see his work become part of the cityscape on Coastal Highway.

Making pendant lamps and chandeliers has been a significant part of his business for some time, which was something he never expected.

In his view, as people look to make changes to their homes without a total renovation, one of the easiest ways to transform a room is replacing the lights. Choosing blown glass over pre-fab fixtures changed the feel of a room significantly and is still priced within reason.

As his work continues to be recognized, it is likely that he will be able to play an even bigger part in the local art

Anyone who is interested in seeing Auxer's work or registering for one of his classes can do so by visiting www.jeffreyauxer.com.

Brown Box Theatre Project brings the hate to O.C.

"A Feeble Mind" looks at the collision of fact and absolute belief

Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY — The Brown Box Theatre Project has never been afraid to rely on local audience support for new and sometimes challenging topics and they continue to push the dramatic envelope with their newest production "A Feeble Mind" opening at the Captain's Table restaurant next weekend.

On the surface, the play is about a 1950's-era eugenics proponent, Paul Grant as he struggles to come to grips with the challenges his domestic life poses to his idealism.

Although the play is a work of fiction, the character is based on real-life eugenics proponent Paul Pompano who wrote extensively in popular magazines about how "undesirable" traits, including race and poverty, could be removed from the human population by selective breeding and sterilization.

But the deeper question the play explores is how a person — and in this case a family — can be affected when pure, true and absolute belief in a thing is confronted with facts that completely explode their notions.

Playing Paul was a double challenge

for Berlin resident and Artistic Director of the Brown Box Theatre Project Kyler

'Paul is fighting for what he believes in," he said. "It's just so terrible, horrible mis-informed."

Getting his head around someone who was, rather than just a polemicist, a true believer in a pseudo-science just as the evidence against it began to really pour down around him — the eugenics movement was beginning its deaththroes in the 1950s — is the kind of challenge an actor wants.

On the other side of things, Taustin was in the hands of first time director Rebecca Bradshaw. He'd directed Bradshaw when she was a freshman and he a senior at Emerson. In the intervening years Taustin has been a hands-on artistic director and director but it has been some time since his only responsibility for a production was to act in it.

"It's actually refreshing," he said. "This is her vision and I'm just a part of it."

Although Bradshaw has never directed a full production, in the three weeks since the show opened in Boston, it has been well received each night. Bringing it to Ocean City is what was actually the challenge.

The Brown Box Theatre Project has staged two dramatic performances at the Globe — A Belly Full of Stones" and "Two Rooms" but because of the scope of the play they sought a larger venue,



Kyler Taustin during a recent Boston performance of "A Feeble Mind". The Brown Box Theatre Project finishes their run of the show next week at Captain's Table in Ocean City.

which brought them into Ocean City.

'This gives us the opportunity to expand our run," Taustin said. "And I get to come home too, so that's nice."

Taustin said that the company, which also put on "Twelfth Night" on the beach and in Worcester County Schools las

summer, expects to return with "Romeo and Juliet" for the 2012 summer season.

"A Feeble Mind" opens 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26 at the Captain's Table with shows 6 pm. Friday, and Saturday as well. For tickets visit www.brownpapertick-

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The event kicks off with the Joe Baione Quartet, followed by Mike Flaherty's Dixieland Direct Jazz Band. Eastern shore native Chris English will take the stage at 2:30 p.m. followed by Tom Larsen. At 5 p.m. Project Natale per-

The headliner this year is the Daryl Davis Band with special guest Margot

They will take the stage at 6 p.m. The Jazz & Blues Bash is free. Limited seating will be provided; lawn chairs are recommended. Detailed event schedule and band information is available on www.BerlinChamber.org. For more information please call (410) 641-4775.

Art and Music

SNOW HILL — April 20-22 is the "unofficial" Arts Weekend in Snow Hill. Paint Snow Hill, with a record 70 artists registered kicks off Friday, April 20 as a three-day plein air event. The 5th Annual Snow Hill Blues Jam will open the doors at 6:30 p.m. Friday for a night of

From 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 22 the Paint Snow Hill "Wet Paint Show & Sale" will close this weekend of art and music. Blues Jam and the Wet Paint Show & Sale will take place at the Firehouse Arts Center (formerly known as the "old firehouse") on Green Street.

Coastal Hospice

BERLIN — Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care is looking for volunteers. There are many opportunities for volunteering including: providing comfort and companionship to patients and families, delivering supplies, thrift shop merchandising and office support.

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Additional training is required for those interested in providing comfort and companionship to patients. Volunteers need only a heart for hospice and a desire to make a difference in the community. To learn more about volunteer opportunities with Coastal Hospice or to reserve your space in the course, please contact Judy Hunt-Harris 410-543-2590

Tips on tots

NEWARK — The Judy Center at Snow Hill Elementary School and Worcester County Public Schools are sponsoring "Tips on Tots", a baby shower for parenting power 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 21 at the Worcester Technical High School.

Many challenges face new parents; this event will help to provide some instructions and support for new families. Admission is free and open to all families with children birth to age three.

Because activities will be targeting infants and toddlers, child care will be provided for children ages four to nine.

There will be many organizations present to provide information and assistance, and door prizes will be awarded. Contact the Judy Center @ 410-632-5224/5 for additional informa-

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Artist Rina Thaler makes a statement with 'Israel'

Foray into politics can be uncomfortable but is sometimes necessary

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — There was so much to explain, and so many qualifications to the explanations that Rina Thaler moved into stream of consciousness mode discussing her newest show "Israel - Life in the Holy Land", which opened at the Globe during 2nd Friday Art Stroll and will remain open throughout the month.

She'd recently returned from a trip to Israel and found that the experience was almost too big for art.

The few photos from which she intended to work were likewise too small so she hit upon a middle ground, combining realism with impressionism for a striking show about a varied and complex region.

