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Atlantic General Hospital marks 20th year

From belief to building,
it wasn't an easy road

By Stewart Dobson
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Associate Editor

BERLIN — Twenty years ago on May 21, the long and tortuous path to establish a community hospital in Worcester County came to fruition. The opening of Atlantic General Hospital on that Friday saw long-time proponents, political figures, volunteers and busi-

ness people gather to witness the culmination of years of politicking, planning, fund-raising and, eventually, building the area's first acute care facility.

It was a triumphant moment made possible by an exceptionally determined group of citizens, especially considering that the effort to give the county its own hospital dates back to 1945.

That was when more than 60 members and guests of the Lions Club attended a dinner meeting at the Atlantic Hotel to announce \$105,025 in pledges to the War Memorial Worcester County Hospital campaign.

But that and subsequent attempts to

build a hospital failed for a variety of reasons until early in the 1990s, when the Worcester County Commissioners created a citizens group to pursue this goal once again. Members of this assembly came from every area of the coastal community: lawyers, doctors, business people, volunteers, builders, Realtors, retirees, nurses, restaurateurs, teachers and politicians.

The difference then was that all the elements necessary to make Atlantic General Hospital happen came together at the right moment — the dedication of the citizens group, the support of local

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Berlin Town Administrator Anthony Carson

Carson leaving Berlin for post closer to home

Carson accepts top job at Painesville, Ohio

BERLIN — Town Administrator Anthony Carson has resigned his position effective June 30, in order to accept a job as city manager of Painesville, Ohio, just northeast of Cleveland, the Berlin mayor and council announced this week.

Carson has been a manager in county and municipal government for 17 years and has more than 20 years of business management in the private sector. He has served as Berlin's administrator since January 2009. Painesville is a municipality with a population of just over 20,000 residents.

"I enjoyed my time as town administrator in Berlin," Carson said. "I was fortunate to work with a dedicated mayor and council whose only goal was the betterment of Berlin. I was also fortunate to work with a great town staff. I will always have a great

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Dignitaries, donors, proponents and officials take a ceremonial turn at the shovels at Atlantic General Hospital's groundbreaking in 1991. The hospital was completed in 1993 six weeks ahead of schedule and for less than was budgeted. The \$27 million project grew into an enterprise with an annual payroll of more than \$30 million.

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Members of the Atlantic General Hospital fundraising committee mark the occasion of having reached their goal. On the committee were, from left, Dr. Frank Townsend, Nancy Lynch Berger, Worcester County Commissioner James G. Barrett, and the hospital's first CEO William Donatelli.



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The topping off ceremony takes place as the last girder goes in place.

AGH marks its 20th anniversary

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governments, the generosity of the public and the intervention of a powerful ally at the state level, then Gov. William Donald Schaefer.

Altogether, the public donated some \$4 million to the cause, while governments contributed \$12.5 million. AGH volunteers, with the help of friends from across the state, also hacked their way through a jungle of regulations in order to receive permission to build.

From blurry concept to blueprints to a fully functioning facility, AGH has continued to grow over the past two decades, not just in the numbers of people served or the size of its staff, but technologically as well.

The hospital, which serves more than 117,000 patients per year from Selbyville, Del. to Pocomoke, has made electronic medical records integration one of its strategic initiatives and improving the quality of its services a core principle.

President and CEO Michael Franklin said at the hospital's anniversary banquet on May 2 that part of the celebration was to commemorate "the good quality work that people do here." He told the audience of roughly 150 employees, executives and dignitaries that the staff at AGH performed "some of the best quality care you can find anywhere."

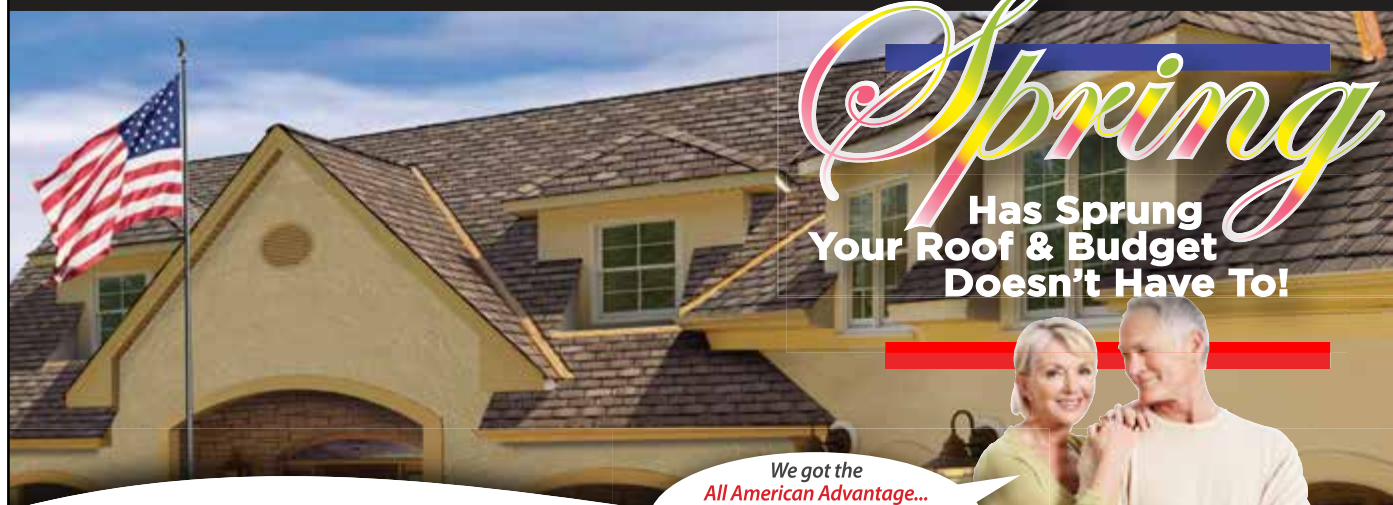
Franklin was keen to highlight technological advances that he said had helped shorten anesthesia, antibiotics and emergency care wait times, improve quality and efficiency of medical and surgical care, and expedite the healing of wounds.

But he also said that the evolving focus of the hospital was to minimize the need for acute care in the first place. "If you need us, we are here," he said. "But we are going to help you to not need us."

To that end, Franklin recognized several staff members whose diligence had allowed the hospital to achieve major improvements in infection control and phar-

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From 30 physicians to 200 over past two decades

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maceutical safety.

Jane Hwa-Huang, received the "Patient Safety Ambassador Award," which is presented each quarter to staff members who have identified and reported a potential patient safety risk. Franklin said Hwa-Huang and two of her interns, University of Maryland Eastern Shore pharmacy students Mike Geesaman and Bangura Sarian, identified an error in the pharmacy computer system that would have allowed patients to receive a duplicate of a particular medication.

"Because of their diligence in identifying and reporting the problem, the hospital is able to avoid such potential errors in the future," Franklin said.

He also recognized the Housekeeping Department staff, whose work has led to a major increase in the satisfaction level of patients and whose clean-down techniques in hospital rooms had helped the facility to decrease the likelihood of hospital borne infections.

Hugh Cropper, chairman of the Quality Committee, said "Every contribution of every employee makes a difference for the quality of service we provide."

Franklin also expressed his appreciation for the hospital's 360 volunteers, who he said provided services worth a value of \$600,000 annually.

Melanie Pursel, executive director

of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, was on hand to present Franklin with a certificate of excellence for the hospital's 20 years of providing service to the community.

John H. "Jack" Burbage, Jr., chairman of the AGH board of Trustees, called AGH, "The best small hospital in the United States." He said he was proud to be a part of it and remarked that when the institution had opened it was "under budget and on time."

AGH began as a 62-bed hospital and remains so today, but many of expansions and improvements have been instituted over the years, the latest of which is an expanded and renovated cafeteria.

Ten years ago, the original small emergency room was expanded when the hospital added 33,000 square feet of space. In 2008, the AGH campus gained the 42,000 square-foot James G. Barrett Medical Office Building.

But back in the early 1990s, as those initial advocates organized in pursuit of what everyone knew, but would not acknowledge, was a long shot, they could not have envisioned what their efforts would bring about.

That \$27 million project, which opened with a staff of fewer than 30 physicians and 200 employees, became an economic engine with nearly 200 physicians, 800 employees and an annual payroll of more than \$30 million.



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Atlantic General Hospital President and CEO Michael Franklin said that part of the 20th anniversary celebration on May 2 to commemorate "the good quality work that people do here."

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Part of the festivities during the celebration of Atlantic General Hospital's 20th Anniversary included the opening of the hospital's expanded and renovated cafeteria.

Carson to leave as of June 30 to accept admin post in Ohio

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appreciation for Berlin and its residents."

"Berlin has been extremely well-served these past four years by a very experienced and capable person who has done an outstanding job in managing the town during a time of both challenge and change," Mayor Williams said. "Tony has played a key role in the significant progress that has been made in transforming our town's policies, plans and operations to meet the changing needs of our community, not just for today, but for the next generation and beyond."

"The council members and I express our thanks and gratitude for the leadership Tony has provided in helping Berlin build a foundation for success that those who follow us can build on throughout the 21st Century," Williams said.

Williams added that Carson is committed to doing everything possible to ensure a smooth transition in the administration

of the town's municipal government.

In one respect, Carson will be going home. He hails from that section of Ohio, and like many of the "boomerang" generation who are repopulating the Eastern Shore, he is heading to a job that will be an hour commute from family and friends where he had lived before coming to Berlin.

Carson compared the community atmosphere of Painesville to Berlin.

"Just add another 15,000 people," he said.

The town's system of governance is slightly different in that Carson will be required to handle day-to-day governmental operations. In lieu of a mayor, Painesville's city manager position implements the policies of the City Council, similar to the relation of a CEO and board of directors, he said.

Over the course of his time in government, Carson has managed cities with populations as large as 225,000, he said.

Town Hall meeting set in Pines

OCEAN PINES — OPA's General Manager, Bob Thompson, will host a Spring public meeting at Ocean Pines Community Center on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 @ 6:00pm in the evening. The town hall-style meeting will be open to all property-owners and residents in Ocean Pines. Membership participa-

tion and feedback is very important. For anyone unable to attend the meeting, watch it live on Mediacom's Channel 78 in the Pines or view the posted video on the website and Channel 78. Please send questions or comments of topics you would like discussed or any questions by email to info@oceanpines.org.

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Artists and food vendors were on hand for attendees of Berlin's Jazz and Blues Bash on downtown Main Street.



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At the north end of Main Street, the Stephen Decatur High School Jazz Combo was one of six acts who performed free concerts at the downtown event.



