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Debate over signs and tables boils over at council meeting

Planning Director Ward resigns; new ordinance would clarify town rules

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN - Downtown merchants turned out in mass at the Monday meeting of the Berlin Town Council to register their discontent with actions by the Historic District Commission to curb the use of sandwich board signs and café tables along Main Street. Joining that dissent were Mayor Gee Williams and Town Administrator Anthony Carson.

The following morning, Planning and Zoning Director Chuck Ward, the town liaison to the commission resigned, after reportedly being given the option to depart on his own or be dismissed.

Citing editorials and news articles in this paper, Williams and Carson took issue with the commission assumption of jurisdiction over the placement and appearance of moveable structures and sought guidance from Town Attorney David Gaskill.

Williams commented on the efforts the town had been taking to create a business-friendly environment for the downtown Main Street sector.

"The idea of restricting or outlawing sandwich board signs is something that is a major step backward," he said.

Ward said the town was undergoing a revision of its comprehensive plan and that a revision of the zoning code would likely be a part of that process.

Williams asked if Ward had discussed the matter with Carson or Public Works Director Michael Gibbons. When Ward responded that the issue had been the topic of discussions, Carson interjected

that the decision to bar the signs would not have been his opinion.

During an April 17 special meeting, the Historic 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 told the commission that she was concerned

that the tables might hinder passage wheelchairs and strollers, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, according to the meeting's minutes. At the time of the meeting, the commission was waiting to receive advice from the town attorney the legal ramifications of the sidewalk

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In a separate April 19 letter, the commission ended an agreement allowing the owner of Town Center Antiques to place the store's sandwich board on Main

'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.

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Commission not given more guidance, Mayor Williams says

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Ward said in the letter, "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."

At that time, it was expected that the staff would recommend the sandwich board signs be eliminated in the new draft of the town's zoning code, based on the discussions of the commission.

According to Williams, the commission had no authority to change the

town's zoning code to disallow the signs. Fixed sidewalk structures do fall under the purview of the commission, however, according to Gaskill.

Williams said later the fear of the business community was not based on real information and that the commissioner's questions never came through the proper channels to the town employee with the responsibility for the decision. The commission should have been given more guidance and they were not, he said.

At the council's direction Gaskill has drafted a proposed ordinance to formalize the town's policy on the use of café tables and signs to ensure that they comply with the zoning code and Americans with Disabilities Act. The proposed ordinance is expected to be presented for a first reading during the May 28 council meeting.

According to a copy the proposal, changes (italicized for emphasis) pertaining to sidewalk obstructions would direct that:

It shall be unlawful except with the permission of the Mayor and Council for the owner or occupant of any premises within the corporate limits of the town to place, erect or store, or to cause or permit to be placed, erected or stored on the sidewalk abutting his premises any articles, chattels, *tables and chairs* or merchandise of any type, except that this article shall not apply to placing or maintaining on said portion of the sidewalk any scales or weighing devices, stands for the use in selling newspapers or stone flower boxes.

The mayor and council shall not permit any articles, chattels, tables and chairs or merchandise of any type to be placed on a sidewalk unless said obstructing items comply with and meet the minimum sidewalk accessibility

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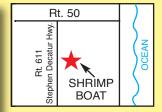
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Commission's jurisdiction over signs questioned

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During Monday's council meeting, Councilmember Paula Lynch had questioned Gaskill's assertion that the commission had no jurisdiction over the street signs and had asked Ward to research the similar practices by other historic district commissions. She said she had noticed some signs that clearly did not meet the town's standards

Ward had said that when he came into the position as planning director the commission granted approval of the town signs.



Planning Commission gives prelim OK to development

Forty-lot housing plan has some issues to settle before final approval

By Sheila R. Cherry

. Associate Editor

BERLIN - The Berlin Planning Commission unanimously voted to grant preliminary approval for the site plan of a 40-lot residential subdivision between Tripoli and Bay Streets, proposed by Main Street Homes at Berlin, during the commission's May 8 meeting. The development would be adjacent to Route 113.

The preliminary approval for the plan, however, was contingent on the developer addressing several points that were raised by the commissioners relating to street width, easements for adjoining properties, and adherence to the town's new stormwater regulations.

David Dombert, president of Gaithersburg-based Main Street Homes, and Steven Hutchins, the development's project manager from Georgetown, Del.based Morris and Ritchie Associates Inc., discussed the plans for the development and responded to questions posed by the commissioners.

Dombert said the plan had not substantively changed since it was first sub-

However, several issues had been raised since that time. One concern, raised by William and Charlotte Dennis, and William and Susan Ferster, was that a planned open space buffer between their homes and the proposed development could restrict future development of their properties. The landscape design would leave them without road frontage, which would be required to subdivide the property at any point in the future, the homeowners said.

Another concern was that the State Highway Administration wanted the width of the development's roads expanded from the planned width of 24-feet to 30-feet, to allow for emergency vehicles entering the proposed community and traffic clearance.

In a May 6 staff report, Berlin Planning and Zoning Director Chuck Ward, recommended that only a preliminary site plan be approved if the commission's concerns were adequately addressed. He recommended that the commission not make a final determination that planned unit development provisions of the Town Code had been met until the final site plan was approved.

The report also said, the staff recommended the commission condition any approvals with the requirement that other applicable approvals are secured by the Continued on Page 6



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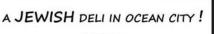
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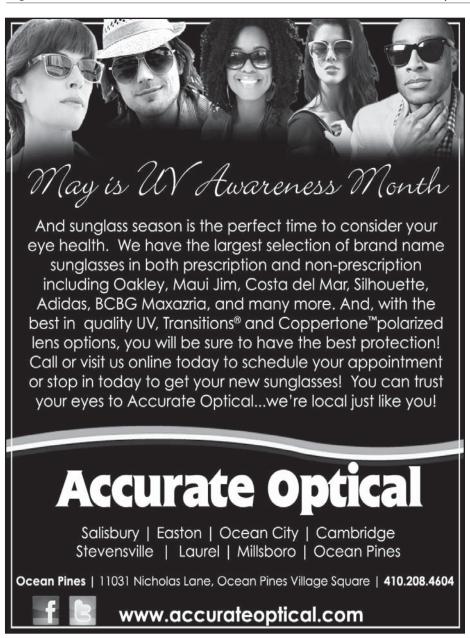
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Easements, street width part of plan builder will address

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applicant. The other requirements the development plan must also meet included the county's Forest Conservation Act, an erosion and sediment control plan and construction requirements for sewer, electric, infrastructure construction and stormwater management designs.