Moreover, Thaler hasn't worked much with political themes, restricting herself to tamer topics for her shows. The decision to bring a hot-button topic to the fore in her first big Berlin opening weighed on her a bit. In the end, it was an opportunity as well as a chance that she wanted to take.

"I wanted to make a statement," she said. "Israel is so complex a place, but it's about the size of New Jersey."

She told a story about watching the soldier-youth take a time out to dance to a violin player's music before abruptly stopping and resuming their patrol. Thaler caught the juxtaposition of two 18-year-old girls with automatic machine guns walking along one of the oldest lanes in one of the planet's oldest

The modern, ancient, religious and secular all intermingle in the country; sometimes with more success, sometimes with less.

But it was the difficulty in communicating this that gave Thaler difficulty when she was trying to work just from

As she struggled with her representations, she hit upon what would become the subplot for both her work and the show. A four-step approach that allowed her to take license where neces-

As she explained it, there were the photos from which she worked, the impressions the photos conveyed, the feelings she had toward the subject and the statement she was trying to make with her show.

For example, she performed a little mental Photoshop in representing a valley view of a part of Old Jerusalem.

The buildings that surround the hills overlooking the Montefiore Windmill didn't have the apparently-carved win-

"Israel is so complex a

place, but it's about the

size of New Jersey"

- Rina Thaler

dows that are such a significant part of the area's architecture, but are as much a part of the scenery as the stories windmill itself. Getting the feeling and the impression just right meant being willing to do away

with the inconsistencies in the photo.

Thaler worked mostly in watercolor, which served to heighten her impressionistic approach to the material. In another view of the hills, that impressionism became allegorical. As she neared the completion of that work the hills and houses formed what appeared to her to be a silhouette of Moses holding the Ten Commandments and looking over the city.

Thaler elected to tease it out, making the lines more defined but leaving it as a subtle piece of the work that isn't readily apparent.

The most overtly political aspect of the work is among the first a visitor to the Globe will see as they go up to the gallery. It's an acrylic of the American and Israeli flags flying together. Upon her return from Israel Thaler was invited by a friend to attend the AIPAC convention.

AIPAC is the major pro-Israel Pac in the country and during its convention speakers included President Barack



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Rina Thaler's most recent art show Israel - Life in the Holy Land at the Globe in Berlin runs through April 30.

Obama and most of the then-Republican contenders. Mitt Romney, who was campaigning in the mid-West during the Super Tuesday event, spoke via video-conference.

What struck Thaler, though, and prompted both the two-flags painting as well as the overtly political statement of the rest of the show, was how clearly important Israel was as an ally. As an American tourist in the region, she had a deeper appreciation than ever of the different ways America is viewed by Israel's neighbors. Seeing how important the relationship was to those in her own country's political leadership just made the point more salient and, therefore, more important to tell.



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A 'wine time' with the AGH Junior Auxiliary Group

Annual fundraiser is another way volunteers help hospital retention

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — When the Atlantic General Hospital Junior Auxiliary was inaugurated more than a decade ago, it's primary function was as a social networking group. But as they begin to prepare for their 3rd annual Wine Tasting fundraiser, the group also marks a fundamental addition to the community it aims to serve.

The Junior Auxiliary was formed as a way to ease the integration of new AGH medical staff into the community. As many people who moved from a metropolitan area to Worcester County in the 1990s may recall, there could be a significant culture shock.

Vice-President of Marketing for AGH Toni Keiser pointed out that most residencies take place in city hospitals and after years of living in a city, the forced acclamation can be hard on some people.

"When it started the Junior Auxiliary was mostly physician's spouses trying to find out where there were good services," she said. "Where can I find a good vet?' "Where is a good dry cleaner?"

The Junior Auxiliary acted primarily as the welcoming committee for new employees. the families would have outings and other events aimed primarily at community building among the new staff. Keiser said it increased physician retention dramatically by reducing the relocation stress on families and helping them to make a new home in Worcester County.

Before too long, however, they discovered that their treasury was starting to build up significantly, which is when they came to the administration to see how

they could best put this to use. The solution was to become part of the solution to retention difficulties in other aspects of the hospital.

James G. and Nancy W. Barrett Scholarship Program is aimed at doing just that. The program pays the tuition, books and health insurance for recipients as they get their nursing or radiology degrees.

Keiser said it was a great way for worthy students to earn their degrees and find work all at the same time. She added that, for example, single mothers who enter the program can do so without worrying about losing their insurance coverage or having a job while they complete their degree. Those who enter the program do so so with the understanding that they have to work a minimum number of hours while they're in school and after school they will work at AGH for a predetermined time.

The benefits to the hospital are nearly as great as the benefits to the students. Once a recipient graduates, they've already been working at AGH for a few years. They are acclimated and the hospital doesn't have to spend the money or resources that are usually required when bringing a new person on staff.

Moreover, the working atmosphere at the hospital is such that the retention rate for those who have completed the program in nearly perfect.

"After they complete their commitment they're free to change jobs," Keiser said. "But in reality, most of them stay on after that."

Helping to fund the program became one of the Junior Auxiliary's primary

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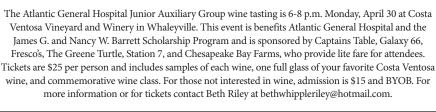
Event organizer Beth Riley, Costa Ventosa owner Kathryn Danko-Lord and Ellen Barrett-Abbott at last year's wine tasting.

