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Police still looking for answers over five months later

Investigation continues; trooper back on duty

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

BERLIN- Police are still searching for answers more than five months after a car crash involving a Maryland state trooper claimed the life of one teenager and seriously injured another.

Tymeir D. Dennis, 16, and his then 17-year-old brother Tyheim D. Bowen were struck by trooper Nicholas Hager on Nov. 8 while crossing Route 113 in Berlin on foot. Dennis was killed in the accident and Bowen later had to have his leg amputated due to injuries he

The trooper was driving an unmarked police car on a routine patrol. A police report has yet to be completed, according to Lt. Earl Starner, Barrack Commander at the Berlin Maryland State Police Barrack.

"I expect that to be completed soon – the final supervisor review process – and then we as a matter of procedure would forward that report to an outside agency, which would be the Continued on Page 4



RESCUE FROM FIRE SCENE

PHOTO COURTESY CHRISTOPHER CASALE

Berlin Police officers rescued a 6-year-old girl and her mother, Tocarra Derrickson, from the fire. See story, page 14.

Berlin Council holds first general budget session

Town looking at items as far ranging from new carpeting to computers

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN- The Town Council held its first general fund budget work session of the year on Monday, April 21.

The meeting served as the council's first formal steps towards setting a budget for fiscal year 2015.

Increases in the proposed general fund revenue budget were driven by the need for new carpeting in the Town Council building, sorely needed computer and software upgrades for town staff and improvements to town sidewalks.

The hiring of Megan Houston,

Berlin's new Main Street Coordinator, should account for an increase in the economic development budget. Houston received high marks from the council, as Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day touted her integration of social media and ability to mobilize younger volunteers.

There were no significant changes in the prosed budget for elected officials, while administration, building and grounds and parks and recreation saw estimated increases of 6, 2 and 9 percent, respectively.

Increases in professional services and a slight increase in travel costs drove up the planned finance budget, while the proposal for the customer service department contained no major changes.

The police department budget could jump significantly due to a 45 percent jump in travel costs and the need to replace three vehicles. Police Chief Arnold Downing said the department had obtained a grant, however, to offset 55 percent of the cost of the vehicles, which could total nearly \$100,000.

Public Works is also eyeing a significant increase thanks to the need to replace a deteriorating garbage truck, which may cost the town around \$125,000. Sanitation and street budget $estimates were \ also \ up, thanks \ largely \ to$ elevated costs associated with the harsh and snowy winter.

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Trooper never suspended; incident still under review

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Worcester County State's Attorney's Office, for review," Starner said. "That's procedurally consistent with every fatal crash investigation (and) I do anticipate that to occur in the very near future."

Hager was never suspended, as the incident is still under review. The trooper returned to work on November 12.

The mother of the two boys, Tynise Bowen, witnessed the crash and later questioned whether Hager was driving on or off the road during an interview published on Jan. 23 in the *Bayside Gazette*.

"That accident was not caused by children who did not look both ways before crossing the road, because they were not in the road," she said in the article. "They did nothing wrong and I would never have let them continue to cross if there was a car coming."

Starner said that aspect of the case was certainly part of the investigation, although he couldn't comment directly.

"I hate saying that with a case this high-profile because it makes it look not transparent, which is certainly not my intention," he said, stressing the fact that Hager was never suspended because no conclusion has yet been made. "Obviously if there was something preliminarily that was glaring or wrong we could have taken some action, but we have not. The investigation is not complete, so we wouldn't take consequences against the trooper, whether it would be a traffic charge or a criminal charge or an administrative issue – that wouldn't occur until I had a completed investigation."

As people in the community continue to look for answers, police continue to try and provide them.

"We certainly find the incident itself to be as traumatic as everyone else in the community does," Starner said. "Understanding that it's terribly difficult for the family, it's terribly difficult for our trooper; it's terribly difficult for everyone related to the investigation. I don't know the perfect answer and this has certainly been a very difficult case because I'm limited in what I can say when our investigation is not complete.

"I wish that I could say more, but it would not be appropriate at the time," Starner continued. "God forbid I say something regarding the investigation and then we release the report and it's not consistent. Obviously that wouldn't be good with a case that has so much emotion around it and is such a high-profile case and such a serious

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All the stress exacerbated mom's dementia. Now in addition to being out of money from paying the estate taxes on assets distributed to her children, she has no funds left for nursing home care.

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LT. EARL STARNER

Barrack Commander at the Berlin

Maryland State Police Barrack

case. There are things that I want to say that I can't say and it's been difficult because of that. I do think we're close to where we can release (a report) and obviously many people's questions can be better addressed. They're all difficult cases when there's a fatality involved. I can understand the feeling of

community whether it's someone in the family or people Berlin Worcester County - we all feel the same things that the community feels for everybody involved.'

After the crash

the town council and a pedestrian safety committee rallied support to install a crosswalk as well as other traffic safety improvements on Route 113 in the area of the accident. Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing praised the community for coming together with town and state highway officials.

"It couldn't have gone any better than it has," he said. "We actually had a forum with the public where they listed out their concerns and every one of their concerns were addressed and reviewed. I think the fact that we actually had the input from the community and input from local law enforcement and state highway officials in this process definitely puts everything in a good light, and the fact that we are constantly seeing improvements hap-

> time they were put through is something that really is positive for the community. On one day they had the issues - they were heard, they were reviewed, were put in a timeline - and now those things

are actually coming to fruition."

Downing stressed patience while waiting for the police investigation to become public.

"Any time it takes a while for information to come out it becomes difficult," he said. "The important thing is to get it right the first time - to go ahead and make sure all the information is taken into consideration and everything is gotten out. I think that's very important."





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OPA Board member

OPA Search Committee continues looking for candidates

Attendance sparse for last week's meeting, but panel still moves ahead

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

OCEAN PINES—Attendance was sparse for last week's meeting of the OPA Search Committee, but it proceeded nonetheless.

The committee's task is to solicit and report on at least four potential candidates for two open positions on the board of directors this year. Only one potential candidate, an Ocean City resident who owns property in Ocean Pines, attended the meeting.

Chairman Les Purcell said cooperation and having an open mind are requirements for a board to be successful and to accomplish anything, at least four votes are needed.

"If you're standing alone, you'll never get four votes and accomplish anything," Purcell said.

Board member Bill Cordwell told the one potential candidate that the

board of directors is "not going to change the world, but we have the ability to change things in the community."

Cordwell, who ran for election and lost before he ran for election again last year and won, said the amount of work is substantial.

