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Study shows OP top spot for safety, home ownership

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

OCEAN PINES - In two recent studies, Ocean Pines scored near the top.

It made the list of one of the best places in Maryland for home ownership and the list for the safest places in Maryland.

Consumer finance Web site www.nerdwallet.com analyzed data about homeownership and Ocean Pines came in sixth.

According to the Web site, Nerdwallet looked at the 123 communities in the state with more than 10,000 residents to determine which ones were best for homebuyers. Most of the communities have 20,000 or fewer residents and are located no more than 35 miles from big cities.

Analysts looked at availability of homes. Areas with a high rate of home ownership scored higher than others.

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SPRING CRUISING IN BERLIN

Nearly 150 classic cars took part in Berlin's Spring Cruisers car show, held on Saturday, May 17.

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ARMED SERVICE DAY SINGERS

The Delmarva Chorus performs several patriotic songs during the Armed Forces Day service held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines on Saturday, May 17.

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Many patriotic ceremonies planned for Memorial Day

Parade, concerts, craft shows, food, speeches to be held all over area

By Clara Vaughn

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY—Kick off Memorial Day in the area with patriotic ceremonies, a parade, concerts, arts and crafts shows and more all weekend long.

Here are a few events going on in Berlin, Ocean Pines and Ocean City tomorrow through Memorial Day, May 26:

Berlin

- American Legion Boggs Disharoon Post 123 in Berlin will host a service in conjunction with Ocean City's Post 166 on Sunday, May 25, at 8 a.m. at the memorial across the

street from Stevenson United Methodist Church.

There will be speakers, songs and a reading of the names of the deceased memorialized in the service, which will run about an hour. The church will provide seating and all are invited to attend.

- Berlin kicks off Memorial Day Monday at 11 a.m. with a parade from Stephen Decatur Middle School to William Henry Park, where its annual Old-Fashioned Memorial Day celebration runs all day.

There will be food, music and games at the festival until around 6 p.m., said organizer Jesse Turner, who owns the Berlin Shoe Box.

Approximately 40 units will take part in the procession, which will award trophies to the top groups.

For more information, call Turner at 410-641-1270.

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Many ceremonies planned in observance of Memorial Day

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Ocean Pines

- Ocean Pines will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Route 589 near the South Gate.

Colonel Douglas A. Dods, operation officer at the Worcester County Sheriff's Office in Snow Hill and past commander of the Maryland State Police barracks in Berlin, will be the keynotes speaker at this year's event.

The ceremony will recognize six gold star mothers — parents of local servicemen who died in service — as

well as ex-POWs, who will present a wreath in honor of all POWs and MIAs, said even organizer Marie Gilmore. The service will also recognize female veterans with a wreath laying at the female veteran's garden at the memorial, she said.

Randy Lee Ashcraft, the Delmarva Chorus, Ocean City Pipes and Dick Jacobs will perform patriotic music during the hour-long event.

The Ocean Pines Memorial Day ceremony is well attended with around 2,000 showing last year and though some seating is provided, attendees should bring lawn chairs to

the event.

In case of rain, the ceremony will take place at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. For more information, call Gilmore at 410-208-6612.

Ocean City

- The 14th annual Spring Arts and Craft show hits the 40th Street convention center this Saturday and Sunday with approximately 55 vendors selling handmade jewelry, floral arrangements, candles, wood crafts, soaps, handbags, glassware and much more.

Town Cats will bring its cats and

kittens for adoption and the First State Marine Corp League will be on hand recruiting members and collecting funds for wounded warriors. Quilters by the Sea will raffle tickets for a quilt and other handmade items.

"The wide variety of craft exhibits will provide unique items that shoppers can't find on the Boardwalk or at the mall," said Janice Cropper, the show's organizer.

The free event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 800-OC-OCEAN.

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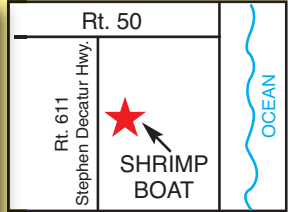
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Berlin, OC Legion posts to host solemn service

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• The Glenn Miller Orchestra will play swing-era hits and modern music with a twist on Saturday, May 24, from 6:30-11 p.m. at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on 40th Street.

The performance sponsored by the Worcester County Library will bring an 18-member ensemble to the center to deliver 1930s and 40's swing music, including Glenn Miller originals such as "Moonlight Serenade," "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "In the Mood." The group will also play modern pieces in its distinctive Miller style.

"The Glenn Miller Orchestra is the ultimate swing band, and, unlike many other musical groups that come and go with the times, their music spans the generations," Library Director Mark Thomas said in a release.

The orchestra's music has been featured on television and in movies since the 1930s, including the 2012 movie "Hyde Park on the Hudson."

"Because their songs receive such wide play, even those who don't realize they are listening to Glenn Miller know his music," Thomas said.

The night begins with music from local favorites WWTunes at 6:30 p.m., followed by a live auction at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra takes the stage at 8:00 p.m. for the remainder

of the show.

There will be a cash bar, light fare and a silent auction for stays at local hotels including the Atlantic Hotel, the Carousel Oceanfront Hotel and the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau

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MARK THOMAS

Worcester County Library Director

Hotel; golf packages; local artwork and jewelry. Those decked out in the best 1940s costumes will take home a prize.

Tickets cost \$45 per person or \$425 for a table of 10 and can be purchased at any branch of the Worcester County Library or by calling 410-632-3970. Roundtrip transportation from the Ocean Pines Library is also available for \$12.

All proceeds benefit the county library.

• Ocean City's Beach Light Spec-

tacular, a free laser light show on the beach, returns this summer with special patriotic displays Saturday night at North Division Street. The show incorporates lasers, lights, video, music and special effects displayed on a five-story-tall beach ball.

Normally slated every Sunday night at 9:30, 10 and 10:30 p.m., the Saturday showing will be a special event to celebrate Memorial Day.

The show sponsored by the Ocean City Mayor and City Council and Tourism Advisory Board runs Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

For more information, visit www.ocbeachlights.com, call 410-798-6304 or email infoevent@specialeventpro.com.

• American Legion Post 166 and VFW Post 8296 will host a Memorial Day service at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 26 at Post 166 on 24th Street.

Speakers from both organizations, their auxiliaries, the Ocean City Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1091, the Ocean City Elks and Lions clubs and the First State Detachment Marine Corps League will join with the Post 166 Color Guard and the Sons of the American Legion to deliver a Memorial Day message.

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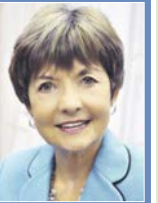
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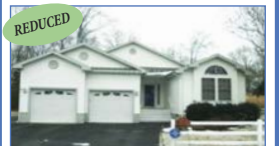
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Remembering men, women who sacrificed for country

Local veterans talks of comrades from combat tour in Vietnam War

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

WORCESTER COUNTY— As Memorial Day approaches, area veterans remember the brave men and women who served beside them in combat.

Nebraska native Dick Tanner served with the First Marine Division in Vietnam. During his first tour he was an artilleryman who went into the country with a Self-Propelled 8-inch Battery. He was promoted to Executive Office of the Self-Propelled 1.55mm Gun Battery and the Commandeering Office of the 105 Howitzer Hattery, and ended up as the Division Protocol officer.

Tanner was a Vietnamese linguist, interrogator/translator during his second tour.

"I have very vivid memories of several of my basic school classmates that served over there with me, two of whom received the Navy Cross, one received the Medal of Honor and several others passed away," he said. "Each and every one of us who served there in various capacities understood what the dangers were and faced those dangers without hesitation. We in the Marine Corps – and I think throughout all of the armed forces – subscribe to honor, courage and commitment. And we know that there is always a potential price to pay. Some pay some; some pay all.

"These fellas that I mention – they all came back alive," Tanner continued. "One of them has since passed away, but they in their own ways were fantastic Marines and I remember them every Memorial Day – I really

stop and think about these fellas. The two individuals that received the Navy Crosses received them during the Tet Offensive in 1968, and the Medal of Honor winner received his as a result of action in 1965 – he was the first individual of any service who was awarded the Medal of Honor for service in Vietnam.

"The striking thing about him is he was over there for just 30 days – what we called TAD: temporary additional duty. He came from Fleet Marine Corps Pacific Headquarters in Hawaii and apparently they didn't have any particular assignments for him that month so they said, 'go over there and learn how to fight a war' and he certainly did. He ended up with a Medal of Honor as a result of his actions over there."

Tanner served from February of 1966 to March of 1967 during his first tour and from 1969 to 1970 during his second tour.

"Memorial Day holds deep meaning for me, and it's always an honor to stand tall with my fellow Marines at the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial and pay homage to all members of all branches who have served honorably – be it Vietnam, World War II, Korea, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Iraq – and salute them for their service," Tanner said. "Having been in a warzone twice myself I know the hardships they had to put up with and I respect these guys to the utmost."

Tanner plans on attending the service with the First State Detachment.

"Over the last several years I've had the honor of being able to render 'Taps' at the conclusion of the ceremony, and I'll do so again this year," he said.

Jim Coyne served for 31 years in the United States Air Force.

