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Recognition and honors dominate council agenda

From Scouting to radio, council's Monday packet doesn't lack for variety

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Interspersed within an evening of proclamations, presentations and permit requests during the April 22 public meeting, the Berlin Town Council received departmental reports on upcoming construction projects, bulk waste pickup dates, and approved 21 purchase orders for equipment and services.

The evening began with a photo session of Mayor Gee Williams presenting Proclamation 2013-10 recognizing the social benefits of the local Red Hat Society, Charm Girls Chapter 74007.

WOCM 98.1 (Irie radio) essentially adopted the Town of Berlin and played a critical role in helping to develop its hashtag, #mdscoolestsmalltown, Williams said. He read Proclamation 2013-11, which proclaimed May 10 as WOCM 98.1 Day, to coincide with the town's May Day/Play Day celebration.

Receiving the proclamation, "Bulldog" Rothner the station's general manager and host on the morning "Rude Awakening Show," responded, "What an amazing town you guys have!"

In other business, Eagle Scout Peter Marx told the council bat boxes had been installed in Stephen Decatur Park, with the help of town employees. The project intended to help Marx reach the top rank in the Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout. He thanked the council and town for its as-

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Directors discuss draft of OPA charter cleanup

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — The business of tidying up and clarifying the Ocean Pines Association charter continued at a special meeting Monday, as the OPA Board of Directors prepared to present its findings at its regular meeting on Thursday.

Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chairman Jim Trummel told the board his committee scoured the document "article by article," to clean up provisions, delete obsolete items, and clarify and consolidate some areas. As authorized by a charter res-

olution, the committee advises the board in reviewing and maintaining the association's principal governing documents.

Evidence of the board's desire to keep the charter language as concise as possible came during a discussion of a resident's suggestion that language be added to the section relating to contract transactions. Trummel said the committee determined that the language was not necessary, because the issue was already addressed under provisions in the Maryland Code.

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Charter remains clear and clean

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Director Sharyn O'Hare, however, asked if there was any prohibition against adding the language for clarity, considering that some people might not take the extra step of referring to the Maryland Code when checking the OPA charter for guidance. Trummel replied while there was no provision against that, doing so would be redundant and that the current language in that section of the charter had been in existence since Ocean Pines was incorporated.

Board President Tom Terry interjected that one of the committee's duties was to eliminate duplicate and unnecessary language, while Director Martin Clarke observed that the OPA's documents were subject to the Maryland Code.

Director David Stevens, the OPA board liaison to the committee, added that while it would not hurt to include a small amount of duplication, the question remained, "Where would it end?"

In matters regarding the state code and other laws that might apply, Director Dan Stachurski sought clarification on where there was a need for an amendment if no substantive change was made to existing policy, and also on the pecking order of jurisdiction between the Maryland Code, the Worcester County Code, and other governing authorities with jurisdiction over Ocean Pines' contractual activities.

He also asked Trummel to brief the board on an inconsistency between one article in the existing charter and another in the proposed revised version relating to members' eligibility to vote. Trummel referred to a later amendment of the charter that made the two versions congruent.

For the most part, Trummel said the revisions made no major changes to the existing document. However, he did draw the board's attention to one provision drafted to clarify that the board cannot by itself change the OPA's by-laws, but must instead take any proposed changes through the referendum process.

"The sentence about the power to adopt bylaws has been deleted in order to remove any question of consistency with Article XI of the By Laws," the committee said in a document comparing the draft to the current charter.

Terry advised that a motion would be needed with language that would empower the board president to go forward. Stevens said that he would draft a motion that would be available for the board's review early Wednesday before the meeting. He said later that he had been assured by OPA attorney Joseph Moore, with the firm Williams, Moore, Shockley & Harrison, that there were no further requirements needed other than the board's approval of the amended charter, prior to Moore filing the new documents with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Terry said later, "I think it has been a very tedious and important job that Jim Trummel and his committee has done. There was an enormous amount of detail that they had to pay attention to in order to achieve this work and I thank them for it."

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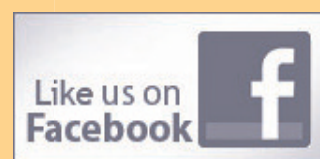
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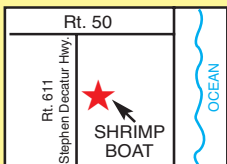
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Town OKs more sidewalk work

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sistance, especially Claude Littleton and John Brittingham who helped in the installation, and Adkins Company manager Rick Holland, who donated the wood.

Williams remarked about the added benefit that mosquitoes were part of the bats' diet. Marx said that one estimate was that a bat can consume 1,200 mosquitoes in one hour.

The second Eagle Scout project that came before the council was presented by Cole Norman, who received the council's unanimous approval to spray paint emergency services house locator numbers on sidewalks in front of the homes in town.

Norman, who is a seventh grader at Stephen Decatur Middle School, said he wanted to paint stenciled numbers in the public rights of way in front of homes throughout the town and in the Decatur Farms development. The project is intended to make residences easier to spot by emergency responders. He said that he has collected some of the supplies needed, but would be seeking donations for the rest. Carson said residents would be notified about the project and given the opportunity to opt out of having the sidewalks in front of their houses painted.

The council approved a \$1,500 grant to the Worcester County Arts Council for the "Paint Berlin," the town's plein air event where artists will be stationed at vistas throughout the town to compete for awards.

It is scheduled for Sept. 19 to 21. Executive Director Anna Mullis said the funds were needed for outreach promotion and marketing campaigns to expand recruitment of artists beyond the local community. She said 77 artists participated last year.

Williams said the quality of past events had been excellent, needing only more participation and commended the organizers for coordinating the event during the same weekend as said the Fiddler's Convention. He added that the event has potential as an economic tool, which would legitimize the town's financial support, but essentially described the grant as seed money that should serve to prime the pump for the organization to begin fundraising activities to finance future growth.

Councilmember Lisa Hall suggested

that art classes for children sponsored by Worcester County Youth and Family Counseling Services could also benefit by participating in the event.

The council granted a request by Todd Burbage to have building permit fees waived as the Worcester Preparatory School begins construction to upgrade and expand its multipurpose building. The request was approved by a 3-0 (Councilmembers Dean Burrell and Paula Lynch abstained). A special one-day permit was also approved for the Berlin Fire Company's May 18 "Ladies Night" fundraiser from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Public Works Director Michael Gibbons received approval for a \$31,980 contract with Chesapeake Paving & Sealing for asphalt overlay at Washington and Broad streets near the ice plant, on Franklin Avenue near the feed mill, and at Esham Avenue and Quillen Drive.

The council also approved a \$7,682.28 contract for concrete sidewalk work on Jefferson Street with Worth Construction, scheduled to start June 30. Since Worth is also the contractor for the sidewalk construction along Flower Street, Carson advised that the company be instructed to complete the Flower Street project before starting on Jefferson Street.

The dates for Spring bulk waste pick up are scheduled for May 1 for residents whose trash is normally picked up on Wednesdays and May 8 for residents whose trash is picked up on Thursdays.

In all, the council approved 21 purchase orders for everything from construction services and replacement equipment, to police equipment that was budgeted either for purchase or for replacement, to tools that had worn out in some departments.

Lynch took issue with one purchase order, however, specifically the inclusion of three of the expenses listed in a \$1,775.41 purchase order for the WYFCS Berlin youth project.

She balked at \$583.10 in hotel, meals and parking expenses associated with a two-day National Mentoring Summit that was held in Washington in January. She said expenses paid for by the town should directly relate to activities for the children served by the organization.

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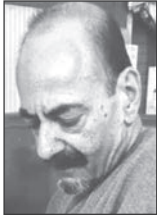
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OBITUARIES

Steven Mark Shamosh

BERLIN — Steven Mark Shamosh, 61, passed away at 12:54 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at Atlantic General



S. Shamosh

Hospital in Berlin. He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Y. Dee Shamosh. They were married March 30, 1980, in Salisbury.

He is lovingly remembered by his sons, Ian Matthew and Austin Creighton, and his grand-

sons, Quinn Steven and Colin John.

Born Dec. 28, 1951, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Shamosh graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1969. He worked in retail in Ocean City for a number of years before becoming an insurance salesman.

Mr. Shamosh enjoyed helping everyone. He cooked for shelters, delivered food to homeless and volunteered at church socials. He was a helping hand for anyone in need. He was loved by everyone

who knew him.

A sunrise service was held Sunday, April 21, at the Ocean City inlet. Pastor Terry Davis, Pastor D., Richard Burkhart and the Rev. Shawn Davis officiated. A scattering ceremony followed at the Asateague Bridge, and a reception was held at Galaxy 66 Bar and Grille.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Y. Dee Shamosh, 15 Dawn Isle, Berlin, Md. 21811. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at austinshamosh@gmail.com and ian-shamosh@gmail.com.

Billie Whaley Brittingham

BERLIN — Billie Whaley Brittingham, 89, died peacefully at her home on Thursday, April 18, 2103. Born in Berlin, she was the daughter of the late William Whaley and Virginia Hammond Whaley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl William Brittingham in 1989. She is survived by her children, William Whaley Brittingham and his wife, Tina

Marie, of Ocean City, and Jane Brittingham Bradford and her husband, Mike, of Snow Hill. She was the adored grandmother to Jamie B. Sullivan, John M. Bradford, Billie A. Bradford and Mary "Kitty" Maves, and to great-grandchildren, Ella Sullivan and Lana Thornton. She was preceded in death by her half brother, Jack Whelen.

Mrs. Brittingham spent much of her childhood on the Riddle Farm, where her father was the farm manager. She continued her love of horse racing throughout her life, often attending major stakes races around the country.

She and her husband owned Seaside Reality and sold many of the lots in the West Ocean City area. In more recent years, she and her son developed and sold properties in West Ocean City areas known as March Harbor, Seapointe, Harbor Beach, The Plantations and West End. She was a member of the Dunes Club, Ocean City Golf Club and the Marlin Club. She was also a member of St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church and was a trustee of the Whaley Cemetery in Whaleyville.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, April 24, at the Whaley Cemetery in Whaleyville. The Rev. George Patterson officiated. A donation in her memory may be made to Coastal Hospice P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Emma F. Tompkins

OCEAN PINES — Emma F. Tompkins of Ocean Pines died Thursday, April 18, 2013, at Harrison Senior Living in Snow Hill. Born Dec. 6, 1921, in Baltimore, Mrs. Tompkins retired from the U.S. Government after a career with the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Clifford W. Tompkins Jr.