"The commitment is more than I ever thought it would be," Cordwell said. "But to me, it's rewarding. It's my community and I plan to be here the rest of my life."

"Volunteering for this community is what it's all about," he said.

Cordwell told the potential candidate that two forums are held for all candidates.

The OPA holds one and The Parke, the adults-only community within Ocean Pines, holds the other.

After the election results were announced at the annual meeting last August, an orientation was held. In addition to discussing the OPA's bylaws

and a myriad of other topics, board members toured each facility, "which I thought was helpful," Cordwell said. "I thought the whole orientation was very well done."

According to Cordwell, the board meets too often. This month, the board

has two special board meetings, one board work session and one regular board meeting, plus a meeting with the chairpersons of the advisory committees. In

addition, Cordwell is the board's liaison to two of those committees and attends others

The practice of attending advisory committee meetings, even though the board member is not the liaison, started this year, said board President Tom Terry, the board's liaison to the Search Committee.

Terry was pleased that an Ocean City resident attended the meeting. It would be good, he said, to find a candi-

date who owns property in Ocean Pines, but does not live in Ocean Pines.

"It really would help if we could do that," Terry said. "I think it would be worthwhile."

The board of directors sets policy for the Ocean Pines community. Board members serve three-year terms. The board's newest member, Jeff Knepper, was appointed to complete the term of Dan Stachurski, who resigned in January after moving to Florida.

To be eligible to run for a seat on the board, a candidate must own property in Ocean Pines as of Jan. 1, 2014, be eligible to vote as of May 15, and have completed and submitted an application to the Search Committee or Administration Office no later than 5 p.m. May 10.

An application form may be printed online ar www.oceanpines.org, or obtained from a Search committee member or from the administration office in White Horse Park.

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Berlin Council begins budgetary planning sessions

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A lengthy discussion on insurance premiums fueled the debate over the proposed human resources budget. Rising costs led Human Resources Director Jeffrey Fleetwood to propose the town switch from United Healthcare to Signet Healthcare in order to avoid a 17 percent increase in costs. Fleetwood said the switch would allow town employees to keep the vast majority of their providers in network.

Dave Engelhart, the town's new planning director, was the only staff to present a reduced budget estimate. Engelhart plan would be roughly \$7,000 less than the previous fiscal year for his department.

The council also mulled slight salary increases for town employees and unanimously affirmed their decision not to raise taxes for fiscal year 2015.

"We are not contemplating any sort of a tax increase," said at-large councilmember Paula Lynch, noting that the town had cut taxes during the previous year.

"I think we have an opportunity to grow our tax base, and by leaving (tax rates) where it is I think it will help that," said Mayor Gee Williams.



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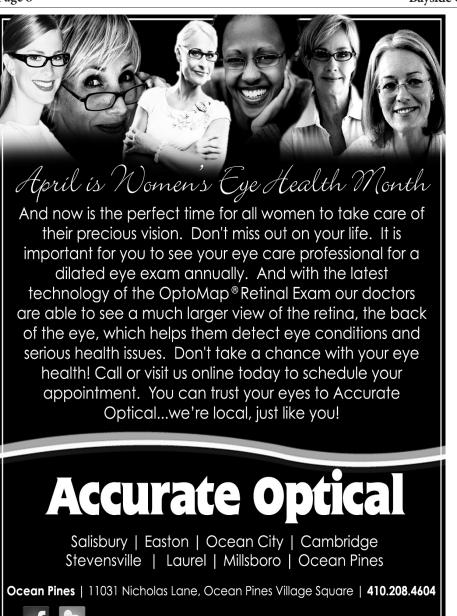


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OP House, Home Expo to return to community center

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES— The Ocean Pines House and Home Expo returns to the Ocean Pines Community Center on Saturday and Sunday. Workshops and more than 40 exhibitors will highlight this weekend's event.

Originally held in Salisbury, the show moved to Ocean Pines four years ago.

"It's a pretty nice area and a pretty good community," said organizer Scott Smith of Mid-Atlantic Expositions and Entertainment. "We produce about 12 shows a year, so we're always looking for new, great places like Ocean Pines. People love coming to it and the exhibitors love it, so it's all worked out pretty well."

Items available during this year's event include everything from windows, doors, siding, general construction and roofing to solar energy, vacation time shares and insurance.

Jeff Devlin, Host of DIY's "I Hate My Bath," will present two special celebrity guest educational seminars on bathroom renovation ideas at noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

"He's a great guy and he does a great job at our shows for us when he comes in," Smith said. "People usually gain quite a bit of information out of him and it's very helpful with homeowners. If you have any questions about your house or you just don't know what to do or where to start, Jeff's a great guy to get started with. He's a very knowledgeable guy and he'll usually just sit there all day every day and talk to people about any project they have a problem with."

Ginny Rosenkranz, faculty extension assistant with the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, will host a gardening seminar "What's Not Dear to the Deer!" on Saturday at 1 p.m.

From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday the expo will also offer a free shredding service. Guests may bring up to three legal-sized boxes.

"This show is for any homeowner or anyone who wants to buy a home," Smith said. "We create these shows to help homeowners get the maximum benefit for their most important possession, which is usually their home, through educational programs and association with great exhibitors. People can really talk to the exhibitors and get a sense of what to do in their house and find great opportunities to help them. It's just a great forum."

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SH student gets to geography final

SNOW HILL-Snow Hill Middle School student, Gigi Pesaniello, reached the final round of Maryland's National Geographic Bee.

On April 4, the Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville Campus hosted 101 students from across the state to compete to move onto the National Bee, which will be held in May.

Students were challenged with such questions as, "What Central American country was once a province that was part of Columbia?"

With only 15 seconds and no cell phones or Google at their fingertips, students pulled from geographic knowledge to come up with the correct answer, which was Panama.

Pesaniello's road to the state bee started with winning Snow Hill Middle School's Geographic Bee in January. She then took a written test with 70 multiple choice questions, and her score qualified her for the state bee.

Pesaniello said of her preparation for the state competition, "I've been eating, sleeping and breathing geography for the past three weeks.

She seemed to be a fan favorite in the final round due to her positive attitude and being the only female in the top 10. She was eliminated in the final rounds, but walked away from the experience feeling proud of her accomplishments.







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Ocean Pines Players preview latest production, 'The Psychic'

Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY- The Ocean Pines Players previewed their latest production for the media at the St. Peter's Lutheran Community Life Center in Ocean City, on Tuesday, April 15.