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'Operation We Care' packages set for shipment

Donations being taken of needed items to be sent to troops overseas

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

WORCESTER COUNTY — The first donations are being accepted for Operation We Care, the non-profit grass-roots effort started and coordinated by Jeff Merritt and his wife, along with a philanthropic group of 36 residents, to provide care packages for Delmarva military members serving overseas. The first of two shipments this year will be mailed out mid-May.

Merritt said Tuesday that the 501(c) (3) organization has 24 drop-off locations on the peninsula. In this area, drop off sites are the Berlin library, OC Floor Gallery, all First Shore Federal Savings & Loan Bank branches, Harley Davidson of Seaford, Del., and Minuteman Press of Salisbury.

In downtown Berlin, Operation We Care will commence Friday at The Church Mouse during the May Day Play Day and Second Friday events.

Merritt said he and his wife started the program in 2007 when they realized there was no organized effort to

ship provisions to service members from the local area and they wanted to show their support. The organization collects donations, snack bars, toiletries or cash donations, which will be used to prepare and pay care packages to troops from Maryland and Delaware serving in Afghanistan. After starting the care package drives with three-dozen volunteers, Merritt said his team has grown to more than 200.

"The response from business, civic and service organizations has just been amazing."

JEFF MERRITT

Co-founder of Operation We Care

According to Merritt, "The response from business, civic and service organizations has just been amazing." He said people of the area are constantly stepping up to help, a situation that he said reminds him to be thankful he lives on the Eastern Shore.

For example, because of the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council's donation of 250 cases of cookies, "Every package gets a box," Merritt said. Another 25 cases go to the soldiers con-

valescing at Walter Reed, he added.

Merritt said the most coveted items are Chef Boyardee pasta in pop-top cans, bar soap, shampoo and body wash, granola bars, hot chocolate packets, non-aerosol deodorant, instant oatmeal packets, microwave popcorn, Ramen noodles (wrapped brick-shaped type, not noodles in a cup), tea bags and zipper seal plastic bags to help prevent cross-contamination.

According to Merritt, the goal this year is to ship 500 care packages in the two shipments made in mid-May for Armed Forces Day and in November for Veterans Day. The cost of shipping each package is \$14.85, he said. The organization spent \$12,000 on shipping last year, and the cash donations go towards that cost, he said.

On the Web site, organizers invited school teachers who are looking for class projects to get students involved in the effort by arranging to color the inside of the boxes with supportive messages of thanks and appreciation.

Individuals who know of a service person who would appreciate receiving a care package can visit the Web site at OperationWeCare.org, contact the organization by e-mail at OperationWeCare.org@gmail.com, or by telephone at 410-713-8940.

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Privately funded tourist trolley proposal falls short for this year

Effort will resume in '14, as proponents look for more support of system

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN — Officials with the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland were hoping to inaugurate a tourist trolley on May 20 that

would serve a route through Berlin, Ocean Pines and West Ocean this summer. But due to the economic climate, the project will be postponed until next year, Brad Bellacicco, deputy transit director for the Shore Transit Division of the council said Tuesday.

He said the buses that were to be used were only acquired a short time ago. "We were trying hard to make something happen on short notice," he said.

Riggin Johnson, director of the council's Shore Transit Division, said last Friday that the council agreed to buy two out-of-service Ocean City municipal buses and came up with the idea to convert and operate them as tourist trolleys.

Shore Transit, the area's public transit agency, offers fixed route and origin to destination public transportation for Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

Unlike the familiar orange and white

Shore Transit buses, the trolley system would have been geared toward tourism and would be privately funded. Annapolis has been operating a similar tourist trolley for the past six months, Johnson said.

The council had hoped, with the aid of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce and the county Economic Development Department, to raise \$120,000 the project. But as of last week, it had only about half that.

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LIBRARY SPEAKERS

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Worcester County Public Library's speakers Robin Long and Shirley Martello visit with Showell Elementary kindergartners Haden Gracie and Lei'a Mills. Prior to the visit, the school's 538 students were invited to complete library card applications. The guest speakers brought library cards and bookmarks and demonstrated how to access library resources via the Web site www.worcesterlibrary.org. Students were invited to join the Summer Reading Program called "Dig into Reading," which launches June 1. Summer events will also include a Reptile Man with interesting snakes, a magician, music extravaganza and puppet show.



'VALENTINES FOR VETERANS' PROGRAM

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Seniors at the Ocean City MAC center made cards for the "Valentine for Veterans" program in February. The cards were sent to the Baltimore VA Medical Center and several other medical and rehabilitation centers in the area. MAC center coordinator Ann Toney, is shown in the far right of the second row. The program was sponsored by the Republican Women of Worcester County.

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Berlin Historic Commission OKs sign designations and fence

Housekeeping night for commission as it deals with routine matters

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN — The Berlin Historic District Commission began its May 1 meeting with a unanimous vote to reelect Carol Rose and Rick Stack as chairwoman and vice chairman, respectively. The commissioners also approved a proposed privacy fence, a design for signs that will be proposed for the Architectural History Recognition Program, and meeting minutes for a special meeting held April 17.

Reggie Mariner, who owns a property on S. Main Street that abuts the back of the Donaway Furniture warehouse, sought permission to erect a wooden privacy fence along the rear and sides of his property.

"The rear property line is part of the boundary of the Historic District," according to the staff report to the commission.

Planning and Zoning Director Chuck Ward, who serves as the staff liaison to the commission, advised that the submitted proposal merited consideration for approval in his report to the commission.

"Staff suggests that the proposed fence will add a visual barrier from private properties, but will not create a visual barrier from the street frontage. The proposed fence is consistent with other Historic District design standards across the state," Ward said in the report.

The design of the wooden fence, as described by Mariner, would include medium-toned stained vertical slats, separated in two row sections by dark stained borders. Although he asked for clearance for all three sides, he said he only wanted to build a privacy wall along the rear of the property initially, but wanted the option of installing identically designed fences along the sides at a later time if it proved to be necessary.

Commissioner Joel Todd asked Ward whether there would be a time limitation on the commission's approval.

According to Ward, once granted, permission for the erection of the fence would last for as long as Mariner owned the property.

Todd also asked for a staff recommendation on whether a request to build only the rear part of the fence would have strengthened or weakened the possibility of an opinion to recommend approval of the proposal. Ward said if the proposal been only for a rear fence it would have strengthened his recommendation, because it would have been more of an accent, rather than a containment, structure.

When Commissioner Mary Moore asked if the rear fence proposal would serve as a privacy screen, Mariner replied that it would and that it would save his neighbor, who does not live under the jurisdiction of the commission, from hav-

ing to erect a fence in that location.

The commissioners unanimously approved the proposal.

The commission also approved the design for polished natural wood signs with burnished carved lettering for use in the Architectural Heritage recognition program. The 12-inch by 8-inch rectangular signs would recognize architectural landmarks throughout the town in preparation for the first "Berlin Historic Festival," which is scheduled for July 6.

The proposal, which was presented to the commission by Pat Diniar, was unanimously approved by the commission. The signs will be designed by local artist Jim Coltellino, who uses laser technology to create artwork on exotic and domestic hardwoods.

The commission went on to approve the minutes of an April 17 special meeting when they had voted unanimously to

approve a new monument sign at the South Main Street entrance to Buckingham Elementary School.

The special meeting marked the fourth attempt by Buckingham Principal Roger Pacella and sign designer Jamie Covington of Pocomoke-based Selby Signs to get the Berlin Historic Commission to approve the design for the proposed new sign. A decision by the commission, which met April 3, was postponed for lack of an affirmative quorum.

The commission also approved a second proposal that was postponed from the April 3 meeting, according to the meeting minutes. Newt Chandler of Decatur Investments, reportedly had requested approval to install a metal roofed awning with composite fascia over the south-facing door of their building on S. Main Street. Vice-Chairman Rick Stack

recused himself from the discussion and vote due to a conflict, according to the minutes.

During the special meeting, the commission discussed the practice of the owners of the Globe Theater and Si'Culi restaurant placing café tables along the sidewalks in front of their establishments.

Town Councilmember Lisa Hall addressed the commission about her concerns that the practices might hinder passage by wheelchairs and strollers, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the minutes reported. At the time of the meeting, the commission was waiting to receive advice from the town attorney on the legal ramifications the sidewalk tables.

In a separate April 19 letter, the commission ended an agreement allowing

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Worcester Choral

Worcester Choral to present 'Night at the Movies' Friday

OCEAN CITY — The Worcester Choral, under the direction of Billie Wall and accompanied by June Todd, will present "A Night at the Movies" on Friday, May 10, in Ocean City. Guests will hear a variety of popular songs from the cinema.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Ocean City. Tickets cost \$10. Free refreshments will

be served following each performance.

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

Town Center needs a new sign

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the owner of Town Center Antiques to place the store's sandwich board on Main Street. "The Commission found that the sign's quality and design were not consistent with other signs in the District, but did provide the allowance of the sign for the remainder of the 2012 calendar year," the letter said.

In the letter, Ward said "As the enforcement officer for the Commission, it

is my duty to advise you to no longer display your sidewalk sign until you have returned to the Commission to either receive approval for the existing sign [or] approval of a new sign."

It is expected that staff will recommend the sandwich board signs be eliminated in the new draft of the town's zoning code, based on the discussions of the Historic District Commission.

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Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC

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When considering converting your term policy to a permanent life insurance, there are some things to consider:

- Part of the premiums accumulate tax-deferred and can be borrowed or withdrawn depending on the policy. These loans and partial surrenders from a life insurance contract will reduce the death benefit and cash value, and loan interest may be charged on the amount borrowed;

- You can use the policy's underlying cash values to help with retirement, college expenses, or other future cash needs through loans and withdrawals;

- Premiums can possibly remain the same for the life of your policy.

The conversion benefit in most term policies offers someone who can't initially afford permanent insurance a chance to convert to a permanent contract at a later date. Some term policies may even offer an incentive that makes shifting to per-

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Owners Charles Blake and Vincent Wood, shown, and Chris Ward, have opened Shooter's Sports Pub at 10514 H Racetrack Road, at the site of the former Steer Inn.

Shooter's Sports Pub opens doors on Route 589

Owners hope to please with a broad offering of sporting event coverage

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Shooter's Sports Pub on Racetrack Road opened just in time for Kentucky Derby weekend last Friday.

The venture attracted 200 customers in its maiden run and is the brainchild of pub owners Charles Blake, Chris Ward and Vincent Wood, who have freshened up the former Steer Inn site with boldly painted walls and ceiling to lighten up the "man cave" for guys and gals. With the billiards and electronic sports games, the pub looks like a comfortable Friday night hangout spot.