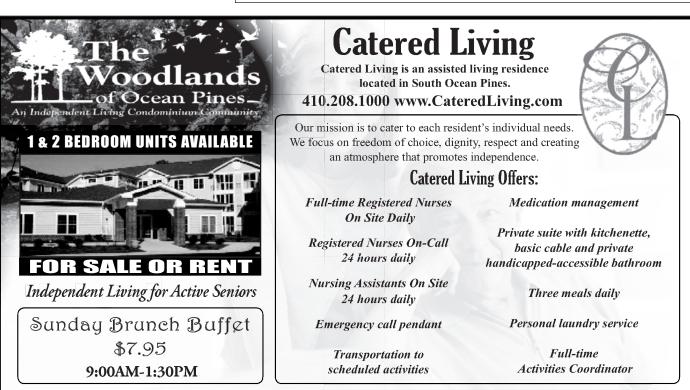
charities. Although their biggest fundraiser is likely the annual Jolly Roger Amusement Park day, they hold events throughout the year. The one they have scheduled for next week is a way that they get to do the best of what they're good at.

Last year's wine tasting at Costa Ventosa in Whaleyville was a complete success. It was the second year of the event but the first time they tried having it at a winery as opposed to a restaurant. Beth Riley, who has coordinated the event since its inception, said that it is one of the group's most relaxing, enjoyable fundraisers.

"Tickets are limited and the event sells out each year but there are still a few left," she said. "We like to make sure people can be comfortable and really enjoy themselves."

One of the biggest benefits of joining the Junior Auxiliary as opposed to the AGH Auxiliary is that one can contribute both to the hospital and to a larger group without having to maintain a set number of volunteer hours at the hospital. This makes it a great fit for mothers — who make up a large part of the group — in that they can schedule their time volunteering and not become overwhelmed by the commitment.





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Seahawks dominant over Easton in field hockey



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Elizabeth Anderson of the Stephen Decatur Varsity Girls' Lacrosse team faces off against an Easton Warrior during Monday's match. Decatur emerged victorious 13-9.

Fowler nets winning margin four as the Lady Seahawks earn a win

By Casey Knerr Staff Writer

BERLIN — The members of the Stephen Decatur Varsity Girls' Lacrosse team anxiously awaited their afternoon match, Monday against the Easton Warriors. A "tough team," according to Seahawk coach Bob Musitano, the Warriors' talent had established for them an impressive reputation. However, after an exciting and often tense game, Berlin's own Lady Seahawks were able to snatch victory with a score of 13-9.

The match began with an early Decatur advantage, inspiring confidence among the players. Seahawk Annie Brown scored a goal in less than a minute and was rapidly followed by her teammate Kayla Terlizzi. Not wishing to be outdone, the Lady Warriors soon earned two points of their own. The Seahawks countered with a third goal,

reestablishing their lead.

Easton threatened Decatur with another attempt at goal, but after a team member dropped the ball Seahawk Erin Florek scooped it up and passed to Layla Fowler. Fowler immediately scored, and soon after Decatur's lead had climbed to 8-2.

The Warriors were able to score a third goal, but their excitement was short lived: Seahawk Brianna Carroll quickly reclaimed the ball and instigated a series of passes that ended in a Decatur goal. Cheering came from the benches after this impressive use of strategy; after all, as Musitano said, "You can throw the ball a lot faster than you can run it."

Of course, Easton was far from defeated. The players made two goals in rapid succession and blocked Terlizzi's attempt to score before the end of the first half.

Such success seemed to give the Warriors new energy: only minutes after the second half began, the score had risen to a frightening 9-7. A long stalemate followed with a number of failed attempts

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Warriors threaten at the end but Decatur prevails



CASEY KNERR/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur Seahawk Erin Florek passes the ball during Monday's Varsity Girls' Lacrosse game against the Easton Warriors.

Musitano: 'We've got our work cut out for us' versus Kent County

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at goal by both teams. However, according to Musitano, the Seahawks renewed their determination once "they realized 'this is in our grasp." Two points, one by Ashley Trice and another by Jamie Parker, were earned in quick succession.

Easton, however, responded in kind: the score rose to 11-9. Another Warrior shot was blocked by Seahawk goalie Kaitlin Hardt, however. Hardt's teammate Ali McLoota began to pass the ball up the field, where Eileen Hayman scored after a Warrior foul. Only a few minutes later Hayman earned the last

point of the game, cementing Decatur's victory.

This season has had its ups and downs for the Lady Seahawks, who left the field with a record of 5-3, but Musitano hopes that this decisive win against the talented Easton Warriors will inspire new confidence in the team.

Although the group is small, skill is spread fairly evenly: of the 16 players, eight were able to score against Easton. One standout is Fowler, a sophomore who earned four of Decatur's 13 points.

The Lady Seahawks retired on Monday with high hopes for their upcoming match against Kent County. "We've got our work cut out for us," said Musitano. Whatever the result, it is clear to see that Stephen Decatur's Varsity Girls' Lacrosse team comprises some of Berlin's most gifted and hardworking young women.



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OPA Board should end the automatic increase

The OPA Board of Directors did what everyone knew they eventually would by authorizing spending elsewhere a pot of money earmarked to be used to shore-up structural deficits, now turning what they claimed at the time would be a shortterm funding mechanism into a semi-permanent increase.

The Directors surmised the only way to pay the IRS, should they eventually lose their suit, would be to take the \$4 per member per year assessment increase being collected for five years and use it to foot the tax bill.

While it is a relatively small amount per member and provides a better option than a special assessment, especially when the amount could top \$1 million, once the IRS is paid off the board should at least revisit continuing the increase indefinitely.

When the Directors originally passed the increase they assured the membership, many of whom were skeptical at best about the Board's ability to leave any lump sum untouched, that those revenues would be exclusively for the stated purpose.

They have now elected to use money they said they wouldn't and extend the increase for as long as it takes to satisfy any taxes owed along with what is needed for structural deficits.

Without rules restricting they way the Board spends these funds there is no guarantee they will ever be limited to their intended use and within a few short minutes, as seen this week, can be used for whatever purpose the Board of Directors wishes.