"It's hard to put into words," Coyne

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Day holds 'deep meaning' for combat veteran

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said. "It's a very important day to me. It reminds me of my service in Vietnam. I flew fighters and I got about 3,800 hours of flying time and 130 combat missions. I was never wounded or anything, but I got shot at. Of course I shot back."

Coyne flew 103 missions during his first tour and another 27 during his second tour.

"I'm glad I had my time over there," Coyne. "It was important to the country and to my family."

Coyne plans on attending the Veteran's Memorial in Ocean Pines.

Dan Stachurski gave the keynote speech during the dedication of the grounds of the Ocean Pines memorial to Vietnam veterans.

"I was in the army – field artillery – and I served from 1967 until 1972," Stachurski said.

"Memorial Day is a reminder of something that most people don't think about, and that's that Vietnam is a war that has come and gone, as has World War I, World War II, the Korean War – all of those," he continued. "For me it's a reminder that we're still a nation at war and we're currently fighting the longest-term war we've ever fought in Afghanistan and Iraq. Way too many people in this country forget that we are a country at war. So, to me Memorial Day is an extremely important reminder that – hey guys,

get your head out of the sand and take a look around because that's happening right now and there are people dying."

Stachurski still owns property in Ocean Pines, although he's moved to Port St. Lucy, Fla., where he enjoys sailing.

"I'll be on the boat this Memorial Day, and we'll be pointed somewhere in the general direction of the Bahamas," he said.

Berlin resident Sonny Adkins organized the town's Memorial Day celebration for a number of years. He's been unable to do so during the last two years because of health problems.

Adkins served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1950-1951.

"What Memorial Day means to me is all the young men and women that sacrificed their lives so we have the freedom that we have," he said.

Adkins expressed his frustration with the U.S. government's handling of the military in recent years.

"World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Storm and right up to the present day – the government's not taking care of our veterans. The veterans took care of our country, but the United States govern-

ment is not taking care of our veterans."

Adkins plans on attending Berlin's Memorial Day services this year.

Ocean Pines resident Paul Suplee served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, serving as a TOW Missile squad leader, Scout and Marine Combat Instructor of Water Survival. Although he never saw combat Suplee's brother Danny was an Afghanistan casualty who served in Kuwait during Desert Storm and "The Stan" in 2006.

"Since it's a day of remembrance for those who have passed during active duty I take (Memorial Day) very seriously," Suplee said.

"Danny was Lead-Scout on a patrol escorting wounded soldiers to a better-equipped hospital in Afghanistan when the incident occurred."

"Our late mother used to greatly appreciate the ceremonies and was honored regularly as a Gold Star Mother in Worcester County," Suplee continued. "It brought her and the rest of us great solace to know that the community cared about the sacrifice that Danny and others in the military have made for us."

Suplee plans on spending the holiday with this family.

"It's hard to put into words. It's a very important day to me."

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The also looked at affordability to see if homeowners could live comfortably in the area. Population growth was also a determining factor. Areas attracting new residents general show signs of a robust economy, according to the Web site.

Its information about Ocean Pines says it has nine miles of waterfront, the lowest median selected monthly homeowners costs at \$1,730 and the lowest median monthly household income at \$6,107.

However, it also states that one of the reasons it was chosen as one of the best places to live is its high home ownership rate of 91.7 percent. Ocean Pines is considered to have nearly 50 percent of it residents classified as renters, not homeowners.

According to Maggie Clark of Nerdwallet, the data used came from the American Community Survey. The Web site she provided, http://factfinder2.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/12_5YR/DP04/1600000US2458275, says Ocean Pines has 8,633 total housing units. Of those, 4,687 are occupied and 3,946 are vacant, according to the site.

It also says that of the 4,687 occupied housing units, 4,299 are owner-occupied and 388 are occupied by renters.

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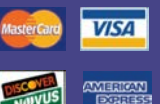
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Pines Highly Ranked

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Also, Ocean Pines is ranked the second safest place in the area by Movoto, a real estate research site. The community is nearly twice the size of the No. 1 place and so it naturally saw more crime in 2012, according to the new Ocean Pines newsletter.

That year, there were 14 violent crimes and property crimes. Those 14 violent crimes were 13 aggravated assaults and one robbery.

Forty-one of the property crimes were thefts and 40 were burglaries. Two were motor vehicle thefts.

“Even with this higher number of total crimes, residents here had a very small chance of actually being the victim of a crime, just one out of 123 odds,” according to the newsletter. “This is what pushed Ocean Pines to the top of their list.”

Hampstead was ranked the safest place to live in the state. Ocean Pines was followed by Thurmont, Glenarden and Taneytown.

The Web site ranked the 10 safest places to live based on the FBI’s 2012 state crime report. It ranked towns with a population of at least 5,000 residents and compared violent crime numbers, the amount of property crime and the odds of a resident being a victim of a crime.

For more information, visit Movoto’s Web site at movoto.com/end/safest-places-in-marylandinformation.

Assateague’s turn to compete as best island in country

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

ASSATEAGUE— Berlin might be America’s coolest small town, but is another area locale the Best U.S. Island?

Assateague Island was recently nominated by USA Today editors as one of 20 islands up for consideration as the “10 Best.”

“Assateague Island is where lucky visitors find themselves sharing 37 miles of pristine beaches: not with other tourists, but with the island’s famed herds of wild ponies,” the article read. “This rare stretch of undeveloped Mid-Atlantic Coast is also home to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Assateague Island National Seashore, both on the Atlantic Flyway, making it a prime island destination for birdwatchers.”

Criteria for nomination included beauty, accessibility, variety of terrain, things to do, wildlife, local culture and popularity.

Evelyn Shotwell, Executive Director of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce, said she heard about the nomination after receiving an email from Libby McMillan, Content Manager and Senior Editor of 10Best, which is a division of USA Today Travel Media Group.

A Facebook and Twitter campaign has been initiated to get out the vote, as well as an email campaign directed at cham-

ber members, festival attendees and “folks requesting general information on the area,” Shotwell said. Radio and newspaper campaigns are also underway.

Shotwell and Historic Main Street Merchants president Carla Landolt are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Berlin town officials to “compare notes on the coolest and happiest towns in America.”

“We were also nominated in February by Coastal Living as one of ‘Top 10 Happiest Seaside Towns in the U.S.’ – that was a voting contest as well,” Shotwell said. “We have also been voted ‘#2 Travelers Choice Island in the U.S.’ by TripAdvisor. This makes the third significant honor in 2014 for Chincoteague Island.”

Based on the criteria listed for nominees Shotwell thinks Assateague has an excellent chance at winning.

“Choices were made based on beauty, accessibility, variety of terrain, things to do, wildlife, local culture, and popularity,” she said. “We certainly meet all these criteria, so I don’t see why our chances would not be fantastic!”

“Any nationwide publicity of this magnitude is an economic stimulus to any area,” Shotwell continued. “Being voted in the top 10 would be great for media attention, which would increase event attendance and visitation in general. Increased visitation means increased revenues to individual businesses.”

Voters have until noon on June 2 to vote on all of the nominees. Winners will be announced on June 4. Visit www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-us-island to vote.

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Berlin hosts cruisers auto show, 'Punk Rock Prom'

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN—“Cool” Berlin showed off its impressive range during a pair of events held on Saturday, May 17.

The town hosted the annual Spring Cruisers car show during the day, followed by a ‘Punk Rock Prom’ benefit Saturday evening.

Between 130 and 150 cars participated in Cruisers, from a 1940 Ford Belair to a 1976 Chevy Camaro.

“We were very happy with the turnout,” Joya Mattie, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, said of the event. “I think it helped because of the rain the day before. A lot of people were anxious to get back outside, and we were lucky because we had a nice, sunny day.”

Bill Porter won a triple crown of sorts, earning “Best in Show” and “People’s Choice” for his 1940 Buick Lasalle, and winning the 50/50 raffle held during the event.

Victorian Charm co-owner Debbie Frene handed out awards and local co-

median Dave “The Fruit Guy” Miller emceed.

Upcoming Berlin Chamber-supported events include Women Supporting Women’s 2nd Annual High Heel Race, held on Friday, June 6. Say I Do in Berlin, previously slated for May, has been rescheduled for Friday, September 26. Fall Cruisers will be held on Saturday, October 11.

The Punk Rock Prom was held at The Pulse on 20 S. Main Street in Berlin. Attendees were invited to “go classy, go punk-y,” or combine the two looks.

Awards were given out for prom king and queen, as well as best dressed.

Ode & the Time Node Trio, Fussy Pink, Tsunami Sunset, Peter Gorgui, Magic Karpel and Youth in Asia performed during the show.

The donation-only cover benefited Mosa Davis, a local resident who lost her home during a fire.

For more information visit www.indiegogo.com/projects/help-mosa-rebuild#home.

Berlin seeks citizens’ support

BERLIN—For the second time, the Town of Berlin plans to seek grant funding for the Hudson Branch Storm water Project through the Department of Housing and Community Development Community Development Block Grant program. Berlin applied for these funds in 2013, but was not successful.

The Hudson Branch Storm water Project includes improvements to culverts and storm water conveyances on Flower and William Streets and will affect the neighborhoods in the immediate area as well as neighborhoods downstream of the project areas, including, in the case of the William Street work, Graham, Nelson and Grice Streets.