"The Psychic," directed by Karen Mc-Clure, opens Friday, May 2.

"I'm kind of new with the players and I'm the newly elected president of the players, so partly I wanted to set the example I wanted others to follow, which is 'step up and volunteer," McClure said of her directorial duties. "Since I was new blood with the players I thought this was the right thing to do. And I like the play a lot.

Casting began at the end of 2013 with rehearsals beginning in February.

"Because of the holidays we delayed everything and did a leisurely rehearsal schedule only two nights a week in the beginning," McClure said. "Now we're working a lot more."

"The play has a nice twist and it really is unusual," said Don Kleine, a veteran member of the Ocean Pines Players who was on hand during the preview. "I don't think I've ever read a play or done a play that was like this. It's very interesting. The play is a comedy - you

should get some yucks out of it - and it's just a good evening. It's a very good cast and a very well-rehearsed production.'

McClure introduced the rehearsal with a statement to the attending media.

"We're pleased that you came out here for this event that is new for us and also a big risk," she said. "Most theater companies don't want to share their production until they're ready for prime time."

The new players president said she wanted members of the media to have an opportunity to cover the play in advance before the May 2 opening.

The cast wore clothing that was suggestive of their costumes, and the stage was sparsely decorated with props that will be used in the final public production. Between scenes, the actors walked off stage to simulate the curtain closing, and McClure ran sound on her iPhone.

Kleine was particularly complimentary of Berlin resident Gina Ashton, who plays "Rita Malone" in the play.

"She is the reincarnation of Vivian Blaine from 'Guys and Dolls," he said. "Her voice – her attitude – it's just like her. She'll knock your socks off. They're all good but I was especially taken by

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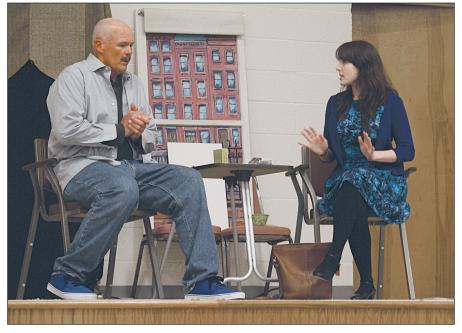
OP Players give preview of newest play, 'The Psychic'

Merson ("Johnny Bubbles"), Bill Ellis ("Detective Norris Coslow") and Paul Kahn ("Roy Benson") round out the cast.

"I want the audience to have a good time," McClure said. "It's not a learning play - it won't change your life - but it is funny and it's quirky and I just want everyone to enjoy it. It's a play that anybody can see and it's good for all ages."

"The Psychic" is scheduled to run May 2-4 at the Life Center, on 103rd Street in Ocean City, and will feature local artists displaying and selling their work before each production. Additional dates may be added depending on attendance.

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BUSINESS

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Victorian Charm to soon mark 20th year of business

Store, mindful of past, looks ahead at future

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN-One of the town's longestrunning businesses is about turn 20.

Victorian Charm, located at 100 North Main Street in downtown Berlin, will enter into its third decade of business next month.

"My mother and I had talked about opening a country store years ago," said Debbie Frene, the store's original owner. "I worked for the town of Berlin and needed a change and I went to her and said 'let's open a store.' This site came open and it was the perfect site.""

Frene's mother believed she was too old to open a new business at the time, but Frene persisted, opening the store on her own.

"I just jumped in and did it even though I didn't have a clue what I was doing," she said.

Business was slow initially. Downtown Berlin had far fewer stores 20 years ago, and the town itself was still largely undiscovered.

"There was just nobody on the street," Frene said. "There wasn't a lot going on in Berlin and the hotels in the area weren't sending people here. There really wasn't that much to do. So we would just stand alone and hope by chance that people would find us."

Frene believes Stuart's Antiques and The Treasure Chest are the only remaining businesses that were there when Victorian Charm opened. High turnover was an issue for local businesses.

Victorian Charm was also a much different store when it initially opened.

"When I first opened I knew there were certain things you couldn't get in Berlin that you always had to go to Salisbury for," Frene said. "I hated going to Salisbury. I wanted to try and carry things so that I didn't have to go out of town, and it was things like taper candles and paper plates and greeting cards and things like that. When I opened, that's what I tried to carry because that's what I thought was needed here. And then we



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Steve and Debbie Frene, owners of Victorian Charm, celebrate 20 years in business.

kind of evolved and listened to the customers; when they said there was something they could never find, we went and found it for them."

Paper plates eventually became designer handbags. Greeting cards became fashionable jewelry.

As the store evolved, so did the town. Berlin had a moment in 1999 when the Richard Gere/Julia Roberts film "Runaway Bride" used the town as a backdrop. Victorian Charm doubled as a bridal shop in the movie.

"It was interesting to watch (filming)," Frene said. "Everybody was just so awed by it. We had so many people come in just to watch it. Everybody was just so involved. That's what I love about Berlin – everybody is like a family.

"I think with this 'Cool Berlin' thing, the same thing is going to happen that happened with 'Runaway Bride," she continued, referencing the town's recent Budget Travel honor. "There are still people that have come to Ocean City for 40 years but never took the time to come. And they're like, 'well now I'm kind of curious."

Local traffic, coming from places like Dagsboro and Seafood, Del. has already started to pick up.

"They've lived here all their lives, but now we've got this designation and they're curious," Frene said.

Around the fifth year the store was open Frene met her future husband – and eventual business partner – Steve. The couple met while he was working in radio advertising.

"I worked at a radio station that was located in Berlin and my general manager said, 'you need to get involved with Berlin. Go to some chamber of commerce functions," he said. "They happened to be having a fundraiser for Victorian Christmas, which Debbie was actually the chairman of and was the president of the chamber at the time. She was recently divorced and so was I, and we kind of got talking and started dating and later got married. And I went back to my former boss and said, 'remember when you told me to get involved in Berlin? I married the chamber of commerce president – now that's involved."

The couple was extremely active with

the town, at one point running most of Berlin's major events.

"Our daughter ran Spring Celebration, Debbie ran Victorian Christmas, arts night and the sidewalk sale, and I was running the Fiddler's Convention and started the jazz fest," Steve said. "We've been very involved. There were few shop owners at the time and we learned that these events are the best way to bring people into town – better than any advertising. If you do an event you can bring thousands of people into town."

Three years ago business grew to the point where Steve was needed in the store full time. The couple then partnered on yet another level.