Mrs. Tompkins was fond of golf and bridge, and she enjoyed her weekly bridge sessions with her friends in Ocean Pines.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara F. James of Burke, Va.; a son, Clifford W. Tompkins III of Pasadena, Md.; and a brother, Walter F. Shields of Baltimore. Also surviving her are six grandchildren, Bonnie James of Summerville, S.C., Steve James of Sterling, Va., Wendy Armstrong of Rock Hill, S.C., Mandy Tompkins Keller of Kelseyville, Calif., Teal Slayden of Laurel, Md., and Lindsey Quinn-Wriedt of Iowa City, IA. She also had four great-grandchildren.

Cremation followed her death. No formal services are planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Fund, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Waiver on stormwater explained

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Town Administrator Anthony Carson said during an April 23 interview that as a result of the WYFCS's participation in the summit, the organization's officials were able to put together an internship with students at Stephen Decatur High School who will be helping with the summer youth program. The interns will be students interested in pursuing education careers.


Hall asked for clarification on a stormwater management administrative waiver that was approved for the Natelli/Tripoli Street Subdivision. Hall said she had been assured that no grandfathering of existing properties would be permitted under the new stormwater policy. Carson said the waiver was approved by stormwater engineering contractor Darl Kolar of EA Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc., because it had already been granted and was still in affect when the stormwater program was approved.

In a Dec. 21, 2011 letter, Kolar told Jef-

frey Harman, of the architectural firm Becker Morgan Group, Inc., the approval "[I]s based on the fact that the number of lots and planned density was established and the project's stormwater management review was substantially completed by Worcester County prior to May 4, 2010 and occurred prior to the Town of Berlin initiating its own stormwater management plan review program.

"The project is required to obtain stormwater management approval through the Town of Berlin under the pre-Stormwater Management Act of 2007 requirements."

Kolar further said, "[T]his Administrative Waiver will expire on May 4, 2013 unless final project approval has been obtained to include any and all phases or sections." It would expire on May 4, 2017 if final project approval was received prior to May 4, 2013, Kolar added, and that all authorized construction would be required to be completed by the May 4, 2017, deadline.



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Conway discusses closing state's budget deficit

Appropriations chair says he tries to adhere to 'one Maryland' view

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

SALISBURY — Just before leaving for a family vacation after the close of an especially boisterous session of the Maryland General Assembly, Delegate Norman Conway (D-38B) took time to discuss the 2013 session and his plans for the 2014 election cycle.

Conway, who is chairman of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, talked about how he has used his influence on his constituents' behalf, the state's fiscal status, education and other program funding, highways and transportation, urban versus rural policy objectives, and the gas tax, death penalty and gun bills, which drew partisan fire as the session wound down.

Bayside Gazette: What is your overall assessment of this latest legislative session?

Delegate Norman Conway: Over the last five years, we had been in a very significant economic downturn — so much so that the state had a \$2.1 billion structural deficit. That became a controlling factor in each of those years. As we would start each legislative session, as would the administration and governor, we would always have to deal with that structural deficit.

Three years ago, the Spending Affordability Committee, which basically sets the guidelines for expenditures and fiscal issues for the session, met and decided that instead of what we normally do by giving the governor a percentage of spending growth, we would look at the structural deficit and make a sincere effort to reduce it and get rid of it.

We made the point to the rest of the General Assembly that over the next three years we would reduce the struc-

tural deficit by one third each year. After our meeting that December, we met in my committee the following January to decide how to go about doing that. We decided that we wanted to make sure that everyone understood the one-third goal was a minimum. If we could do more than that, we would.

During the first year, three years ago, we reduced the structural deficit by 46 percent — more than the one-third minimum. In the second year, we reduced it by 50 percent. So this year, when we started out, we had a \$421 million structural deficit, which was minimal in light of where we had been.

We decided that with the fund balance that we were going to put forth and with an increase of our rainy day fund that we would have enough money there to wipe out the remaining part of the deficit. I felt really good about that. Of course, after working with it, I think both the legislature and the governor have worked really hard to erase it. Ongoing revenues now will cover about 99 percent of state spending and the state fund balance will exceed \$1.125 billion. We have that much money on hand.

BG: So is the state in a surplus now?

NC: No, we are not in a surplus, although I guess some people would look at it as a surplus. But we have earmarked this money. We increased the rainy day fund from 5 percent to 6 percent, which means that we now have in a special fund 6 percent of our (\$36.8 billion) budget. The result is that the state now has more than \$750 million in its rainy day fund, [which can now be added to \$296 million in the general fund,] totaling an unappropriated fund balance of around \$1.1 billion. We are hoping to have a state surplus by 2017 — that's if everything stays as it is right now.

BG: After President Bill Clinton's administration declared a budget surplus in the late 1990s, it seemed to open the

floodgates for a lot of federal spending. What will keep the Maryland legislature from a similar response to a fiscal budget surplus?

NC: One of the things you will need to look at will deal with how much of revenue surplus you actually have. I'm not sure the people of Maryland — or, for that matter, the people of the country — have really understood how far down our economy went. Even this year, we had a plethora of people coming in with all kinds of spending increases while we were still trying to wipe out the deficit, which we had to tell folks.

I think anytime that you end up with the term "surplus," everybody seems to think that it's there, so any new program they can come up with will be funded. I would lean more toward returning some of the money back to the people of the state, if, in the way that we have had to increase taxes, increase fees and so forth, we end up with more money than we need. And we should, because we are also bringing on the casinos, which will be a revenue source and that ought to be able to pick a significant amount of additional education costs and things of that nature, which people consider as a priority.

So, I would hope we could look at how we might be able to give some back. Because we have asked the folks of the state to do a lot.

BG: Can you offer a couple of ideas on how that could be done?

NC: You could reduce taxes. In fact, many people believe that may have been part of how our structural deficit began, when in the last three years of Gov. Parris Glendening's administration, we gave a 10 percent income tax reduction over a three-year period. Nobody even knew they had gotten it. But it took a billion dollars of revenue that we never replaced.

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made recommendations for funding education by formula. But we did not put in place a budget mechanism to fund it, so we took money for that funding out of other revenue that the state had and we have been doing that ever since.

BG: Do you see that formula mechanism stopping?

NC: No, I think Thornton has made a significant difference for education.

BG: So you think it is a good thing?

NC: Oh, I think it is very positive. For one thing, it really addressed the funding equality of all areas of the state. Whether you are a rural county, suburban or urban, your education funding is done by a formula. Basically, it was a leveler for all the counties at that time.

The idea came about in the late 1980s, but was put in place in the 1990s.

BG: You are often credited with pushing for increased and equal education funding for the schools in this area. What inspired you to do that?

NC: Being an educator. I was in the education system in Wicomico County for 40 years, as a teacher, vice principal, principal and supervisor.

BG: Do you see areas that still need additional attention?

NC: We have seen a significant change in the family. We have seen a lot of boys and girls coming to school with a lot of baggage – things that they have to deal with. For most of us, I guess, we were poor but we just didn't know it. We always knew we were going to have a home, we had three meals a day, and other things that we needed. Kids today don't even know where they are going to be at the end of the day. So getting them ready for an education, well, there is just a lot that you have to deal with in today's society. I'm not sure that we've done enough to rebuild the family structure.

BG: But, how would you go about doing that?

NC: Well, that is why it hasn't been done. We have a whole host of programs that could help sustain the living ability of the family. I get concerned when I see boys and girls getting into trouble. You see inattentiveness; you see more and more difficulty with trying to present instruction in a way that is going to excite them in a way that they

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see is relevant to their own lives from what is being taught. If they can't see a relevancy that something a teacher is sharing with them is going to help them as individuals, it is going to be hard to get them to reach up and try to take hold of it.

Somehow, we have to get the family structure back in place, and I don't know how you do that, to be honest. I know that there are some ways, parenting classes and so forth, but my generation came along at a time when parenting skills were modeled after our own parents. But when the family started falling apart, there were no models there and we have had that for a decade or more now, of kids raising kids. Those are tough issues, but at some point, it is going to have to be dealt with.

BG: Worcester County Family Support Services had a budget reduction in the fiscal 2014 budget. Do you see that as something that will have to be increased in future budgets?

NC: Sure. But I think while there may have been a reduction in state funds there was probably an increase in other funding. It could have been in some federal programs that got increased. Now with sequestration, however, you might even see some of those reduced.

BG: So how do they get more resources for the increased number of families coming in for assistance?

NC: I think ultimately local governments and the state are going to have to get back into significant partnership situations, where you bring all your resources together to try to address those areas where there are greatest needs. It is definitely something we are going to have to do. I'd much rather spend \$15,000 on a student than spend

\$48,000 to incarcerate someone, where you have to protect them and take care of them for the duration of their sentence.

I say to folks all the time, in my 27 years in the General Assembly, nobody ever has ever come up and said, "Let's not build a prison." Yet, when it comes to local issues, if you start talking about building a school, people start asking, "How much is it going to cost?" If you don't do it, that cost is reflected in detentions and incarcerations and you are going to pay more. That's the way I look at it.

We've had lots of discussions. Not everyone looks at it the same way though. There are people who say, "Get them off the streets." Well, you might get them off the street and you might put them somewhere, but you will still have to pay for them.

BG: The "get them off the streets" sentiment is a widespread belief, so how do you make your arguments?

NC: That is why looking at equity and adequacy was a goal of mine when I went to the legislature. It also became a more pronounced goal when Baltimore sued the state because of the level of education funding the counties were getting. When we were doing the Thornton study, there were seven cases pending on the education funding issue and they were all decided against the state in favor of the education system. It led to finding an equitable way fund every subdivision in the state – all 24.

BG: Diakonia was the only nonprofit in Worcester County that got bond funding for fiscal 2014. You and Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38) introduced bills that were instrumental in making that happen. Can you talk about how it happened?

NC: When you look at the spread of services offered by a local organization

such as Diakonia, they not only help families by trying to keep them together and find sustainable living situations for them, but they also help them with a place to live for a period of time until they can get back on their feet. They provide food, make sure that their kids are in school and even find jobs and job training for the parents, so that when they leave they have an opportunity to have more skills than they had when they entered.

That is the goal of many of the programs that we have in the state, including the colleges and community colleges. We try to get skill levels increased for everybody who is enrolled.

I think Diakonia does a significant job. We helped them with the bond bill this year and I just told [President] Tom Wilson the other day that it was a small amount compared with what they are faced with having to do. If they find that they are going to need additional, we will try to do another bond bill for them for next year.