Regarding the effect of the development on adjoining properties, provisions under the town code require that structures and open spaces within a development's site plan not adversely affect adjacent properties. Vice Chairman Ron Cascio and Commissioner Newt Chandler asked the developer whether he would be amenable to granting an easement through a section of open space that would give the neighboring property owners road access to the other side, where the plans included a town-owned street inside the boundaries of the development.

Ward said since the area in question was open space, granting an easement might pose a few complications, such as additional requirements that would have to be met under the town's subdivisions code. For example, if the open space area in the developer's plan was left in place, the adjacent properties might still be blocked from access to the street, if the developer intended to maintain ownership of the open space between the internal

street and the short boundary line with Dennis and Ferster.

Dombert said that he was open to finding a legal agreement that served the purposes of the development, town and adjoining properties.

Chandler also asked about height and density issues, specifically if there were height restrictions and whether there would be other living spaces allowed in the development. Dombert said the residences were primarily two-story dwellings, although some might have attics, and the garages were single-story structures. Ward noted the code only allowed one dwelling per lot.

Dombert requested help from the town regarding SHA's concerns with the width of the street entrance. He proffered the idea that town officials might intercede by writing to SHA on behalf of keeping the entrances narrow.

Cascio asked how parking needs would be accommodated on narrower streets and whether a landscaped planter island in the middle of the intersection would meet the mutual needs of the development and SHA. Dombert said the streets were not set up for parking because the garages were designed for the rear of the housing units. But the discussion seemed moot, since Ward pointed out that if the development is approved it will be the



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Stormwater plan approval came just 'under the wire'

town that decided whether street parking would be allowed.

On the issue of the planting strip, Dombert said the design of the development was intended to be a subtle and low impact addition to the surrounding community. Medians, he said, give the impression something large and new. He seemed more amenable to an entrance that gradually narrowed from 30-feet at the cross street to 24-feet a short distance inside.

Also, the commissioners discussed current plans that called for a street that would dead end at the last home on that street. During the discussion, it was suggested that a cul-de-sac would serve a similar purpose. Dombert appeared to be hesitant to agree to build a cul-de-sac at the location.

Near the end of the meeting, Cascio made reference to a waiver letter the developer received from EA Engineering, Science, and Technology Inc., the town's storm water consultant. Cascio told the developer, "This causes me some heartache." Referring to Berlin's new stormwater management plan, Cascio said, "It pains me that this property will come up under the old regs."

New stormwater management rules are set to begin on July 1 and will include billing other town businesses a fee based on the square-footage of water impervious space that exists on their properties.

Dombert said at the time the preliminary plans for the development were being compiled, stormwater standards were being handled by the county. He said the waiver was granted based on the understanding that the plans were 5 percent to 10 percent away from final approval at that time.

In an April 22 town council meeting, Councilmember Lisa Hall said she had been assured that no grandfathering of existing properties would be permitted under the new stormwater policy. Town Administrator Anthony Carson said the waiver, which was approved by stormwater engineering contractor Darl Kolar of EA Engineering, was still in affect when the stormwater program was approved.

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

frey Harman of the architectural firm Becker Morgan Group the approval "[I]s based on the fact that the number of lots and planned density was established and the project's stormwater management review was substantially completed by Worcester County prior to May 4, 2010 and occurred prior to the Town of Berlin initiating its own stormwater management plan review program. The project is required to obtain stormwater management approval through the Town of Berlin under the pre-Stormwater Management Act of 2007 requirements."

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

In a May 10 interview, Kolar said the stormwater approval was more of a review process than a formal letter, which he said did not exist. "It's more like they have addressed all the comments," he said, estimating that the discussions generated several iterations of comment and responses. The developer was required to submit and resubmit the environmental site design, until the stormwater consultants' requirements and questions had been addressed.

Kolar said the final project approval was granted just under the wire on May 3, "When we informed them that our comments were satisfied." He said the developer actually went beyond what was required. While the development was grandfathered under stormwater management regulations that existed before 2010, by incorporating rain gardens, it included features that were reviewed against the new stormwater regulations, Kolar said.

He said it was a misconception that there was a waiver from stormwater management requirements. "They still have to meet stormwater management requirements," he said, whether under the old regulations or new ones.

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The three candidates with the most

votes will be elected for three-year terms. There is no provision for write-in candidates on the OPA election ballot.

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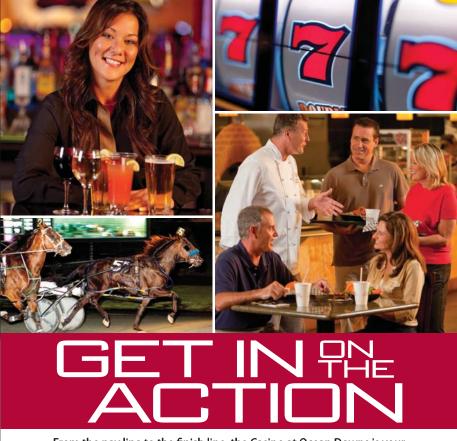




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OBITUARIES

Charles Lee Johnson

BERLIN – Charles Lee Johnson, 89, died Monday, May 6, 2013, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Virginia, he was the son of the late Charles L. Johnson and Margaret Lewis.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Lewis; two brothers, Evan S. Johnson and David B. Johnson; and a sister, Margaret Zeimer. He is survived by his daughter, Martha Ann Johnson.

A graveside service was held Thursday, May 9, at Taylorville Cemetery in Taylorville. The Rev. Dr. Olin Shockley officiated.

Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneral-home.com.

Norma W. McCabe

BERLIN — Norma W. McCabe, age 76 of Berlin passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury.

Born in Berlin on July 22, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Charles Farrell and Alice Mae (Jarvis) Wainwright. She was a private home caregiver before her retirement. She loved sewing, cooking, gardening and talking to anyone who would listen.

In addition to her parents, Ms. McCabe was preceded in death by a brother, Roland Wainwright. She is survived by two sons, Michael McCabe and his wife, Sandra, and Mark McCabe, all of Berlin; two granddaughters, Michelle McCabe Littleton and her husband, Keith, and Tracy McCabe Adkins, all of Berlin; two great grandchildren, Koby Littleton and Brianna Taylor, both of Berlin; two brothers, Wilson Wainwright of Laurel, Del., and Earl Wainwright of Salisbury; and two sisters, Frances Holloway and her husband, Richard, of Salisbury and Joanne Pisapia of Dover. Del.

A memorial service was held Monday, May 13, at the Frankford Chapel of Melson Funeral Services in Frankford, Del. Interment will be private.

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Patrick Joseph Fennell

OCEAN PINES — Patrick Joseph Fennell, 81, died peacefully on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at his home in Ocean Pines. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Brennan Fennell in 2009.