Today, Victorian Charm sells brand name and designer items at a wide price range, "from \$2 gifts to \$500 handbags," according to Frene. "We try to have something for every price range for everybody," she said.

The anniversary is something Frene admits she has a hard time comprehending.

"I couldn't have done it without the help of my parents, Bill and Carole Smith, my daughter, Lindsay Ashton, my son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Kristin Parker, and my niece Sarah Brissey," she said. "In the beginning, I actually had to take another job just to support myself, the kids and the store. Both my kids have helped to keep the store going and pitched in whenever I needed them and they still do. My mother worked at the store during the week for little or more often than not, no pay. I have had to depend on my family more times than not and they are always there for me, even now.

"I can't believe I made it that long," she continued. "It's really a milestone. I'm proud of what we've accomplished. We stuck through the hard times and I'm very proud of this store. I hope we have the longevity to be here and that maybe somebody else takes over — whether it's a family member or someone else. It would probably be a good summer job for my granddaughter."

Victorian Charm will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Friday, May 2 with live entertainment from 6-9 p.m. The Frenes will also be giving away tote bags filled with some of the store's most popular items. A "Taste of Berlin" sampling of items from local restaurants is also in the works.

For more information, call 410-641-2998 or visit www.victoriancharm.biz.



OPA inks new agreements with gen. mgr., Casper Golf

Thompson would be incentivized should amenities show growth

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

OCEAN PINES- In addition to a pay increase, General Manager Bob Thompson could get a bonus if Ocean Pines amenities do well.

Thompson's current salary of \$150,000 per year increases to \$165,000 per year for three years and he has the potential to earn more. The difference is that he may not be paid for performance, Tom Terry, president of the Ocean Pines Association board of directors, said Tuesday.

The board benchmarked Thompson's base salary to general managers in other homeowners associations after determining what others in similar and like positions were being paid.

"The base [salary] does not go up for three years except for inflation," Terry said.

There is also a shared at-risk portion of the contract tied to the success or lack of success of amenities, Terry

"If they don't do well, he gets no bonus," he said. "That's a whole new thing. We want amenities to do well and if they do well, he shares in the benefit of that.'

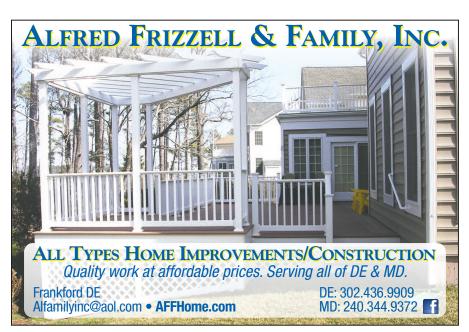
The amenities involved in the possible bonuses are the Yacht Club, the Beach Club, aquatics, golf and marinas.

Thompson is eligible for bonus payments up to a maximum of 25 percent of his base salary, or approximately \$40,000, for a possible annual income of \$205,000.

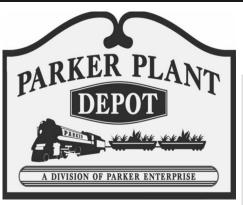
"He still has the responsibility of maintaining the community and keeping it up to speed," Terry said. "The idea was to get away from the situation at the end of every year where we're figuring how much to give as a raise."

Directors Marty Clarke and Jack Collins voted against the new contract with Thompson, who has been general manager since August 2010.

The board of directors also voted to approve a new contract with Casper Golf, which manages the Ocean Pines golf course. This contract gives Ocean Pines the option to cancel, with no penalty, the contract after the end of the golf season, typically November or December, if the financial performance and overall performance do not improve, Terry said. The overall performance, Terry said, refers to the upkeep of the course, the treatment of golfers and the overall golf experience.



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Two people saved from house fire on Branch Street

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN- Two people were rescued from a massive house fire on Branch Street Thursday, April 17.

Tocarra Derrickson, 31, and her 6year-old daughter were pulled from the blaze, while four emergency personal were treated for minor injuries.

Firefighters from Berlin, Showell, Ocean City, Ocean Pines and the Newark Volunteer Fire Companies responded to the alarm, reported at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Two Berlin police officers rescued the girl after noticing her hand through a window. The officers forced entry and removed the child through the window, then directed firefighters to the location where Derrickson was last observed, on the five-bedroom home's second floor. Derrickson was reportedly on the phone with 911 at the time.

Derrickson was taken to Atlantic General Hospital and flown to Johns Hopkins. She was then admitted was admitted to Bayview Burn Center in Baltimore at 1 a.m. on Friday, and is still listed in critical condition as of April 21, according to Worcester County Fire Marshal Jeff McMahon. Her daughter was released from the hospital on the night of the incident and is currently staying with a family member.

The two police officers and two firefighters who were injured were treated and released on Thursday.

McMahon said the cause of the fire is unknown and the investigation is still ongoing.

The house is owned by Derrickson's parents, Gerald and Marcelle Derrickson. Derrickson and her two children, 6 and 8, also live at the residence. Only Derrickson and her daughter were home at the time of the fire.

Public invited to pray for nation

BERLIN-On Thursday, May 1, the Berlin community is invited to gather on the front steps of the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street at noon for song and prayer as we pray for our nation.

This event will last for approximately 60 minutes and will feature a number of community and church leaders praying for a variety of important issues.

The theme of this year's prayer effort is "One Voice, United in Prayer" and is based on the Bible verse from Romans 15:6, "So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In the event of inclement weather, this prayer event will move across the street to Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 Main Street, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Questions, contact Jerry Wade, executive pastor of SonRise Church, at 443-880-7801 or e-mail Jwadecares@comcast.net.

Activities planned for Ocean Pines Festival of Boats

OCEAN PINES-Members of the Ocean Pines Boat Club have continued to plan activities and events for the Festival of Boats scheduled for July 26.

A community day of family fun and entertainment, including games, balloon-making clowns and Kiwanis Club hot dogs are just some of the events planned.

The day's happenings will begin at noon at Pintail Park, where the boats will begin to line up. Everyone is invited to bring chairs, perhaps pack a picnic lunch, bring a cooler and enjoy the festivities. The Kiwanis Club will start cooking its hot dogs that, along with soft drinks, will be on sale until 4

The boats will begin to leave Pintail Park at 2 p.m. They will be sequenced into the charted route and will eventually pass by the judge's station located at the end of the grand canal close to Ocean Parkway.

Plans are being formulated for additional festivities following the judging. Prizes will be awarded in four categories; first, second and third in each category as well as a grand prize for best in show.