BG: Can you explain how you managed to get it through?

NC: Well, if you are the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, you have a little bit of leverage that you can use. But I think that for the most part, our committee looks at and weighs every request that comes forward. We have a factsheet on each one of them and we take a look at what their past history has been and what they currently want to do. Are they just expanding to expand or are they expanding to help. And then determinations are made. Through the bond bill process, programs might be able to get up to \$500,000 or \$600,000 per bill, which would consist of about half from each house (for example, for a \$600,000 request \$300,000 might be requested from the House and the other

\$300,000 from the Senate). We generally try to hold requests to \$250,000 in each house.

On average, we receive 300 or more requests a session, so that is where the fact sheets come in. That is also where the presentation of the organizations – when they come in to the committee – can help determine whether a request makes it or not.

BG: Can you go through the process organizations need to follow to make their case before the legislature?

NC: Number one, they have to have a viable project, and if they have had one that has been in place for any length of time, they must show factually what their results have been and show the things they have been doing are making a difference in the community. Sometimes an organization has tremendous goals, but the problem is that they are too spread out. Instead, they should take two or three things to really concentrate on and focus on growth in those programs.

For example, there is a substance abuse organization on Route 50 they have some very viable programs that they get state funding for and they help hundreds of people with substance or alcohol abuse problems. You don't like to think about it when it is your county, but it will be those kinds of problems that will bring people down, destroy families, and destroy communities, if someone does not step in to try to get a grasp on it and help the people learn to help themselves.

BG: Did they make a request for funding last year?

NC: No. They probably make theirs to the agency [of jurisdiction]. Because I know they do get funding.

BG: What do you foresee for next year?

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NC: Extensions of existing programs, such as those that help the farming community. Agriculture is still Maryland's number one industry, primarily poultry. Thousands of poultry industry jobs are intertwined with the state economy.

Also, we will likely be looking at issues like the Hudson Family Farm matter. We were amazed that the legal action even came about. Officials need to be aware when trying to provide suitable environmental protections that we have to find balances between the economic needs of our area and the environmental needs.

We are very fortunate to be along the Atlantic Coast, which is a tremendous tourist draw for Ocean City and Assateague Island. Yet, at the same time, we want to be able to have our own industries, which can provide jobs for future tourists.

And education and jobs; the kids that we are educating now, most of their families want them to stay here. Right now, we have a lot of them who leave.

BG: On measures like the gun control bill and the death penalty bill it almost came to an urban versus rural juxtaposition on where the legislation stood with the public and the General

Assembly this session. How do legislators, especially those who represent rural counties like the Eastern Shore, match the overwhelming numbers that you see from legislators representing areas like Baltimore, Prince Georges, and Montgomery counties?

NC: Sometimes you don't. I think we think we have to keep in mind the seven counties that make up the metro core of the state. They are the urban and suburban areas, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, [and Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince Georges]. They definitely have different needs, simply because of the high concentrations of people.

They have done a great deal in Montgomery, Howard and Frederick counties, with high tech jobs, and are really going after industries that need to be brought into that region – high pay, high qualifications for people.

And, of course, our state has for four years been the number one state in the nation for education. It doesn't mean that we are perfect, but it does mean that in comparison to the others, we are doing an exceptional job for most of our kids, not all, but most of them. We still have some needs there.

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and Frederick area, which are often referenced as the "Silicon Valley of the East." I've said to the Montgomery Delegation a couple of times that I wish the Eastern Shore was known as the Silicon Valley of the East and that we could have comparable industries, so that we too could be an attraction for the high tech industry and balance out the recreational opportunities that we have, because we need the jobs. We need industries.

We need to step out there and probably do it more on a regional basis, rather than on a county basis, like the urban areas do I think, with things like the Tri-County Council [the Tri-County Council of the Lower Eastern Shore formed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2001 to facilitate regional planning and development in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.] We could get them help us bridge some of the gaps that were very evident in the transportation debate.

It's hard for a lot of people to understand that we have a lot of people who do not have transportation and yet say, "Well, you ought to have a job," or, "You ought to have this or the other." My God, you have got to be able to get to it and get home.

We have put together a rather significant transportation network for individuals who need to make use of that

service. In the urban areas, they have the transit systems. That presents a big issue between the urban and rural areas, because we pay the gasoline taxes and the state uses 48 percent of it for transit.

Yet, although a lot of people don't think about it – and I have reminded them this year – we have transit also. It's a little more spread out, but then we have a concentration of it in Ocean City, with the use of MTA [Maryland Transit Administration] buses from April to September and October.

BG: Doesn't Ocean City pay for their buses?

NC: I think the state helps them with it. They pay a contract price for it. But it is very reasonable, versus having to buy that many buses. Think about Ocean City during the May to September period. They move millions of people on those buses – probably two or three million. I've said to people on the other side of the bridge, "Imagine what Ocean City would be like without those buses. You wouldn't be able to move."

BG: Didn't Ocean City request exemptions from the state because of certain self-funded services? Was the transit bus line one of those activities?

NC: I don't think they self-fund. I think there is an arrangement between Ocean City and the state to utilize "x" number of buses. That may increase, but the service is supplemented in some

way by each other – Ocean City and the state.

BG: How much of the increased gas tax will directly benefit the lower Eastern Shore and how?

NC: It would be hard to put a dollar amount there, simply because of the types of projects.

For me, the completion of the dualization of Route 113 is a must. That will happen and I would say that major intersection at Route 12 and Route 113 in Snow Hill where they have had all those accidents. It can't be anything but driver error. But it is a major issue.

When they built Route 113 in that area that median should have been much wider. That could have made a huge difference. I want to see Route 113 completed.

I think regarding road maintenance in the county, I'd like to see us get back to putting more highway user money in place, which had been reduced significantly for the county and municipality during this economic downturn that we've had. Route 404 on the Eastern Shore is going to have to be dualized. It's becoming a killer highway. It needs to tie in with what Delaware is doing with their dualization of the road. You could probably save 10 miles coming to the beach on Route 404 rather than Route 50. But I will not ride on it.

During the summer period, when there are long lines of cars, people will

take a chance [on trying to pass]. I have seen people who have had to get off the road because of an oncoming car trying to pass 17 or 18 cars and they didn't have anywhere to go once they started that pass.

Route 404 has been on the list and they have done a few sections. Route 113 has been on the list, for a good while. They have done a good part of it though, but we probably still have \$100 million plus of work left to be done to complete it. That would be dependent on how much land officials would need to acquire for some of the final rights of way. I think that they have got most of that done, but I am not sure.

BG: When do you think that it will be finished?

NC: I'm hoping that they can accelerate the work now that we have funding. I think the Department of Transportation has asked every county for their number one project. So I think that is where it is going to start picking up.

Also in Worcester, depending on how much traffic is generated for Ocean Downs casino, Route 589 is not very far from becoming a safety issue.

BG: Safety over traffic Route 589 was one of the issues that was raised in a recent lawsuit over the commissioner's rezoning decision. Do you see that road project as something that

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might be coming?

NC: I see that the State Highway Administration is aware of it. They have worked with Worcester County to try to mitigate some of the issues that could be major problems near the casino. But I think they are very much aware that at some point, that seven-mile stretch on Route 589 is probably going to have to be dualized.

BG: If they dualize it, will that change the character of the area? Would it have to be rezoned?

NC: I don't know about the rezoning. It would depend on how much right of way the state currently has along there. There might be some areas where rights of way would still have to be acquired. But for the portion at Routes 113 and 589, you have a little more latitude; it is not as populated as some of the entrance areas into Ocean Pines. It would be from Route 50 to the north entrance.

If they did it, though, they would probably have to do it all the way through – from Routes 50 to 113. I think that is part of what the community groups that are working with those issues have decided also. Both Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs and the Ocean Pines Association have been very active with that.

BG: You, Delegate McDermott and Sen. Mathias were instrumental in getting some rules changes for the [county liquor laws]. Why and how?

NC: It was as a result of what Ocean Downs needed also, with the addition of table games. Ocean Downs became the only casino in the state without 24-hour opening capability. I don't think [the owner] Mr. Rickman really wanted 24-hour operations, but I think with the table games he wanted more. So, he had limited himself too.

BG: Was there an agreement with other business groups in the area?

NC: I think there was agreement between all the groups involved. I think that is where some of the liquor control changes that were set to expire two or three years down the road got modified to some degree, so that there could be some opportunities for the local businesses to benefit.

BG: So how does it work?

NC: There are many moving parts and components. But basically, working with the comptroller's office, we were able to work out amendments to the law that helped to bridge the differences with the locals and with Ocean Downs. As a part of that compromise, the bill was modified, more on the time aspects than anything else. There were agreements that were worked out at the comptroller's office because of their role in controlling overall liquor purchasing abilities. The bills, SB 949 and HB 999, if you look at the fiscal notes of those two bills, at the end, I think it shows the Senate bill was amended to conform to the House bill. They are in

sync now.

BG: Are the local business owners, who made the original agreement, satisfied with the changes?

NC: When the casino was coming online that was part of it. There were other things tied into it, like prohibiting the casino from building hotels on site or within the region, because you already had them in Ocean City.

So one of the things I felt very strongly about and to some degree, it was done with these two bills, could be that Ocean City and this casino need to work together to bring forth packages that can help each other. It should have been done, but it hasn't been. They are starting on it now. I've seen some positive steps. But I think that it is important for the casino and I think it is important for Ocean City to be able to leverage things that they have and could utilize so that they help each other.

They could put packages together, such as inviting casino visitors to stay and eat at the restaurants in Ocean City, stay overnight multiple days, or run buses between the casino and Ocean City. All of that could be ultimately very leveraging for everybody.

BG: The upcoming election is in 2014. Are you going to run for reelection or for another office?

NC: I'm not going for another office. I have been very happy to be in the House. I think I've built a solid road of being able to work with other delegations and to work in a variety of ways for a "One Maryland" concept, where we recognize the importance of all the sections and regions of the state. I thoroughly enjoy that and that is where I would intend to stay, if the people will put me back.

I went there with a goal to help the Eastern Shore. I've broadened that goal to be more of a helper to the rural areas of the state. Casper Taylor (D), when he was speaker, he talked about a "One Maryland" concept, I bought into that and I believed in it, because I think no matter where you are, if you have a problem the state has got a problem and you need to fix it.

We have a lot of issues still out there – environmental aspects, we have got transportation needs in a big way, and we have major issues with septic systems that the state has been working on. I haven't agreed with everything that they have proposed or done.