Mr. Fennell was born and raised in Washington Heights, N.Y. He attended Cardinal Hayes High School and went on to college on a track scholarship at St. John's University, in New York. He was the loyal and loving husband to his wife, Peggy, his high school sweetheart, and the love of his life.

He was the devoted father of five children, Kevin Fennell, Jessica Hoopes, Jennifer Fennell, Pamela Jacobs and Patricia Restivo. He adored his grandchildren, Rachael, Patrick, Tommy, Danny, Jessica, Courtney and Nicholas; as well as his sons-in law, Tom, Fred and Mark.

Mr. Fennell was a retired U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant colonel, who patriotically served two tours in Vietnam. He worked with the National Security Agency during the Cold War and was trained in Russian and Spanish for specific missions. He was a decorated and distinguished leader, who put serving his country first and made his family proud.

Committed to public service, he did graduate work at American University in city planning and enjoyed a second career as the city manager in Salisbury.

A special project, while in Salisbury, was working with the Little Sisters of Jesus and Mary, who formed Joseph's House, a nonprofit charity established to help the poor and homeless.

He also was an active member of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church near Ocean Pines. He took great pride in serving the church as the head usher for the past 20 years.



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Mr. Fennell was the patriarch and leader of a great and loving family. He was also a very well respected and cherished member of the community. He will be missed, utterly and completely, by all who knew him.

A service was held Friday May 10, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. The funeral Mass was at St. John Neumann Church on Saturday, May 11. Interment will be at Arlington Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Joseph House, 411 N. Poplar Hill Ave., Salisbury, MD 21801. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Francis Leo Hopkins Jr.

BERLIN – Francis Leo "Lee" Hopkins Jr., 80, died Thursday, May 9, 2013, at his home in Berlin, Born in Baltimore, he was



F. Hopkins Jr.

the son of the late Francis L. Hopkins Sr. and Estelle Shipley Goebel, and stepfather Walter H. Goebel. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Christine; a son, David Hopkins of Hampstead, Md.; six daughters, Bridget (Charlie) Fisher of Westminster,

Md., Dana (Dennis) Graham of Jarrettsville, Md., Janis Hopkins of Gettysburg, Pa., Polly Hopkins (Alex Mitchell) of Laurel, Md., Erin Hopkins of Berlin and Kara (Dana) Banks of Key Largo, Fla.; three sisters, Barbara Sweitzer of Kingsville, Md., Joan (Jim) Pochciol of Millersville, Md., and Beth (Buddy) Alexander of Bel Air, Md.; and eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hopkins served in the Navy (in Europe) during the Korean War conflict. He graduated Johns Hopkins University in 1966, and he worked at C & P and Bell Atlantic for 42 years. He enjoyed playing cards, dining out and walking the beach at Assateague. He was a Telephone Pioneer, a member of the American Legion Post 123, Mt. St. Joseph O.C.Gaels, and a member of the Worcester County Tea Party.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 20, at Holy Savior Catholic Church, 1705 N. Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Stanislao Esposito will officiate. Interment will be at Lake View Cemetery in Sykesville at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to A Place Called Hope Inc., 11712 Kingtop Drive, Kingsville, MD 21087. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

George T. Bonnaville III

SNOW HILL — George Thomas Bonnaville III, 68, died Friday, May 10, 2013, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Salisbury, he was the son of the late George T. Bonnaville II.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Bonnaville, and his three children, George T. Bonnaville IV and his wife, Cindy, Michael

Eugene Bonnaville and Darrell Lee Bonnaville. He was a adored grandfather to Kristen Juanita Donaway and her husband, David Lee, Jessica Nicole Blitz and her husband, Justin Robert, Shelbi Lyn Bonnaville and Tara Marie Bonnaville; and great-grandchildren, Brianna Hope Donaway, Kyle Johnathan Bonnaville and Madisyn Nicole Blitz.

Mr. Bonnaville drove as a long haul truck driver for Golden Pride and Holly Farms for 40 years.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 14, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Pastor Ken Elingston officiated. Interment followed in Girdletree Cemetery. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Lucille Marie McNulty

OCEAN CITY — Lucille Marie McNulty,

80, died Saturday, May 10, 2013, at her home in Ocean City. Born in Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Lucarello and Caroline Montenga.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John J. McNulty.

Mrs. McNulty is survived by four sons, John McNulty, Joseph McNulty, Justin McNulty and James McNulty; three daughters, Mariloe Regan and her husband, William, Kate Dinnebeil and her husband, Dan, and Margaret NcNulty; and a sister, Anne Foultz.

Services will be private. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Stephen Scott Slocum

BERLIN — Stephen Scott Slocum, 52, died surrounded by his family on Friday, May 10, 2013. Born in New York, he was the son of Harry and Sally Slocum.



S. Slocum

from Wagner College, where he excelled as a student athlete and was inducted into the Wagner Hall of Fame in October 2012. He became successful and respected as a prominent business

Mr. Slocum graduated

owner of Slocum Insurance.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Slocum; daughters, Elizabeth and Melissa Slocum; sisters, Deb Cole and her husband, Rob, Pam Shinsky and her husband, Bob, and Linda D'Agostino and her husband, Joey; sister-in-law, Bev Williamson and her husband, Steve; and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of life will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury. A Mass of Chris-Continued on Page 10

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tian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 17, at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Berlin. No. 52 will be laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Thomas The Disciple Anglican Church, 1221 Old Ocean City Road, Salisbury, MD 21804; Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11021 Worcester Highway, Berlin, MD 21811; or Wagner College Athletics at www.wagnerathletics.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, P.A., in Salisbury. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.hollowayfh.com.

Janice Ellen Bieber

OCEAN PINES - Janice Ellen Bieber, 70, died Saturday, May 11, 2013, at her home in Ocean Pines. Born in Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late Henry Lieberman and Augusta Mandell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy Bieber.

Mrs. Bieber is survived by two daughters, Eileen M. Burke and her husband, Christopher, and Laurie Graham and her husband, William; a brother, Larry Lieberman; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at Franklin Memorial Park in North Brunswick, N.J. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.



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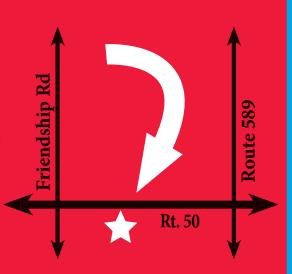
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Parks Commission discusses mural contest for Decatur Park

Henry Park will see its own celebration over May 25-26 weekend

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN — The Berlin Parks Commission at its May 7 meeting discussed plans to hold a mural design contest to replace fading artwork along the racquetball court wall behind the tennis courts in Stephen Decatur Park.