Wood is a lab technician, who makes animal vaccines and has 20 years of restaurant experience, having worked at the Royal Exchange in Salisbury, Waterman's Cove and the Marina Deck. Blake, who

owns B&B Security, also worked at the Marina Deck. Ward, who is a videographer at Seacrets, is the newest member of the trio.

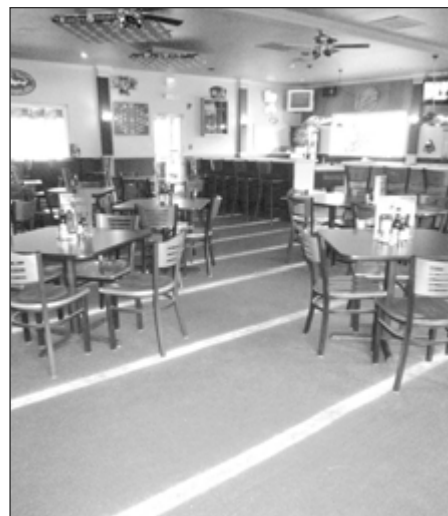
The décor is definitely shooting for a sports bar feel, with team and bar memorabilia on the walls, windows and light fixtures and football grid carpet in the dining area. The deck and yard in back are being prepped for full service outdoor dining this summer.

Wood said new games that will soon be added include foosball, bubble hockey, and inside basketball.

According to their menu, the drink lineup includes domestic and imported beers, domestic and specialty drafts, and wine and wine-based liquor. Wood said the pub hasn't concocted its own signature drink yet. "But it's something we should sit down and work on," he joked. In the meantime, he said, they can make an orange crush like anybody else can.

For diners, the selections are bar staples with daily specials and steamed items

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The décor of the new Shooter's Sports Pub has a sports bar feel, with team and bar memorabilia on the walls, windows and light fixtures and football grid carpet in the dining area. The deck and yard in back are being prepped for full service outdoor dining this summer.

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Shooters aiming at sports lovers

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like clams, mussels and shrimp.

Avid sports enthusiasts, Blake said they chose the name "shooters" because of its reference to ball sports. They are counting on the pub to be the go-to spot for game day gatherings for all things sports, including Ultimate Fighting Championship fights, horse racing and special events.

There will be Ladies' Nights on Saturdays, Wood said, stressing that female sports fans were welcome anytime.

Wood said he would also like to start a pool league for competitors 60-years-old and older and shuffle bowl competitions.

Shooter's Sports Pub is located at 10514 H Racetrack Road (Route 589). The telephone number is 410-208-1900.

FINANCE

Age a factor in insurance buys

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manent even more cost-effective.

Another particular advantage of converting from term to permanent, rather than purchasing a whole new permanent policy, is that there is usually no need for medical or financial re-qualification. In many cases, this is true if coverage amounts are to remain the same. If coverage is increased there may be a need to provide additional medical and financial information, depending on the insurance carrier.

Converting your term insurance to a permanent contract may also help provide additional security and protection. You may be comfortable knowing that the contract's death benefit will be there to help to provide for your family in the event of your untimely death. In addition, you may feel a great sense of confidence

knowing your premiums have the possibility to build on a tax-deferred basis that may be important in the years to come. While this may not be for everyone, it is always wise to review all your insurance options.

Most insurance policies contain exclusions, limitations, reductions of benefits and terms for keeping them in force. Always speak to a qualified professional when deciding on making any changes to your current life insurance policies.

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Albert P. Costa

OCEAN PINES — Albert Paul Costa, 78, died on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at his home. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Denny and Concetta Barbetti Costa.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia May Costa, and children, Jeffrey Costa and his wife, Kathleen, of Bel Air, Md., Cynthia "Cindy" Costa-Bingel and her husband, Howard, of Dundalk, Md., and Susan Slowikowski and her husband, Frank, of Kill Devil Hill, N.C. Also surviving is a sister, Marie Dackerman of Hanover, Pa., and several nieces and nephews. He leaves eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Stella J. Wilson and Matthew Clemens Napp.

He was preceded in death by a son, George Comer Jr.

Mr. Costa had worked as an estimator in the Engineering Division of Bethlehem Steel Company. He was a member of the Community Church at Ocean Pines, and a former member of the Sons of Italy and the Ocean City Elks Club.

A funeral service was held Sunday, May 5, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. The Rev Bill Sterling officiated. Inurnment followed at the Garden at the Pines. A donation in his memory may be made to the Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Race-

track Road, Berlin, Md. 21811, or Life Raft Group, 155 Route 46 West, Suite 202, Wayne, N.J. 07470.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.


Jerry Edward Powell

OCEAN PINES — Jerry Edward Powell, 81, died Thursday, May 2, 2013, at his home. Born in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late Clarence Edward Robert Powell and Ethel Marguerite Boswell. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, in 2012.

He is survived by his son, Glenn Norman Powell of Sacramento, Calif., and his daughter, Lisa Ellen Powell of Reston, Va. Also surviving are three grandchildren, John Wesley Powell, Charles Ray Durbin V and Daniel Edward Kates; two nieces, Pamela Powell McWhirt and Patricia Powell Westcott; and a multitude of friends.

Mr. Powell was a graduate of Eastern High School in Washington, D.C. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953, he attended the University of Maryland and then began his lifelong career as a mechanical engineer. He was

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Jerry Powell

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a lay leader of the Community Church at Ocean Pines, a board member of the Kiwanis Club, belonged to the Ocean Pines Boat Club, and was a committed volunteer at the Berlin Senior Center serving Meals on Wheels in the Berlin community. In 2008, he was the recipient of the Worcester County "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" Volunteer Award. He was known for his witty sense of humor and his charming good looks.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 17, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. The Rev. Bill Sterling will officiate. Inurnment will be in the Gardens of the Pines Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kiwanis Foundation, c/o Mark Page, 8 Sandy Circle, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Dolores Flynn

OCEAN CITY — Dolores Flynn, 74, died Friday, May 3, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

Born in New York City, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Salvatore Dalli and Catherine Law Dalli.



Dolores Flynn

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, William S. Flynn; sons, William "Bill" Christopher Flynn and his wife, Patti, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. David Joseph Flynn and his wife, Teresa, of Staten Island, N.Y.; and daughter, Kathy Susan Palmer and her husband, Allan, of Hampstead, Md. She also leaves eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Flynn had been a devoted wife, beloved mother, grandmother and homemaker. She was a member of Autism Speaks and St. Jude Children's Center. She had attended Holy Savior Catholic Church.

She had worked for the Town of Ocean City Transportation Finance Office.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, May 6, at Holy Savior Catholic Church on 17th Street in Ocean City. The Rev. Stanislaw Esposto officiated. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory may be made to Autism Speaks "in honor of Daniel Flynn," 1060 State Road, second floor, Princeton, N.J. 08540, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, Tenn. 38148.

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Howard Robert Lauer

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He was preceded in death by a brother, Ted E. Lauer Jr., in 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Ann Olson Lauer; a son, Bruce Alan Lauer of Coatesville, Pa; daughters, Lynn M. Totoro and her husband, John, of Sewell, N.J., and Trish Lauer and her husband, Gary Hudson, of Riverside, Ala.; a brother, Bruce Lauer of Sarasota, Fla.; grandchildren, Jessie, Joshua and Kristin, Tara and Bob; and a great-grandson, Devon.

Mr. Lauer began his career in sales with Fuller Brush in 1953. He retired as general manager of direct operations for North America after 27 years with A.W. Chesterton Company.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran, serving from 1949 to 1951. He was a member of the Community Church at Ocean Pines and of Naples Heritage Golf and Country Club in Naples, Fla., where he served as a member of the board and as president.

A memorial service was held May 8, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. The Rev. Bill Sterling officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

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Myrtle A. Jackson

BERLIN — Myrtle Anne Patey Jackson, 85, died Monday, May 6, 2013, at Atlantic

General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Willards, she was the daughter of the late John Daniel Patey and Mary Pearl Phillips Patey. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Emory Jackson, in 2003.

Surviving is her daughter, Geneva J. Peters of Berlin, and her sons, Daniel E. Jackson and his wife, Kim, of Berlin, and George R Jackson and his beloved companion, Donna, and her son, William, of Newark, Md. She was adored grandmother to George "Joey" Jackson and his wife, Carrie, of Millsboro, Del., and John David Peters and his wife, Irena, of Elkridge, Md.; and great-grandchildren, Cassidy Jackson, Carrissa Jackson, Alexander Sherrell Peters and Sara and Abby Morells. Also surviving is a sister, Irene Bradford of Newark; a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Patey of Willards; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Elwood Patey.

Mrs. Jackson attended Trinity Methodist Church in Newark, Md., and served on the Worcester County Board of Elections for many years. She enjoyed playing the slot machines, bingo, antiques and being a homemaker.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Dr. Olin Shockley will officiate. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery. A donation in her memory may be made to Berlin Volunteer Fire Company, 214 N. Main St., Berlin, Md. 21811, or Boggs-Disharoon American Legion, Post #123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, Md. 21811.

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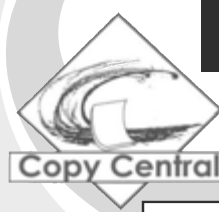
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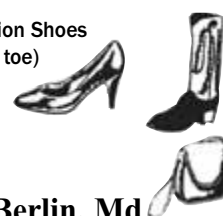
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EDITORIAL

Casino funds will aid small business

The recent announcement that the Maryland Board of Public Works has designated Worcester County one of three fund managers to oversee distribution of casino monies set aside to provide loans to small, minority and woman-owned businesses, is great news for small businesses locally that have had trouble getting traditional loans to expand or modernize in recent years.

Approximately \$430,000 in annual loan funding will be available for companies with fewer than 500 employees and revenues averaging less than \$35 million over three years. Fifty percent of the funding must be lent to businesses located within a 10-mile radius of Ocean Downs. These monies will be available for up to five years, with a total estimate of more than \$2 million to be allocated over that period.

Regardless of which side of the casino fence you sit, this is a real boon to our local economy, as small businesses make up the largest segment of the marketplace, and more importantly provide area residents with the majority of job opportunities.

The influx of new retail and other commercial space in the West Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Berlin areas the past few years has been encouraging, providing more of a year-round job and economic base for the areas outside the resort.

These funds will go a long way in ensuring this progression. Whether it's helping a business maintain employees through leaner winter months or used to expand product lines and services, the money will be well spent.

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LETTERS

Sandwich sign vital for business

Editor,

This letter is in response to the article concerning the tables and signboards in Berlin.