Now we have the storm water issues and people say, "Why do you have to tax the rain?"

Well, the bay has become a national treasure. The federal government and the EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] have set up guidelines for things that need to be done that will clean up the tributaries, not only in Maryland, but in the states to the north of us. So we get caught up in that and it looks at times like Maryland is doing a lot more than it needs to do, until you

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look at some of the issues that we have had with our shellfish, our rock fish and all the other species.

All of that has an impact at one time or another and it comes from – so they tell us – storm water and wastewater treatment plants, all of the things that dump nutrients, phosphorus, and nitrogen into the waterways that then congregate in the bay.

The difference in Worcester County is that it has both the Chesapeake and the coastal bays. I think we have to recognize that it is going to be costly and in rural areas they don't have the same number of people to spread out those costs. It will require that the policy committees that estimate what and how it needs to be done work on a lot of compromises, because the rural areas won't have the same access to funding as the urban areas.

BG: What about property rights? How do they factor into it?

NC: The policy committees and entities like the Maryland Municipal League will have to address those as they lay out their goals.

BG: What do you consider your greatest accomplishments this session?

NC: Leading the way for the elimination the structural deficit, although that was not just me. It was my committee and other committees in the House and Senate that have truly significant

accomplishments in that regard. It allowed Maryland to be one of eight states with an AAA bond rating.

BG: What would you like to do over if you could?

NC: The gun bill. I wish it had been divided into sections, such as mental health, registrations, etc., and addresses that way. I have a problem with the heavy restrictions it has put in place. In this area, sports like hunting and competitive shooting are a way of life. Manufacturers like Beretta also could potentially be negatively impacted.

BG: Why were there no job loss relief provisions in the gun bill?

NC: There were attempts to modify the impact of the bill.

BG: What was your opinion of the bill to repeal the death penalty?

NC: I was against the repeal. With DNA, we can now pinpoint a yea or nay in many cases, and I think of the role science can have as a condition for prosecutions.

I also think of the Sarah Foxwell case – that was a horrible crime – or the father who killed his two young children on the Choptank Bridge years ago. I told the governor for cases like that I just don't think we do it fast enough.

The other aspect is the cost to keep the prisoners.

I really believe we need it in some cases. I don't know if the legislation will be subject to a referendum.



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GUEST SPEAKER

NARFE Chapter 2274 welcomed Doug Voss of NASA as the guest speaker for its March meeting. Voss discussed "Project LADEE," the Lunar Atmospheric and Dust Environment Explorer satellite scheduled for launch in August 2013. LADEE will be the first lunar satellite launched from Wallops Island. Pictured, from left, are Steve Habeger, programs chairwoman Anna Foults, NARFE Chapter 2274 President Arlene Page and Voss. All active and retired Federal workers are invited to NARFE's monthly meetings. The next meeting will be April 25, at The Woodlands of Ocean Pines. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Call Arlene Page on 410-352-3749 for more information.

AGH to hold series of free screenings at Immedicare

BERLIN — Atlantic General Hospital and Health System is providing free health screenings this month and in May at Atlantic ImmediCare in Ocean Pines and Millsboro, Del.

Following is a list of dates and times for the events. The skin cancer and carotid screenings require an appointment.

■ April 25: Respiratory Screening, 2-6 p.m., Atlantic ImmediCare, Ocean Pines Rite Aid

■ May 7: Carotid Screening, 2-6 p.m., Atlantic ImmediCare, Millsboro Rite Aid

■ May 8: Skin Cancer Screening, 2-8 p.m., Atlantic ImmediCare, Ocean Pines Rite Aid

■ May 9: Bone Density Screening, noon to 7 p.m., Atlantic ImmediCare, Millsboro Rite Aid

■ May 15: Skin Cancer Screening, 2-8 p.m., Atlantic ImmediCare, Millsboro Rite Aid

■ May 21: Carotid Screening, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Atlantic ImmediCare, Ocean Pines Rite Aid

■ May 30: Bone Density Screening, noon to 7 p.m., Atlantic ImmediCare, Ocean Pines Rite Aid

For more information about these free screenings and other community health events, contact Dawn Denton at 410-641-9268 or visit www.atlanticgeneral.org/calendar.



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Chip Gordy,
MBA, CRPC

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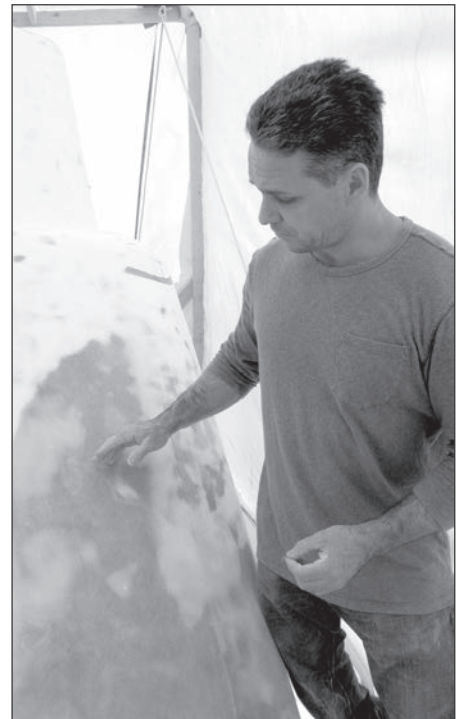
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Sending password information to others online. Never give your password details to anyone online as this information remains on the Internet forever. Someone somewhere will have a copy of your previously sent information, and that fact makes your password information unsecure and less safe. This may sound like a "no-brainer," but it has happened in the past.

Have anti-spyware software installed on your computer. Spyware programs can be downloaded or installed and end up on your computer. An innocent request for information about a product can result in a spyware program going straight to your hard drive. Its function is to monitor computer usage activity and then communicate that information to its owner. Its function was origi-

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Boat owner Dale Lisi, left, and boat builder Chris Haynes, of Haynes Marine Repair of Ocean City, work to prepare Lisi's charter fishing boat "Foolish Pleasures" in time to sail by June 1. Lisi, who owns Old Dominion Roofing, said losing his left arm in 1992 in a boating accident only left him out of work while recuperating for three months. Haynes joked the injury would have only slowed him down for two months.

Roofer, boat builder team to prep charter vessel

Dale Lisi doesn't think about what he has lost, but about what he has

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Dale Lisi's full time profession is running his Alexandria, Va. roofing company. His resort-based profession is chartering sport fishing trips and his pastime is helping boat builder Chris Haynes overhaul and prep Lisi's charter boat "Foolish Pleasures" for the upcoming season.

Not bad for a guy who seems oblivious to the idea that every day he shows that he can succeed with one arm at more things than most people can with two.

Capt. Dale has been chartering the sport fishing boat "Foolish Pleasures" out of the Ocean City Fishing Center, which he calls "the greatest marina in town," for the past 10 years. Lisi, a big guy with an easy smile, said he has been fishing on the Eastern Shore since 1981 and described the area as a nice change from the city.

Lisi owns Old Dominion Roofing, which also has contracts in Ocean Pines and Fenwick, Del. He says he has been roofing since age 12, having come from a family of roofers.

Lisi said he has a five-man roofing crew who stay at his vacation house when working here. While he added that he'd like to do fulltime roofing here, he said he

has been lucky to always have business.

"I run the business and sneak away to work on the boat in the summertime," he said.

He speaks in matter of fact terms about losing his arm during a boating accident in 1992. Without a hint of irony about an injury that for most would be life altering, he said, "I was out of work for three months."

Not to be outdone, Haynes, interjects with a joke that he would only have been out for two months. The two chuckle with one-upmanship banter, but Haynes never stops sanding. The schedule is tight: the first trip for the Foolish Plea-

sure's summer season is June 1.

The biggest thing is to ensure the preparation is right before the paint goes on, Haynes said. He sweats the finest details, transfixed on everything from smoothing the fiberglass just so, to faring out the ceiling.

Haynes moved to the Eastern Shore from Annapolis over a year ago to continue a passion for boat building that, similar to Lisi, began to develop at age 5 while helping his father, who was a master boat builder.

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., Haynes said he comes from a family of

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Online banking means you also need to protect yourself

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nally set up to collect marketing information. But "hackers" can also use it to collect sensitive and secure information like your password and account information in relation to an online banking transaction. Therefore, having an anti-spy program will protect you against third party collecting information about your online banking activities.

Finally, online banking is growing at a very fast rate so much so that virtually every bank is offering online banking to its customers. There are big advantages for the banks because the transactions and therefore the work is done by the cus-

tomers themselves and customers can access their online bank account 24/7.

If you have any questions about how secure your bank's online security is, make sure you contact them and ask. As most banks nowadays offer this feature, they should be able to answer all of your questions.

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

'No big deal,' Lisi says of his loss

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boat builders. Haynes said that, on average, he has five major boat repairs per year. The rest of his clients are usually bringing in banged up Jet Skis, and he is concurrently working on a project at the Ocean City Fishing Center. He was previously based at the North Atlantic Marine Group, in Stevensville, Md. at the

base of the Chesapeake Bay bridge.

Lisi's charters take him offshore some 50 times throughout the summer in pursuit of tuna, shark and billfish. Asked if he ever thought about being a motivational speaker, especially for people who have experienced lost limbs, Lisi simply shrugged and gave an "It's no big deal" smile.



MCDONALD'S CELEBRATES NEW LOOK

PHOTO COURTESY TED PAGE

The Ocean Pines McDonald's held an April 13 ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newly remodeled restaurant on Route 589, complete with Ronald McDonald and American Legion Post#166 Honor Guard from Ocean City. Pictured, in first row from left, are Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Liz Kain-Bolen, Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs, McDonald's owner/operator Tom Baxter, Ronald McDonald, OP McDonald's owner/operator Tiffany Baxter Beach, McDonald's Vice President of Quality, Service and Cleanliness Bianca Olivas, OP Chamber of Commerce Vice President Gwen Cordner and OP Chamber of Commerce Past President Terri Mahoney.

House raffle tickets now available

OCEAN PINES — Tickets are now on sale for the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's 2013 House Raffle. Tickets cost \$100 each and the winner will be awarded a custom-built home by Brunori Homes, valued at more than \$200,000.

Only 3,000 tickets will be sold.

The new home, located at 82 Windjammer Road on the north side of Ocean Pines, will contain three bedrooms, two

bathrooms, a screened-in porch and an attached garage, and it will include all appliances.

Tickets are available at the South Fire Station, located at 911 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, or by calling the OPVFD at 410-641-8272. Purchases can be made by cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted).