According to a proposed application

for the contest, the commission would seek original artwork depicting scenes from Berlin.

The commission's town liaison, Deputy Administrator Mary Bohlen, said she could contact local schools to publicize the contest.

The commission also discussed a proposal to allow individuals or organizations to sponsor several flowerbeds in Stephen Decatur Park. The areas would be designated with signs. A proposal to establish a "Friends of Berlin Parks" board that would operate under the supervision of the commission was briefly

raised as a possibility.

The commission also discussed replacing faded walking path distance signs in the park. Bohlen said she was reviewing the costs of making the replacements.

For William Henry Park, the commission was updated by Terran Wright, who serves on the commission's Henry Park Subcommittee, on a first-time proposal for "Berlin Day in the Park," which would be held at on May 25 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on May 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wright, who would spearhead the

events, said activities during the Memorial Day weekend event would include basketball and horseshoe tournaments and activities for children.

The Berlin Town Council approved the proposal during its May 13 meeting.

Also, a pin oak has been planted in Henry Park in memory of former Parks Commission member Mary Burton, who served on the commission from 2004 to 2007 and was a strong supporter of developing Henry Park. A sign will be ordered to mark the memorial.

Melanie Windsor of Worcester Youth

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Town's assistance sought in oyster recovery program

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and Family Counseling Services reported that four additional paver stones were needed for the children's outdoor reading garden on Flower Street across from Henry Park. There are currently 16 stones that are used as seating areas.

Patricia Dufendach briefed the commission on the possibility of asking the town to participate in Maryland's Oyster Recovery Partnership, which collects recycled oyster shells that are used as a substrate by oyster hatcheries to provide surfaces for oyster spat to attach to until they mature.

The commission discussed the feasibility of placing shell collection receptacles at the recycling center near Burbage Park on William Street.

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Tex-Mex & Beyond Manager Tara Wancowicz, left with waitstaffer, has been managing the restaurant since it opened on Labor Day 2012. She said the reason for the re-grand opening was to introduce Chef Jason Purkey to the Berlin community.

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physicians to limit what the PPOs and HMOs consider uncalled for tests and pro-Continued on Page 14

With new chef, Tex-Mex and Beyond gives itself a restart

By Sheila R. Cherry

. Associate Editor

BERLIN — Tex-Mex & Beyond hit the "restart" button, with a May 11 re-grand opening of the renovated boarding house at 119 Main St.

Tara Wancowicz has been managing the restaurant since it opened on Labor Day 2012. She said the reason for the regrand opening was to introduce Chef Jason Purkey to the community. Purkey does everything from prep to presentation, according to Wancowicz. "He even makes the homemade desserts," she said. Dessert offerings include banana bread pudding, coconut crème pie, flan, strawberry shortcake and tres leches, she said.

The menu includes a wide selection of favorites for Mexican cuisine lovers. It includes staples such chili relleno, burritos, empanadas, nachos rancheros, quesadillas, handcrafted tamales, and tortilla soup. Just the right prescription for a set of taste buds needing a spicy and affordable indulgence.

But Wancowicz said one misconception the owner sought to avoid, with the name of the eatery, was that it only serves

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cedures. Managed care generally requires the consent of a primary-care physician before a patient can see a specialist.

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Since HMOs integrate health-care providers with insurance, they are able to provide better health-care delivery. This

distinctive relationship often allows HMOs to maintain a lower cost of service from plan providers. Also, because the HMO is both an insurer and a provider, this allows for lower administrative costs and paperwork for the insured.

HMOs also try to reduce costs by providing preventive care. Since visits to primary- care physicians are inexpensive for patients, the likelihood of early detection and care increases.

Preferred provider organizations have also contracted with hospitals and doctors to provide health care services. Unlike the case with an HMO, you do not have to go to these physicians. As a result of this, you'll usually pay more if you go outside a designated list of preferred providers. PPO plans usually have a deductible, which is the amount that the insured must pay before the PPO begins to pay. When the PPO plan does start to pay, it will usually pay a percentage of the bill and you have to pay the remainder, which is called "coinsurance." Most plans have an out-of-pocket

maximum, which helps protect the insured from paying more than a certain amount per year. After the insured pays the out-of-pocket maximum, the coinsurance percentage paid by the PPO generally increases to one hundred percent.

The out-of-pocket maximum, deductible and coinsurance will all affect the cost of the PPO insurance coverage. In many cases, you can help lower your premiums by having as high a deductible as you can afford.

As with any type of insurance, it's always recommended to speak with a professional to help you decide what form of health insurance will work best for your unique situation.

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Restaurant puts 'Tex' in context

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Mexican cuisine. She noted that one of Purkey's specialties is chicken or pork tortas, but added that lunch specials include pork barbeque and hamburgers.

Wancowicz peeled off a list of entrees to prove her point. "It's not just Mexican," according the Baltimore native, who has lived on the Eastern Shore for the past 15 years. The menu includes Texas-style brisket, chicken, braised beef short ribs, seafood and rib eye steak. That would represent the "Texas" part of the Tex-Mex name, she said.

There is a children's menu as well with a fresh fruit cup alternative to sugary desserts, although the sugary offerings are there too.

The location was fully remodeled by owner Ernest Gerardi, and is a mix between warm and earthy, and crisp and modern. Diners seeking to dine al fresco have a choice between an upstairs balcony and street-level patio. Wancowicz took the opportunity put out the word that she is seeking entertainers who can unobtrusively serenade patrons outside. Specifically, she said she is looking for a low-key mariachi band.

Happy hour is from 3-6 p.m. and lunch special are available from Monday through Friday. After Memorial Day, closing time will be extended by one hour to 10 p.m., according to Wancowicz. The hours until then are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Smith joins Atlantic Dental

Dr. Corey Smith, DDS, has joined the staff of Atlantic Dental Cosmetic & Family Dentistry, located in West Ocean City.

Born and raised in Berlin, Smith is not the first in his family to explore the dentistry. His mother, Debby Smith, has been a hygienist for more than 35 years and his younger brother is also a dentist.

A graduate of Washington College with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry, Smith attended University of Maryland School of Dentistry to earn his medical degree. He was a member of the Gamma Pi Delta

Prosthodontic Honor Society and the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity. He was also a clerk in the Oral Surgery & Plus Clinics.

His resume includes several years of working in public clinics serving pediatric clientele, as well as mentally and physically disabled patients all while honing his skills in a private practice in Salisbury. He is an active participant with the Mission of Mercy program, a member of the Berlin Lions Club, and professionally a member of the American Dental Association, the Maryland State Dental Association and Eastern Shore Dental Society.