My business, the Berlin Coffee House, is located behind the Atlantic Hotel on Jefferson Street. Because we are off Main Street, we do not have the advantage those merchants have when visitors come to town.

Our sandwich board is vital to our business. The sandwich board is located in front of the hotel and there has not been a complaint to us on the board from the hotel or anyone else. Visitors have said that if weren't for that little sign, they would not have known we were "back there."

Perhaps those who are having a problem with the tables for the restaurants and the signboards should come to a chamber or merchant meeting and talk to us, the "off the Main Street merchants." We could discuss the problems they have and they may have a better suggestion of how to let visitors know there are businesses off Main Street.

Visitors really enjoy our little town and they remark on

how nice it is to be able to sit outside, and to our visitors the signboards are a nostalgic form of art.

Peggy Hagy, owner
 Berlin Coffee House

Told sign not up to par

Editor,

I'm a merchant in the downtown area of Berlin, and have been for many years. I am a past president of the chamber and have done lots of community works for our lovely town.

I wish to take issue with some of the recent events a few overzealous members of our community are spearheading. Council member Lisa Hall has deemed it necessary to get rid of sidewalk tables and sandwich signs from the downtown area. Of course this will only hurt a few merchants of our great community, but why?

The ambience of our town is very nice and a few tables in front of The Globe do not hurt anyone; in fact, it brings a nice homey feel that welcomes all our guests. Something we have tried very hard over the years to get people talking about, and to encourage them

to bring their friends to our gem away from the beach.

Lisa didn't present this revelation to us, the merchants, at our monthly merchant meetings, but just went to the press and presented her case. And the effort doesn't stop with café tables but continues to sandwich signs. The Historic District Commission is taking up the banner of getting rid of sandwich signs and here as an example, we have a 36-inch by 24-inch sign in three basic colors — teal border, white background and black letters — and painted by an artist with stenciled letters. The HDC, notably Mary Moore, found the sign not to the quality of its liking and has asked that it be removed. When I received a letter from the HDC, I went and talked to Chuck Ward, the city inspector and was informed that we were only given a temporary license and to get the sign permanently approved we had to get it redone to meet his and the HDC's approval.

To me, this is a slap in our business face. The sign was not on Main Street, but down in front of our Pitt Street Store to get people on Main Street's attention. The sad part is, we

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have to pay the town for a business license, not including any kind of signage outside of our store, which costs additional money. Then we have to bend to the wishes of some committee members' preferences, which is not in the guidelines.

Chuck Ward expressed to me that he didn't want people walking in the streets to go around signs. However, there are only a few places in town that the sidewalk is limited. Main Street has on one side of the street a 6-foot-wide or larger sidewalk, which can accommodate any sign, so the effort to get rid of these informational and direction markers for the side street merchants is not a productive move.

If you check out old photos of Main Street, you will find the signs all over the place and even merchandise in front of stores everywhere.

Our town has grown and we present a clean friendly place to bring the family for a day trip so why the intrusion. Our community needs better direction than this, and friendlier officials to help keep the business community growing.

Bill Outten
Berlin

Need to keep approved sign

(The following letter was sent to Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and to Bayside Gazette for publication.)

Dear Mayor,

I have heard rumors in town regarding the removal of all "sandwich board" signage for downtown business per the request of the Berlin Historic Committee. I would like to express my disapproval and disappointment in even the idea or suggestion of this.

As a small business owner, we followed the guidelines of applying for, getting approval of and paying the permitting fee to have a "sandwich board" sign promote our business. When we opened in 2010 and were located on Main Street, our "sandwich board" signage attracted many customers into our store.

In 2012, when we moved to our new location on Bay Street, we were given the approval to place our sign outside of the Atlantic Hotel since we were not on Main Street and the sidewalk outside of our shop is too narrow. This "sandwich board" is now essential to the success of our small business.

On or off of the Main Street, these "sandwich boards" are a vital marketing/promotional tool, directing a significant amount of customer traffic to all of our locations. This type of signage is even more important for all of the downtown businesses that are located off of the "main drag."

More than 40 percent of our "walk-in" business mentions that, and I quote, "we would not have found you, if not for your sign on Main Street." Other business owners in small towns who have been forced to remove "sandwich board" signage, have noticed a significant drop in business, which results in loss of revenue and jobs.

"Sandwich Boards" are historic, gaining popularity in the 19th century and can be seen in most towns from Berlin, Md. to Sonoma, Calif. They are without a doubt effective in increasing customer traffic to and therefore revenue generating for every business that chooses to use them and I strongly disagree with their removal. Thank you for your careful consideration regarding this matter.

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Worcester Preparatory School has inducted new members into the William E. Esham Jr. Cum Laude Society, an organization designed to honor academic achievement in secondary schools for the purpose of promoting excellence, justice and honor. Schools that are members of Cum Laude induct a small percentage of their junior and senior classes into the Society. Those selected for this honor posed with cum laude induction speaker Dr. Kenneth J. Smith, Chair-Department of Accounting & Legal Studies, Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, Salisbury University. They are, from left, Kathryn Lawrence, Michael Durkin, Brad Mullen, Claire Stickler, Razaak Eniola, Madeline Pilchard, Scott Gee, Alissa Talbert and Lane Spangler.

Worcester Prep posts results for 3rd term headmaster's list

TERM 3 HEADMASTER'S LIST 2012-13

GRADE 6: Delaney Abercrombie, Salisbury; Dominic Anthony, Seaford; Cole Berry, Bishopville; Alexander Canakis, Bishopville; Maria Deckmann, Milton; Matthew Durkin, Ocean City; Thomas Fager, Bishopville; Jared Gabriel, Millsboro; Kaitlyn Hamer, Rehoboth Beach; Liam Hammond, Berlin; Jacob Meakin, Salisbury; Hailey Merritt, Seaford; Hannah Merritt, Seaford; Dakin Moore, Rehoboth Beach; Max Moore, Rehoboth Beach; Maya Natesan, Salisbury; Cooper Richins, Berlin; Chloe Ruddo, Berlin; Grace Schwartz, Eden; Andrew Stickler, Lewes; Remy Trader, Ocean City; Owen Tunis, Berlin; Jack Walinskas, Ocean Pines; Kendall Whaley, Berlin

GRADE 7: Anchita Batra, Lewes; Sydney Boright, Lewes; Josh Bredbenner, Seaford; Tucker Brown, Rehoboth Beach; Taylor Campbell, Berlin; Connor Cebula, Selbyville; Marissa Grosso, Berlin; Cameron Langelier, Salisbury; Pdraig Loftus, Bethany Beach; Deborah Marini, Lewes; Brenner Maull, Salisbury; Colleen McCann, Rehoboth Beach; Jayan Poduval, Berlin; Sarah Savage, Bishopville; Maddie Simons, Ocean City; Austin Taylor, Atlantic; Matthew Wilson, Berlin; Samantha Wolpin, Bishopville; Maya ZiaShakeri, Berlin

GRADE 8: Sambina Anthony, Seaford; Shelby Cannatelli, Fenwick Island; Reid Carey, Dagsboro; Margaret Coutu, Willards; Isabel Dashiell, Ocean City; Ross Deckmann, Milton; Chandler Dennis, Millsboro; Melissa Laws, Berlin; Leigh Lingo, Rehoboth Beach; Regan Lingo, Rehoboth Beach; Trent Marshall, Dewey Beach; Davis Mears, Berlin; Nick Moon-dra, Salisbury; Owen Nally, Ocean View; Keegan Pando, Lewes; Rayne Parker, Ocean City; Eva Parks, Onancock; Clare Riley, Ocean City; Anthony Rilling, Hebron; Chris Rilling, Hebron; Ava Schwartz, Eden; Karlle Southcomb, Ocean City; Julie Talbert, Eden; Paul Townsend, Frankford;

Alexandra Van Orden, Berlin; Zachary Wilson, Berlin; Lily Zechiel, Lewes

GRADE 9: Nate Abercrombie, Salisbury; Hannah Arrington, Salisbury; Rachel Berry, Bishopville; Austin Brittingham, Berlin; Michael Brittingham, Berlin; Jason Cook, Seaford; Biola Eniola, Salisbury; Devin Hammond, Berlin; Taylor Hawkins, Berlin; Laura Issel, Lewes; Jordan Kilgore, Eden; Scott Klug, Salisbury; Noah McVicker, Selbyville; Victoria Middleton, Bethany Beach; Ryan Murphy, Ocean View; Hanna Nechay, Hebron; Zachary Oltman, Frankford; Charlie Pritchard, Snow Hill; Wyatt Richins, Berlin; Regan Shanahan, Berlin; Erika Smith, Seaford; Elio Telo, Ocean City; Grace Tunis, Berlin; Staton Whaley, Berlin

GRADE 10: Gabrielle Alicea, Seaford; Arella Berger, Berlin; Sophie Brennan, Salisbury; Kyle Chandler, Berlin; Christopher Choy, Rehoboth Beach; Michelle Curtis, Bethany Beach; Sam Deeley, Ocean City; Cameron DiPerna, Ocean City; Shea Dowling, Ocean City; Aelya Ehtasham, Lewes; Paige Evans, Selbyville; Hank Faust, Lewes; Amanda Gabriel, Millsboro; Jarad Godwin, Frankford; Michael Goldsmith, Salisbury; Trent Hartman, Ocean City; Cole Koester, Salisbury; Elena LaPlante, Salisbury; Victoria Lawrence, Salisbury; Shelby Laws, Berlin; Caroline Lewis, Newark; Mattie Maull, Salisbury; James Petrera, Salisbury; Mikalah Potvin, Snow Hill; Fiona Reid, Salisbury; Gracie Riley, Ocean City; Maura Smith, Ocean City; Molly Soulé, Ocean City; Natalie Twilley, Greenbackville; Mark Wilson, Seaford; Erik Zorn, Berlin

GRADE 11: Ariella Anthony, Seaford; Sarah Arrington, Salisbury; Lucas Baier, Ocean City; Billy Brittingham, Berlin; Thomas Buas, Ocean City; Ben Clark, Ocean View; Lorenzo deJesus, Seaford; Lilly DiNardo, Salisbury; Claire Dorey, Millville; Razaak Eniola, Salisbury; Hannah Esham, Frankford; Sarah Freund,

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Whaleyville; Mark Gee, Millsboro; Alie Greer, Bishopville; Jennifer Karsli, Ocean City; Chris Klug, Salisbury; Megan Kuczma, Salisbury; Meg Lingo, Rehoboth Beach; Zach Manning, Berlin; Laney Mes-siter, Quantico; Luke Payne, Salisbury; Maddie Pilchard, Pocomoke City; Matt Reilly, Selbyville; Robby Rogers, Lewes; Somer Schaeffer, Bishopville; Chase Schmehling, Bishopville; Alexander Scott, Lewes; Kristen Shriver, Salisbury; Lane Spangler, Onancock; Madeline Stearns, Berlin; Claire Stickler, Lewes; Alissa Talbert, Eden; Sophia Tomaselli, Berlin; Libby Truitt, Bishopville; Bethany Wolpin, Bishopville; Kyle Zarif, Berlin