The drawing will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 2, at the house.

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OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club, owned by the Ocean Pines Association and managed by Billy Casper Golf, will debut 18 newly renovated greens on Wednesday, May 1, as part of its "Rediscover Ocean Pines" program.

Last year, the Ocean Pines Association and BCG began converting all greens on Ocean Pines' 18-hole golf course to United States Golf Association-specified A1 Bentgrass. The front nine was completed in 2012 and work on the back nine will finish by May 1. In the interim, golfers are playing the open nine twice for a full 18-hole round — nine holes for \$15 or 18 holes for \$25.

New drainage pipes were installed and bunker edges were re-shaped on Ocean Pines' front nine.

"This is the perfect time for the community to rediscover the many terrific attributes of Ocean Pines," said John Malinowski, director of Golf at Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club. "The course is the only Robert Trent Jones, Sr. design on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and the new putting surfaces ensure even better playability for golfers."

Added OPA General Manager Bob Thompson, "We're proud of the work we've done with partner Billy Casper Golf. The golf course will be more enjoyable than ever with the new greens."

In November 2010, BCG was selected to manage the semi-private Ocean Pines, overseeing all aspects of the operation, including marketing and public relations, golf course maintenance, staffing and training, merchandising, clubhouse food and beverage, financial management, golf instruction and special events.

Open to the public, Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club is part of an 8,000-home community. Its 18-hole, par-72, 7,050-yard layout is nestled amid natural wetlands and scenic woodlands with water in play on 10 holes. Five sets of tees and ample scoring opportunities dare players of all abilities to challenge themselves.

The clubhouse includes a fully-stocked pro shop, Tern Grille and locker rooms. A comprehensive practice area with a double-ended driving range and sheltered tees, chipping green, two putting greens and two sand areas delight even the most ardent golfers. Ocean Pines offers clinics, private lessons, club repair and bag storage.

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Local Kiwanis Club prepares to celebrate 33rd year anniversary



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The Kiwanis of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City will celebrate 33 years of service to the community during the annual charter luncheon at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club on May 16, said spokesman David Landis.

In 2012 alone, club gave Stephen Decatur grads \$23,500 in scholarships

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City will begin celebrations of the club's 33 years of serving the community with a May 15 luncheon at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club, according to an April announcement.

"Almost everything we do is for scholarships," spokesman David Landis said April 20.

He said the purpose of the international organization is "Serving the Children of the World" and said that the local Kiwanis Club awarded

\$23,500 in scholarships to college-bound seniors at Stephen Decatur High School last year.

The club helps groom future student leaders by sponsoring affiliate programs such as K-Kids for students attending Buckingham Elementary School, Kiwanis Builders Clubs at Berlin Intermediate School and Stephen Decatur Middle School and Key Club internationals at Stephen Decatur High School and The Salisbury School, according to Landis.

He credited several of the club's newest programs to ideas from its women members and pointed out that the club had been closed to women until 1987.

"The women have really helped out," he said, by taking over the reins on projects like creating "companion dolls" that help provide comfort for Alzheimer patients and governance.

Another shift from the original Ocean Pines club was to incorporate with Ocean City, which had no chapter, Landis said. He ticked off a long list of services the Kiwanis provide such as judging science, art and essay contests at Showell Elementary School, sponsoring Worcester County GOLD's Priority One infant pantry program to assist children from prenatal to toddler age, providing funds for children's programs at the Ocean Pines Department of Recreation and Parks and serving as Christmastime bell ringers with the Salvation Army at the local Wal-Mart.

Among the other programs the Kiwanis supports are the Appalachia Service Project, Bingo at the Berlin Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, canteen service for the American Red Cross Blood Bank, Cub Scouts, Diakonia, McGuffy Reading Center programs, Ocean Pines summer concerts, programs for children and schools, Ocean Pines Fire Department, support for patients suffering from the neurodegenerative disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and therapeutic horseback riding.

To provide those services and sponsorships, the Kiwanis a myriad fundraising events, from Italian and German Dinners, three annual Pancake Breakfasts to hotdog sales at Ocean Pines events, a duck derby, and the making and sale of OPA approved official house number signs.

On May 4, the Kiwanis will hold a wine-tasting party and auction at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The cost is a donation of \$10 per person (age 21 and older) and will include 10 samples of wines, snack desserts, soft drinks and coffee. For tickets or reservations, call 410-208-9728.

For those interested in more information, check the Web site at www.kiwanis.org/club/oceanpines, or contact Membership Chairwoman Pat Winkelmayer at 410-641-5036 or by e-mail atwinkelmayer@mchsi.com.

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Dr. Diana Wagner, a Salisbury University professor, led a master class for sixth-grade guitar students at Berlin Intermediate School. Students learned special techniques for strumming and using guitar picks as well as playing the blues music. The guitar students also attended a field trip to In Tune Guitar Picks in Onancock, Va., to learn how guitar picks are made. The guitar students are instructed by Lisa Adams, BIS music teacher.



‘STAR’ STANDOUTS

Stephen Decatur High School senior Alex Pinto, with her parents, Edward Pinto and Tammy Faille, celebrate at the annual STAR (Students Thriving on Achievement and Recognition) breakfast on April 17. More than 40 students were recognized. STAR members are nominated by their teachers for demonstrating the principles of The Decatur Way as part of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) initiative.



‘CHOICE 4 ME IS DRUG-FREE’

Students from Most Blessed Sacrament School participated in a drug awareness contest sponsored by Elks USA. The theme was “The Choice 4 Me is Drug-Free.” Winners, from left, are Jessie Hoover, second place, sixth grade; Chloe Sass, second place, seventh grade; Jimmy Neely, first place, eighth grade; and Mariead McAllister, second place, eighth grade. Each received a plaque and Drug Awareness soccer ball.



WORCESTER’S SENATE PAGE MEETS GOVERNOR

Worcester Preparatory School senior Casey Knerr of Berlin served in the Maryland State Senate as a student page. During one of her two sessions in Annapolis, she had the opportunity to meet Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley.

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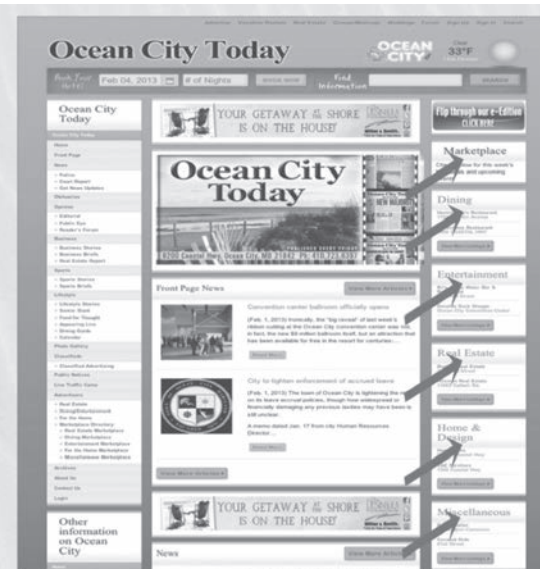
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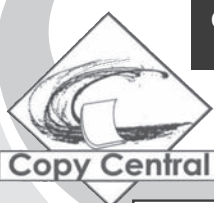
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EDITORIAL

Cleaning up OP charter a worthwhile exercise

The committee appointed to review and rewrite outdated or ambiguous language in the Ocean Pines Association charter documents recently completed its tedious task, having gone through these pages "article by article."

The OPA Board of Directors and the committee members commended for taking on a project that, on the surface, might seem relatively mundane.

But as pedestrian as it might seem to many, this is an important undertaking that all organizations and governing bodies ought to do on a regular basis. Bringing charters in line with more modern practices, throwing out the duplication and clarifying vague or confusing language is not just good housekeeping, it is necessary to the good order of things. Rules and regulations made clear, after all, are easier to follow.

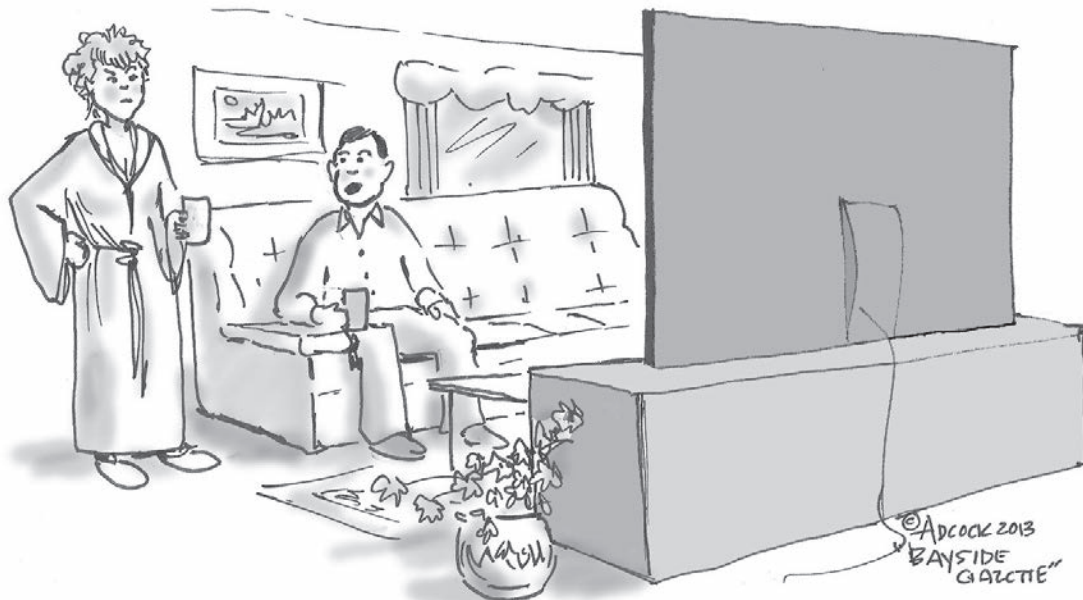
Of note, one clarification made at the special meeting was that the ability of property owners to vote on changes to the community's bylaws, which are a separate set of documents, is not affected or altered by changes made to the charter.

The board also decided, as it conducted its final review, to resist the urge to complicate the document further by adding wording already covered under Maryland Code. As one director aptly stated, one of the main purposes of this particular job was to remove all such duplication, so holding to that purpose made sense.

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"Obama cancelled Spring! It's true. I saw it on FOX News."