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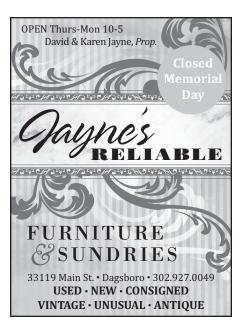
AGH pharmacist honored

Clinical pharmacist Scott Johnson, Pharm. D., recently received the 2012 JMCP Award of Excellence for an article he co-authored, "Evaluation of a Program to Improve Diabetes Care through Intensified Care Management Activities and Diabetes Medication Copayment Reduction," in the Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy.

Johnson has been a pharmacist at Atlantic General Hospital since 2011. A graduate of Delmar High School, he went to the University of Rhode Island for a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics and master's in pharmaceutical sciences before earning his doctor of pharmacy.

JMCP is the national peer-reviewed journal for the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy printed nine times a year. Each year, the best article published in the journal is selected for special recognition, a high honor for those in the pharmacy field.

A panel of judges evaluated articles that were nominated this year by members of the board. According to the JMCP Editorial Advisory Board, in addition to being ranked superior to the other nominated articles according to the selection criteria, the judges concluded that Johnson's research is one of the first studies assessing the clinical and economic impact of a diabetes incentive program.



Pirates to plunder partiers at benefit for Lower Shore CASA

Child advocate program dependent on support it gets from community

By Sheila R. Cherry

. Associate Editor

WEST OCEAN CITY — Wenches loaded with gold, an Animal House run amuck, local philanthropists held captive, oh my! The doubloons could fly when the Sunset Grille is overrun by pirates at the Fifth Annual Pirate Party fundraiser on May 17.

All proceeds from the event will be used for Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services' Lower Shore CASA program.

CASA, also known as the Court Appointed Special Advocate program, operates within Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, which helped 77 children in the area last year, according to Program Director Brigitte Saulsbury.

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EDITORIAL

Town government worked as it should

Mayor Gee Williams' decision to amend Monday night's Town Council agenda to include discussion of café tables and sandwich board signs was a smart one. This has been a sensitive issue and it has been brewing for several weeks.

Well-run governmental bodies should provide straightforward guidance for residents and business owners and this is precisely how local government responded.

The town's recognition that the current method of regulation was flawed, with the decision being based more on individual taste than actual requirements, was a welcomed relief for merchants.

Sandwich boards may seem like clutter to some and street art to others, but they have been essential to business success for many town merchants. The only thing that was clear under the current procedures for placing signs, tables and other items in front of their stores was that it allowed a few the ability to affect the livelihood of others based on individual whim.

The council, after some discussion, is looking to formalize by ordinance the way these items can be placed on sidewalks throughout town rather than be subjected to the personal preferences of Historic District Commission members and the town's department of zoning and planning.

If this measure is approved, merchants should find that it will bring clarity to what was murky.

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LETTERS

Schools need protecting

Editor,

As your sheriff, and being the top law enforcement official in our county, it's my job to keep you safe. I feel we have one of the safest counties in our state, the best chiefs of police, Maryland State Police Berlin barrack commander, states attorney, police officers, troopers and deputy sheriffs. Their work is outstanding.

When the tragedy in Newtown, Conn. occurred, Chief Deputy [Dale] Smack and I were on the phone to each chief and with the MSP barrack commander asking them to assist us in making patrol checks at our schools for their opening and closing each day and to do spot checks throughout the day when they could.

I have nothing but praise for all the law enforcement agencies in this county. We put our resources together to help make our schools as safe as possible; however, we all feel that we could do a better job of protecting our schools.

[Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools] Dr. Jerry Wilson and I met in my office to address security issues and we formed a school security

committee made up of school administrators, principals, health department officials and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. Each school has been visited by Steve Price of Worcester County Schools and Col. [Doug] Dods from our Sheriff's Office to retrieve information for the safety committee. New measures have already been put in place and we will continue to look at more improvements to make our students, teachers and school staff feel safe.

Dr. Wilson and I feel there is a need for a school security deputy sheriff presence at all of our 13 schools. At a cost of \$600,000, we can place a parttime deputy sheriff in each school. They will be trained as active shooters to deal with an immediate threat and quickly end it. It takes time to assemble swat team members; in the mean time, irreparable damage can occur in seconds — just as the parents, teachers and community members are aware of in Newtown, Virginia Tech and Columbine, just to name a few.

My active shooter trainees will also train our local police in the active shooter program, so when they are responding to assist they will know their assignment. As with anything, this is not 100 percent safe proof; however, if we don't try we will be putting out 0 percent effort. I feel our children deserve the best protection we can offer. I am genuinely concerned for our children. They are so precious and innocent. As a member of the community if I had a child, grandchild or if one of my friends had kids in school I would want an active shooter present.

My job as your sheriff is to face problems such as school security or anything else that pertains to law enforcement and solve it before it escalates.

Reggie Mason Sheriff of Worcester County

Teachers make nice starting salary

Edito

This letter is in regard to last Tuesday's public hearing on the requested budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

[Superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools] Dr. Jerry Wilson's request for a 5 percent increase for teachers' health insurance is ridiculous. The teachers a make a nice starting salary of \$42,222 and if you add in the fantastic health and pension benefits, they have

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to be in the top end of the income level in Worcester County, and that is not considering the income of a spouse if they are married. The teachers should pay for any increase the same way my wife has to pay for increases in Medicare and secondary health insurance premiums each year. We cannot ask someone else to pay for it, but have to cut back our expenses.

I don't have the numbers for a teacher's salary with tenure, but I am sure it is much higher than the \$42,222.

The Maryland Department of Education released the county funding for fiscal 2012 and Worcester was the highest by far at \$11,389 [average spending per pupil]. The second highest was Montgomery at \$9,758. It seems to me that we are spending far too much and there should be room for cutting.

The budget hearing this year was a repeat of least year's executed tax increase and where 90 percent of the people at the hearing were teachers or Board of Education [staff].

The commissioners offered no long-term plan or solution and continue to use a band aid approach. They should not entertain a requested budget with a \$7 [million shortfall]. The county departments should have been directed to cut expenses so there would be a zero deficit.

I for one expect an increased exodus from Maryland to more tax friendly states if we continue on this negative trend.

> John Pinnero West Ocean City

Local voice lost with Common Core

Editor:

"Put simply, there are really only two options when it comes to who will determine the substance of a child's education: it will be either a bureaucrat who doesn't know the child's name" or a parent who would pour out their last drop of blood for the child."