GRADE 12: Gordon Abercrombie, Salisbury; Laiela Ahmad, Salisbury; Claire Brown, Selbyville; Alex Bruder, Berlin; Miranda Buas, Ocean City; Justin Canakis, Bishopville; Jiyun Choi, Berlin; Gabrielle D'Antonio, Hebron; Patrick Dowling, Ocean City; Ragen Doyle, Dagsboro; Mike Durkin, Ocean City; Talha Ehtasham, Lewes; Zander Farr, Berlin; Scott Gee, Millsboro; Roland Gerachis, Ocean City; Parker Kellam, Onancock; Casey Knerr, Berlin; Katie Lawrence, Salisbury; Steven Lobo, Bethany Beach; Tierney Loeser, Dagsboro; Molly Marshall, Ocean City; Matt Middleton, Bethany Beach; Josh Moyer, Berlin; Brad Mullen, Seaford; Conor Nally, Ocean View; Tyler Odachowski, Ocean City; Katherine Pavlos, Salisbury; Elizabeth Sayan, Ocean

City; Bobby Schaeffer, Bishopville; Meredith Smith, Ocean City; Meredith Soulé, Ocean City; Thomas Thornett, Selbyville; Caroline Wetzelsberger, Fenwick Island

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GRADE 6: Hailee Arrington, Salisbury; Virginia Bateman, Rehoboth Beach; Cole Bennett, Berlin; Baera Bischoff, Millsboro; Alannah Curtis, Greenbackville; Dawson Delaney, Berlin; Caleb Foxwell, Ocean View; Jay Gosnear, Rehoboth Beach; Robert Jett, Ocean City; Nicholas Lange, Seaford; Dylan Meoli, Rehoboth Beach

GRADE 7: Emilee Dorey, Millville; Anna Engel, Salisbury; Jack Fager, Bishopville; Kendall Holmes, Bishopville; Riley Mears, Berlin; Reid Odachowski, Ocean City; Olivia Parker, Ocean City; Ankith Rajshekar, Salisbury; Camryn Sofronski, Salisbury; Rick Townsend, Rehoboth Beach

GRADE 8: Matthew Adkins, Selbyville; Grant Brown, Selbyville; Kathleen Emche, Berlin; Lauren Gosnear, Rehoboth Beach; Lauren Meoli, Rehoboth Beach; Thomas Polk, Bethany Beach; Tate Shockley, Ocean City; Jordan Welch, Berlin; Josh Willey, Milton; Aria ZiaShakeri, Berlin

GRADE 9: Tori Barros, Rehoboth Beach; Bridget Brown, Selbyville; Reece Brown, Rehoboth Beach; Alex Choy, Rehoboth Beach; Julia D'Antonio, Hebron; Hayley Larsen, Ocean City; John Meakin, Salisbury; Jordan Osias, Bethany Beach

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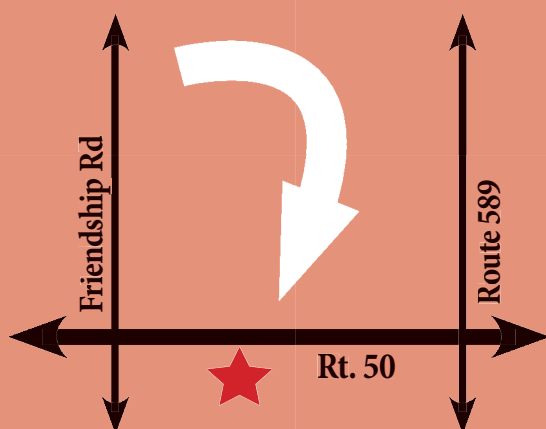
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Artists invited to participate in plein air event in Berlin

Visitor see how artists see the Town of Berlin

BERLIN — The Worcester County Arts Council this week announced its 4th Annual Paint Berlin, plein air event, when artists will grace the town's streets, sidewalks and green spaces.

From Sept. 19 – 21, artists will paint outdoors (which is what "plein air" essentially means) providing the community and visitors with the experience of seeing the town through the eyes of the artists.

Artists will have an opportunity to network, exhibit and sell their work as well as compete for cash prizes: \$1,000, 1st place; \$500, 2nd place; \$250, 3rd Place; \$100, honorable mention, and \$100, "People's Choice" award.

Visitors are invited to watch artists work during this event and attend the public "Wet Paint" sale and exhibit featuring artwork created during this event. The exhibit will be held at the Atlantic Hotel on Sunday, Sept. 21. A children's work-

shop will be also held during this event.

The activity is being sponsored financially by the Town of Berlin and, and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

Registration is open to experienced and novice painters, 18 years or older and is limited to 50 artists. Registration has begun with an artist registration fee of \$30. After July 1, the fee is \$35, with the deadline for registration July 31.

To register, visit the Arts Council Web site: www.worcestercountyartsCouncil.org or call 410-641-0809. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

The Worcester county Arts Council is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Business & Economic Development.

The Worcester County Arts Council also receives support from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, the Town of Berlin and from a membership of more than 350 members and businesses.



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Paint Berlin 2012 People's Choice Award winner, artist Christy Jones painting on Main Street in Berlin.

AARP tax-aide seeks volunteers

OCEAN PINES – AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking volunteers to help taxpayers seeking assistance in preparing and filing their 2013 tax returns. Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to participate.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. They help taxpayers at sites around the state, learning new skills while giving back to countless communities.

Last year, Tax-Aide volunteers helped

more than 1,000 taxpayers across the Lower Shore. They join the more than 35,000 Tax-Aide volunteers across the country, helping millions of taxpayers each year. Volunteers for the 2014 season are needed for the Salisbury and Worcester County offices in Ocean City, Ocean Pines and the Snow Hill-Pocomoke areas.

For more information on how to join the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team, visit www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8 or call Fred Mangels, district coordinator, at 443-834-8425.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.

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GRADE 11: Saqib Khan, Salisbury; Greg LaMotte, Selbyville; J.B. Loomis, Rehoboth Beach; Jack Marshall, Ocean City; Ryan Nally, Ocean View; Jack

Pedigo, Lewes; Lydia Pritchard, Snow Hill; Shelby Rohde, Accomac; McKenna Shanahan, Berlin; Hannah Showell, Bishopville; Frankie Willing, Salisbury

GRADE 12: Christopher Adkins, Selbyville; Harrison Brennan, Salisbury; Seth Conboy, Bishopville; Elise Harmon, Rehoboth Beach; Cullen Kelly, Ocean View; Dara Pappas, Berlin; Josh Wilde, Bishopville; Seth Wilgus, Bethany Beach; James Willey, Milton; Alec Zarif, Berlin

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'Great moms' sometimes are volunteers who simply care

Foster parents, advocates and caring individuals also make a difference

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

WORCESTER COUNTY —With the annual commemoration of gratitude for the caring and selflessness of biological mothers and grandmothers in recognition of Mother's Day on May 12, a canvassing of local child service and faith organizations uncovered a small sampling of some pretty "great mom" surrogates in the area as well. Here we highlight three.

■ Great foster parent: Robin Cook of Bishopville

Terry Edwards, resource home worker for the Worcester County Department of Social Services, who said the term "foster parent" has been updated to "resource parent" to reflect the expanded roles they play in the lives of the young people they help, said all of the 19 resource parents in the program "Do such an outstanding job."

She commended Robin Cook for her ability to maintain biological connections between the children placed in the foster care system and their biological family members. "She is very good at helping the children maintain their cultural identity," Edwards said of Cook.

According to Edwards, even when parental rights to their children have been terminated, Cook stays in contact with the birth parents if possible. Cook and her husband have fostered three children, and have adopted one child privately and one child through the Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) program.

■ Great child advocate: Pat Schumaker of Ocean Pines

Brigitte Saulsbury, program director for the Lower Shore CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) organization described Pat Schumaker as, "Ex-

tremely dedicated to the program and her role of advocate."

The CASA program, which operates within Worcester Youth and Family Counseling services, helped 77 children in the area last year, according to Saulsbury.

She said the program has 45 advocates, who have each undergone hours of intensive training, background checks, and taken oaths of office. Their roles are to get to know the abused or neglected children in their care, along with the family members, therapists and teachers who also touch the lives of those children, in order to submit reports on behalf of the children in court. "I'm pretty amazed at the work they do," which Saulsbury said can be heart wrenching.

She said Schumaker goes beyond what is normally expected and has been extremely involved with the two teenagers, one young girl and baby boy she has been assigned in the program. Schumaker helps the children build life experiences and basic social skills with activities like dining out and tea parties, according to Saulsbury.

"She also helps train new volunteers," she said.

Schumaker, a retired business owner, said her objective was to help the children she advocates for establish permanence in their lives, in addition to assuring their safety and well-being. She has two daughters and four grandchildren, although, she pointed out she is legally barred from allowing interactions between her court appointed children and her own children.

She said of the children she represents, "I call them my CASA children. They call me Miss Pat." She said she sees the program as a sacred relationship, one where she has been entrusted to be in their lives at a time when the children are in their most vulnerable situations.

Schumaker said her saddest moments are when she sees the levels of abuse and neglect some children are forced to suffer when the need for drugs

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE'S

MAYDAY PLAYDAY

GUIDE TO & 2ND FRIDAY ART STROLL

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MARYLAND WINE BAR
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TADA
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 6:30 – The Baby Please
 7:15 – Eastern Electric Co.
 8:00 – Local Talent Show
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Kind-heartedness and concern keys to helping kids

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or alcohol blinds parents from seeing the negative impacts their behavior has on their children.

She said her happiest moments are when a child is reunited with family members they previously thought were lost to them.

"That is a profound moment," she said.

She also celebrates when a child who was previously convinced he or she were incapable of achievement gets that first job and takes that initial step toward becoming a productive member of society, or when a baby goes to a permanent loving family.

Most of all, Schumaker said, a memorable moment for her is when she sees that a child has developed enough trust in her to know that he or she can call on her when needed.

■ Great philanthropist: Betty Tustin of Berlin

Pastor Bryan Pugner, of the Worship Center in Berlin, was quick to name Betty Tustin as "A great lady in our church," whom he called a "Super Great Mom!"