To qualify, boats must be decorated, costumes should be worn and music should be supplied, if possible. The theme this year is "Fantasy," which covers just about everything imagina-

Participation in the Festival of Boats is open to all Ocean Pines residents, organizations and businesses. Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce businesses that would like to participate in the parade and advertise their businesses are welcome.

Time is passing quickly, so if you are interested in participating in this year's Festival of Boats, either as a volunteer or as a boat entry, do not hesitate. Sign up as soon as possible. Visit the Ocean Pines Boat Club Web site, opboatclub.org for a registration form or contact Steve Stein at spikerex@aol.com, 410-641-8930, or Fred Heinlen at fheinlen5@msn.com, 410-208-3165 for additional information.



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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Please send all letters to editor, notices, calendar events and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Already missing Michael

Last week, we reported that Michael Day, Berlin's Economic and Community Development Director, announced his intention to retire.

While Day hasn't given a specific date yet, we're already looking ahead and missing him.

Day has meant and will mean so much to Berlin and its future. He helped Berlin win the state award for organization in its first year of adopting the Main Street Concept. This is a state-sponsored program of strengthening the economic potential of traditional Main Streets and neighborhoods. Just take a walk in the area and you'll see why Berlin was well suited to win the state award, and then go ahead and run away with the Budget Travel Magazine's "Coolest Small Town in America" voting.

Day has also done a great job of setting Berlin up for a successful future especially with the hiring of Megan Houston, who hit the ground running as the new Main Street coordinator. Houston has already gotten her arms around the Main Street concept and is doing a great job. Truth is, this is a matter of continuity, and Day is passing that continuity on to Houston for the future.

Mayor Gee Williams came right out and called Day the "spark that Berlin needed" to get to the next level of economic vitality.

"If you tried to point to one individual who has made the most significant difference in helping Berlin move forward economically in the last few years, that person would be Michael Day."

Bud Church, President of the Worcester County Board of County Commissioners, went so far as to call Day a "hero and he should be Berlin's hero for all he's done."

We couldn't agree more.

Day has help make Berlin known not just in Maryland, but also in this day of the Internet, pretty much all over. We wish Michael Day all of the best that he deserves in his retirement. Michael, you can take your time deciding when to step down. You've helped change a town and its future.

Thank you for that and so much more.

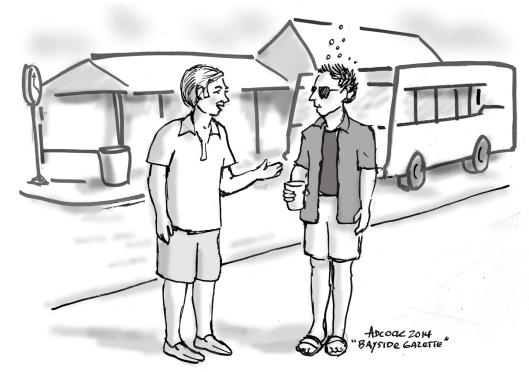
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Time to shine at Worlds in St. Louis

Worcester Beach Bots, a winning group of students

By Phil Jacobs

Editor

I had the wonderful experience of meeting with team members of the Worcester Beach Bots Robotics team,



Phil Jacobs

which by now should be in St. Louis, Mo. for the staging of the April 23-26 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technol-

ogy) Robotics Competition.

The team's robot, "Bruce," arrived crated ahead of the team. When it arrived at the Edward Jones Stadium, the same place where the St. Louis Rams NFL team plays, coach Michele Kosin and her team members will take a look at their robot, make sure its ready to roll.

Coach Kosin said with emotion in her voice "I've seen them, and I've grown up with them."

The Beach Bots will be competing against similar squads from the area, the nation and the world. Indeed, Titanium-Wrecks of Worcester County, a new team, is also competing at Worlds. Teams attend from countries as far away as the

Netherlands and Israel, said Chris Brown, one of the steady, confident seniors on this squad.

Just to read where some of the seniors are committed to for college has got to make Worcester County proud. We know that their coach is beaming. Danny Beck, the team's lead programmer, is heading to the University of Maryland, College Park; Gary Qian is still making up his mind, but he's been accepted to universities including Maryland, Johns Hopkins, NYU and the University of Virginia. Jake Eisenmann has been accepted to Maryland, University of Michigan, Northeastern and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Kris Rorke is looking at Shippensburg. These are the mechanical engineer and computer geniuses of this team. But the team isn't just about the engineers.

Indeed, perhaps the unsung hero of the team is Jacob Znamirowski, a Stephen Decatur High School senior, who one day wants to attend the police academy and become an officer. Jacob's job is to take the pressure off of the robotics competitors. At 18, he's learned how to fund raise for the team. He helps book their transportation, hotel rooms and feed them. He does whatever he can to make the team a winner.

"I'm the messenger," he said modestly, "so the team members aren't waiting for anything." He's considered the manager of the team, and he said that working with Coach Kosin and his teammates "has made me a better person.

"I'm not on the engineering side," he said. "I take care of the business of our team."

The Beach Bots qualified for the worlds after winning at the North Carolina Regional FIRST Robotics Competition. That win and this trip to the World's is so far the apex of the team that started three years ago with about 13 students and now numbers 60.

"None of us knew what we were doing when we first started," said Brown. "We just kind of did it. We experienced a lot of firsts."

Their coach perhaps put it best when she said, "they all seem to say at once T've got an idea," and then they are at the white board for three minutes explaining it."

On this day, though, at the Worcester Technical High School, they had something else wonderful "figured out." The feeling in the classroom used during our interview was energetic. This team is together. They were completing each other's sentences, and they know what they're going to have to do when they compete in St. Louis.

Coach Kosin also knows without saying. She brought them this far. Now, it's time to shine.

Maryland Coastal Bays to host upcoming workshops

Program seeking input on Comprehensive Conservation updates

MARYLAND—The Maryland Coastal Bays Program is hosting workshops from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 at the Snow Hill Middle School and again on Wednesday, April 30 at the Ocean Pines Country Club to seek community input on the updated Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan that addresses current and emerging issues impacting water quality and the health of the bays and waterways behind Ocean City and Assateague Island.

The workshops are set up to allow participants to arrive any time during the three-hour period and browse information stations that appeal to their interests.

The CCMP is a 15-year culmination of technical and community involvement to protect the future of our bays. It is a plan of action items created for MCBP by local individuals, community groups and government agencies.