“Part of the reason that we were not awarded funding last year was a lack of committed leveraging funds from other agencies”, said Deputy Town Ad-

ministrator Mary Bohlen. “This year, we’re going into the grant process in a better position because of a successful grant award for work immediately behind the Power Plant on William Street, which is part of the overall project.”

Citizen support for the application and project is very important. A Public Hearing for Citizen Participation will be held on Tuesday, May 27, during the regular Mayor and Council Meeting, which starts at 7 p.m.

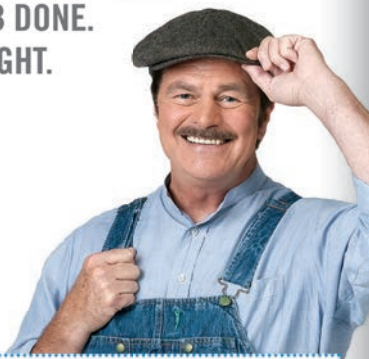
Members of the public are encouraged to attend this meeting to comment or ask questions about the grant application. Letters or e-mails can also be sent regarding the project to: mbohlen@berlinmd.gov or to Town of Berlin, Attn: CDBG Hudson Branch Storm Water Project, 10 William Street, Berlin, Md. 21811 by 5 p.m. on May 28.



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The Waystead Inn in Berlin will begin offering guests the ability to create their own menu.

Waystead Inn: where guests can design their own menus

All Chef Kauffman asks for is week in advance with customers' ideas

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer
BERLIN— Waystead Inn chef Mark Kauffman is inviting guests to participate in a “food fantasy camp.”

Kauffman recently began offering dinners at the historic inn based on menus designed by customers. “We used to do Wednesday dinners and we’d advertise in the paper a week in advance,” he said. “In the old model people could look in the paper on a Thursday and would have to call by Tuesday to make a reservation. “We’re not a restaurant so we have zero inventory as far as food is concerned except for the breakfast,” Kauffman continued. “Any time we planned a Wednesday dinner, the menu was planned and we would buy the food on a Monday or a Tuesday and base it on how many people had a reservation.”

The chef wanted to move away from the old model, opting instead to offer guests what they would like to eat as opposed to “what we think they want.” “When you go into a restaurant like the Atlantic Hotel or Si’culi they have a menu and you can choose from all sorts of things,” Kauffman said. “The problem with what we had been doing is it doesn’t give people the opportunity, in my mind, to say what they want. We all have food fantasies and yens – we wake up in the morning and say, ‘I want to start dinner tonight with dessert and then go to soup and then nuts – I want to do it backwards.’ Or, ‘I want steak’ or ‘I want lobster.’ If you are a person who enjoys food or wine you’re going to run out of options around here.” Kauffman trained at the Lion d’Or in Washington, D.C. in the 1970’s, once considered the District’s best French restaurant, as well as in the French Riviera in the 1980s. “I come from the old school of learning the classics – the basic techniques for cooking,” he said. “If you don’t have the basics then you don’t

have any business being in a restaurant kitchen. I like things done simply – I like to be able to taste a steak or the chicken or the fish or whatever, and just treat that with respect and not a lot of frou-frou.” Kauffman said the limited number of Berlin restaurants and the restricted dining options previously offered at the Waystead Inn forced many customers to travel to other places to satisfy their food cravings. “The answer is – call me,” he said. “I’m a French-trained chef; I can make just about anything you can imagine and some of the stuff you can’t imagine. So I’m trying to turn the tables on potential guests and customers to decide what they’d like to have, and then call me and consider me their private chef.” Guests who call a week in advance can design a menu for between two and 20 friends. Kauffman will negotiate a price, source his ingredients and email a preliminary menu. A deposit is required. “Based on what you want I can give you a reasonable price,” he said. “Ob-

viously if you want steak it’s not going to be \$19 per person.” Beer and wine are also available during the dinner; the Waystead Inn does not, however, have a liquor license. “I want to give people the opportunity to think of dining out in a nice place at their initiation with their preferences rather than mine,” Kauffman said. The chef said he’s placed no restrictions on ingredients. “If I can get it, I’ll make it,” he said. “It may take me a couple of weeks to find something like ostrich, but I can get it.” “Ideally what you want to do is try it out once and then realize that they can call the shots as far as when and what they would like to do for dinner or lunch,” Kauffman continued. It’s simply turning the tables in the sense that they have the option; instead of me making the menu, you make the menu. For a lot of people it’s a completely new experience. If you’ve got a fantasy, give me a call and I can make it come true.” For more information call 443-856-4755 or visit www.waysteadinn.com.



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State proclaims Snow Hill’s wastewater plant year’s best

SNOW HILL—Maryland Rural Water Association and the state have named the Snow Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant: Wastewater System of the Year. The plant now has a capacity of 0.5 million gallons per day, and is considered to be among the 66 “major” treatment plants in the state, as identified by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

As such, the BNR/ENR Upgrade Project was a primary goal for the state and EPA and should serve the needs of the town for the next 20 years.

To support Chesapeake Bay Restoration efforts, the Town of Snow Hill considered a wastewater treatment plant upgrade for two decades. The town continuously attempted to secure funding to make the upgrade affordable.

Finally, in September 2010 the funding possibilities were improving and the project was becoming viable. The town contracted with David, Bowen, & Friedel, Inc. for the completion of the planning, design, contract administration and inspection. The \$12 million project construction was completed by Howard Robson, Inc. in 2013.

The Mayor and Town Council considered this plant upgrade as one of the town priorities. Town Manager Kelly Brewington; Frank Daniels, plant superintendent; and other town staff members took great interest in the project and worked closely with Davis, Bowen & Friedel as the project design progressed.

This high level of interest and attention remained throughout the construction of the facility upgrade. Daniels is to be commended for keeping the existing operations functional throughout the period of construction. As a result of this effort, the upgrade project was fully operational on schedule and below budget. The upgraded treatment facility is far exceeding the difficult ENR treatment level required by MDE. In fact, the quality of effluent from the Snow Hill plant is about half of what the permit requires.

All funding agency staff members went above and beyond the call of duty for the project. Funding agencies that made this upgrade possible include the Maryland Department of the Environment, United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program.

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The press release did not state an opening time, but said the band, “Tranz-fusion,” was booked to perform Friday, “Full Circle” was booked for Saturday and the “Tom Larsen Band” was sched-uled to perform Sunday.

The outside Tiki Bar might or might not be open this weekend. As of Tuesday afternoon, it was still missing its metal roof. A separate county permit for the Tiki Bar was needed and that had been taken care of.

This weekend’s opening of the Yacht Club has not been widely publicized be-cause a “soft opening” is preferred and a crowd is expected anyway.

During that May 12 meeting of the Food and Beverage Advisory Commit-tee, member Steve Lind suggested the installation of signs for people leaving the Yacht Club. Some people, who are new visitors to the Yacht Club, might tend to get confused about how to return to Ocean Parkway, the community’s main street.

“I see them driving around, 10 or 15 cars going in circles,” said Lind, who re-sides nearby.

Signs pointing to Ocean Parkway could help make their experience more pleasant and their first impressions bet-ter than getting lost on their way home, he said.

During that committee meeting, Food and Beverage Manager David McLaughlin said the Yacht Club kitchen would be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., but the bar would remain open later.

Committee members were expecting the new facility to be open at 11 a.m. today.

“I can’t wait,” Mary Whitcomb told McLaughlin. “I guess you’ll see us there at 11 o’clock.”

OP public Library to offer gardening clinic on Tuesdays

OCEAN PINES—Starting the first Tuesday in May and running through the last Tuesday in September, the Uni-versity of Maryland Cooperative Exten-sion Service is offering, “Ask a Master Gardener,” at the Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines.

The clinic is free and will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. Master gardeners will be available to help attendees with gardening ques-tions. Those attending are asked to place plant damage samples in a plastic bag and label the bag with their name and phone number.

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Raffle winners love house, but not so much its costs

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

OCEAN PINES—Lanny and Kay Hickman, winners of last year’s house raffle by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department, don’t want to seem ungrateful, but there have been a few problems with their prize.

“I love the house,” Kay Hickman said last week. “But we’ve had to do a number of things.”

The Hickmans held the winning ticket for the three-bedroom, two-bath house at 82 Windjammer Road. Kay Hickman said the house was appraised for \$240,000, but it is assessed for \$166,500, including \$52,000 for the 9,000-square-foot lot and \$114,500 for the 1,290-square-foot house.

Even though they won the home, they had to pay \$59,000 for the state gaming tax plus federal tax, state tax, county tax, Ocean Pines Association dues. All in all, she said, they had to pay \$79,000 and it was all due at closing.

“Not many people have \$70,000 laying around,” Lanny Hickman said Monday.

Kay Hickman figures that two-thirds of the free house was free, but she is not sorry she and her husband purchased the ticket.

“No, no,” she said. “We’re not sorry we bought the ticket. The house is perfect for us, but there are things we’re not happy with.”

“Still, the cause is great. We’ve bought tickets for years and years,” she said.