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HAPPY HOUR: Stalker Inc.

By Tony Russo

We've added a new feature to the Todcast as an enticement for any of you would like to tune to the live stream, interactive video simulcast: pure hor-

It may be difficult to believe but I do a significant amount of self-censoring during the recording out of respect for the fact that once completed I have to go back and edit out anything that is irresponsible or not, strictly speaking, for publication. In order to reduce the number of edits my co-host Todd Dehart and I usually have a brief conversation before we go on, wherein I tell him the things I won't be saying.

This week, we had that conversation as Todd was setting up the live stream and it occurred to us that if anyone tuned in early, they would have gotten to hear it. So anyone looking to sue me for libel now has an excellent place to gather evidence - GCFL.tv at 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays.

One of the things that Todd

does in what apparently counts as his spare time is host a radio show Saturday nights. This week we heard the story about how he and Mark Huey graphic designer at the Bayside Gazette — came up with what they're calling Foursquare Confrontation. Foursquare is a social networking application that lets users see what other users are in a given place at a given time. Mark and I use it competitively.

Their game, then, would have Mark lurking around Seacrets trying to match people who have "checked-in" on Foursquare with the faces in the crowd. When he finds someone they have the opportunity to come into the station and be interviewed.

For those of you who invest, I predict that companies that print restraining order forms are going to have a very good fourth quarter.

In the news, mostly we discussed Jeffrey Auxer (Page 10) in ways not covered in the article. Also, and for what its worth to all you philanthropic ping-pongers out there, a tournament benefitting Stephen Falck Foundation is slated for next Wednesday evening at Burley Oak. If you don't know about Stephen and his foundation, check them out on the Web: http://stephenfalckfoundation.com.

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 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 smartphone users can download free using the promo code "Todcast" and have the show streamed directly to their phones with no individual show downloads required.

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.

SCHOOL SHOTS



Press magnets

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Kindergarten students at Showell Elementary School have been learning about magnets. In Miss Pike's class, students recognized numerals and color words to create mosiac pictures using magnetic cubes. Jackson Vit and Madelynn Gardner are pictured.



Jarred tornado

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Brayan Anaya-Ramirez and Irwin Cabello-Vargas, third grade students at Ocean City Elementary School, write about a fun activity they just completed. They made a "Tornado in a Jar" by adding water, soap and small objects to a jar and shaking it just right. When they stopped shaking the jar, they could see the funnel form,



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Jonathan Adkins, Christian Bruder, Shea Dowling, manners teacher Karen Taraila, Caroline Lewis, Michael Goldsmith, Elena LaPlante, Cecily Sass, Arella Berger, Shelby Laws, Nick Principe, Michelle Curtis, Gracie Riley, Quinn Lukas, and Ali Khan.



Happy Easter

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETT

Pictured from left to right are Rebecca Smith, Kiersen Thorne and Emanuel Aroh preparing Easter baskets. Members of Holy Trinity Cathedral, located at 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin created baskets for residents of area nursing homes as part of their Christian outreach efforts. For more information call 410-641-4882.



OBITUARIES

Charles J. Galiardi

OCEAN PINES — Charles J. Galiardi, DDS, age 82, died Sunday, April 15 at his home. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan M. Galiardi.

Galiardi was born in the Bronx, New York. He was a proud graduate of Cardinal Hayes High School Class of 1947, University of Maryland, College Park Class of 1952 and University of Maryland Dental School Class of 1956. After serving in the US Air Force in Germany and France, Charles opened his private dental practice in Yonkers, New York where he continued to practice dentistry until 1994.

Since his retirement, he has lived in Ocean Pines where he indulged his passions for traveling, woodworking, gardening, golfing, fishing and boating. He will be remembered by friends and family for his story telling and his love of life.

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He is also survived by his son Gregory C. Galiardi and his wife Jackie; and his daughter Christina P Sutter and her husband Evan; and many beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He is preceded in death by a sister, Marian Garofalo, and his parents Margaret Settinari Galiardi and Charles James Galiardi.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 1 p.m. Friday, April 20at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Rev. John Kavanaugh will officiate. Friends may call from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the church. Interment will be 1 p.m. Monday, April 23 at Crownsville Veterans' Cemetery In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cardinal Hayes High School - Charles Galiardi Fund, 650 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

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Francis Xavier Snoots

BERLIN — Francis Xavier Snoots, "Frank", age 48, died Thursday, March 29 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Washington, DC 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, FL; his sister, Teresa "Terry" Lanham and her husband David of Edmond, OK; and several nieces and nephews. Snoots had attended St. Andrews Catholic Church in Ocean City.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, April 26 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call from 10-11 a.m.

Mary Louis St. Leger

OCEAN CITY — Mary Louis St. Leger, age 82, died Friday, March 30 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late George Louis Schanze and Grace Hillficker Schanze. She was preceded in death by her husband James Michael St. Leger, Jr. and by her son, Mark Christopher St. Leger. She is survived by her sons, James Michael St. Leger, III and his wife Barbara of Baltimore and Stephen Lewis St. Leger of Eldersburg, MD; three grandchildren, Megan, Dylan and Rye; a sister Betty Jane Morgan of White Marsh; and numerous nieces and nephews.