The original plan was finished in 1999 and is being updated as a 10-year compilation of management recommendations from scientific studies, new local, state and federal initiatives and the continuation of older successful outreach efforts to watershed residents.

The new management plan includes four sections: Water Quality, Fish/Wildlife/Habitats, Recreation and Navigation, and Community and Economic Development. There are a total of 15 goals, 35 objectives and 216 action items that have been vetted by partners and the public.

Science serves as the foundation to the management of MCBP, but the community, the watershed stakeholders is the most impacted by this plan. MCBP encourages everyone to attend a workshop as the public's attitudes, perceptions, beliefs and knowledge is crucial to protecting our bays. Input from farmers, developers, commercial and recreational fishermen serves as an integral part of the non-regulatory plan.

Take five minutes to fill out the survey located on the MCBP Web site, www.mdcoastalbays.org and attend one of the workshops. Both workshops are the same, but held on different dates and places in an effort to accommodate as many attendees as possible.

Any questions, contact Sandi Smith at 410-213-2297 ext 103 or sandis@mdcoastalbays.org.



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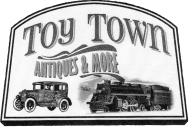


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BUILDING 3D SHAPES

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Jeannette Mears' Kindergartners at Showell Elementary School use toothpicks and marshmallows to build 3D shapes. Pictured are students, Lukash McLaughlin and Emily Hose.



ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Buckingham Elementary School students, Der'rhy Doughty, Juan Cervantes Rodriguez and Kaolin Riser in Stacey Bredenberg's first grade class, are working as an animal rescue team. Together they had to research what a cheetah would need and how they would build an enclosure for it at their animal sanctuary.



INDUCTED

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Students inducted into the Societe Honoraire de Francais, Chapitre Bastille at Worcester Preparatory School, in front row from left, are Erika Smith, Rachel Berry, Paige Evans and Tatjana Kondraschow, and in back row, Jamie Welch, Charlie Pritchard, Biola Eniola, Scott Klug and Sam Deeley. French teacher Debbie Speier is the group's advisor.



BES FITNESS DAY

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Students at Buckingham Elementary School were rewarded for their positive choices and behaviors with a Fitness Day, March 27. Students had the opportunity to try a variety of fitness options such as Yoga, Zumba, Tabata and HIT training. These opportunities were made possible by local fitness instructors: Dawn Ehman, YobaVibez & OC SUP and Fitness; Wendy Perry, Energy Gym; Chrissy Ehrhart, Zenna Wellness Studio; Theresa McDuffie, There's a Burn in You and Lora Cole, Lora Cole Yoga.



RECOGNITION OF FRIENDS

NANCY POWELL/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Volunteers of three county library groups are honored during a luncheon at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, from left, are Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs, Carol Wanzer, treasurer of the Friends of the Ocean Pines library; Harriet Creter, president of the Friends of the Berlin library; Pat Johnstone, president of Friends of the Ocean City library, and Jennifer Ranck, deputy director of the Worcester County Library and manager of the Ocean City library. Each Friends group was presented with a framed proclamation from the office of President Barack Obama in recognition and appreciation of commitment to provide volunteer service.



STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

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Students inducted into the Pablo Picasso Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica at Worcester Preparatory School, in front row, from left, are Hannah Arrington, Fiona Reid, Frankie Willing, Caroline Lindsay, Meg Lingo, Lilly DiNardo, Sarah Koon, Victoria Middleton, row 2, Devin Hammond, Isabel Carulli, Laura Issel, Cassie Stevens, Allie Barrish, Megan Brown, Jason Cook, Staton Whaley, Grace Tunis, Regan Shanahan, Victoria Barros, top row, Kyle Zarif, Zach Oltman, Kyle Chandler, Wyatt Richins, Noah McVicker, Michael Brittingham, Charlie Trupo, Brian Trupo, Ryan Murphy and Jordan Kilgore. The advisor is Spanish teacher Kira Eade.

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Cheesy 'grits' served with country bacon

(Reprinted from April 25, 2013 issue) Needing a weekend away, the family traveled to Williamsburg to enjoy a

By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII Flight Center.

breather. On the way home on Sunday, we knew that NASA was launching Antares the rocket and we were hoping to catch a glimpse of this moment; the largest rocket launched ever Wallops from

As luck would have it, we received a text from someone working at Wallops that launch was in two minutes, so we pulled over, knowing that we were in proximity of Chincoteague.

Little did we know that we were only four miles from the launch pad and that it was dead ahead of our car. It was quite a sight to see. For the eight of us in the car, it was a first, and it was stunning. The sight, the sound and knowing that the rocket would be in outer space in a matter of minutes was an astounding testament to our engineers and scientists. And as quickly as it began, it was over; the rocket out of sight and nothing left but the faintest plume of smoke wafting in the sky.

So back into the car we climbed and headed up the coast. And I had only one more stop to make.

When I drive through Virginia, it is difficult for me to pass the countless "country ham" signs, and on Sunday I was perplexed as to how I had always missed the "country bacon" signs frequently accompanying the aforementioned ham signage. Stopping to inquire, I realized that this was worthy of a culinary inquisition.

Of course I bought a sack of bacon, being told that it would be the best that I had ever tasted. "We'll see about that," I noted to myself, since I make bacon myself. I smirked a devilish grin as I walked to the car, reading the instructions on the back on how to deal with the slab of smoky, peppery charcuterie.

Any time that I buy food in a burlap sack on which the first instruction is to remove any mold by scrubbing with a stiff brush and cold water, I know it's going to be good.

The smell reminded me of country ham, a long-lost friend to which I had been reunited the day before. Having a difficult time finding a place where we could eat (this particular weekend we had six children with us so the choices narrow dramatically with odds stacked so high against the adults), we happened upon a breakfast house.

I perused the menu, not wanting any burgers or pancakes. Waffles did not sound too appetizing, either. That is, they didn't sound appetizing until I noted that a side dish of country ham was a mere \$3.99.

When I ordered, our waitress Ms. Mary asked, "the salty ham?" I smiled and replied, "Yes. I bet you get a lot of Northerners who complain that it's too salty, don't you?" She just smiled.

What I received was nothing short of perfection as the salty ham melded with the sweet, malted waffle and maple syrup. I reminisced the many vacations of my youth when we would travel to the Skyline Drive to camp for weeks at a time, our site populated by as many as 12 people in a popup camper and a tent.

Virginia country ham was always a staple with our blueberry pancakes. The ham needed no refrigeration and the blueberries came from Big Meadows. We would pick them for hours and then have a feast, half of the berries readily consumed in the hot summer sun as we walked through the field.