Arizona Congressman Trent Franks

On June 22, 2010, by a vote of 110, Maryland State Dept. Of Education (MSDE) adopted the Common Core Standards (CC). Without input from parents or the state legislature, 11 unelected officials made a decision that will change the course of education in Maryland forever

School officials say that the adoption of CC was state-led. I propose that one governor and 11 appointed bureaucrats making an education decision of this magnitude without taxpayers, parents or legislative input is not state-led. CC was not developed by the states but rather by a D.C.-based nonprofit called Achieve Inc., under the auspices of D.C. private trade associations, National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) funded by a Federal grant of \$362 million from U.S. Dept. of Education. Neither NGA nor CCSSO, had a grant of legislative authority from the states to develop "national standards." To the extent states had any input in CC, it was limited to offering suggestions that may or may not have been accepted by the people in control.

MSDE adopted these standards untested, unpiloted with no cost analysis. Can you imagine a drug company putting a new drug on the market without testing it for years? MSDE has decided to use our children as guinea pigs.

Worcester County Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Jerry Wilson and School Board President Robert Rothermel in a recent article stated that "CC impacts decision making rather than adding additional expenditures."

I sure hope they're right. A white paper from the Pioneer Institute states, "Over a typical standards time horizon of seven years, we project Common Core implementation costs will total approximately \$15.8 billion across participating states. This constitutes a "midrange" estimate that only addresses the basic expenditures required for implementation of the new

standards."

Testing is not teaching. Students, parents, teachers and, I suspect, administrators are tired of having to "teach to the test." CC will require additional testing. Instead of MSA once a year in grades 3-8, PARCC national tests will be conducted twice a year in grades 3-11 for both math and English Language Arts.

This high stakes testing will directly link teachers' and principals' evaluations to student achievement. In my opinion, this additional testing will not foster an environment for learning, but rather a "teach to the test" classroom, removing all creativity for teachers to engage with their students and possibly discourage the love of learning. CC is "No Child Left Behind" on steroids.

Dr. Wilson and Mr. Rothermel stated that "Forty-five states are implementing the CCSS that are high quality, internationally benchmarked standards."

A) There are currently 16 states in discussion or taking action from withdrawing from the Common Core Standards.

B) Where is the evidence of high quality?

C) No information was ever presented to the CC Validation Committee to show how CC stacked up against standards of other high-achieving countries.

In fact, the CC Web site no longer claims that the standards are "internationally benchmarked" – the Web site now states that they "are informed by other top performing countries." There is no definition of what "informed by" means.

A May 8, 2013 Maryland State Education Association survey stated, "82 percent of teachers believe that significant challenges remain to understanding and implementing Common Core in their school."

I have been told by school officials that they will retain control over their curriculum, but how can that be? How do you control something that you don't own? NGA & CCSSO owns the standards.

They copyrighted them and issued a limitation of liability excusing them of any harm as a result of using the standards. Dr. Wilson states that we will not lose "the autonomy to decide how to teach the standards."

I contend that you lose your autonomy when you let private trade groups create the standards.

The real issue is not the testing or whether it was state led. The issue is whether Maryland citizens and the state gave up their sovereignty and autonomy to unelected bureaucrats and special interest groups.

I believe that control of our school system should begin at the local level not the national level. This top down control is not what most teachers, students, or taxpayers want or deserve.

Fran Gebhart Berlin

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Ocean Pines projects may miss completion deadline

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors are monitoring the permit process, including the dates that permit applications were submitted, to gauge the possible completion time for the Yacht Club pool and marina, Director David Stevens said Tuesday.

He chalked up the prediction that the Yacht Club pool replacement would be completed by Memorial Day to overconfidence on when projects would be done when pitched to the board

According to Stevens, the projections were "very optimistic and now appears not to be true."

General Manager Bob Thompson told the board during a March 27 meeting the existing Yacht Club will remain open until Labor Day at which time it will be demolished. The new club is expected to open early 2014, he said.

Meanwhile, the new Yacht Club pool is under way and is scheduled to open in June, he said.

Thompson said the Yacht Club Marina will open for regular business in May and that other than relocation of the fuel tanks no other construction has been planned at this time.

Stevens said the board had not had an update on the progress of the projects in two weeks and said that the permitting schedule would determine if completion times could be met.

'Pirate outlaws' will have to be ransomed back to shore

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certificates from South Moon Under.

The highlight of the evening, according to the organizers, will be when several local "Pirate Outlaws" are loaded aboard the infamous Duckaneer Pirate Ship and set sail behind Assateague Island. Pirates must buy their way off the boat for a \$500 donation, or be forced to "walk the plank."

According to Gordy, this year's pi-

rates will include Ed Battisfore, Jeri Clapsadle, Katie Coates, Claire Desautels, Annemarie Dickerson, Gary Dutton, Trey Eversman (aka: OC Sparrow), Ashely Furbay, Kevin Gregory, Lisa Hall, Karen Hughes, Jim Kyger, Anita Pascucci and Alex Wiliams.

Additional information about the event is available by calling Stefanie Gordy at 410-641-4598 or by e-mail at sgordy@gowoyo.org.

County emergency services sets hurricane prep session

WORCESTER COUNTY — The 2013 Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1, and forecasters are predicting the season to be more active than normal, with 18 named storms and nine hurricanes, four of which are likely to be category three or higher. To help area residents prepare in advance for these potential weather related disasters, Worcester County Emergency Services, along with Ocean City Emergency Services, will host Hurricane Preparedness Day at Walmart in Berlin on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with displays and events for youth and adults.

Both the Worcester County Special Operations Trailer and the Ocean City Mobile Command Post will be on display that day, as well as apparatus from the Ocean City Beach Patrol and area police, fire and EMS agencies. WCES, OCES and Walmart officials will host an emergency preparedness scavenger hunt as well, and one lucky winner will walk away with a weather radio.

"Those participating in the scavenger hunt will receive a list of items that should be included in an emergency evacuation kit," said Emergency Services Deputy Director Fred Webster said. "They'll be directed into the store to find as many items on the master kit list as possible, and they'll have to mark where they found each item. The person who finds the most items will win a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather redic."

While putting together a family emergency plan may seem like a daunting task, the Family Emergency Preparedness Guide, developed by Worcester County Emergency Services, can be used to help you write this plan. This guide also contains important contact information, such as county and support agency phone numbers, television and radio stations broadcasting the Emergency Alert System. The guide is available at the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill and at all Worcester County branch libraries and on the county Web site at www.co.worcester.md.us.