Pugner described Tustin as a tremendously sweet and kind-hearted woman, whose entire family was absolutely amazing. He said she has a daughter with special needs and still finds the time for philanthropic projects.

At Christmas, according to Pugner, Tustin heads the church's Christmas Outreach program, which reaches out to single mothers to find out what toys, clothes and shoes they need to help their families enjoy the holiday.

Her program coordinates with the

Toys for Tots organization, as part of the effort to request the items and organize the gifts, he said. In all, Tustin's Christmas program helps children from 30 to 35 area families have a happy Christmas each year.

Tustin also hosts the Kid's Port program, a boat-themed Sunday school at the church, and a book club for seniors at the Gull Creek Senior Living Community, along with a monthly hymn sing, all of which is sponsored by the Worship Center, which is an Assemblies of God church.

But Tustin was noticeably uncomfortable with the thought of an article focusing on her because, she said, she was only doing God's work and that was where the praise should be directed. "It is only through prayer and the Holy Spirit that these things can be done," she said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Restaurants for Reading

Help local libraries by dining out. Visit participating restaurants on Tuesday, May 14, to contribute to the programs and services offered by the Worcester County Library. Participating restaurants are donating a portion of their proceeds on this day to the Worcester County Library Foundation. They are:

The Harvest Moon, 208 Green St., Snow Hill; Conner's Beach Café, 207 N. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City; The Captain's Table, 2 15th St., Ocean City; Fresco's, 82nd Street, Ocean City; Berlin Coffee House, 17 Jefferson St., Berlin; Market Street Deli, 1206 Market St., Pocomoke City; and The Globe, 12 Broad St., Berlin.

Community shred it day

The Town of Berlin and the Bank of Ocean City will continue to help residents safely and responsibly discard their personal documents when they hold a second "Shred It Day" at the bank on William Street on Wednesday, June 5.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents may bring such things as tax papers, checks, finance records, prescription labels, magazine labels, credit card applications, old credit cards and paperwork with personal information to be shredded.

Although this is a free service, the bank asks that people limit themselves to three bags or boxes of papers per person.

During the May 1 "Shred It Day," residents also donated 12 boxes of canned goods and approximately \$300 in cash.

Completes basic

Army Pvt. Benjamin R. Esham has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Esham is the son of Amy Kelly of Cathell Road, Berlin and Andrew Esham of Esham Cove Lane, Frankford, Del.

He is a 2011 graduate of Indian River High School, Frankford, Del.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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THURSDAY, MAY 9

ESA MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS — Amateur surfing competition for all age groups. Competitors from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Begins at 7 a.m., on 48th Street in Ocean City. Info: Michelle Sommers, executive director, Eastern Surfing Association, 410-251-8583 or centralhq@surfesa.org.

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

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

FUNDS FOR FRIENDS FOR MARYLAND C.O.P.S. — The Original Greene Turtle, 11601 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, will donate 10 percent of the day's sales to the Maryland Chapter of C.O.P.S. Info: www.mdcops.org.

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.

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

'55 ALIVE' SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM CLASS To sign up for this class or a later one, call Dave Lloyd at 410-641-6278. Several auto insurance companies provide 3-year discounts for those taking the course.

FREE AROMATHERAPY CLASS — Seaside Counseling & Wellness Center, 11809 Ocean Gateway, Suite 2, West Ocean City, 6-7 p.m. "The Benefits of Aromatherapy" addresses how these oils can benefit your health and life. Everyone is welcome. No preregistration required. Info: 410-213-7875 or www.seaside-counselingandwellness.com.

'THE GIRLS NIGHT OUT' FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER — Galaxy 66 Bar & Grille, Ocean City, 7-11 p.m. Featuring the coastal fashions, including evening wear, casual wear, swimwear, beach fashions and daytime fun

clothing. Miss Delaware Alyssa Murray and other local women will model. Also, heavy appetizers, music, prizes and cocktails. Cost is \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Everyone will receive a goodie bag that includes a certificate for a Troll bracelet (a \$72 value). Tickets: www.debreastcancer.org and click Events. Fundraiser for the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition as part of the Dunes Pink Classic events put on by the Women's Golf Association at Bear Trap Dunes Golf Club. Info: www.btdladies.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

ESA MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS — Amateur surfing competition for all age groups. Competitors from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Contest headquarters on 48th Street in Ocean City. Info: Michelle Sommers, executive director, Eastern Surfing Association, 410-251-8583 or centralhq@surfesa.org.

'A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES' PERFORMANCE — First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Featuring the Worcester Chorale performing a variety of popular songs from the cinema. Tickets cost \$10. Free refreshments served. Info: 410-208-4707.

CRABCAKE DINNER — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Crabcake sandwich and a drink for \$6.95. Crabcake platter for \$9.95, includes crabcake sandwich, garden salad, choice of two sides and a drink. Eat in or carry out. Bake sale table available. Info: Kathy Davis, 443-235-6761.

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT — The Bay Club, 9122 Libertytown Road, Berlin. Registration begins at 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch and awards immediately following golf. Cost is \$85 per player or \$300 per team and includes golf, cart, breakfast and lunch. Proceeds benefit The Cricket Center. Registration: Wendy Myers, 410-641-0097, Ext. 4204.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

DELAWARE VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY SPRINGFEST TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: East Gym, West Gym. Info: 410-250-0125.

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quarters on 48th Street in Ocean City. Info: Michelle Sommers, executive director, Eastern Surfing Association, 410-251-8583 or centralhq@surfesa.org.

WHITE MARLIN FESTIVAL CRAB SOUP COOKOFF — Somerset Plaza, Somerset Street, Ocean City, noon to 3 p.m. Clowns, face painting, exhibits by local organizations and a crab soup cookoff with local professional chefs competing. Cost is \$12 per person to sample all soups and vote. Music by DJ Bigler and Sweet Harmony. Info: 410-289-1413, www.downtownassociation.net or ocdowntownassociation@verizon.net.

RIDE FOR THE FEAST — Cyclists gather on the Boardwalk at Third Street to begin ride at 7:30 a.m. This two-day, 140-mile bicycle event benefits Moveable Feast. Info: Ted Blankenship, 410-375-8993 or www.feastoftheeast.com.

FAMILY GAME DAY — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 9 a.m. to noon. All ages can enjoy those classic board games. Info: 410-957-0878.

5TH ANNUAL POKER RUN — Sponsored by Ocean City Fraternal Order of Police. Registration at Hooters, 123rd Street, Ocean City, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20 per hand. Proceeds benefit "Home of the Brave." Discounted food and drinks at each stop. All bikes must return to Hooters. There will be 50/50 raffle and additional card draw. Info: Joe Lotito: FOP10pokerrun@gmail.com. For those coming from out of town, there are rooms available at the Carousel Hotel for \$50 per night, contact Robin Latinville, 410-520-2223 or robin.latinville@carouselhotel.com.

WALK FOR ANIMALS: CAUSE FOR PAWS Humane Society of Wicomico County, 5130 Citation Drive, Salisbury, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Featuring vendors, refreshments, raffles, as well as, pet costume and other contests at 11 a.m., followed by Wicomico County Sheriff's Office K-9 demonstrations and Salisbury Kennel Club agility and training demonstrations. Info: Kayla Christiano, events@wicomicohumane.org or David Fitzgerald, dfitzgerald@wicomicohumane.org. Both can also be reached at 410-749-7603.

NATIVE AND HEIRLOOM PLANT FESTIVAL Assateague Coastal Trust office, 9931 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 8 a.m. A variety of native perennial plants for sale, as well as herbs and heirloom tomatoes. Local craftspeople will exhibit Mom-friendly work for sale. Coast Kids will have a booth where folks may purchase plants or herbs to put into a pot, add a bow and a clever coastal decoration made by the kids, to take home to Mom. Info: 410-629-1538 or www.ActForBays.org.

WORLD FAIR TRADE DAY — Made By Hand, Route 1, York Beach Mall, South Bethany Beach, Del., noon to 5 p.m. Celebrate International Cooperative Fair Trade with drinks, chocolates and foods from around the world.

Meet the Kukama Tribe of the Amazon Rainforest. Info: 302-539-6335.

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.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Tony Frederich, executive director of Coastal Conservation Association, will discuss recent Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council decision on flounder quota sharing between NY and NJ and whether they need excess numbers from MD, DE and VA because they overfished their quota, as well as other legislative issues. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

IRON FURNACE 50K, 50 MILE AND 100K CENTURY FUN RIDE — The ride starts and ends at Furnace Town, Snow Hill. Early online registration til May 10. Walk up registration the day of the event beginning at 7 a.m. Registration fee is \$45 for adults and \$35 for students and includes ride, snacks and breaks along the route, route maps, specific rider number, T-shirt (for first 150 to register) and one-day pass into Furnace Town. Following the ride, cyclists invited to picnic lunch and complimentary beverages (beer for adults). Details and registration: www.ironfurnacefifty.org. Benefits educational and scholarship programs for the Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum and the Rotary Club of Snow Hill.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

ESA MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS — Amateur surfing competition for all age groups. Competitors from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Contest headquarters on 48th Street in Ocean City. Info: Michelle Sommers, executive director, Eastern Surfing Association, 410-251-8583 or centralhq@surfesa.org.

DELAWARE VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY SPRINGFEST TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: East Gym, West Gym. Info: 410-250-0125.

GOSPEL CONCERT — Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 10 a.m. Featuring "The Nelons." No tickets required, but a love offering will be taken. Info: 410-641-2578.

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.

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MONDAY, MAY 13

BEGINNERS AND BEYOND WATERCOLOR CLASS — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., May 13-15. Topics will be buildings in the city and hints on drawing realistic trees. Cost is \$70 for Art League of Ocean City members and \$90 for non-members. Contact Barbara Schmid at 410-208-0219 or barbaradoyleschmid@yahoo.com.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Doug Phillips, marketing manager for Freeman Stage in Selbyville, Del., will talk about the history of Freeman Stage, this season's programs, and future plans for Freeman. He will also distribute programs for the coming season. All are welcome. Info: 410-208-4014.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

YOUNG AND RESTLESS — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for ages 3-5 years. Planting with the Worcester County Garden Club. Dress for a mess. Call ahead to reserve your place: 410-641-0650.

BOREDOM BUSTERS — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 4 p.m. Nature and science fun for ages 6-12 years. Info: 410-957-0878.

STEPPING ON WORKSHOP — Temple Bat Yam, Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. Stepping On is a well-researched falls prevention program. This free workshop meets for seven weeks (April 9-May 21). Pre-registration is necessary by calling Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268 or ddenton@atlanticgeneral.org.

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.