Upon returning home, I fired up the oven, sliced some bacon off the slab and baked it. Much to my surprise, the taste is much closer to country ham than anticipated and I am not sure which way is the best to serve it.

cheddar On grits (I used fine

polenta) it was delicious, although water was at hand to keep the bloating down. But with sweet syrupy waffles it would be even better.

I might have to make another trek to figure this one out; I can always use a breather.



Serves 6 1 pound country bacon 1/2 cup good quality polenta 2 cup water 1/2 cup heavy cream 2 Tbsp. butter 1/2 cup White Cheddar salt and pepper to taste fresh herbs, as needed

Step 1: If any mold is present on bacon, scrub vigorously with stiff brush and cold water (yes, that is printed on the sack in which it came)

Step 2: Remove bacon rind and slice bacon into thick slices, ensuring that the end number of slices is divisible by 6 (unless you have someone in your party that you don't particularly care for; you can give them less)

Step 3: Place bacon on sheet pan and place in 350 degrees oven until crispy. In my convection, it takes about 15 minutes. Yours will be different, so monitor it. Reserve bacon grease for other purposes

Step 4: Bring water to a boil and slowly add polenta, whisking as you add, making a soft porridge

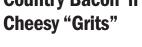
Step 5: Cook for 5 minutes. It will be done in 5 minutes but you will have to take coarse cornmeal (true grits) to a full 25 minutes, at least, to finish cooking

Step 6: Add cream, butter and cheese

Step 7: Taste and adjust your seasoning

Step 8: Serve grits with rashers and drink plenty of water. This bacon is

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING AND LUNCHEON — Captain's Table in the Marriott Hotel, 2 15th St., Ocean City. Candidates for governor and lieutenant governor will speak. Cost of luncheon is \$16. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Meeting begins at 11 a.m. Contact Ann Lutz at 410-208-9767 or annlutz@veri-

zon.net for reservations by April 21.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. Assistant Superintendent of Worcester County Schools Lou Taylor will speak. Also a presentation on "Common Core." All Democrats and Independents are welcome.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING -

Germantown School Community Heritage Center, 10233 Trappe Road, Berlin. Meeting begins at 6 p.m., with speaker at 6:30 p.m. Speaker is Dr. Jerry Wilson, Worcester County School Superintendent. All are welcome. Info: 410-726-4381 or 443-944-6701.

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

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

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

WEST OCEAN CITY ASSOCIATION SOCIAL — Harborside Bar & Grill, 12841 Harbor Road, West Ocean City, 5-7 p.m.

FRI. April 25

MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE EXPO -

Ocean City beach from Second to Sixth streets. Info: Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855 or www.kiteloft.com.

SWEET ADELINES COMPETITION — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Admission is \$25 per event. Quartet Contest

held at 5 p.m. Info: www.region19sai.org.

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CARVING COMPETITION — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Event includes judging, benefit auction, classes and seminars, demonstrations, children's activities and exhibitor booths of artisans and art supplies. Bid on world class art at the benefit auction. Also kids activities at the Kids Corner. Admission costs \$10 for a multi-day pass, \$8 for seniors and students and free to children 11 and younger with an adult. Group rate for 6 or more is \$6 per person. Info: www.wardmuseum.org.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER - Sisters Gifts, Accessories, Beer & Wine, 113 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Team Memories in Motion will be guest bartending. Event features food, entertainment, photo booth, raffles and silent auctions to benefit American Cancer Society. Call Sisters at 443-513-4158 or Debbie Haas at 443-783-4159.

QUARTER AUCTION — Berlin Intermediate School cafeteria, 309 Franklin Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m., auction begins at 6 p.m. Admission and first paddle cost \$6. Additional paddles are \$4 or pay \$15 for admission and four paddles. Benefits American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of North Worcester County. Info: Jaclyn or Christy, 410-208-6705.

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.

OCEAN CITY SHRINE CLUB MONTHLY

MEETING — Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Road (behind the Fenwick Inn). Social meeting will begin at 6 p.m. followed by guest speaker, Skip Carey, a fellow Mason and Shriner, who will discuss Masonry and the Civil War. Dinner will follow. Wives and/or significant others welcome. Info: 410-250-0185.

SAT. April 26

MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE EXPO -

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SWEET ADELINES COMPETITION — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Admission is \$25 per event. Chorus Contest at 11 a.m. and Show of Champions at 8 p.m. Info: www.region19sai.org.

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CARVING COMPETITION — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. to 5 Info: www.wardmuseum.org.

OCEAN CITY HALF MARATHON/5K — Race starts at 7 a.m. at the Ocean City Inlet Parking lot. Registration fee for partici-

pants. Info: Chris Klebe, 443-497-4324 or www.octrirunning.com.

BOARDWALKING FOR PETS — Ocean City Boardwalk from Inlet to 27th Street, 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. All proceeds benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. Take your pet or adopt a shelter dog for the day by making arrangements prior to the walk-a-thon. Registration fee. Info: 410-213-0146 or www.boardwalkinforpets.com.

TWO 'LIVE' OLD TIME RADIO PRODUCTIONS

- Blue Ox Restaurant, 12601 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-4:30 p.m. Radio Airwaves Productions will present an original "dark" comedy by local playwright Dick Rosse and an episode of Lucille Ball's, My Favorite Husband. Tickets cost \$12 and include coffee, tea and dessert after the first show. Also get a 15 percent discount on dinner for that night, or until May 15. Tickets: Larry Walton, 443-831-1791 or lrwalto@yahoo.com. This is an Ocean Pines AARP fundraiser.

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. Info: 410-524-8196.

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

SPRING CLEAN YARD SALE — Berlin Visitor Center parking lot, 14 S. Main St., 8 a.m. to noon. All items were donated and all profits will go toward the Main Street Program. Info: Megan Houston, mhouston@berlinmd.gov or 410-973-2051.

SUN. April 27

MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE EXPO — Ocean City beach from Second to Sixth

Ocean City beach from Second to Sixth streets. Info: Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855 or www.kiteloft.com.

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CARVING COMPETITION — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: www.wardmuseum.org.

2ND VINO BINGO — Costa Ventosa Winery, 9031 Whaleyville Road, Whaleyville, 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Must be 21 or older. Admission includes one glass of wine, lite fare and 10 games of bingo. Sponsored by Wino Heroes Relay for Life team to benefit American Cancer Society. Contact: DJ Thompson, 443-366-5440 or Susan Hutchinson, 443-880-0208.