LETTERS

Concern about common core

The following letter was read to the Worcester County Board of Education on April 16, and forwarded to Ocean City Today for publication:

Superintendent and school board members,

I wish to share my concerns about the Common Core Standards. Maryland State Department of Education adopted the standards virtually unseen, untested and with no cost analysis. There was no parental or legislative input and this adoption will change our education system in Maryland forever.

One has to ask why the No. 1 rated school system in the country adopted the CC Standards when MSDE's own gap analysis indicated that 88 percent of CC math and 89 percent of CC English match current Maryland standards. This 12 percent differential will cost Marylanders millions, if not billions, of dollars in the years to come.

For example, Worcester County will receive \$1.1 million from a federal program called "Race to the Top" and the cost to implement this program is estimated to be

\$5.1 million.

Common Core may not even be improving Maryland education standards and may possibly be "dumbing" them down. But we don't know this because the standards have never been tested. As a matter of fact, the mandated assessment tests are not even completed.

But it's not about the standards. The standards are irrelevant. Even if the standards were perfect, this is still a bad idea. By adopting the CC Standards, the citizens and the state have given up a tremendous amount of autonomy to unelected bureaucrats and special interest groups.

As you are aware, the CC standards are owned by two private trade organizations, who copyrighted them and issued a limitation of liability excusing them of any harm as a result of using the standards. In adopting the standards, the state obligated itself to adopt CC word for word. You can't change any of it. You can add 15 percent, but that 15 percent won't be tested.

Former Maryland State Superintendent Nancy Grasmick recently stated, "The state and university face compliance with the new national

Common Core standards, which is a national curriculum for the school systems. No longer are education initiatives developed state by state, but through a model similar to European countries."

Not to mention the legal aspects of a national curriculum, I do not want our schools adopting a national curriculum and I certainly don't want our educational system modeled after European countries.

[Superintendent of Schools] Dr. [Jerry] Wilson and school board members, you have my sympathy. You weren't asked for your input on adopting CC, but are left trying to implement it. Most people haven't even heard of Common Core and since they're paying for it, they need to be informed. I respectfully request that the school board hold scheduled public informational meetings so the people can get an idea of what CC is about, what changes will take place and an opportunity to ask questions. Common Core should not be a political issue. The issue should be what's best for our children.

Fran Gebhart
 Berlin

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LETTERS

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Cleanup Day effort exemplary

Editor,

On behalf of the Berlin Parks Commission and the Town of Berlin, I want to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Community Clean-Up Day on April 20, 2013, the kick-off event for the 2nd annual Take Pride in Berlin Week, which runs from April 20-27, this year.

Despite soggy conditions and chilly weather, we had a great turnout for Clean-Up Day in both Stephen Decatur and William Henry Park. Volunteers weeded, pruned, cleared, raked and mulched through the morning and their efforts shows. In addition to cleaning up existing beds in both parks, we were also able to create a new rain garden in Stephen Decatur Park to help drain water from the Nature Trail parking lot. Volunteers also worked downtown to spruce up flowerbeds at the corner of Pitts and Main Street. A really adventurous group even climbed down into the Hudson Branch to pull out all sorts of trash and debris including a mattress and several TV sets.

Berlin Area Ministries United once again provided a great lunch for participants hungry after all their hard work.

But taking pride in Berlin doesn't end on Clean-Up Day! The week occurs every year around Earth Day and we encourage everyone to use this time to think about what they can do for their town, neighborhoods, and neighbors.

Take Pride in Berlin Week is a great opportunity for each of us to think about what living and working in Berlin means to us as individuals and how we can apply that pride to our community.

Again, thanks to everyone who volunteered for Clean-Up Day and everyone who found other ways to give to their community throughout the week.

Mary T. Bohlen
Deputy Town Administrator
Liaison to the Berlin Parks Commission



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Volunteers throughout the town dressed up the gardens and shrubbery for Cleanup Day.

Board Walkin' for Pets on Saturday benefits local Humane Society

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY — Go for a stroll on the Ocean City Boardwalk this Saturday morning, and take your four-legged friend or friends along for the 14th annual Board Walkin' for Pets event. Proceeds benefit the Worcester County Humane Society.

"It's a lot of fun. We hope everyone comes out and supports the humane society," said Director Kenille Davies.

Registration will take place in front of Harrison's Harbor Watch restaurant at the southern end of the Boardwalk beginning at 9 a.m. Several contests, hosted by The Wave 97.1, will begin at 9:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the largest and smallest dogs, the canine that performs the top trick, the one who is best dressed and who is the sloppiest kisser. A special prize will also be presented to the dog that most resembles its human owner.

Although the walk is for dogs, felines won't be left out. Owners may submit a picture of their cat for the seventh annual Cutest Cat Photo Contest. The winner will receive a gift basket. Photos will not be returned.

Following the contests, owners and their dogs will be free to walk as far as they want on the Boardwalk. Refreshment stops with drinks and snacks will be set up for dogs and owners near 12th and 27th streets. The walk will take place rain or shine.

For a \$25 donation, walkers will receive a bandanna for their pooch. Participants who raise \$50 will get a dog walk T-shirt and a bandanna, and walkers donating \$100 or more will take home a sun visor, T-shirt and a bandanna.

The person who collects the most donations will win the grand prize gift basket filled with goodies donated by local businesses. Additional prizes will also be given away to some of the highest pledge earners.

The youngest walker who collects the most pledges will also take home a gift basket.

Approximately 200 people registered to walk a dog during the 2012 Board Walkin' for Pets fundraiser, helping to raise about \$26,000 for the shelter, Davies said.

Board Walkin' for Pets is the shelter's largest fundraiser annually.

Funds generated during the walk go toward

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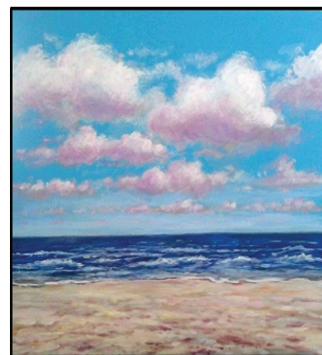
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Annual Springfest celebration kicks off Thursday

Four-day festival brings food, arts and crafts, as well as shows on stage

By Lisa Capitelli
Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY — The resort’s 23rd annual four-day Springfest festival, which traditionally welcomes the start of Ocean City’s summer season, will kick off Thursday, May 2, with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. on the outdoor stage at the inlet parking lot.

The event will feature the Stephen Decatur High School Navy ROTC presenting colors, followed by the Berlin school’s show choir singing the National Anthem and a performance by Ocean City Elementary School’s OC Stars, which will include Director Rick Chapman’s original Springfest song.

A ribbon cutting will then officially open the Springfest grounds.

“I’ve put in an order for great weather,” joked Tom Shuster, director of the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department. “We’re looking to have a great weekend in Ocean City.”

Each year, thousands of visitors travel from across the country to Ocean City for the outdoor festival to listen to live music, shop for arts and crafts and sample an assortment of food.

The 22nd installment in 2012 was

well attended, with the four-day event drawing 106,321 visitors to the inlet parking lot. The attendance was higher than the five-year average of 103,283.

Aside from a food tent, which features more than two dozen vendors serving everything from Eastern Shore favorites and burgers to deep-fried Twinkies, jumbo turkey legs and alligator, Springfest is also home to two big-top tents that house more than 180 artists and crafters, as well as exhibitors offering commercial and gourmet goods in the midway area. Also featured in the midway area will be the Springfest Boutique, with imprinted apparel and merchandise.

“There’s a little something for everybody,” Shuster said.

A variety of children’s activities, including sand art, temporary tattoos and rock climbing wall, in addition to an inflatable slide, bounce house and obstacle course throughout the weekend.

On the entertainment side, acts specializing in everything from big band and country to rock and roll will perform. All of the entertainment is free, except for headlining acts.

“Every year we bring in some new entertainment to introduce new music to Springfest, but we’ll also have some of our old favorites back,” Shuster said.

Kicking off the headline entertainment will be Beatlemania Again. The group will take the stage on Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets for the show range from \$5 to \$10.

Thursday is traditionally considered “locals day” so organizers wanted to give a number of area musicians the opportunity to be showcased that day. Following the Beatlemania Again performance, the third annual Local Band Jam, featuring musicians from the Ocean City area, will put on a free show at 8:30 p.m. Some of the musicians scheduled to jam include Kevin Poole, Lauren Glick, Joe Smooth, Joe Mama, Jeff Davis, John Remy and Mike Armstrong.

Country star Justin Moore will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 3. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$45. Tickets are selling quickly for the show. As of Tuesday afternoon, only 155 tickets were still available.

Tickets can be purchased on the Springfest grounds or at the Ocean City convention center box office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Foreigner will entertain the crowd on Saturday, May 4. Tickets are sold out.

2U, a U2 Tribute Band, will close the festival on Sunday, May 5, with a free concert at 4:30 p.m.

Springfest has been rated the No. 5 Classic and Contemporary Arts and Crafts Show in the country by Sunshine Artist, “America’s Premiere Show and Festival Magazine.”

Springfest grounds will be open Thursday through Saturday, May 2-4, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.ococean.com or call 410-250-0125.

Walkin’ the dog, helping shelter

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the general costs of running the no-kill nonprofit shelter, located at 12330 Eagles Nest Road, off Route 611 in West Ocean City. Those expenses include food bills, cat litter, veterinary care such as spaying or neutering, vaccines and shots, cleaning supplies and maintenance. Approximately \$80,000 is spent annually on veterinary costs and about \$700 weekly on pet food, Davies.

Donations such as dog and cat food, treats, toys, crates, blankets, small bedding and cleaning supplies will also be collected for shelter use during the event.

Davies said about a dozen shelter dogs will be walked by volunteers this year. Those who would like to walk a shelter dog should call the facility at 410-213-0146. All shelter dogs will wear “adopt me” bandannas during the event.

At this time, there are approximately 45 dogs and 125 cats that call the shelter home.

Pups who have been adopted from the humane society can sport “former shelter dog” tags while they walk.

“We have a lot of former shelter dogs walking each year,” Davies said. “It’s nice for us to see them.”

For more information, call the shelter at 410-213-0146 or visit www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.com or search “Worcester County Humane Society” on Facebook.

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Sunday 11-3pm	1002 Baybreeze, Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	Townhome	\$280,000	Prudential Pen Fed/Mickey Lobb
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Spring's Bikes to the Beach a locally sponsored happening

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY — An assortment of activities for motorcycle enthusiasts are on tap for this weekend at locations in and around Ocean City as part of the third annual Bikes to the Beach Spring Rally.