St. Leger was a graduate of Western Maryland College. She was a member of St. Luke Catholic Church in Ocean City, and a member of the Sinepuxent American Legion Post #166 Ladies Auxiliary in Ocean City.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 10 a.m. Monday, April 23 at Saint Stephen Church, 8030 Bradshaw Rd., Kingsville, MD 21087. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1138 Parsons Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Maurice Constant

OCEAN PINES — Maurice "Mo" Constant, 73, went home to be with the Lord on April 15. Born on May 23, 1938 in Biddeford, Maine, he was the son of the late Mary Rose Laroche and Donat Lionel Constant.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Vaughan Constant, the love of his life of nearly 54 years; his daughter, JoEllen Constant and her friend Deborah Mc-Donough; his sister, Jeannette Burke and her husband Joseph; a niece, Elizabeth Fancey; a nephew, Michael Kocsak; two grandsons, Douglas Wallech, Jr. and Daniel Wallech; brothers-in-law, Orrin Vaughan and William F. Vaughan and his wife Marsha; and two nephews, Charles Cornell and George Cornell. He also leaves behind his rescued Boston Terrier, Missy. Constant was preceded in death by his son, Robert Alan Constant.

After serving honorably in the U.S. Air Force, from December 1955 to May 1958, he worked in Northern Virginia as an electrician and a carpenter for forty years before moving to Berlin.

While he loved woodworking and cooking, fishing was his passion as his buddies will attest. He became the "Tautog Fisherman Extraordinaire" and was a member of the Angler's Club of Ocean Pines and the Coastal Chapter Maryland Saltwater Sports Fisherman Association. He was also a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) where he served as Sargent-at-Arms for several years before his illness.

He was a member of the Community Church at Ocean Pines, where a memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 10:00 am. Rev. Bill Sterling and Rev. Jay Hurley will officiate. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Rd., Berlin, MD 21811 or to Coastal Hospice, PO Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin

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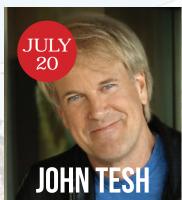
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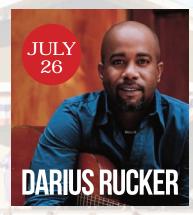
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 410-213-1608 for an appointment.

Saturdays

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

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STORY TIME

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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

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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

MASTER GARDENERS

The Ocean Pines Plant Clinic will be held at the Ocean Pines Library lobby 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday May 1 -September 25. Bring your bagged samples by and let our expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions.

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

Temple Bat Yam is hosting a Holocaust Remembrance Program 8 p.m. Litman Litgow shares his experiences during the Holocaust, both as a survivor and a partisan. Call Shelly Cohen for additional information at 301-964-0217.

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, Showell.

ANGLERS MEETING

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will hold their meeting 9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines library. Top anglers in the club will share some of their local fishing knowledge including Buddy Seigel, Greg Donahue, Dave Rippy, Frank Watkins, and Bob Abele. All are welcome.

HOMETOWN HEROES

Synepuxent Post 166 American Legion. Social hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Advance tickets only, \$10 per person.Call 410-289-3166 for more information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

GARDEN PARTY

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

EARTH DAY

Earth Day Celebration 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at O.C. Organics.

BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Community Church

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CALENDAR BAYSIDE LENDAR

Continued from Page 26 at Ocean Pines 8 a.m.-noon in the Family Life Center \$6 per person, Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits with sausage gravy, orange juice, and coffee. Information: Louise 410-430-0284.

GARDEN TEA

Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum will have a Garden Tea 1-3 p.m. Cost for this Fund-raiser is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 16 and under. Proceeds will benefit the re-pointing of the Nassawango Iron Furnace. Call 410-632-2032 for details.

ORGAN CONCERT

Jack Cook performs an organ concert 3 pm at Bethany UMC. The cost of the concert is \$10. Light refreshments will follow. Call 410-641-0772 to reserve tickets.

BIRDING EVENT

The Tri-County Bird Club will go on a field trip to the Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Preserve on in search of warblers and other spring migrants. Participants should meet at the parking lot of the Ward Museum at the corner of Beaglin Park Drive and South Schumaker Drive in Salisbury at 7 a.m. Bring snacks, drinks, and binoculars. For information, please call 410-546-1853.

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.

DEMOCRAT MEETING

The Worcester County Democratic Club will meet In the Ocean Pines Community Center Assateague Room at 7p.m. After a brief mixer, our guest speaker, Mike Farlow, will speak on Lower Shore politics.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club's Second Annual Miniature Golf Tournament begins at 6 p.m. at Old Pro Golf Indoor Golf on 68th Street in Ocean City. Play with a shotgun start. Trophies will be awarded. Team registrations are \$100 (or \$25.00 per person). Businesses and/or individuals may become a hole sponsor for \$100.00 which includes; signage on a hole and a listing in the Golf Program.

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.

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS Sponsored by the Atlantic United Methodist Church 4-7 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

MSO FINALE

The conclusion to the musical season with Dvorak's Symphony No. 8 performed by The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra 2 p.m. at The Community Church at Ocean Pines. Tickets: \$35. "Music To Dine For" post-concert event at The Atlantic Hotel immediately following-\$150(\$50 for dinner-\$100 donation) Seating Limited-Reservations required. Call 1-888-846-8600.

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and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style. They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

QUILTERS BY THE SEA

Quilters by the Sea Guild meets 12:30 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center to make quilts for local charities. All are welcome. Call Shirley Schaefer at 410-641-8898 for more information.

PINES PLAYERS

The Pines Players will perform "The Summer of Our Discontent" 6:30 p.m. at the Dickens Parlour Theater. Tickets are \$25. and are available by reservation only. Call 302-829-1071.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

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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.

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BAZAAR

Spring Bazaar and Plant Sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch available - Stevenson United Methodist Church.