BUFFET BREAKFAST — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, every second and fourth Sunday of each month,

8:30-11:30 a.m. With orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 11 and younger. Info: 410-524-7994.

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. Info: www.OARegion7.org or Bett 410-202-0078

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

MON. April 28

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS —

The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

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

TUES. April 29

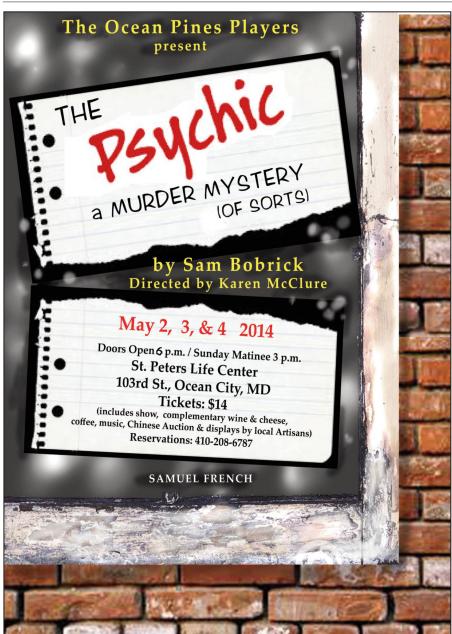
2ND ANNUAL MARDI GRAS — St. Andrew's Catholic Center, 5-9 p.m. Dinner and dancing. Music by "Old School." Cost is \$15. Tickets available at the St. Luke's Catholic Parish office. Info: 410-250-0300.

MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM WORKSHOP — Snow Hill Middle School, 522 Coulbourne Lane, 5-8 p.m. The group seeks community input on the updated Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan. Participants can arrive at any time and browse information stations. Info: Sandi, 410-213-2297, Ext. 103 or sandis@mdcoastalbays.org.

WED. April 30

MARYLAND COASTAL BAYS PROGRAM WORKSHOP — Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 5-8 p.m. There will be an informal social afterwards. Cash bar and light refreshments. Info: Sandi, 410-213-2297, Ext. 103 or sandis@mdcoastalbays.org.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.





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75th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-7575

April 25: Mood Swingers, 9 p.m.

April 26: Ginger, 9 p.m.

April 30: Happy Hour Deck Party w/Christopher Dean Band, 4-8 p.m. May 1: DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave. Ocean City 410-289-7192 www.captainstableoc.com April 25-26: Phil Perdue

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In the Castle in the Sand Hotel 37th Street oceanfront 410-289-6846

May 1: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-5500 April 25: Kevin Poole, 5:30 p.m.; DJ Hook, 9 p.m.; Lima Bean Riot, 10

April 26: Rob Fahey, 1 p.m.; Colossal Fossil Sauce, 5 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9 p.m.; Scott's New Band, 10 p.m. April 27: Ocean 98 Bloody Mary Contest, noon, w/Swampcandy, 2 p.m.

GALAXY 66

66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 April 25: The Philly George Project, 8

p.m. to midnight

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846

April 25: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T April 26: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.

April 27: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.

April 28: DJ Jeremy

May 1: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Every Friday: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.

Every Saturday: Dave Sherman, 6-10

Every Thursday: Aaron Howell, 6 p.m.

HIGH STAKES

Route 54

Fenwick Island, Del.

302-537-6971

April 25: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; DJ

ZMan, 9 p.m.

April 26: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; DJ

Rupe, 9 p.m.

HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd. West Ocean City 410-213-1841 April 25-26: Loud Love, 9 p.m. April 27: Loud Love

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56th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-524-7499

April 25: Rob Fahey & The Pieces April 26: The Legends of Eddie

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103 N. Main St. Berlin 410-629-1022

April 25: Ryan Perez, 7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535 Every Friday and Saturday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. April 25-26: Power Play

SCHOONER'S RESTAURANT

In the Princess Royale 91st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-7777 Every Friday and Saturday: Harry O, 7-11 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 April 25: Rew Smith, 5-9 p.m.; Lost in Paris, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. April 26: Full Circle, 5-8 p.m.; Roar for A Cure Kaleb Brown & Galaxy Collective; Element K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Kristen & The Noise, 10 p.m. to 2

SMITTY MCGEE'S

Route 54 West Fenwick Island, Del. 302-436-4716 April 25: Rick Artz, 8 p.m. April 26: Dirt Road Outlaws, 8 p.m. May 1: Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 8 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 443-365-2576 April 25: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

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- 5 Instants
- 9 Ancient symbols of royalty
- 13 Checks and Louis," 1956 jazz album
- 19 The Sun, The Moon or The Star 58 Complete shutout? 61 Post letters
- 21 Best-selling novelist whom Time called "Bard of the
- Litigious Age' 23 Attribute of Elks or Lions Club members
- 25 Recital piece for a wind player
- 26 Toast words after "Here's"
- 27 Relative of
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- 83 Stella D
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- 86 They're steeped in strainers
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- 93 Walker's strip
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- 101 Dirty rats
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- 2 Renault model with a mythological name
- 3 Woody's "Annie Hall" role
- 'Joanie Loves Chachi" co-star
- 500, annual race in Ridgeway,
- Va. 6 Wildlife IDs
- 7 Ones who are the talk of the town?
- 8 Baking
- 9 Actress Judd
- 10 Use elbow grease on
- 11 Opening for a dermatologist
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- Abbr. 13 Seat at the counter
- 14 Ready to be played, say
- 15 De-file?
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- trumpeter Aviv

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- 28 Leave in a hurry
- 31 Music producer 115 Classic theater Brian
 - -Magnon
 - 34 New corp. hire,
 - often 35 Man, in Milano
 - 36 Cuts, as a cake
 - 37 Coffee-break time, perhaps
 - 38 Shakespeare's "Titus
 - 39 Financial writer Marshall 40 "What business is
 - yours?' 43 Bird whose feathers were once prized by milliners
 - 44 Neil of Fox News
 - **45** Ken of "Brothers & Sisters"
 - 46 Quaker production
 - 47 One of the Kardashians
 - 48 Composer Camille Saint-
 - **50** The U.N.'s Hammarskjöld
 - 51 Pounds' sounds 54 Give rise to
 - "You Must Love Me" musical
 - 56 Nosy one
 - 57 Millennia on end
 - 59 Candy-heart message
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 - 63 Rug fiber
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- 89 "Are you putting
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