During the past several years, both Hooper's Crab House in West Ocean City and Oasis Bar and Grill in Whaleyville have played a significant part in fall motorcycle events held throughout the area. To draw motorcycle enthusiasts and other visitors to the resort during a slow weekend in the spring, the two businesses joined forces in 2011 to create the inaugural Bikes to the Beach Rally.

Similar to the larger bike week held every fall, Bikes to the Beach — the brainchild of Hooper's General Manager Ryan Intrieri, Manager Patrick Brady and Oasis owner Bobby Riccio — was the first organized springtime motorcycle event to take place in the area.

During a prior fall show, bikers and vendors asked why there wasn't a spring event in this area, so the trio decided to put one together. The first-ever spring event was a success.

"We created the spring event with the sole purpose to bring business to the area, not just to benefit Hooper's and Oasis. We wanted to help out local businesses and hotels, as well," Intrieri said. "We want everyone to benefit from this. Anything that can bring people to town can only help."

The 2011 spring rally, which included live entertainment, contests and vendors at both locations and organized county-wide rides, drew thousands to each host location — Hooper's Crab House and Oasis Bar and Grill.

Despite cold, rainy weather, the 2012 event drew an even larger crowd than the year before.

"Considering the weather Friday and Saturday, we were still up from the first year," Intrieri said. "This year, pre-registration has almost tripled from last year and we're really excited about that. We're expecting the third annual event to be even bigger."

The 2013 rally, which kicked off Thursday and will continue through Sunday, will

include musical entertainment, food, vendors, bike rides and contests at the two host locations as well as at the two-dozen or so bars and restaurants sponsoring the rally.

Jack Daniel's and Fish Tales on 22nd Street are the main event sponsors.

Rally participants may register at Hooper's Crab House, located at the foot of the Route 50 bridge this weekend for \$20 and receive one chance to enter into the big drawing, where two people will win the grand prize of an all-expense paid trip to Ocean City for the annual fall rally. The grand prize includes a three-night hotel stay, food and beverage gift certificates and \$250 spending cash.

First-place prize is \$1,000 and second-place prize is \$500.

Also, visit participating sponsor locations, and for every \$10 spent, take the receipt to Oasis Bar and Grill by noon on Sunday for a chance to win the prizes. For example, if the receipt is for \$50, then the purchaser will receive five chances to win.

The official Harley-Davidson Drill Team will be at Hooper's today and Saturday. The team will perform for about an hour.

Registration for the Custom Bike Show will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The cost is \$10. All proceeds to benefit local charities. Judges will look over the bikes from 1-3 p.m. and trophies will be presented at 4 p.m. The bike voted Best in Show will appear on Thunder Roads Magazine MD-DE-DC June cover.

The Ocean City American Legion Post #166 will host its second annual poker run on Saturday. Register at 10:30 a.m. at Hooper's. The cost is \$15 per rider, \$10 per passenger. The run will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cash prizes, trophies and door prizes will be awarded.

Thunder Roads Magazine will present its "Girls of Thunder" contest at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Oasis. Contestants must be 21 or older. Registration is free and available at Hooper's or Oasis. Ladies will be judged in four areas: biker attire, swimsuit, personality and crowd reaction. The winner will be featured on the magazine's June edition cover.

For more information about the rally and to view activities at the host and sponsor locations, visit www.oceancity-bikestothesea.com.

'Taste of the Arts' tickets on sale

OCEAN PINES — The Worcester County Arts Council, in partnership with the Worcester County Library Foundation, invites the community to attend a "Taste of the Arts" fundraiser on Saturday at the Ocean Pines library to benefit the promotion and awareness of arts and literacy in Worcester County.

The event, from noon to 5 p.m., will include art exhibits, live music entertainment and light refreshments. Guests may peruse work created by local artists and artisans that will also be available for purchase, sample treats prepared by local chefs and partici-

pate in door prize giveaways.

Tickets cost \$10 and are limited. Tickets may be purchased at the Worcester County Arts Council or any branch of the Worcester County Library. To see the list of participating artists, performers and restaurants, visit www.worcestercountycouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council appreciates sponsorship of the Liljenquist@ Beckstead Outlet of Ocean City and the Ocean Pines Food Lion for their support of this event.

For more information, contact Anna Mullis at 410-641-0809.



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First 'Servefest' workers help scores of people in communities

Donations, volunteers lead to fix-ups, cleanups and 500 hours of service

BERLIN — More than 60 volunteers participated in the April 6 "ServeFest," an idea brought to fruition by the Outreach Team of The Worship Center to help the approximately 150 widowed, single parents, homeless, fatherless, sick, and poor in the communities of Berlin and Ocean City.

As part of ServeFest, three teens volunteered for six hours at the Berlin Nursing home helping staff provide routine care and one-on-one visits with twelve residents who had few if any relatives to visit with them on a regular basis.

Meanwhile, at an Ocean City Park, volunteers distributed 117 boxes of non-perishable food provided by Share the Harvest Ministry. In addition to groceries, free meals were provided, consisting of 108 chicken sandwiches donated by Chick-Fil-A of West Ocean City and 40 quarts of chili provided by Minit Market of Ocean City.

Volunteers from The Worship Center and Pain in the Grass lawn services, armed with supplies and materials provided by Home Depot of Berlin, showed up at 10 locations to provide single parents, the widowed, and elderly with various types of home services.

Organizers concluded that professional service providers seldom want to bother with the small odd jobs that arise and that these small problems can grow to unmanageable size, irreparable conditions, or dangerous situations.

But ServeFest volunteers put in 500 man-hours taking on the honey-do lists.

The Worship Center thanked all who contributed and served its first ServeFest. For more information about ServeFest, contact The Worship Center at 410-641-3325.



CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your events are printed. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

BIKES TO THE BEACH SPRING RALLY — Hooper’s Crab House, 12913 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Numerous hotels, nightclubs and restaurants will participate in third annual event. Bike builders, entertainment, vending and more. Info: www.bikestothesea.com.

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

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

ADULT KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. An informal monthly group for people who love to knit or crochet. Share ideas, patterns and projects. Info: 410-957-0878.

FIRESIDE CHAT — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Monthly book discussion. Take a book that you want to discuss. Get ideas for new authors to try. Info: 410-641-0650.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 118th Street and ocean-front in Ocean City. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

LIFE WELL PLANNED FREE SEMINARS — Ocean Pines Community Center, East Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10-11:30 a.m. and Raymond James Office, 215 North Main Street, Berlin, 6:30-8 p.m. Would you like to earn income on investments and mitigate risk? Info: Carrie Dupuie of Raymond James Financial Services, 410-208-1704.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER — Antipasti Restaurant, 3101 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., meeting at 5 p.m.. dinner at 6 p.m. and speaker at 6:30 p.m. Cyndy Howell, Worcester County Volunteer Service Manager, will speak about Energizing the Spirit. Reservations: Bev Bigler, 410-208-6018 or cwcandlewood@mchsi.com.

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

BIKES TO THE BEACH SPRING RALLY —

Hooper’s Crab House, 12913 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Numerous hotels, nightclubs and restaurants will participate in third annual event. Bike builders, entertainment, vending and more. Info: www.bikestothesea.com

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION & ART FESTIVAL — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Carvers and visitors from around the world convene for the most prestigious competition of contemporary wildfowl art. Includes judging, benefit auction, classes and seminars, demonstrations, children’s activities and exhibitor booths of artisans and art supplies. Admission costs \$18 for multi-day pass; single-day passes cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students and free to children 11 and younger (with adult). Cost is \$6 per person for groups of six or more. Info: www.wardmuseum.org.

MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE EXPO — Ocean City Boardwalk and beach between Second and Sixth streets. Three days of kite flying on the beach. Info: Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855 or www.kiteloft.com.

BEACH BOUND BASKETBALL I — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: East Gym. Info: 410-250-0125.

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.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION — Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. With the second grade children of Ocean City Elementary School. RSVP: Donna Greenwood, 410-289-7060.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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OCEAN CITY HALF MARATHON/5K — Race starts at 7 a.m. at the Ocean City inlet parking lot. Registration fee for participants. 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. Take your pet or adopt a shelter dog for the day by making arrangements prior to the walk-a-thon. Prizes, contests and gifts. Registration fee. Proceeds benefit the Worcester County Humane Society’s Ocean City shelter. Info: 410-213-0146 or www.boardwalkinforpets.com.

FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: Soccer field, West Lagoon field and Ball Field #1. Info: 410-250-0125.

A TASTE OF THE ARTS — Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, noon to 5 p.m. Art exhibit and sale, live music, signature dishes from local restaurants, door prizes and more. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at all branches of the Worcester County Library and the Worcester County Arts Council. Info: 410-208-4014, 410-641-0809 or 410-632-2600.

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

YARD SALE — Julia A. Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds support the museum’s programs. Info: 410-632-0515.

SUDDENLY SINGLE WORKSHOP — Community Church at Ocean Pines, Family Life Center, 11227 Racetrack Road, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jami Vlachos, MA, a Certified Personal and Professional Coach from Cornerstone Growth Solutions, will discuss self-empowerment and cover topics such as money, social life, work, stress, purpose, health and relationships. Cost is \$7 in advance and lunch is included. RSVP: Flea Daly at 410-208-1272 or f.daly@mchsi.com or pay online at www.friendsofwccw.org by April 22.

RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE — Janei’s Art Studio and Gallery, 33195 Lighthouse Road, Route 54, West Fenwick, Del., 4:30-7:30 p.m. “Create the Moment,” showcasing painters

Janei Folz and Neil Maliszewski and photographers Dennis Shipley and Ken Hubley. Contemporary music of harpist Monika Vasey. Free and open to the public. Info: 703-909-0898.

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

SPAGHETTI DINNER — Adolfo’s Restaurant, in the Beach Plaza Hotel, 13th Street and the Boardwalk, Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. Get a salad, dinner, dessert and a drink for \$16. A donation of \$6 from each dinner will benefit the Worcester County Humane Society. Info: 410-289-4001.