BBW AND ADMIRERS

BBW And Admirers Delmarva Chapter will be hosting its 4th annual weekend at the Beach. The meeting time for dinner will be 7:30 p.m. at Embers Buffet. After dinner the group will head to Seacrets Club for drinks and dancing. Sunday Morning May 6th will be brunch at Halls Buffet. For more info please contact Larry at 609-870-8853 or email bbwadmirer2007@aol.com

CHURCH RUMMAGE

Ocean City Presbyterian Church 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 7

PLANT AUCTION

The Worcester County Garden Club is sponsoring their annual fundraiser Plant Auction and Sale 11 a.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor Museum in Berlin. (Raindate - May 8). Public is welcome and lunch is included. Bring a lawn chair. Call for reservations 410-208-6558

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. The world's largest grassroots fundraising movement, Relay For Life mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and provide participants with an opportunity to fight back against the disease. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups and other people from all walks of life - all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's vision of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

SNAP SHOTS



Java Bay

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce held an after-hours get together for members at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club's Java Bay Cafe. Sherrie Lassahn, Bert Raymond, Terry Sheehan, Arlene Page, and Anna Foultz. Visit www.oceanpineschamber.org for more info.



WSW donation

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Rota Knott, Worcester County coordinator, accepts a check for a \$200 donation from Shelly Bruder of Bruder Hill boutique in Berlin. Bruder Hill donated a percentage of jewelry sales for one month to the WSW Worcester County Chapter.



DAR winners

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Alex Abbott, Grade 7 Stamp Design, Most Blessed Sacrament; Abigail Scheirer, Grade 12 Short Story, Stephen Decatur HS; and Jacob Shoup, Grade 3 Stamp Design, Most Blessed Sacrament were winners at the State level in the Junior American Citizens Contest and attended the awards luncheon at Turf Valley. The awards were presented by Levin Winder.



Kiwanis sponsors

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Kiwanis Club has achieved some success in obtaining new members. Pictured are Jim Spicknall, Pat Winkelmayer, Peg Morton, Al Levine, Skip Dennig, Phil Lassiter, Nate Pearson, Ralph Chinn and Jerry Powell, some of the Kiwanians who were recognized for having sponsored recent new members.



Pinesteppers

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pinesteppers Square Dance Club members and friends were in the audience for a taping of the DelmarvaLife show at WBOC-TV in Salisbury. The group is pictured on the set in Studio D with show hosts Jimmy Hoffa and Lisa Bryant.



New Lions

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

On April 5 the Berlin Lions Club inducted eight new members. Pictured on the front row are Matt Engle, Hos McCormack,Russell Hammond and Joe Andrews. Second row Bill Owens, Lions President, Matt Fogle, Jason Parker, Ray Robinson, Jack Mumford and Rick Holland, Lions Secretary.

Take Pride in Berlin Week starts Saturday

BERLIN — As core partners in the newly expanded Take Pride in Berlin Week, the Town of Berlin, Grow Berlin Green (GBG), International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) and Worcester County Health Department will be offering participating volunteers more than just the opportunity to make a difference in the community. Folks who come out for the Clean Up Day scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 21 and Berlin Trail Mix on Saturday, April 28 won't just be full of pride, they will also come away with a bag full of green goodies.

All of the Take Pride partners have chipped in to provide re-usable shopping bags to event participants, but the bags won't be empty. GBG will be providing all volunteers in the Take Pride event with a comprehensive resource packet chock full of information, tips and tools for how citizens can live a greener life in their homes, neighborhoods and daily activities.

The partnership project of Assateague Coastal Trust, Lower Shore Land Trust and Maryland Coastal Bays Program will also be offering up to 50 Berlin residents who do not currently recycle free recycling bins as an inducement for households to increase their participation in the Town's curbside recycling service. They will also provide free compact fluorescent light bulbs to promote energy conservation and selling raffle tickets to win a free rain barrel to conserve water.

"We want everybody who gives of their time to make our town cleaner on April 21st and more Walkable and Bikeable on the 28th to not only be enlightened by the experience, but also enriched with resources that can help them show their pride in our community every day," said Steve Farr of Grow Berlin Green. "Conserving resources and changing behaviors to make our town and our world a better place can't be limited to one week in April; it should be a life-long commitment," Farr said. "We want to give people the information and tools to make every week Take Pride Week."

And for those who will not be able to participate in either of the two Take Pride events, but want to participate during Take Pride Week and beyond, here is a sampling of ideas for actions you can consider:

Take Pride in Berlin Week

Maintain a green home and garden
Use nontoxic cleaning products

Reduce mail by receiving online statements and reducing junk mail

Compost

Create a wildlife habitat

Reduce stormwater runoff through rain gardens, rain barrels (available from GBG), cisterns, and reducing pervious surfaces

Conserve energy

Reduce "vampire" electricity use by unplugging electronics or plugging them into power strips

Commit to buying food and other products from local farmers and businesses

Purchase renewable energy like wind power

Conduct an energy audit (free audits available from Town of Berlin)

Install a solar water heater

Reduce auto dependence – Walk, bike, or take public transportation to neighborhood errands or on local outings

Purchase products online

Make a lower emissions choice when you drive (reduce number of family cars; use Zipcar; drive a hybrid, minicar, or scooter)

Set up a carpool for a regular group or meeting (i.e. place of worship, children's sports team, or a civic group)

Shop responsibly

Use reusable shopping bags (available from GBG), coffee/tea mugs, and water bottles

Purchase products made from recycled materials

Plant native plants, shrubs and trees, especially in buffer zones next to ditches, streams and bays

Purchase fair trade and organic products

Instead of new items, buy or find used products from thrift stores, yard sales, or online

Use a programmable thermostat

Green your community

Participate in a local conservation project (contact GBG for opportunities)

Voice support for clean energy legislation

Organize a green living discussion group, club, happy hour, or committee

Organize your friends and neighbors to clean up the neighborhood

Green your place of worship, office, or school

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



Power Play @ Clarion

BJ's on the Water 75th St. Bayside 410-524-7575

FRIDAY – Opposite Directions SATURDAY - Mood Swingers WEDNESDAY – Christopher Dean Band

Clarion Resort 10100 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City 410-524-3535

FRIDAY – Power Play SATURDAY – Power Play

DeNovo'sSouth Gate – Ocean Pines

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



Al Prescott @ DeNovo's

Fager's Island 60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City 410-524-5500

FRIDAY – Dead Poets; Kevin Poole; DJ Rob Cee SATURDAY – Animal House; Opposite Directions; DJ Groove MONDAY – Bryan Clark

Green Turtle – OC 11601 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City 410-723-2120

FRIDAY – DJ Wax SATURDAY – DJ Wood

Green Turtle – West West Ocean City 410-213-1500

SATURDAY – Under The Influence

Harborside Bar & Grill 12841 S. Harbor Rd.