BIKE RIDE BIKE TRIP — Ocean Pines Boat Club will take a bike ride on the Rehoboth-to-Lewis Junction and Breakwater Trail. A group lunch will follow at Big Fish Grill in Rehoboth, Del. RSVP for lunch to Dick or Marie Hannah, 410-208-2955. Guests are welcome. Rain date is May 16.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

STORY TIME — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children 2-5 years old. Info: 410-957-0878.

PLAY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, ages infants to 5 years, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program. Info: 410-524-1818.

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

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

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

BINGO — 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.

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

OCEAN PINES BOAT CLUB MEMBER MEETING — Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway. Social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:15 p.m. Speaker is Nikki Fisher, terminal manager, Cape May-Lewes Ferry. Guests welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY — Various car shows at the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway and the downtown Inlet parking lot, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and various citywide locations. Featuring more than 3,200 hot rods, customs, classics, street machines, muscle cars and more. Live entertainment, celebrity guests, special attractions and boardwalk parades. Manufacturers vendor midway will feature some of the country's top national names held at the inlet parking lot, Thursday through Sunday. Convention center will host vendors selling automotive merchandise along with arts, crafts, jewelry, T-shirts plus lots of other specialty items, inside and outside. Hot Rod and Custom Car Auction preview begins at 9 a.m., with the auction beginning at noon, Thursday and Friday. General admission, good at all locations, costs \$10 for adults and free to children 13 and younger with an adult. Info: www.cruisinoceancity.com or 410-798-6304.

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

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

LIVING WELL WORKSHOP — Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Thursdays, May 2 through June 6, 9-11:30 a.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. Contact: Laura Small, 410-629-6820.

ATLANTIC GENERAL HOSPITAL 20TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — 11206 Woodside Drive, Berlin, 6:30-9 p.m. For information or to inquire about sponsorships, contact the AGH Foundation office at 410-641-9858 or foundation@atlanticgeneral.org.

PINE'EER CRAFT CRAFT CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:45 a.m. Following the business meeting, members will create a hanging lantern for the cost of \$3. Take a pair of pliers. All residents of Ocean Pines as well as surrounding communities are invited to attend. Refreshments provided. To reserve kits: Olive, 410-208-6687.

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, MAY 17

CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY — Various car shows at the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway and the downtown Inlet parking lot, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and various citywide locations. Featuring more than 3,200 hot rods, customs, classics, street machines, muscle cars and more. Live entertainment, celebrity guests, special attractions and boardwalk parades. Manufacturers vendor midway will feature some of the country's top national names held at the Inlet parking lot, Thursday through Sunday. The convention center will feature vendors selling automotive merchandise along with arts, crafts, jewelry, T-shirts plus lots of other specialty items, inside and outside. The Hot Rod and Custom Car Auction preview begins at 9 a.m., with the auction beginning at noon, Thursday and Friday. From the hit TV show "Duck Dynasty," Mountain Man will be signing autographs, posing for pictures and talking about the show, Friday and Saturday. General admission, good at all locations, costs \$10 for adults and free to children 13 and younger with an adult. Info: www.cruisinoceancity.com or 410-798-6304.

SPRINGO BINGO — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Win cash and prize packages from local businesses, each worth at least \$50. Also, Chinese auction, extra games and 50/50 raffle. Food and beverages available for purchase. Tickets cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and can be purchased online at www.oceanpineschamber.org or at the Ocean Pines Chamber Office, 11031 Cathell Road, Berlin or by calling 410-641-5306. Open to the public. Proceeds benefit the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce.

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY — Various car shows at the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway and the downtown Inlet parking lot, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and various citywide locations. Featuring more than 3,200 hot rods, customs, classics, street machines, muscle cars and more. Live entertainment, celebrity guests, special attractions and boardwalk parades. Manufacturers vendor midway will feature some of the country's top national names held at the Inlet parking lot, Thursday through Sunday. The convention center will feature vendors selling automotive merchandise along with arts, crafts, jewelry, T-shirts plus lots of other specialty items, inside and outside. From the hit TV show "Duck Dynasty," Mountain Man will be signing autographs, posing for pictures and talking about the show. From Speed Channel's hit TV show "Two Guys Garage," Kevin Byrd will be available for autographs, photos and meet and greets, Saturday and Sunday. Hooper's Crab House in West Ocean City will host the Golden Touch Band's free concert at 7 p.m. General admission, good at

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all locations, costs \$10 for adults and free to children 13 and younger with an adult. Info: www.cruisinoceancity.com or 410-798-6304.

WILD ABOUT 4-H — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1 p.m. All ages are welcome to join the group as they discover exciting big game. Games and crafts provided. Info: 410-524-1818.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY — OC Life-Saving Station Museum, south end of Ocean City's Boardwalk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Interesting displays on history, the lore of the sea and more. Info: Sandy Hurley, 410-289-4991 or Sandy@ocmuseum.org or www.ocmuseum.org.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY — Julia A. Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Info: Claire Otterbein, 410-632-0515 or www.purnellmuseum.com.

BERLIN SPRING CRUISERS — Main Street, Berlin, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Classic cars line the streets of downtown Berlin. Info: 410-641-4775, www.berlinchamber.org or info@berlinchamber.org.

FLEA MARKET AND CRAFTS SHOW — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Indoors and outdoors (weather permitting). Cost for first table is \$15, additional tables are \$10. Food available. Table rentals: 410-524-7944, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HOMECOMING CHICKEN BARBEQUE AND AUCTION — Lions Community Center, 5458 East Market St., Snow Hill, noon to 4 p.m. Auction begins at 1 p.m., including gift certificates, decoys, golf packages, farm items, trips and sports items. A half chicken, baked beans and apple-sauce is available to eat-in or carry-out. Sponsored by the Snow Hill Lions Club. Proceeds benefit the youth and vision impaired of the community. Tickets: Guy Goeller, 410-632-0221.

CARE GIVER SUPPORT SESSIONS BEGIN — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in West Ocean City, 10-11 a.m. Free, five-week sessions offer an educational and support group setting with speakers and resources available. Everyone is welcome. Pre-registration requested: Sandy Nornes, 410-641-0647.

CHARITABLE GOLF SCRAMBLE — Nas-sawango Golf Course. Sponsored by the Snow Hill Elementary School PTA. Open to the public. Info: Diane Hurney, 443-234-5003.

COMMISSIONER JUDY BOGGS' TOWN MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Jim Rapp, Executive Director of Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experience, will enlighten the group about a variety of new places to visit and activities to enjoy locally this spring and summer. Maureen McNeil of Coastal Hospice, will discuss the expanding services being offered by Coastal Hospice and plans for a local in-patient facility to serve Worcester County residents. Commissioner Boggs will have updates on many current and upcoming local issues. All are welcome to at-

tend and participate in the discussion. Info: 410-641-6158.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY EVENT — Historic St. Martin's Church, 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell. Visit and tour the grounds and the majestic 18th Century Flemish Bond Church by candlelight from 5-8 p.m. Maryland Wines and regional appetizers will be on-hand. The Board of Directors will be featuring the plans for the future comfort station, gift shop, interpretive space and amphitheater. Info: Historicstmartin@aol.com.

SPRING FLING FAMILY FUN DAY — Fire Station 5, Keyser Point Road, West Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Fire truck rides, face painting, games, prizes, raffles, cake walk, bake and yard sale and meet Sparky. Popcorn, hot dogs and sloppy joes. Sponsored by the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

CRUISIN' OCEAN CITY — Various car shows at the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the downtown Inlet parking lot, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the awards ceremony beginning at 3 p.m.; and various citywide locations. Featuring more than 3,200 hot rods, customs, classics, street machines, muscle cars and more. Live entertainment, celebrity guests, special attractions and boardwalk parades. Manufacturers vendor midway will feature some of the country's top national names held at the Inlet parking lot, Thursday through Sunday. The convention center will feature vendors selling automotive merchandise along with arts, crafts, jewelry, T-shirts plus lots of other specialty items, inside and outside. From Speed Channel's hit TV show "Two Guys Garage," Kevin Byrd will be available for autographs, photos and meet and greets. General admission, good at all locations, costs \$10 for adults and free to children 13 and younger with an adult. Info: www.cruisinoceancity.com or 410-798-6304.

ANNUAL SPRING FLING DINNER DANCE — Ocean Pines Boat Club Annual Spring Fling dinner dance takes place at the top of the Golden Sands Condominiums, 10900 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Music by Bob Hughes. Reservations: Bill Gallagher, 410-641-7924 by May 16.

BREAKFAST — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 8 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scramble eggs, biscuits with sausage gravy, orange juice and coffee. All are welcome. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12 years and those 3 and younger eat free. Proceeds benefit ASP Youth Mission Trip to Appalachia.

MONDAY, MAY 20

SKIP LAWRENCE WORKSHOP — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., May 20-23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the numerous ways one might use to produce work that is most appropriate and personal to each student. Cost is \$300 for Art League of Ocean City members

and \$330 for non-members. Register: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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HARD CRAB DINNER — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Select from a choice of fried hard crab, crab cake fluff, broiled crab cake or baked flounder with corn on the cob, french fries, salad, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$20. Cash bar. Reservations: 410-524-7994, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., by May 14. Walk-ins welcome.

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING COURSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, May 21-23, 6-9 p.m. Certificate required for those born after July 1, 1972 is awarded after successful completion of the course. Course includes piloting local Ocean City waters. Cost is \$15 for adults or \$10 for those 16 years and younger. Register: 410-629-1016 or cgaux1205@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for ages 3-5 years. Dress for a mess. Call ahead to reserve your place: 410-208-4014.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 2:30-4 p.m. Free and open to the public. Info: pdlower-shore@gmail.com, www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org or 410-749-8511.

OCEAN PINES SPRING PUBLIC MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6 p.m. OPA's General Manager Bob Thompson will host the town hall-style meeting, which is open to all property-owners and residents in Ocean Pines. For those unable to attend, watch it live on Mediacom's Channel 78 in the Pines or view the posted video on the website and Channel 78. Send questions, comments of topics you would like to discuss or any questions to info@oceanpines.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

CALL FOR ARTISTS: 2013 'PAINT BERLIN' - A PLEIN AIR EVENT — Artists will have an opportunity to network, exhibit and sell their artwork as well as compete for cash prizes, Sept. 19-21. Visitors are invited to come and watch artists work during this event and attend the Sept. 21, open to the public, "Wet Paint" sale and exhibit at the Atlantic Hotel. Children's workshop will be also held during this event. Registration is open to experienced and novice painters, 18 years and older and is limited to 50 artists. Artist registration fee is \$30, after July 1, \$35. Registration deadline is July 31. Register: www.worcester-countyartsCouncil.org or 410-641-0809.