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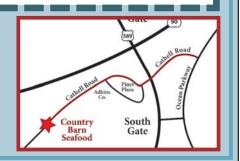
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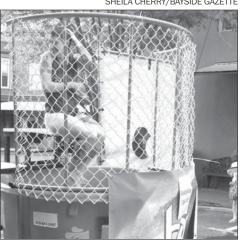
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SNAPSHOTS



MAY DAY PLAY DAY

The Ocean 98 crew, above, strikes a pose between rock band The Baby Please in the background and a pleased baby in the foreground. Shown from left are Program Director DJ BK, Magellan, Promotions Director Lesley Bunting, Big Al Reno, Music Director Coach, Marla, General Manager Bulldog, DJ Batman, Sales Manager Jon Joines, and Biggler. (Right) May Day Play Day attendees sharpened their pitching skills at the dunk tank, where Roller Girl President and Coach "Buster Skull" showed what a good sport she was...over and over again.





OPTIMIST CLUB ANNOUNCES 2013 ORATORICAL WINNERS

The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club announced the club oratorical winners during a recent club meeting. Keegan Pando and Devin Hammond won the club contest. They represented the club at an Eastern Shore contest, and Pando won at that level. He then participated in the state contest and did well. Pictured, in first row from left, are Ian Whisner, Pando, Zac Cioccio, Claire Dorey, Amanda Gabriel and Hammond; and in second row, Steve Acton, club president; Rich Caproni, chairman; and Jim Welsch, assistant chairman.



BLACKSMITHING AT SDMS

Doug Romano, a science teacher at Stephen Decatur Middle School, uses blacksmithing to show how metals have different properties than non-metals and metalloids. All of metal's properties can be viewed during the blacksmithing process. Pictured, from left, are seventh-graders Daniel Braciswski, Dina Sbih, Zoe Watson and Matt Alvarado.

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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.

ATLANTIC GENERAL HOSPITAL 20TH AN- NIVERSARY CELEBRATION — 11206 Woodside Drive, Berlin, 6:30-9 p.m. For information or to inquire about sponsorships, contact 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 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



AARP 2013 HEALTH FAIR

AARP and Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin partnered May 8, for the 2013 Health Fair at the Ocean City convention center. Approximately 80 exhibitors offered information on health and wellness, and AGH provided free lipid and glucose tests to the first 500 participants. AARP volunteers welcomes attendees to Health Fair.

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.

CLASSIC CRUISIN' XXIII CAR SHOW —

Tanger Outlet Center, 12741 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, 8:30 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.

More than 100 classic American automobiles, a center-wide sidewalk sale and DJ entertainment. Registration from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Tanger Shopper Services, suite 685, cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit the Maryland Lower Shore Special Olympics. Trophies awarded just before noon. Info: Renee Kelly, 410-213-7898, Ext. 3 or renee.kelly@tangeroutlets.com.

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 all locations, costs \$10 for adults and free to children 13 and vounger 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 and 10 percent off gift shop merchandise. 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.

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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. Half-chicken, baked beans and applesauce is available to eat in or carry out. Sponsored by Snow Hill Lions Club. Proceeds benefit 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 — Nassawango Golf Course. Sponsored by the Snow Hill Elementary School PTA. Open to the public. Info: Diane Hurney, 443-234-5003.

COMMISSIONER JUDY BOGGS' TOWN MEET-

ING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Jim Rapp, executive director of Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experience, will discuss 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. Boggs will have updates on current and upcoming local issues. All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion. Info: 410-641-6158.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY EVENT — His-

toric St. Martin's Church, 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell. Visit and tour the grounds and the majestic 18th Century Flemish Bond Continued on Page 28

CALENDAR

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Church by candlelight from 5-8 p.m. Maryland Wines and regional appetizers will be on-hand. Board of directors will discuss plans for 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.

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.

SEMI-ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT SHOW — Good Earth Market and Organic Farm, 31806 Good Earth Lane, Route 26, just west of 17, Clarksville, Del., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free to the public. Info: 302-537-7100.

ARMED FORCES DAY PRAYER SERVICE -

Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, Route 589 and Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Readings by County Commissioner Judy Boggs, Dr. John La Ferla, Delegate Mike McDermott and several members of both the Democratic Women and the Republican Women of Worcester County. Wreaths will be presented and the Delmarva Chorus of Sweet Adelines will lead the singing of patriotic songs. Closing taps will be played by Dick Tanner. Take a chair. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Info: Joan Gentile, 410-465-2400 or Dell Purnell, 410-641-6683.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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.

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.

BREAKFAST — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 8 a.m. to noon. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled 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.

SHARING SUNDAY — Ocean Pines Fire Company, 911 Ocean Parkway (south gate), 1-3 p.m. The Democratic Women's Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products. Supplies will be shared with local food ministry. Info: 410-641-6683.

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.

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.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCES- TER COUNTY METING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Delegate Norman Conway, District 38, and chairman of the House Appropriations committee, will discuss 2013 State Legislative update. All women are welcome. Info: 410-641-6683.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children 2-5 years old. Info: 410-641-0650.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 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: 410-957-0878.

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.

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.

BENEFIT FOR MARK FURBAY — Hooters, 12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. Donation of \$30 includes buffet, domestic drafts, wine and soda. DJ BK on mic, Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle.

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.

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 Web site and Channel 78. Send questions, comments of topics you would like to discuss or any questions to info@oceanpines.org.

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.DelmarvaParkinson-sAlliance.org or 410-749-8511.

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, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages available. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING —

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

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BAR-B-QUE RAFFLE — Grand prize package includes a propane gas grill with tank of propane, food gift card, picnic accessories and some booze. Tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20. Proceeds benefit Ravens Roost #58. Drawing held Sunday, June 2, during the Baltimore Ravens Beach Bash weekend at the Pit and Pub, 28th Street, Ocean City at 1 p.m. Need not be present to win. Tickets: Danny, 443-497-2040 or Maria, 443-944-4763.

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PUZZLES

SIMPLY PUT By David J. Kahn / Edited by Will Shortz

Across

- 1 Certain laureate
- 5 ___ Fine, "The Nanny" nanny
- 9 Planet, to a 1-Across
- 12 Get a little richer in Monopoly
- 18 Slave whom Amneris was jealous of
- 19 Hindu epic hero
- 20 "Zero Dark Thirty" org.
- 21 Kind of garage
- 22 Some mixers
- 24 One way to measure a student's progress
- 26 Possible cause of turbulent weather
- 27 Swearing
- 28 As an end result
- 29 With 44-, 63-, 77and 93-Across, a long-winded piece of advice
- 35 Lei Day hellos
- 36 Validates
- 37 "Very nice!"
- 38 Standard home page
- 39 Journalist Marvin or Bernard