Hickman gave the builder, Brunori Homes, high marks for the placement of the house and saving trees.

“That’s a plus,” she said.

Before moving in, they wanted the bar to have less width, but the builder balked even though they offered to pay for the work, she said.

“So we found a contractor to do that,” Kay Hickman said. “It took all of 20 minutes to do it.”

The Hickmans have also want a maintenance agreement. Kay Hickman said Dan Healy, the fire department president, told her she would have that agreement at the Oct. 15 closing, but there simply is no maintenance agreement, she said.

Healy, however, told Ocean City Today, “We do not do maintenance agreements.” He also said the house has a standard one-year contractor’s warranty.

The tankless hot water heater is another issue. It did not work properly, she said, so they paid \$500 for a new

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Couple wins new house, plenty of unexpected costs

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water heater.

The original heater was, she said, too small for the house and was put in the wrong place. She said it should have been placed below the level of most of the appliances, but it was above them.

Also, according to Hickman, it did not have a mixing ball to mix the hold and cold water together.

“That’s why we just had cold or hot water, but not together,” she said.

Usually, she said, people turn faucets to hot water and then to cold to get the temperature they want. Healy, however, told them to turn it to cold and then to hot.

“We tried it every way possible,” she said. “Then we called another plumbing company and they said it wouldn’t work.”

She said she and her husband went to a motel to take a shower.

“We now have a 50-gallon old-fashioned electric hot water heater and it’s working splendidly,” she said.

“We learned tankless water heaters don’t work well in electric homes. [The builder] should have known that,” she said.

Healy said the problem was that



Lanny and Kay Hickman like their house, but not the problems they say came with it.

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the Hickmans did not understand how to adjust the tankless hot water heater.

“They had difficulties adjusting it,” Healy said. “I went out one time myself.”

The tankless hot waters heaters can be difficult to adjust, particularly

for older people who do not understand the technology, he said. For that reason, “we opted this year to go back to a regular hot water heater.”

The Hickmans disputed Healy’s claim that it was somehow their fault that the tankless water heater did not work.

Dominick Brunori, however, agreed with Healy and said the Hickmans just did not understand how to work it. Other people who have tankless water heaters love them and he has installed some in commercial duplexes.

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Nice house, but not so nice hidden expenses

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Another issue with the free house is the low ampage. Every electrical outlet is 15 amps, “so if you put something on one wall and another thing on the same wall, it blows,” she said. They must also replace the electrical panel box for more amperage, they said.

Brunori said the outlets have the correct ampage and the house was built to code and was properly inspected.

Kay Hickman was also displeased about a kitchen island she wanted built after they won the house. Brunori, she said, would not build it, but he said he was quite willing to build it and drew up plans for it. In fact, he drew up plans for it three times because of changes she wanted. When she sent him four pages of information about what she wanted, he then told her he could no longer do it.

Lanny Hickman said he was disappointed that he and his wife did not get follow-up or support for the issues they encountered with the house.

“We got no help,” he said. “And the builder would not communicate with us.” Brunori, however, said he did communicate with them.

All in all, the Hickmans are glad they supported the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department and they are glad they won the house.

“It’s been a godsend, really, but there are things people should realize [when buying a raffle ticket],” Kay Hickman said.

“I’d do it again, but we wouldn’t keep it,” she said. “We’d sell it.”

“We like the house and we’ll work through these things, but it’s been ex-

“It’s been a godsend, really, but there are things people should realize [when buying a raffle ticket]”

KAY HICKMAN

Winner of last year’s house raffle

pensive for us,” Lanny Hickman said. “It was a life changing experience because we had decided never to own another house.”

Before retiring in 1997 and moving from Silver Spring to an Ocean City condominium, Lanny Hickman was the executive director of the Solid Waste Association of North America. Kay was the association’s meeting manager and planner.

After 15 years in Ocean Pines, the Hickmans moved to The Parke, the adult community within Ocean Pines. They lived there until moving to the

house they won last year.

Kay Hickman said she believes she and her husband are the first raffle winners to actually reside in the house they won.

Healy, however, said, “Ninety-nine percent have moved in.”

The Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department is selling raffle tickets now for a new 1,546-square-foot, three-bedroom two-bath house built at 1146 Ocean Parkway by Brunori Homes, which has been building custom homes for more than 31 years.

Favorable reviews may be read on its Web site, www.brunori-homes.com. This year, the winner will have the option of taking the house or \$100,000 cash. The drawing will be held Sept. 21.

“This is our major fundraiser,” Healy said.

Members of the fire department are selling up to 3,500 raffle tickets at \$100 each. People may enter by printing the raffle entry form at www.opvfd.com and sending it with payment to the fire department at 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811, by calling the fire department at 410-641-8272 or by going to the South Fire Station.

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The Hickmans do not plan on buying a raffle ticket.



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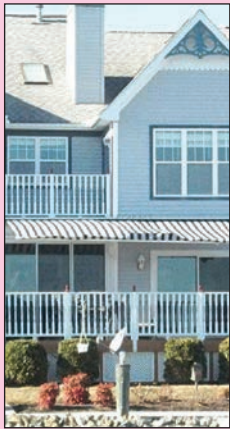


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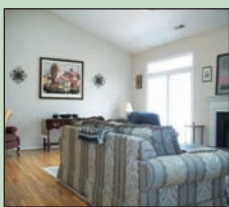
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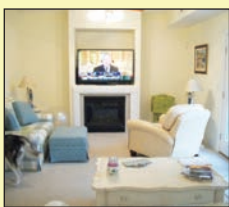
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Democratic candidates discuss issues at community forum

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN - Democratic candidates for Maryland House of Delegates and Attorney General participated in a forum at the Germantown School on Wednesday, May 14.

The two-hour forum was hosted by the Democratic Central Committee Worcester County.

District 38C candidates Judy Davis and Mike Hindi and District 38A candidate Percy Purnell were on hand. Attorney General candidate Sen. Brian Frosh sent a spokesperson.

Maryland Attorney General candidate Aisha Braveboy and a representative for Attorney General candidate Jon Cardin were scheduled to appear but could not attend.

Mike Pretl, president of the Wicomico Democratic Club, moderated the forum.

William Jones, State's Attorney, Dorchester County, appeared on behalf of Sen. Frosh, who was campaigning elsewhere in the state.

Frosh recently received an endorsement by the Washington Post.

"Brian is a guy who has been in the Maryland State Senate for 20 years," Jones said. "He's been the chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee for 12 years. He's fought to enact legislation to make our streets safe. He's worked hard to make sure that the environment was protected – that the bay and its tributaries were kept clean. He's been a protector of victims of domestic violence.

"The next Attorney General will be your lawyer – the people's lawyer," Jones continued. "What he brings to that job is 35 years' experience as a lawyer, as a legislator and as a person who has gotten things done."

Asked about his record on the environment Jones highlighted Frosh's endorsement by the League of Conservation Voters and his 100 percent scorecard from that organization in 2013.

"He's been key in establishing the state's recycling program, he's enacted laws to prohibit drilling for gas and oil in the Chesapeake Bay, he has worked to make sure that the coastal shoreline has been protected (and) he promoted energy conservation," Jones said.

The senator's record on senior citizen issues and his priorities on law enforcement were discussed..

Gun control, potentially a key issue in rural Worcester County, was discussed in depth.

"Guns are a central part of our culture on the Eastern Shore," Jones said. "We believe in hunting, we like to feed ourselves, we engage in sports shooting. We also believe in the right of self-defense.

"We have to balance that against one key recognition," Jones continued. "Times have changed. Gun violence now is not what gun violence looked like 30 years ago."

Jones said the senator has undertaken a massive rewrite of Maryland gun laws, focusing on banning assault weapons and preventing people that have been disqualified from purchasing firearms because of convictions or mental illnesses from buying guns.

Asked about emerging issues for Maryland Attorney General, Jones spoke about computer crime and cyber bullying, as well as identity theft and consumer protection.

"Brian says, 'not on my watch,'" Jones said. "My people are going to understand one thing – I get things done. I believe in solutions, I am going to fix problems and every lawyer who works for me needs to understand one thing – when we deal with the public we will find solutions to problems, not stand in the way of getting things done."

Mike Hindi was the first of the three Maryland House of Delegates candidates to speak. The Worcester County native



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

William Jones, State's Attorney, Dorchester County, appeared on behalf of Attorney General Brian Frosh candidate in a forum at the Germantown School on Wednesday, May 14.

touted about his experience in the mining and consulting industries in South and Central America.

"That's really where I learned to work with people, governments and corporations coming together as a mediator, taking people who are at each other's throats and putting them at the table so they could all see what's in their best interests," he said.

"Being from the Eastern Shore has made all the difference," Hindi continued.

Judy Davis, a 22-year veteran childhood and special education teacher, used her lack of experience as a selling point.

"I am not a professional politician – I am a work in progress," she said. "My brand is teacher, mother and volunteer. I also owned a business and am an elderly advocate. I would like to continue my volunteering capacity as your voice in Annapolis."

Davis was endorsed by the Maryland State Education Association in March.

Crisfield mayor Percy Purnell spoke about his experiences during hurricane Sandy recovery.