HELP FOR VETERANS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, third Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Michelle Licata, a representative from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, is on hand to help veterans (of any conflict) with whatever help they need in navigating available VA programs, need special assistance, etc. Info: Licata, 410-713-3482.

OCEAN CITY RESTAURANT WEEK — For two weeks, May 5-19, participating restaurants create special fixed-price menus. No passes, tickets or coupons required. Info: Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association: 800-626-2326, Ext. 2 or www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN — Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open May 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, June 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features hand-crafted home decor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

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6 Turning point at the station?

12 Remote control abbr.

15 Banned apple spray

19 American Dance Theater founder

20 Planets and notes in the musical scale

21 Agitated

23 Early entrepreneurial efforts

25 Argued against

26 California's old Fort ---

27 Turn (off)

28 Florentine attraction

30 Small African antelopes

33 When repeated, an engine sound

35 Feudal laborer

36 Serpent's tail?

37 Running with scissors and others

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40 Kind of tax

43 Food to go?

45 Santa's landing spot

48 Not so important

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52 Obama's birthplace

55 Traditional

59 Priest, in an Ogden Nash poem

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68 Johannesburg-born golf champion

69 Birthplace of Harry Houdini

73 "Survivor" construction

74 On the fence

76 Jerks

77 Jobs in technology

79 Doubters

81 "Friends" co-star

84 River to the North Sea

85 Whenever

87 Not give ---

89 Defense grp. that disbanded in 1977

92 Something said before grace?

93 Big name in feminism

99 Sign of stress

101 Ogre, to a kid

103 Arab League headquarters

104 German : Strasse :: French : ---

105 Designer Gernreich

108 Carson's predecessor

109 Blue Ribbons and others

110 Just makes the 7:47, perhaps

114 Toledo tidbit

116 Subject of the 1998 biography "King of the World"

117 Cute

118 Does spy work

122 George W. Bush acquisition of 2008

123 Homes up high

124 Developed

125 G.I. rations

126 That, in Tijuana

127 Makes an assertion

128 Hunt for water, say

16 Neighbor of a Belarussian

17 Corroded

18 Alberta's third-largest city, named after an animal

22 Amérique du ---

24 Soccer header?

29 Noted tale teller

31 Withdrew

32 Old Cosby show

34 Some successful plays, for short

38 Pitch

39 Nursery gift?

41 Grinning symbols

42 Championship

44 Vintage wheels

46 Native Nebraskan

47 Crush competitor

50 Deli offerings

51 Okla. or Oreg., once

52 Certain tournaments

53 Perfectly fine

54 Precipitousness

56 What makes you you?

57 Pool activity

58 "Well, well!"

60 Word before and after "to," in a religious phrase

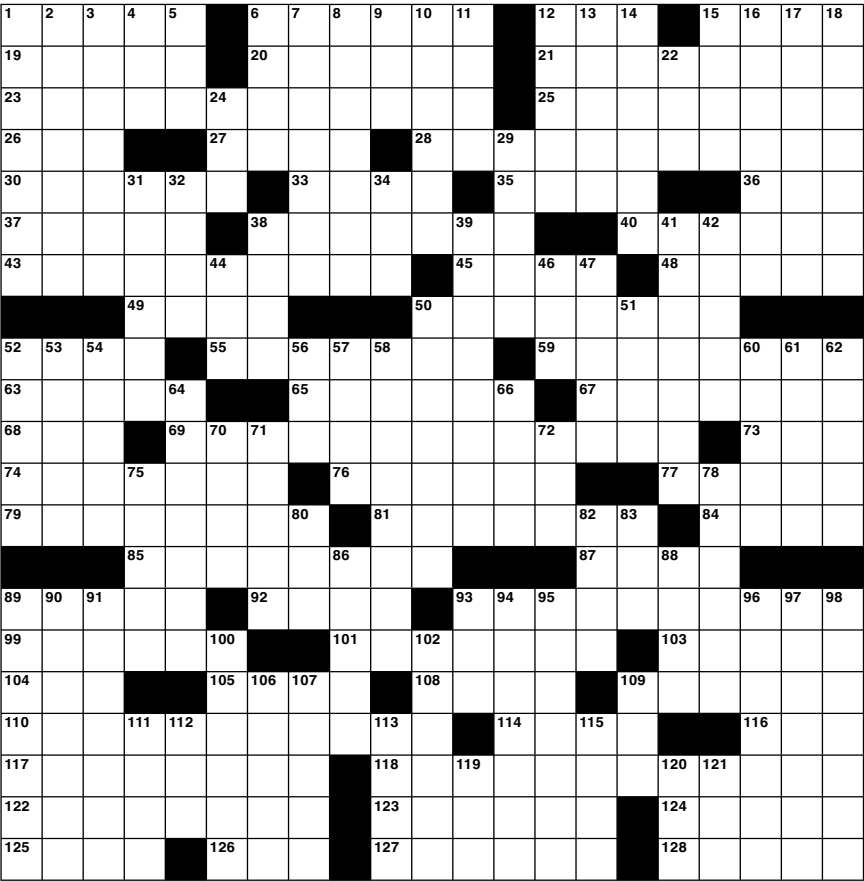
61 Purple shade

62 More suitable

64 Touches

66 Hydroxyl compound

70 20th-century novelist whose first name is an anagram of 66-Down



- 71 Part of a trap

72 Fed. property overseer

75 Flurry

78 Universal recipient designation

80 --- Canals

82 "Great" kid-lit detective

83 You might have a good one after a breakup
- 86 Nile Valley region

88 Isak Dinesen novel setting

89 Cutting comments

90 World's leading exporter of bananas

91 Nail polish remover component

93 Eagles' org.

94 --- d'Amérique

95 Harangues

96 Renounce
- 97 Naive

98 "Fuhgeddabout-it!"

100 High pitch

102 Sleep problem, to Brits

106 50-page book, maybe?

107 --- blank (had no idea)

109 What's expected

111 Sportscaster Collinsworth
- 112 Chinese dynasty during the time of Christ

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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

Smoked salmon canapes follow basic rules

There is nothing quite like seeing the flash of fear on a child's face when he realizes that his seat on the water park ride is now at the bow of the craft ... heading backwards as he plummets over the falls.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

It seemed that the more he requested of the life-guards to be facing the deep and fast drop the more they employed their stealthy tactics of spinning the multi-person tube just right. I guess it's the same as pushing the "close door" button on the elevator when someone with an armful of groceries is asking you to hold the car.

Our children enjoyed their weekend at Great Wolf Lodge a few weeks ago as did we. While enjoying the three-acre, four-story water park, it seemed as though the more hair-raising rides we went on, the more our youngest would defy his young mind's logical processes and continue to get on the rides for more excitement.

Arriving home, there was no rest for the weary. It was time to get down to business as I had to plan and cook a cocktail party for some acquaintances in the following week. In going through my mind's rolodex of items I recalled these beautiful and simple cold smoked salmon canapés, knowing that they would fit the bill.

In the cold smoking process, it is important that you cure the salmon first. There is absolutely nothing difficult about this, but it is time-consuming. You can coat the salmon and let it sit in the icebox for 2-3 days, rinse and dry and then smoke. Nothing is difficult. It just takes time.

The Scots are well known for their cold-smoked salmon and it does my heart good to try to recreate the nova lox of the old country. Mine will not be identical, but then if they were, I would just buy the side of salmon and be done with it.

I use a basic formula when making



canapés and it is one that I share with all of my employees and students. Follow this simple guideline and you won't go wrong:

■ **Base:** think crouton, cucumber slice, Parmesan crisp, cracker, et al.

■ **Spread:** Cream cheese, mayonnaise or aioli, flavored butters.

■ **Main item:** The reason why the guest is choosing the hors d'oeuvres – shrimp, chicken, tuna, et al.

■ **Garnish:** caviar, herbs, candied fruits, coarse sea salt, et al.

As you go through the recipe, feel free to substitute herbs and flavorings. Let's face it, not everyone wants caviar or fish roe as a garnish. And some people truly despise dill. It's acceptable to cook to your taste. That's the name of the game.

And while I finish making these, I can't lie. I can't stop laughing about the little one and his flashes of fear and adventure. It's all in a day's work.

Cold-Smoked Salmon Canapés

serves 6

1/2 pound cold smoked salmon (recipe follows)

1 cup herbed cream cheese (recipe follows)

18-24 Scallion Blini (recipe follows)

Tobikko or other inexpensive caviar, as needed

Fresh chervil leaves (Italian parsley is a good sub)

Step 1: Lay out the cooked blini on a lined baking pan

Step 2: Place your cream cheese on the blini using a pastry bag or two spoons to shape a quenelle (quasi-foot-ball shaped torpedo of food)

Step 3: Top the cheese with a thin slice of cold-smoked salmon

Step 4: Garnish with fish roe of your choice and a small sprig of chervil or Italian parsley

Cold Smoked Salmon

makes 1 pound

1 pound fresh salmon, skinned with pin bones removed

3/4 cup kosher salt

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 cup fresh dill and parsley

2 Tbsp. black peppercorns

5 bay leaves

Step 1: Grind any large spices such as peppercorns and bay leaves

Step 2: Combine with remaining ingredients except for salmon

Step 3: Sprinkle a liberal layer of the curing mix in a small pan

Step 4: Lay salmon on your cure mix and press

Step 1: Top with remaining cure mix and press with another pan on top

Step 2: Cure the salmon under refrigeration for at least 2 days

Step 3: Remove from the cure and rinse the salmon; pat dry

Step 4: Lay out unwrapped in the refrigerator and let air dry so that the surface develops what is called the pellicle; the tacky surface that attracts the chemical compounds from the smoking process

Step 5: Smoke at 150 degrees with apple and hickory chunks for about an hour

Step 6: Allow to cool unwrapped in the refrigerator and when ready, slice thin for use on the canapess

Scallion Blini

1 cup All-purpose flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

3/4 tsp. kosher salt

3/4 cup whole milk

1 egg

1/2 bunch scallion greens, finely chopped

1/4 pound unsalted whole butter, melted

Step 1: Sift dry ingredients together

Step 2: Mix milk and eggs and then add the wet and dry together to form a smooth batter. Do not overmix!

Step 3: Drizzle in the melted butter until well incorporated

Step 4: Add the scallions and mix

Step 5: Cook the blini as you would a normal pancake, ensuring that they are cooked through but not dark on the outside

Step 6: Allow to cool to room temperature and set aside until ready to use

Herbed Cream Cheese

3/4 cup cream cheese, softened

juice and zest of 1 lemon

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh scallion

1 Tbsp. chopped Italian parsley

Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredient and season to taste

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