West Ocean City 410-213-1846

THURSDAY – Opposite Directions FRIDAY – DJ Billy T SATURDAY- Simple Truth...and Friends/DJ Jeremy SUNDAY – Opposite Directions/DJ Biggler

Harpoon Hannas 142nd Street Bayside 800-227-0525

FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins SATURDAY – Dave Sherman WEDNESDAY – Bobby Burns

O.P. Yacht Club

Mumfords Landing Rd. Ocean Pines 410-641-7501

FRIDAY - Island Sounds

Seacrets 49th & the Bay, 0cean City 410-524-4900

FRIDAY - Lifespeed SATURDAY - Joe Bachman & The Crew; Jan Maurer Band

Purple Moose Bet. Talbott & Caroline Sts. 410-289-6953 Ocean City

FRIDAY – Prestige Worldwide SATURDAY – Prestige Worldwide; Candlelight Red; DJ Joey Capo

CROSSWORD & SUDOKU

GRID IRON By Kevin G. Der / Edited by Will Shortz

When this puzzle is finished, 12 special squares, along with the shaded squares, will create an image of 56-Down. The 12 squares correspond-ing to the "reflection" of the special squares, when read clockwise from top left, will spell an alternative name for 56-Down.

Across 1 Plushlike

- 5 Anjou relatives
- 10 "Love Train" singers, with "the"
- 15 Brit. decorations
- 19 Low men?
- 24 Peace Nobelist Root
- 26 Without problems 27 Holiday decoration
- 29 Where 56-Down embarked
- 31 Stress reliever 32 Actress Téa
- 33 Iconic line shouted in "56-Down" 35& 37 #1 song from "56-Down"
- 39 Martini go-with? 40 Bit of chiding
- 41 Shiva's wife
- 42 Cat genus 43 Italian holiday
- 45 Sinn
- 45 Sinn ___ 47 Easter ___ 50 Forest specimens 52 "Be my guest" 56 Silence indicator 59 "Cool" amount 62 In ___ place 64 Rafael, to friends 66 Trims, say 68 Jefferson or

- 68 Jefferson or Madison
- 69 Rest on 71 High clouds
- 73 Mess of a mess
- 75 Auto 76 Footstool

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.

- 78 Georgia O'Keeffe Museum site
- 80 Slowpokes' fines 82 Filled, as an office
- Coup d'
- 84 Builder of a 2x2 vessel?
- 85 Blue Ribbon maker 86 Hosp. scan
- 87 Winner of a 1970s-'80s war
- 90 Singer Jones 92 Literally, "my Lord"
- 94 Amount before overtime 96 Shake
- 100 Tried to win 102 Major operation? 104 To this moment
- 106 Fads
- 108 Run together, in
- a way 109 Tater
- 110 Toddlers' coddlers 112 Third string
- 113 Once more: Abbr.
- 114 It's not basic 116 Dict. info 117 Tabula ___
- 119 Yorkshire river 121 Flags
- 123 Clear (of)
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- role
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Auto & Marine

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- 150 Bank support?
 151 Spirit
 152 56-Down, e.g.
 153 Pulitzerwinning critic
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 154 It's hard to get
 across
 155 Palm products
 156 Flight date.
- 156 Flight data: Abbr.
- 157 Some salads

Down

- 1 Look 2 Oil producer
- 3 Implement with a spatulalike blade 4 Where dawn arises
- 5 Latvian, e.g. 6 Cry to a matador
- 6 Cry to 7 Brake
- 8 They carry needles 9 Omelet holders
- 10 Aware of
- 11 Dear person?
- Exist 13 Jabber

- 14 Stuffed ___ 15 Ski-__ 16 Muslim mystic
- Slugger Mel "Zip it!"
- 19 Autobahn sights
- 20 Pig in ___ 21 Orchestra grp.
- 21 Orenestra grp.
 22 Roman sun god
 23 Like Beethoven's
 Second
 25 Caspian feeder
 27 "Top Gun" jets
 28 Funnyman
 Philips

- 29 Ban Ki-moon and others: Abbr.
 30 Insurance giant

36 Widespread 38 Invention

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125 126

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- 43 Parts of vards
- 44 Small-runway aircraft, briefly 45 Is alarmed

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- 46 "It " (answer to "Who's there?")
 48 Tennis's Steffi
 49 Bad slip

- 50 Stable supply 51 Nutritional stat
- 53 Saverin who co-founded Facebook
- 54 Shield bearer, typically 55 Small flute
- 56 [See blurb]

- 58 Many a Wi-Fi hotspot
- 60 Cause of 56-Down's demise

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- 63 Rotted 65 Bad blood
- 67 Devote
- 69 Supercilious one 70 Wild banana
- 72 Mark up, say
- 74 Conrad ____,
 early matinee
 idol
- 77 Chiwere speaker
- 79 Furthermore 81 Prof's helpers
- 82 Harden
- 87 Golfs, e.g., briefly
- 88 Emulate a frog

89 Unpleasant thing to hit

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142 143

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- 91 Rival suitor's expletive
- "Shalom __ (Hebrew greeting) 61 About a month, for a fruit fly
- 93 Martinique, e.g. 94 One with a terrible opening

129 130

- 95 Oenologist's concern
 97 How it's done
 98 Slanted column?
- 99 Interference detector?
- detector?
 101 Voice of Carl in Pixar's "Up"
 103 Acts the middleman
 105 Dundee denial

- 107 Discovery Channel subj.