"I've had a lot of jobs in my life, but the last three years combined with hurricane Sandy have been the worst years of my life," he said. "I'd like to tell you

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that home has not been a place that I've spent a lot of time – it's been on the streets trying to bring a city back from what I consider to be a total disaster.

"There are a lot of issues facing us on the Lower Eastern Shore," he continued. "We've seen the attacks on our chicken industry, we've seen the attacks on our farmers and obviously coming from Crisfield I've seen the attacks on our watermen. I can tell you I'll represent all entities of our shore – I was born and raised here and I understand the life here."

The candidates were asked how their qualifications prepared them for office.

"I deal with the exact same issues every day that a member of the House of Delegates deals with," Purnell said. "If you dig a hole in Crisfield I'm talking to some federal official or some state official."

"I've been around," Purnell continued. "I'm not old – I'm just experienced."

Pretl asked the candidates how they would support working families during a sluggish economic recovery.

"There are a very few of us on the Eastern Shore who do not join (the working class's) ranks," Hindi said. "We are very blue collar, salt of the earth group even though we have an extremely diverse dichotomy."

"I will always support, sponsor and cosponsor legislation that is in the best interest of the working family – that can help

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ease their burden and improve the opportunities available to them no matter their situation, race, creed, religion, or what socio-economic issues they are currently facing,” Hindi continued. “That is the heart of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and it is the heart of this great nation.”

Davis praised the state for passing a minimum wage increase.

“We are now going to help workers to move from near poverty to at least a standard of living where they can provide for themselves and contribute to the budget of their families,” she said.

Davis also supported the proposed Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act that allows workers to accumulate paid time off during illness and family emergencies.

Purnell said the Sherwin Williams Plant he brought to Crisfield several years ago introduced 100 new jobs – but

took six months to staff.

“The right job for the right environment for the right people – that’s what we need in our area,” he said, suggesting the Eastern Shore follow a model similar to Silicon Valley, where workers are able to telecommute to jobs based in other areas.

Purnell said the increases in environmental regulations that prohibit farmers “is going to reach the desperate state.”

“You’re taking chicken manure, which is has been a staple of the Eastern Shore since I was a little boy, and you’re going to say to them they can’t put it on their fields anymore?”

Worcester County Commissioner Virgil Shockley, Purnell said, told him “this is going to be a disaster.”

“They’ve done everything they’ve been asked to do,” he said. “They’ve done everything they can possibly do and still they’re not meeting standards. Most of you don’t realize that there’s going to be

a law coming out here shortly that’s going to be enforced that really is going to come down on our farmers. There reaches a point in life when you have to use a little common sense, and you can’t destroy our primary industry – poultry and farming.”

Hindi called Maryland coastal bays, rivers and the ocean “our most important resource.”

“We as citizens are the stewards of these resources,” he said. “All of our tourism here is directly related to these coastal waters and their quality. \$3.8 billion dollars of revenue comes in through tourism in Ocean City and Worcester County annually. That is revenue that the state of Maryland cannot afford to lose. We have to preserve these resources for our generation and for future generations, and there’s no reason that good environmental policy and good economic policy can’t go hand in hand.”

Questioned on health care, all three

candidates took the opportunity to express their support for the Affordable Care Act.

“There’s a program called Primary Adult Care that initially used to provide health care services for folks that made \$900 or less a month just to go to a physician and get scripts,” Davis said.

“That has been expanded through the ACA to include in-patient services and other health care providers. Also, more people are now eligible for Medicaid; ages 19-64 are eligible if they make less than \$16,000 a year.”

Davis said the state is offering incentives to woo physicians to understaffed area.

“The whole healthcare concept is going to change,” Purnell said. “When you go into a hospital now and you’re discharged and you have to go back within so many days the hospital can’t charge you. So the hospital is being chal-




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Candidates talk policy at forum

lenged to do a much, much better job the first time you come in.

“All of the republican comments that you hear about Obamacare and how much it’s cost the state of Maryland – give it some time,” Purnell continued. “People have insurance and that’s wonderful. Everybody’s going to have health insurance.”

On the subject of health care, Hindi drew on a powerful personal experience. “I remember when my single mother working two jobs started to become very ill,” he said. “We had to push, push, push her to go to the doctors. They ran a series of tests, they took her to the hospital, they told my mother she had stage four terminal ovarian cancer; they found it so late that it had reached her lungs and metastasized throughout her body. I wonder every day had there been things like the Affordable Care Act ... would she have gone to doctor? Would she have found these tumors? Would she be here with me now?”

“I really, really want to see the Affordable Care Act work,” Hindi continued. “I really want to see universal health care for everyone in the state of Maryland. We need medicine and we deserve medicine.”

Asked about programs that aid the large senior citizen population in Worcester County, Purnell and Hindi both supported establishing an 800 number for senior citizens who have been victimized by identity theft. Purnell also touted the \$11 million dollar nursing home facility constructed in Crisfield under his watch.

During closing remarks Hindi stressed his focus on the environment, calling for the establishment of a “significant fine” when builders encroach on protected wetlands and easements.

Davis praised the state’s expanded pre-kindergarten program, giving 1,600 additional children early education opportunities.

“We need to take care of our kids, and not just our early childhood children, but our children that are academically able,” she said. “We need to take care of our kids that are in special ed. and our children that come to school hungry every day. In Worcester County almost a fifth of our students are food insecure, and we need to make sure that our children who speak English as a second language have opportunities.”

Purnell promised to work year-round for his constituents.

“Most of us think about our legislative representatives as someone who goes to work three months out of the year and then disappears,” he said. “Every aspect of your life is affected by state government in some way. You need an advocate constantly. Your delegate should know every department in the state, how things are done, where the grants are, where the dollars are, how they’re being spent and how it affects their constituents.”

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Enjoy, but remember

We look to welcoming our seasonal visitors back to the Berlin, Ocean Pines, West Ocean City, Ocean City and the Worcester County region.

While you were away, we celebrated, as Berlin became America's "coolest small town." But we also grieved as two brothers were struck along Rte. 113 in Berlin, killing one and seriously injuring the other. Since then, a citizens' committee in Berlin has worked with the State Highway Administration to make that stretch of road safer for pedestrians. We also were saddened when a man set himself on fire and took the life of a beloved Ocean City pastor.

This was a winter that we'll long remember. We know that metro Baltimore and Washington, D.C. had its share of snow, but those harsh weather systems hardly spared us as well. The beaches were snowed over.

We are glad to see you. There are new businesses such as restaurants and craft breweries around. The charm of Berlin has been enhanced. Ocean Pines is still growing as one of the most livable areas in Maryland.

That said, we also want you to know that these days on and before Memorial Day offer opportunities to pay our respects to those who gave their lives so that we may be free to enjoy our shore communities. We're reminded of how in the State of Israel, on its Memorial Day, a siren sounds across the entire nation. Vehicles of all sizes pull to the side of the road, and its riders get out to observe a couple minutes of silence. You could be checking out of a hotel or studying in a class, and with the siren you would stand and give your thoughts to those who died to protect liberty. So while Memorial Day in our area is the beginning of our summer season, we still can't forget its true meaning.

Enjoy yourselves, but also remember.

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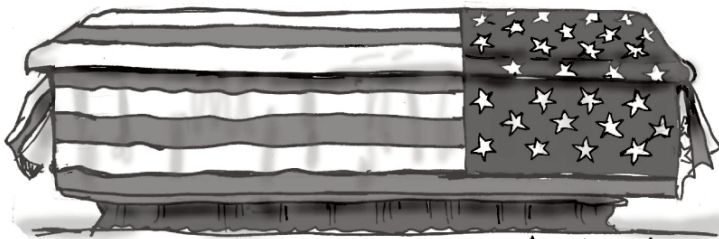
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Candidate's actions of entitlement

Why Cardin's not voting 75 percent of time important

By Phil Jacobs
Editor

Entitlement.

It's a word that keeps surfacing this year in political conversations.

The name it is associated with is attorney general hopeful Jon Cardin.

He is the delegate from Baltimore County's 11th legislative district who failed to show for 75 percent of his House Ways and Means Committee votes this last 90-day session in Annapolis.



Phil Jacobs

Would you hire a job applicant for your company who missed three-quarters of scheduled management meetings in a past job?

Cardin's defense was that he, like many young fathers, had to be home during those times to help take care of his pregnant wife and young child.

I'm a grandfather now. But I can remember times when my wife and I would

split the day if a child had an ear infection or some other malady. We were taking care of my terminally ill father at one time. It meant creative scheduling, sometimes asking for favors from friends or paying for outside help until the day he died.

We weren't entitled to miss out on our jobs or at the same time prepare for our weekly Sabbath observance.

On May 14, Worcester County's Democratic Central Committee held a political forum at the Germantown School.

I was particularly interested to see if Del. Cardin had at least sent a representative. Turned out, neither he nor candidate Aisha Braveboy sent representation. Only State Sen. Brian Frosch had representation in William Jones, Dorchester County's State's Attorney.