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY — Dispose of unwanted, unused or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications by dropping them off, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the following designated sites throughout the county: Pocomoke Health Center, 400-A Walnut Street; Snow Hill Health Department, 6040 Public Landing Road; Berlin Police Department, 10 Williams Street; Food Lion, Route 611 in West Ocean City; and Food Lion, Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines. Locations also available at Town of Ocean City Police Department and Ocean Pines Police Department offices, both have permanent drop-off boxes for safe disposal of medications all year long. No charge, no questions asked. Info: <http://actforbays.org/PressRoom/Events/opmeds.html>.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

BIKES TO THE BEACH SPRING RALLY — Hooper’s Crab House, 12913 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Numerous hotels, nightclubs and restaurants will participate in third annual event. Bike builders, entertainment, vending and more. Info: www.bikestothesea.com

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION & ART FESTIVAL — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carvers and visitors from around the world convene for the most prestigious competition of contemporary wildfowl art. Includes judging, benefit auction, classes and seminars, demonstrations, children’s activities and exhibitor booths of artisans and art supplies. Admission costs \$18 for multi-day pass; single-day passes cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students and free to children 11 and younger (with adult). Cost is \$6 per person for groups of six or more. Info: www.wardmuseum.org.

MARYLAND INTERNATIONAL KITE EXPO — Ocean City Boardwalk and beach between Second and Sixth streets. Three days of kite flying on the beach. Info: Jay Knerr, 410-289-7855 or www.kiteloft.com.

CALENDAR

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BEACH BOUND BASKETBALL I — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: East Gym. Info: 410-250-0125.

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

FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: Soccer field, West Lagoon field and Ball Field #1. Info: 410-250-0125.

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SEASON FINALE — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. Pre-concert talk at 2 p.m. Admission. Tickets: 888-846-8600. Info: www.midatlanticsymphony.org.

'GOD'S COUNTRY CROSSROADS' GOSPEL CONCERT — Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 7 p.m. No tickets are required, but a love offering will be taken. Info: 410-641-2578.

ORTHODOX PALM SUNDAY BLESSING — St. Andrew, 33384 Mackenzie Way, Lewes, Del. 9:30 a.m. Celebrate Palm Sunday with the blessing and distribution of palms and willows and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Visitors welcome. All services are in English. Info and Holy Week schedule: 302-645-5791.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

FENCING DEMONSTRATION — Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. Coach Angela Herbert-Hodges, U.S. Champion and Olympic Competitor, leads her team in a fencing demonstration by the Salisbury Fencing Club. Info: 410-208-4014.

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

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

LAP TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages infant to 2 years, will be introduced to songs, games,

finger plays and movement activities. Caregivers will learn new ways to interact with their toddlers. Info: 410-208-4014.

SALSA DANCE FEVER — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 6:30 p.m. Learn the art of Salsa dancing. Go alone or take a partner. Info: 410-957-0878.

LITWITS: INFORMAL ADULT READING GROUP — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 11 a.m. An informal discussion of recommended titles, authors and genres. Light refreshments served. Info: 410-957-0878.

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

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL — Stephen Decatur High School, 9913 Seahawk Road, Berlin, 5 p.m. The visual arts gallery, which showcases works of students in all grade levels (Pre-K through grade 12), will be open from 5-7 p.m. Elementary and middle school choirs will perform from 5:30-7 p.m. in the school's auditorium, followed by the All-County Band and the All-County Chorus performances. Free and open to the public. Info: Tamara Mills, 410-632-5031.

FUNDRAISER — Five Guys, 6401 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Twenty percent of dine-in and carry-out sales will be donated to "The Less than Dan Ellis" fund. Info: 410-723-4411.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

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

STORY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children 2-5 years old. Info: 410-524-1818.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. Lucy Van Voorhees, MD, cardiologist with Peninsula Car-



MONTHLY NAACP MEETING

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The NAACP held its monthly meeting at New Macedonia Baptist Church in Pocomoke. The members acknowledged appreciation of Bishop Jenkins 52 years of service as pastor of New Macedonia. Guest Speaker Lisa Taylor, a case manager with the Worcester County Health Department, discussed HIV. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at the Snow Hill Library. All interested persons are welcome. For more information, call 443-944-6701. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Roxie Dennis, NAACP president, Jenkins and Taylor.

diology and on staff at Atlantic General Hospital, will discuss Heart Disease/Diabetes. All welcome. Info: Ellen Lurz, 443-814-5450, elurz52@mchsi.com or 410-641-9703.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

ONGOING EVENTS

TICKETS ON SALE FOR KIWANIS INAUGURAL WINE TASTING PARTY AND AUCTION — Call Kiwanis at 410-208-9728 for tickets to the Saturday, May 4 inaugural Wine Tasting Party and Auction to raise funds for the group's Scholarship Fund. The event will be held at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 4-7 p.m. There will be a Chinese auction. Tickets cost \$10 and includes 10 samples of wines accompanied by snacks, desserts, soft drinks and coffee. Must be 21 or older. Walk-ins welcome.

ASK A MASTER GARDENER — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m., May to Sept. Free clinic. Take bagged samples and label the bag with name and phone number. Info: 410-641-5570.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: 2013 'ARTISTS PAINT OC' - A PLEIN AIR EVENT — Art League of Ocean City will hold its annual Plein Air Paint Out on Aug. 8-11. Artists will be painting at the beach, on the boardwalk, bayside and in the Ocean City and West Ocean City harbors from dawn to dusk. Artists interested in participat-

ing may register at www.artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433 or info@artleagueofoceancity.org.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP 2013 REGISTRATION BEGINS

The Worcester County Arts Council is now accepting registration for the annual Summer Arts Camp held June 17-21 at Berlin Intermediate School. Designed for students entering third through eighth grades in fall 2013. Cost is \$95. Bus transportation from Pocomoke and Snow Hill for an additional \$15. Registration forms available at www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org and the Arts Council's office, 6 Jefferson Street, Berlin. Deadline is May 31. Financial support is available. Info: 410-641-0809. Volunteering opportunities: Anna Mullis, 410-641-0809 or curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

CREATE THE MOMENT — Janei's Art Studio and Gallery, 33195 Lighthouse Road, Route 54, West Fenwick, Del., April 15 through May 25. Free exhibition of fine art and photography by local painters Janei Folz and Neil Maliszewski and photographers Dennis Shipley and Ken Hubley. Info: 703-909-0898.

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

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MONDAY – Opposite Directions / DJ RobCee

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Across

1 Solar panel spots, sometimes

6 Coolidge’s vice president

11 Hollywood hrs.

14 Grammar concern

19 “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” composer

20 Dramatic response to “Who’s there?”

21 Neighboring bunkers?

23 Biting

24 Tammany Hall corruption, e.g.?

26 Patisserie offerings

28 Sunflower State capital

29 Starting stake

30 Bona fide

31 Poetic pause

33 Sign that means “Do not disturb”

34 Try to see what you’re getting for Christmas?

38 Something a model should be in

39 Up, as an anchor

40 Piazza parts?

41 Way to go

42 What much can follow

43 Is in the works

45 Academy for criminals?

51 Journey from the nest to the kitchen, say?

53 “Arrested Development” character Fünke

54 “Harry Potter” librarian Pince

55 Itty-bitty battery

56 Cactus features

58 Had an appetite

60 Take in or take on

64 Hidden drug habit, maybe?

67 Torture

68 Accidentally reveal

70 Psychologist Jean known for his theory of cognitive development

71 Laugh syllable

73 Prefix with -plasm

74 Pitchers to publishers

76 Drink greedily?

81 Playground apparatus of the Apocalypse?

83 Game for players with steady hands

85 ___ deck (part of a cruise ship)

86 Plasma constituents

87 Vibe

88 Cooler, to LL Cool J

89 Comes to

91 Be a lenient judge?

96 Hayride seats

97 Some tennis play

98 All that and ___ of chips

99 Top Qatari

100 Lifeguard’s act

101 It might be right under your nose

105 Maligned merchandise?

109 Cartoon boy with an antenna on his cap

110 Lover of Lancelot

111 Actor Hirsch of “Speed Racer”

112 “Victory is yours”

113 Wolfgang Puck restaurant

114 Part of a reactor

115 One of the Ephrons

116 Like some blood and articles

16 Like some noise music

17 “___ the Dinosaur” (pioneering cartoon short)

18 Gravelly ridge

22 ___ culpa

25 Sub ___

27 Series

31 Captain’s command

32 Stupefies

33 Ear-related

34 Two threes, for one

35 Site of Cyclops’s smithy

36 “It was,” in Latin

37 O.T. book

38 Pert

41 No. between 0 and 4

43 Support provider

44 Gather

45 Puerto Rican city that shares its name with an explorer

46 “Awake in the Dark” writer

47 Increase

48 Yes ___

49 You might see one in an eclipse

50 Margaret Thatcher, e.g.

52 “Catch ya later!”

53 Supermodel Cheryl

56 Police setup

57 Exams for would-be Natl. Merit Scholars

59 Family name in the Old West

60 Undercover?

61 Some ’30s design

Down

1 Librarian’s urging

2 “When I was young ...”

3 A lot of binary code

4 Memorable romantic moment

5 Regain clarity, say

6 Got rid of the waist?

7 Relatives of dune buggies, for short

8 Something to connect to a TV

9 U.S. alien’s subj.

10 They’re shaken in kitchens

11 Support

12 Actress Suzanne

13 Hasbro brand

14 Affiliate of the A.F.L.-C.I.O.

15 1989 John Cusack romantic comedy

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- 62 Good name for a car mechanic?
- 63 Commitment signifier
- 65 Amenable (to)
- 66 Tough
- 69 Reflexes said to be contagious
- 72 Like
- 75 They’re not vets yet
- 76 Bother, with “at”
- 77 Under the table, maybe
- 78 Work the land
- 79 “What’s the big ___?”
- 80 Land on the Arctic Cir.
- 82 Dipsos
- 83 Title fellow in a Beatles song
- 84 Figure with arrows
- 87 Supposed
- 88 “Eww, no!”
- 89 Was mentioned
- 90 Lover of Cesario in “Twelfth Night”
- 91 Set of software components packaged for release, briefly
- 92 Moved like a caterpillar
- 93 Possible flu symptom
- 94 Possible flu symptom
- 95 “Conan” channel
- 96 Arctic Circle sights
- 97 Annual dinner
- 100 Excite, with “up”
- 101 Roman 1551
- 102 Wheat or corn
- 103 It might fill a kiddie pool
- 104 Carefully saw?
- 106 Rex of the jungle
- 107 Kipling’s “Follow Me ___”
- 108 It can be refined



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

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Answers to last week’s puzzles

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

If it comes in a burlap sack, it must be good

Needing a weekend away, the family traveled to Williamsburg to enjoy a breather. On the way home on Sunday, we knew that NASA was launching the Antares rocket and we were hoping to catch a glimpse of this moment; the largest rocket ever launched from Wallops Flight Center.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

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 blueber-

ries 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.

On cheddar 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.

Country Bacon 'n Cheesy 'Grits'

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 salty!

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