110 Ginnie

152

111 Mrs., abroad 113 "Gimme

133 134 135

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144 145

- 115 "In my view ..."
- 118 Zero-emissions vehicle 120 Athlete's pointer?
- 122 Scottish hillsides
- 124 Cower
- 125 Didn't go straight 126 Polo competitor
- 127 Bottled mineral 128 Palais Garnier
- star 129 "Kidnapped" inits.
- 130 Suffix with luck

131 "Now you speak"

136 137

- speak"
 133 Hoedown
 attendee
 134 Together, in
 music
 135 Cashier's cry

- 135 Cashier's cry
 137 Late-night fliers
 140 Word of
 indifference
 142 Suffix with alk143 Barracks V.I.P.
 144 Setting for some
 wrestling
 145 "truly"
 (abbreviated
 sign-off)
 146 Biological chain
 147 It appears

- 147 It appears overnight
- 148 Grads-to-be:

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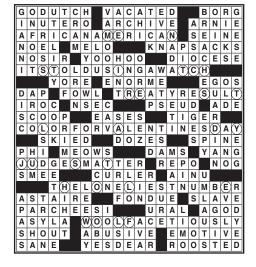
MEDIUM - 63

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 so-

lution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles



YSIDE

I love the smell of muskrat in the morning

"The horror. The horror."

The famous last words from Apocalypse Now repeated themselves in my



By Paul Suplee. CEC PCIII

head for two days; lifeless and soonheadless to-be bodies looking at me with great disdain, ironically with their eyes having already been removed making the entire episode even more reminiscent of a bad Tim Burton movie.

The rabbit was fine. I've worked with that plenty of times. Breaking down the walleye, brining the filets and smoking them was old hat.

Breaking down the saddle of antelope was great and as I was working with a talented young apprentice, it was a pleasure to be given the opportunity to work with such a variety of proteins.

No, it was those muskrats, those gnarly toothed, furry paw-still attached creatures that haunted me last weekend as we prepared a game dinner for some guests at the country club.

Those damn muskrats. I will apologize as I know that I will offend some local readers, but while I am happy to have worked with them, I will be just as happy to never have to do it again.

Last year's challenge was Raccoon Stew and I took care of that, so I was given the honors of the Muskrat Stew

The idea was to build a muskrat ramp stew and then top it with a gorgeous bacon-wrapped rabbit loin. Ramps are a wild leek and work beautifully in mildly hearty dishes, and as such are perfect with rabbit, veal, bison, emu and some of the leaner beefs.

Many jokes were had as we worked with the skinned rodents and we wondered why anyone would eat them. I was sure to call one of my student's father to ask his advice since he is an avid muskrat aficionado. I followed his instructions (being sure to thoroughly remove the musk glands) and then made a beautiful stew.

I did my best and the guests loved it; but then again, they loved the raccoon stew last year too so I have to go with it. Muskrat just is not my thing. They tasted very rich and gamey and they did not suit me one bit.

I considered sending a picture to the paper of the crime scene that a bowl of muskrats is but opted to not submit one for the article. I feared that it might not only dissuade some from trying muskrat but might also make a new



vegetarian or two with its posting.

As it is a professional kitchen, a term used loosely in this case, the opportunity could not be passed up to scare and shock a few unsuspecting people. As such, and since I am a man who believes in giving credit where credit is due, the muskrats served a great purpose for us.

As for eating muskrats? I'll let you decide, but they were not my cup of tea. One of the new cooks enjoyed them and again the guests loved the stew, so it worked. I was feeding them and not myself; the culinarian's creed.

Now I just have to figure out what I'm going to do with the road kill for next year's dinner.

The horror. The horror.

Rabbit Loin Roulade

1 ea. Rabbit, broken down

1/3 c. Rabbit forcemeat (recipe follows) 3 strips bacon, halved to double number

meat glue (it's worth finding) seasoning as necessary Lay out the rabbit loin with saddle so

serves 3

ternal temperature of 140F Let the rabbit slack for at least 15 min-

utes before slicing. Serve on a stew of your choice. My opinion? stay away from muskrat, but that's your call.

that you can fill the middle with the forcemeat

Lay a hotdog shape of forcemeat in the middle and carefully roll the mess up. Be careful not to squeeze or your roulade will turn into a raw sausage pastry bag

lay out the strips of bacon and if you have meat glue mix with water until it resembles paper mache paste. Brush the bacon down and lay the rabbit roll on

Roll the bacon around the rabbit and place on a piece of plastic wrap, pressing as your slowly wrap to help you form a nice, round shape

Roll the ends and then roll the whole thing on the table until it compacts and you will have a perfect shape

Tie the ends with more plastic and then poach lightly until halfway cooked

Place in an oven unwrapped and roast until brown on the outside with an in-

Forcemeat

for every 12 oz. of meat from legs

¼ c. stock

¼ c. cream

2 ea. egg whites

seasoning of your choice

In the old days, this was a painstaking process, but with the aid of the modern food processor, who cares?

Throw the meat in the processor and mix, scraping the sides regularly, until it is smooth

Add the stock, cream and egg whites and add some seasoning

THIS STEP IS CRITICAL! You do not want the forcemeat to get warm (I'll save you the technical gobbledygook) so add an ice cube or two and mix. This will help it to stay together

When the forcemeat resembles a chewed bubble gum, it's ready to go. Take a small amount and cook it to check the seasoning. Once it has passed muster, keep it chilled until ready to use

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