I have known Del. Cardin from his 12 years as a Baltimore County delegate to the state legislature. I have known his uncle U.S. Senator Ben Cardin since Sen. Cardin was the speaker of the state House of Delegates and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He has always been a calm voice in the political storm, a leader on the issue of human rights all over the world. His

wife, Myrna, is also a community activist. I also have been blessed with being the friend of Shoshana Cardin, Jon Cardin's aunt. Mrs. Cardin is known on the worldwide stage as a Jewish philanthropist and activist. She is one of my heroes.

Flash forward.

Last December, Del. Cardin was here in Ocean City to raise funds for his early attorney general campaign. We arranged to meet and interview prior to his scheduled activities. That evening, Seacrets was having a fundraising party for Diakonia, the region's most active food bank and shelter. When meeting with Cardin I suggested that he venture over to Seacrets and take part in the Diakonia festivities. He'd meet many great area people that way.

When I made the suggestion, there was no affect in his facial demeanor.

Here's what really gave me pause.

When I drove up to Diakonia there on its marquee were the words "Welcome Jon Cardin."

He gave me no hint just minutes prior that he was on his way to Seacrets. Only the Diakonia event was secondary. It was instead to meet

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Cardin visited OC in December, campaigning for Attny. Gen.

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behind close doors with possible contributors to his campaign.

I felt that there was just something wrong about this. Acknowledge me. Tell me “that’s funny, I’m headed over to Seacrets also.” Instead, nothing.

Immediately, I shot back to the 2009 incident where Del. Cardin staged an elaborate marriage proposal to his wife that involved city police faking a raid on a boat he was on. He ended up paying the city \$300 for the embarrassing act. Does an Attorney General Candidate act this way?

So a week or so ago, the Baltimore Sun broke a news story that Mr. Cardin had not voted on some 75 percent of last session’s votes on his Ways and Means Committee. Cardin defended himself by saying his voting record was over 90 percent on the House floor over his 12 years. This

year, he said that he had to be at home to help his pregnant wife with their young daughter.

If you or I were to miss 75 percent of work because we had to stay at home with our children, I’m sure our employers would feel badly for us, but they sure couldn’t get the collective job done with that kind of employee attendance record.

The Inner Harbor incident, the voting record, and even something small like withholding the simple news that he was going to Seacrets after I suggested he go is puzzling.

An attorney general has to be on duty all of the time. It is a 24/7 statewide position.

If Cardin couldn’t handle being in Annapolis for three quarters of his votes, how can he possibly handle the difficult job of Attorney General?

So I asked two General Assembly members what he was thinking going

back to the Baltimore Inner Harbor engagement proposal. “Entitlement.” That was the word the two very different legislators from different districts said in common.

The Cardin name.

Cardin’s name, many claim, will be the deal winner in almost any Maryland election. Del. Cardin even sent a letter to his supporters writing, “The value of my last name isn’t just about statewide name recognition or a famous uncle. Rather it’s about what it means to be a Cardin, and in the values which I was raised.”

He mentioned the achievements among others of his uncle the senator, and also wrote that this values come from “my aunt, Shoshana, an international leader on human rights and equality.”

As Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen said to Sen. Dan Quayle in a 1988 vice presidential debate when the GOP

candidate compared his inexperience to that of a John F. Kennedy, “Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy. Senator you are no Jack Kennedy.”

To Jon Cardin, I write, I know your Uncle Ben and your Aunt Shoshana. And delegate you are no Ben Cardin, nor are you a Shoshana Cardin.”

More years in the House, perhaps a few lessons on what humility really means. How about paying attention to the small stuff. And to being really committed to be there for your district.

How committed? 100 percent committed.

There’s more debating to do, and all of the candidates have strengths and weaknesses.

In December 2013 Jon Cardin wasn’t at home taking care of his wife and small child.

He was here in Ocean City, taking care of his campaign.

LETTERS

Congratulations to OP’s GM Thompson

Editor,

Congratulations to the Ocean Pines GM Bob Thompson, his staff, and the OP Association members who’s hard work made it possible for the new Yacht Club facility to host its first public event on Saturday, May 17.

We are all looking forward to the official opening on Memorial Day Weekend of the YC campus, including its pool, the new baby pool at Mumford’s Landing and the Splash Pad at the Swim and Racket facility.

The Grand Opening of the new “Cove at Ocean Pines Yacht Club” on June 8 will be a major event as well. These new facilities along with the updated and improved Golf Course will go a long way toward increasing all of our property values and making Ocean Pines the premier community it once was and will be again. The future looks bright thanks to those who worked so hard to make this happen. Congratulations.

Gary and Maggie Miller
Ocean Pines

Yacht Club thanks

Editor,

Thanks to Bob Thompson. Bob, as a [Ocean Pines] resident, I can’t thank you and your team enough (Ted and the implementation team, Teresa, David, Eddie and his team, Michelle, Art) and the others for the hard work and dedication you and they showed to get this new Yacht Club done and especially to meet the commitments we made to the two folks who got married and had their reception at our new facility.

As somebody who went through a wedding last year, I cant imagine the heartbreak for that couple if we had

not been able to accommodate them. I am grateful for your efforts because I know of the unnecessary obstacles put in your way and ridiculous efforts to delay this project.

Although this project probably should have been done years ago, I’m not sure we ever had someone who had the drive and courage, like you did, to push this project forward. The whole complex over there is first class and we as residents can and should be proud of it.

Again, thank you for your hard work.

Bill Cordwell
Ocean Pines

Not enough information leads to negative tone

Editor,

It is amazing to me how often the stories we read in one of our local papers (not Bayside Gazette) can be mostly true, but because not all of the information is given out, the story takes on a negative tone.

Take for example the recent story about the Mumford’s Landing pool project. The story mentions that Ocean Pines GM Bob Thompson attended the monthly Aquatics Committee meeting to let the committee know that the contractor hired to make repairs to cracks in the pool says the project “is more complicated than originally anticipated” and further states that the contractor now recommends grinding out the entire pool surface before applying a new surface.

If this is not done, the contractor will not guarantee the finished product. Although all of that is basically true it is not all of the truth. The part left out is that the contractor found numerous places where the pool plas-

ter was unstable and needed to be removed before the new Diamond-Brite surface could be applied. This additional problem with the old plaster surface was not known when the original contract was signed and really could not have been known until the originally contracted work was started. The contractor found an additional problem and advised the general manager.

One of our committee members manages numerous pools in the area and as our “resident expert” suggested to the general manager that while the \$35,000 was “a little high.” She added that since the contractor was there, the job could be completed quickly. The only real issue was getting board approval for the additional expenditure in a timely manner so that the pool could open for Memorial Day. When it became apparent that a quick decision by the board was probably not going to happen, the committee agreed that the pool surface should just be patched, and the major repairs previously approved put off until after the season. This would also allow the board to review the additional work and expenditure. So although some pool repairs won’t be done by Memorial Day, the pool is scheduled to open on time.

A recent interview with the former Aquatics Director Tom Perry seems to have the sole purpose of giving him a public forum to bash his former boss. Don’t we all wish we had that opportunity? The article makes a big deal about the short time period he had to transition the new Director Colby Phillips into her new job. Truth be told, I can only imagine the uproar from certain parties if the GM was seen paying the salary of two directors for an extended transition period. The fact is that Colby inherited a very knowledgeable team more than capa-

ble of advising her on any pool related subject.

We are now in a new fiscal year with the opportunity to concentrate on bringing old and new members back to the pools. With the new YC facility about to open, including the attached pool, membership (and income) should be substantially higher this year.

I would also point out that in the short time Colby has been on the job, two new aquatics programs have been added to the summer schedule. These include a junior lifeguard program and water Zumba classes, both of which will bring in additional funds. Having someone who is good at “the touchy-feely” aspects of the job, who knows how to deal with people and promote new programs will also go a long way toward bringing more members back to the pools and turning around the negative financial issues.

I could go on and on but my point is that you can’t take everything you read, especially in some of the local print, as the whole story. Just this week, the Aquatics Committee was touring the different pools and while at the Swim and Racket complex we were approached by two new residents of the Pines. They asked about how the pool memberships worked, which we explained, and then they commented that it is a shame one of the pools won’t be open this year. When asked where they heard that, they replied that they read it in one of the OP papers.

As we get into that favorite OP season of politics, please look closely at what is written and by whom. Look to more than one source to get the whole story and beware of those with an agenda.

Gary Miller
Ocean Pines

SNAPSHOTS



SDHS PROM ROYALS
Stephen Decatur High School seniors Katie Collins and Nick Moses were named Prom Queen and King at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on May 10. Collins is a member of the National Honor Society and both are members of the indoor track and lacrosse teams.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



FOOD DRIVE
Kiwanians Barbara and Tom Southwell are chairs of the club's annual food drive in support of Diakonia, which has helped those in need of shelter, food and clothing get emergency assistance help them rebuild their lives. Behind them is a car full of non-perishable foods collected from Kiwanis members during the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City's May 14 meeting.

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KIWANIS COMPANION DOLLS
Two years ago, Kiwanian Peg Morton came up with the idea to make something that the residents of the Berlin Nursing Home Alzheimer's unit could use. Thus the "Companion Dolls" came to be. Pictured, from left, are Mike Evans, Mary Evans, Peg Morton, Maxine Brisbane and Barbara Southwell, some of the Kiwanians stuffing dolls after the May 7 weekly meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



SPRING CARNIVAL
Students at Cedar Chapel Special School enjoy a spring carnival hosted by The United Way and students from Salisbury School. Pictured are Zion Moore, Salisbury School clowns, and Michael Knight.