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- 41 Louisiana area
- 44 See 29-Across
- 52 "That's the way things are"
- 53 Shoes without heels
- 54 Remain unresolved
- 56 Ninny
- 59 Fitting conclusion?
- 60 Blackmore title girl
- 61 Quick
- 63 See 29-Across
- 68 Flows out
- 69 Fleming of opera
- 70 Home of the U.K. 71 Cartoonist Hoff
- 72 Supermarket aid
- 73 Full of animal fat
- 74 Pair on ice
- 77 See 29-Across
- 84 Doesn't stay
- 85 180s
- 86 Subject of the 2002
- book "The Perfect Store"
- 87 Doing perfectly
 - 90 Stout ___
 - 91 Fla. vacation spot
 - 93 See 29-Across
 - 100 Something to strike
 - 101 Oration locations
 - 102 Wake-up calls 103 Charlie Chaplin
 - persona, with "the 106 Acquires
 - unexpectedly
 - 110 Except when

- 111 Notwithstanding that, briefly
- 112 Three-sided weapon
- 113 One with designs on women
- 114 Places
- 115 ___ lane
- 116 Pitching muscle, for short
- 117 Big show

Down

- 1 Campaign-funding grp.
- 2 Garage supply
- 3 School address
- ending 4 Works the room, maybe
- 5 Facades
- 6 Arm bones
- 7 Dryer brand
- 8 ___ passage
- 9 A lot
- 10 Fashion photographer Herb
- 11 Suffuse
- 12 ___ ejemplo
 - 13 "Life of Pi" director Lee
 - 14 Not flustered
 - 15 Like embargoed goods
 - 16 Thingamajig
 - 17 Lunchbox treats
- 23 Where Yemen Airways is based

- 24 This puzzle's longwinded advice. simply put
- 25 Case worker's title?: Abbr.
- 29 ___ Alto
- 30 Former Swedish P.M. Palme
- 31 Senate cover-up
- 32 Having no active
- leads 33 "From all of ___ all
- of you ... 34 Actor McGregor
- 39 Carp in a pond
- 40 Auction category
- 41 Steak ___
- 42 Kefauver of old politics
- 43 Sue Grafton's "___ for Lawless"
- 45 Start to go surfing?
- 46 Helps in a bad way
- 47 Opposite of alway
- 48 Intimate 49 Automaker since
 - 1899
- 50 Cravings
- 51 Not go beyond
- 55 Unnatural?
- 56 Power option 57 Biblical matriarch who lived to 127
- 58 Bag
- 60 Tooth: Prefix
- 61 One side in a 19thcentury war, with "the"
- 62 Blender setting
- 64 Evening, in ads
- 65 Go ballistic 66 Turns suddenly
- 67 Pressure, informally
- 73 Reagan antimissile program, for short
- 74 Mucky place
- 75 Ring results
- 76 Let someone else
- 90 "Nemesis" novelist 78 Impression
- 79 Nov. 11 honoree 80 Snorkeling site

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- 81 "Yeah, yeah"
- 82 Canberra chum
- 83 Viewed
- 87 Formally name
- 88 Corner piece 89 Cooler in hot
 - weather
- 91 Place to play
- stickball

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- 92 Rolaids rival
- 93 Mark of distinction
- 94 Elect 95 61-Down's
- opponent, with
- 96 The Snake River

snakes through it

97 Didn't turn away

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- 98 Fly away, in a way 99 "A horse designed
- by a committee"
- 104 Cause of a trip
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week's puzzles

CUISINE

Creaming the butter is just a piece of cake

I have been an educator for five years. That makes for five years of stories; very interesting and moderately enter-

taining stories. One story that I



By Paul Suplee, **CEC PCIII**

have told time and again is that of my first cooking exercise in my very first "Baking & Pastry" class. It was during my first week at the high school level five years ago and learned the meaning of the

term "transition year." I was the new teacher, and the kids made sure that I knew just how much

more they knew about cooking. That is the nature of the beast.

For a couple of days, my well planned lectures were scoffed and ignored as "there was nothing to learn." "Man, this is boring!" was oft-repeated.

On about Day 3, I had grown weary of the pretense so I threw in the towel. I told them that it was going to be a long semester and that I guess I just had to let them loose in the kitchen. They

I lined them up on either side of a very long steel table, 10 students on one side and 10 on the other. Between them I had 10 pans, 10 spoons, 10 whisks and ingredients needed to presumably bake some brownies.

There was also a recipe on each station that kicked off with the ever-famous "cream the butter and sugar."

No one moved for a couple of minutes, short of looking back and forth at each other. Then one kid picked up a pound of butter, unwrapped it and put it in the pan in front of him. Like clockwork, each of the other teams followed

After another awkward 30 seconds, the same student picked up a quart of pasteurized eggs and poured about a cup on top of the butter. Others did the

Again, a pause was in order and was taken graciously and then the same brave soul picked up a wooden spoon



and started driving it into the butter. And then there was variety. Some picked up the spoon, some a whisk and others whatever they could get their hands on.

Our little exercise lasted about three or four more minutes and then I calmly said, "Are we ready?"

The entire class was silent. I had them clean up the mess and then set up a quick demo in which I showed them how to cream sugar and butter. I proceeded to teach them the mechanics of making the simple brownie.

We had our ups and downs over the semester, but to date it was one of my most memorable teaching experiences and I still see a few of the students from that class who are doing well.

So what was it about creaming that was so hard to understand? Nothing, really. One just needs to be shown and it is then a skill that stays with you, the happy baker, forever.

Creaming is the scientific terminology applied to the process of combining sugar and butter until creamy. That's it. As the butter softens, it will whip. The moisture in the butter (an emulsion of fat and water) will begin to dissolve the sugar and the mass will take on a nice, creamy and fluffy demeanor.

Not fulfilling your duties in this important aspect of making cakes will result in subpar sweets. So don't skip this

And listen to your teachers. They might have a trick up their sleeve, you

Lemon Pound Cake

makes 2 loaves 1 pound butter, unsalted 2 cup sugar zest of 2 lemons 3 cups cake flour 2 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. salt 8 large eggs 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

Step 1: Here's the creaming part! Soften the butter and cream with the sugar in a stand mixer, with the paddle attachment, until it is creamy. Yes, creamy. Add the lemon zest

Step 2: Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the creamed sugar and butter

Step 3: Add the eggs one at a time until well combined. Add the lemon juice and be careful not to overmix the

Step 4: Rub 2 loaf pans with butter and sprinkle with sugar. This gives a nice crispy surface to the outside of the

Step 5: Add the mix and bake in a 350-degree oven until a toothpick comes out clean

Step 6: Let cool and then pour the glaze on top

Lemon Glaze

for 2 loaves 1 cup powdered sugar fresh lemon juice, as needed (only use fresh lemon juice)

Step 1: Add lemon juice to the sugar until it just barely makes a spreadable glaze. It will thin out until as the sugar continues to dissolve

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