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PLANT SALE
The Worcester County Garden Club's annual plant sale took place May 12 on the lawn of the Calvin Taylor Museum in Berlin. Proceeds from the sale benefit the club's Scholarship Fund.

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DONATION
Kiwanian Charlotte Cathell, left, presents a \$500 check to Chapel Hill Special School Principal Belinda Gulyas to support its programs. CCSS, located in Snow Hill, serves youth from all Worcester County by preparing students with moderate and severe disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 to be included in regular schools, to be gainfully employed, and to be self-sufficient at home and in their community.

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CALENDAR

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. May 22

ALZHEIMER'S CARE TRAINING PROGRAM — Gull Creek Senior Living Community, One Meadow Street, Berlin, 2-4 p.m. Learn about the causes of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Recognize the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Refreshments provided. RSVP: Mari Bohall, mbohall.gull-creekoffice@verizon.net or 410-641-3171.

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

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

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

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. Claude Lewis, president of Home Instead, will describe in-home assistance to elderly and disabled persons. All Democrats and interested Independents are welcome. Refreshments served.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON — The Marina Deck Restaurant, 306 Dorchester St., Ocean City. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m. All Republican candidates who face a primary challenge in June have been invited to address the meeting. Cost of the luncheon is \$15. Reservations: Ann Lutz, 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net by May 19.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING — Berlin Multipurpose Building, 132 Flower Street, 7 p.m. A Worcester County Deputy Sheriff will talk about tazing policies. Mike Farlow, candidate for State's Attorney, will discuss the legal aspects of subduing a citizen through the tazing method. All are welcome. Business meeting begins at 6 p.m. Info: 443-944-6701.

FRI. May 23

SPRING MOVIES IN THE PARK — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Take your beach chair or blanket and enjoy a free movie in the park. Info: 410-250-0125.

FUNDRAISER FOR CAROL NICHOLSON — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 3 p.m. Quarter, silent and Chinese auctions, 50/50 raffles and cash bar. Benefiting Carol Nicholson, the Steward of Synepuxent post #166 American Legion, who is battling cancer. Info: Rosie Garlitz, 410-213-2624 or shorerosie@msn.com.

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.

SAT. May 24

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring vendors displaying garden accessories, jewelry, candles, florals, nautical items, wood crafts and homemade items. Also, handmade chocolates, fudge and dip mixes. Free admission. Info: Janice Cropper, 410-213-0735 or crop-perjl@aol.com.

OC BEACH LIGHTS — Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Special Patriotic Show for Memorial Day weekend. A five-story tall inflatable sphere featuring an eight-minute, visual laser, lighting, special effects, video and audio production with visibility along the boardwalk. New fireworks effects added this year. Info: www.ococean.com or 800-626-2326.

THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 6:30-11 p.m. Wear 1940s dress attire or enter the dance contest for a chance to win prizes. Passed hor d'oeuvres, cash bar, silent auction and live auction. Event opens with music by the WWTunes at 6:30 p.m. and the Glenn Miller Orchestra at 8 p.m. Tickets on sale at all Worcester County Library branches or call 410-632-3970. Tickets cost \$45 or a table of 10 for \$425. Proceeds benefit the Worcester County Library Foundation. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org or 410-289-2800.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN DINNER — Sound United Methodist Church, Route 54 (Lighthouse Road), Williamsville, Del., 3-6 p.m. Menu includes fried chicken, green beans, beets, mashed potatoes, collard greens and roll. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Carryout and bake sale available. Info: [facebook.com/SoundUMC](https://www.facebook.com/SoundUMC), 302-436-4011 or soundchurchinfo@gmail.com.

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.

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

SUN. May 25

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring vendors displaying garden accessories, jewelry, candles, florals, nautical items, wood crafts and homemade items. Also, handmade chocolates, fudge and dip mixes. Free admission. Info: Janice Cropper, 410-213-0735 or crop-perjl@aol.com.

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BUFFET BREAKFAST — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, every second and fourth Sunday of each month, 8:30-11:30 a.m. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 11 and younger. Info: 410-524-7994.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. Info: www.OARegion7.org or Bett 410-202-9078. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly.

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

MON. May 26

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learn-

ing the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

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

HISTORIC MUSEUM OPEN — Historic St. Martin's Church Museum, 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, 1-4 p.m. Info: 410-251-2849.

TUES. May 27

CRAB NIGHT — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Menu includes steamed crabs (if available), crab cakes, fried flounder, fried calamari, corn on the cob, French fries, hot dogs and pizza. Cash bar. Pre-orders: 410-524-7994, Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

'ASK A MASTER GARDENER' — The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service offers free clinics at the Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Samples may be brought for testing in a plastic bag marked with name and phone number. All services are free of charge.

ATLANTIC COAST CHAPTER OF THE MARYLAND SALTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING — Lion's Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and guest are welcome. Dennis McDermott will be sharing his years of experience on the correct maintenance and up keep on all brands of fishing reels. Also a discussion on the possible options for the Striped Bass fishery, proposed by DNR for 2015.

WED. May 28

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

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY — Meets every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:45 a.m. Except the third Wednesday of the month when it takes place at Halls Restaurant, 5909 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7:45 a.m., June through September. Info: d.landis@mchsi.com or 410-641-7330.

CALENDAR

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DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 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.

ONGOING EVENTS

- BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM** — Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, located at the south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., May 26 through Sept. 1. Free admission for active service members and their families. Info: 410-289-4991.
- 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 every Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring handcrafted home décor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.
- SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES** — Berlin Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m., through June 24. Also held at Pocomoke Health

- Center, 400-A Walnut St., Thursdays, 5-6 p.m., through June 26. Professionally trained instructors will help develop customized plans for quitting. Register: Worcester County Health Department, 410-632-0056.
- WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** — Meets the second Tuesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Info: 410-208-3132.
- AUMC THRIFT SHOP** — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 410-289-4458.
- SINGERS WANTED** — The Worcester Chorale will hold rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., from March 19 through June 25 at the Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. "Poetry, Lyrics, and Music," a concert combining the lyrical flow of poetry with intricate melodies, will take place on June 29. Info: 410-208-4707.
- OCVFC LADIES AUXILIARY** — The group meets monthly on the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the West Ocean City Fire Station, second floor, Keyser Point Road. New members welcome. Info: Denise, 443-359-2014 or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

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- PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** — Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Speakers, discussions, exercise, etc. No reservations, no fees. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to stop by. Info: 410-208-3132.
- CPR/AED, BLS AND FIRST AID COURSES** — The American Heart Association is offering these life saving skills. Great for families, communities with pools, teachers, construction workers, lifeguards, coaches, physical trainers, camp counselors. Also Basic Life Support training for medical professionals, pharmacists, dentists, doctors, CNA's, LPN's, RN's or nursing students. Weekly classes offered. Sign up: 302-462-5594.
- FREE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUPS** — Takes place the third Wednesday of each month at Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 1-2 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month at Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1-2 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about dia-
- betes and its treatment is invited to attend. Info: Worcester County Health Department, Prevention Services, 410-632-0056.
- FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY** — Group meets the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. Discussions on library and volunteer needs and often include interesting speakers. Followed by refreshments. New Friends always welcome.
- DIAKONIA THRIFT SHOP** — Used to be Mine, Route 611 and Sunset Avenue, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newly expanded and redecorated. Furniture, clothing, toys and linens. Info: 410-213-0243.
- FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETINGS** — Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Info: Rick Holmes, 302-988-1056.

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Ocean City
410-524-7575
May 23: Mood Swingers, 9 p.m.
May 24: Chest Pains, 9 p.m.
May 25: Tear The Roof Off, 9 p.m.
May 28: Aaron Howell, 5-8 p.m.
May 29: DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE
15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7192
www.captainstableoc.com
May 23-24: Phil Perdue

CAROUSEL BEACH BAR
In the Carousel Hotel
118th Street and the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-1000
May 23: DJ Norm, 5-9 p.m.
May 24: Tim Landers Duo, 2-6 p.m.
May 25: Dave Sherman, 2-6 p.m.
May 26: Tim Landers, 2-6 p.m.

COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL
In the Castle in the Sand Hotel
37th Street oceanfront
Ocean City
410-289-6846
May 23: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; John LaMere, 5-9 p.m.
May 24: Kaleb Brown Band, noon to 4 p.m.; Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 5-9 p.m.
May 25: Zion Reggae Duo, noon to 4 p.m.; Lauren Glick & the Mood Swingers, 5-9 p.m.
May 26: Nate Clendenen, noon to 3 p.m.; Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
May 27: Aaron Howell Trio, 4-8 p.m.
May 28: The Chest Pains, 5-9 p.m.
May 29: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND
60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
May 23: Kevin Poole, DJ Hook, Animal House
May 24: DJ Groove, Animal House
May 25: Colossal Fossil Sauce, DJ RobCee, Scotts New Band
May 26: DJ Batman, DJ RobCee, Scotts New Band

GALAXY 66
66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
May 23: Philly George Project, 8 p.m. to midnight

The Skye Bar
May 23: The Stims, 4-8 p.m.
May 24: Ashley Mitchell, 4-8 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL
12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
May 23: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T
May 24: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
May 25: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T/DJ BK, 9 p.m.
May 26: Blake Haley, 4-8 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
May 27: Hot Sauce Sandwich/Funk Shue, 9:30 p.m.
May 28: College Night w/DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.; Wheel of Fortune, 9 p.m.
May 29: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S
Route 54 and the bay
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800-227-0525
302-539-3095
May 23: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.; DJ Abay, 10 p.m.
May 24: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 10 p.m.
May 25: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Abay, 10 p.m.
May 26: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.
May 27: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.
May 28: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m.; Dave Sherman, 6-9 p.m.
May 29: John LaMere

HIGH STAKES
Route 54
Fenwick Island, Del.
302-537-6971
May 23: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; Lower Case Blues, 9 p.m.
May 24: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; DJ Rupe, Broad Street, 9 p.m.
May 25: The Stims Acoustic Duo, 9 p.m.

HOOTERS
Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd.
West Ocean City
410-213-1841
May 23: Loud Love, 8 p.m.
May 24: The Breakers, 8 p.m.
May 25: Simple Truth, 2 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB
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May 23: One Night Stand
May 24: Old School
May 25: Video Concert Experience

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DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
May 23-25: Arizona, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
May 29-June 1: Arizona, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Lenny's Deck Bar
May 23-25: Arizona, 4-8 p.m.
May 27-29: On the Edge, 4-9 p.m.

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


SEACRETS
49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
May 23: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Gypsy Wisdom, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
May 24: JJ Rupp Band, 1-5 p.m.; Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Jon Maurer; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Kristen & The Noise, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
May 25: Element K, 1-5 p.m.; Jim Long, 5-9 p.m.; 9 Mile Roots, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Lost In Paris, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
May 26: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Big Bang Baby, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
May 27: Go Go Gadget, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SMITTY MCGEE'S
Route 54
West Fenwick Island, Del.
302-436-4716
May 23: Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 8 p.m.
May 29: Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 8 p.m.

THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES
1 Mumford's Landing Road
Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
May 23: Transfuzion, 6-10 p.m.
May 24: Overtime, 6-10 p.m.
May 25: Bluesman, Tom Larsen Band, 5-9 p.m.

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By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY—The Worcester County Commissioners voted unanimously May 13 to give Ocean Pines \$10,000 for recreation, but if it is used for the White Horse Park boat ramp, a sign must say the ramp is open to the public.

“It’s open to everybody in Worcester County to use it,” Commissioner Madison Bunting said of the boat ramp during last Tuesday’s budget work session. “They’re redoing the boat ramp and anybody can go over there and use it.”

Ocean Pines, he said, is spending approximately \$200,000 for improvements at the boat ramp and its board of directors had asked the county for a recreation grant of \$95,000. Director Sharyn O’Hare made that request March 4 and told the commissioners that the boat ramps were open to anyone, whether or not they live in Ocean Pines.

Later, O’Hare backtracked a bit and told Ocean City Today that she was unsure if they were open to the public.

Although the sign at the White Horse Park boat ramp says it is for the use of property owners and guests only, Teresa Travatello, director of public relations and marketing for Ocean Pines, had said “guests” could be loosely defined as including people just visiting Ocean Pines. She also said ramp users are not checked to see if they are property owners. This week she had no further comment.

During the commissioners’ May 13 work session, Commissioner Judy Boggs, who has represented Ocean Pines for several years, said Ocean Pines advertises in newspapers about things being open to the public. She named the Big Truck Day as an example, but county attorney Sonny Bloxom asked how anyone would know that the community’s parks, for example, are open to the public. Boggs said people going to Ocean Pines aren’t carded.

Bunting then made a motion for the commissioners to give Ocean Pines \$6,000 for its fireworks, held years ago at the Yacht Club and now held at Showell Park and open to the public. His motion included \$10,000 for recreation.

“I think that would fall under boat ramps,” Bunting said.

“In return for this, they must put up a sign at the boat ramp saying it’s open to the public,” Bloxom said.

Bunting then said Ocean Pines could use the money “for anything they want,” but Bloxom said if it is used for the boat ramp, it must be open to the public.

After the commissioners’ budget session, Bunting said Ocean Pines officials had told the commissioners that boat ramps were open to the public and he displayed a packet of information given to the commissioners by Ocean Pines board members

that listed boat ramps as an amenity open to the public.

On Tuesday, Tom Terry, president of the OPA board of directors said, “To my knowledge, they are open to the public. We don’t publicize it, but if you show up with a boat, you can use it.”

Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson said Tuesday that he had no comment “at this time. But I am looking into it.”

Seven to vie for Ocean Pines Association director seats

Two candidates tallying highest vote numbers to win three-year terms

OCEAN PINES—Seven candidates are running Ocean Pines Association’s Board of Directors seats. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected for three-year terms.

Candidates are: Jeff Knepper, Lawrence Lee, Terri Mohr, Dan Moul, Patrick Renaud, David Stevens and Slobodan Trendic.

Candidates, association members

and the media are invited to attend the following events regarding the 2014 elections.

•Friday, June 6, 4 p.m.—Candidates’ draw, administration building

•Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m.—Candidates’ forum, Ocean Pines Community Center

•Saturday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m.—OPA annual meeting and election results, Ocean Pines Community Center

For more information, contact Bill Wentworth, elections committee chair, 410-208-3407 or Teresa Travatello, OPA director of marketing and public relations, 410-641-7717 ext. 3006.

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Roasted beets with mint, sweet, robust

(Reprinted from Bayside Gazette May 23, 2013 issue)

Sometimes the best dishes out there are the easiest. There is no need to reinvent the wheel and there is certainly no need to make food so convoluted as to confuse and confound your guests.



By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII
This past weekend we held our first wine tasting at the Yacht Club and all in all I feel that we can call it a success—more than 65 guests, 16 wines and hors d’oeuvres, trayed and passed.

When it came to the passed morsels, I decided to showcase some of our simple yet fresh dishes from the new menu. Selections included fried tuna roll with ginger, wasabi and Hawaiian barbecue sauce.

Next was a sampling of our house smoked baby back ribs with home-made Kansas City Sauce (I know it’s supposed to be elegant to a degree, but there wasn’t a rib left at the end of the night).

They were followed by mini-BLTs, crafted around our house cured and smoked pork belly. Many of our guests noted that this stole the show.

And among the freshest and brightest of starters was also the absolute simplest to cook; roasted beets with mint.

The simple act of roasting beets does so much to release the flavors as the sugars cook and the vegetable softens. There is a sweet and robust flavor that ‘pops’ when you bite into the

roasted and chilled flesh. I tossed the beets in a sherry vinaigrette, sweet yet sour, and the contrast in the dish was perfect. Now all that it needed was a touch of fresh herb. Basil would certainly fit the bill here as would Italian parsley. As we have a new herb garden on the second floor I decided on the captain of all fresh summer herbs: mint.

The beets were topped with a touch of chiffonade fresh mint (and it must be fresh) and the flavor could not have been better matched. Paired with the Chandon Sparkling Brut out of Napa Valley, it was delightful.

As for roasting the beets, there are so many variables that go into time and temperature that my guideline will be just that, a guideline.

Gary Larmore of Shore Appliance once shared with a group of us that there is a simple way to deal with cooking in convection ovens. If you are new to convection ovens, simply lower the temperature by 25 degrees or cut the cooking time by 25 percent.

Other than that, there is nothing here that should dissuade you from making this for your next summer bash. It’s fresh and clean and you now know at least one wine that will pair with it. Two birds with one stone — now that’s what I call easy.

Roasted Beets with Mint

- Beets
- EV Olive Oil
- Sherry Vinaigrette (Recipe follows)
- salt and pepper, as needed
- Fresh mint, as needed
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- Wash the beets, but do not peel.
- Rub them down with the oil
- Season with salt and pepper and



place on a sheet pan
Cover with aluminum foil and place in hot oven
Roast for about an hour or until the beets are easily pierced with a knife
Allow the beets to cool covered until they are cool enough to handle
Wearing gloves (unless you like red-stained mitts), peel the beets by either cutting the skin off easily with a knife or sacrificing a towel and rubbing the skin off
Cut the beets into their desired shape and refrigerate. They are now ready to eat
Make the sherry vinaigrette and chiffonade the mint (This means to thinly cut the mint into a ‘ribbon cut’)
When ready to serve, simply spoon the beets and top with mint. A pair of food tweezers may come in handy so the mint doesn’t stick to your hand or glove, but this is still amazingly simple

Sherry Vinaigrette
1/4 cup Sherry Vinegar
1 Tbsp. Balsamic vinegar
2 Tbsp. Sugar
Cracked black pepper, to taste
1 Tbsp. Dijon Mustard
1 tsp. Fresh thyme, finely minced
1 Tbsp. Fresh Italian parsley, minced
3/4 cup Grapeseed oil
Combine all ingredients except the oil in a quart container using a burr blender (immersion blender)
Slowly drizzle the oil in until emulsified, or incorporated
Season with salt to taste and refrigerate until ready to serve

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