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Veterans come together to present the POW-MIA wreath during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines, Monday.

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Two key upgrades for Berlin coming to reduce flooding Hudson Branch Project to bring improvements

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— Two key upgrades in storm water systems could be coming in the next year in an attempt to drastically reduce the flooding problems that have plagued the town for decades.

The Hudson Branch Storm Water Project includes upgrades on Williams and Flower streets. West Street received a similar upgrade last year.

"I've been here 23 years and it's always been an issue," said Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter. "The

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OP Yacht Club's Memorial Day opening huge success

No glitches, everything comes together for appreciative crowd

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

OCEAN PINES—Friday's opening of the Yacht Club got two thumbs up from Ocean Pines officials and others.

The first Ocean Pines Yacht Club opened the same weekend in 1975. It was demolished in September 2013 following the successful referendum in 2012 for a new facility.

The new Yacht Club is larger, has a bridal suite and a groom's suite and was constructed so guests have a straight view of Isle of Wight Bay. Its upstairs will be used for special events, such as weddings, and Sunday brunches. Lunches and dinners will be served in The Cove restaurant on the first floor, which inside and outside seating.

"It was a roaring success," board President Tom Terry said of the open-

ing during Saturday's board meeting at the Community Center.

The food was fabulous, people had a wonderful time and the building was extremely well received, he said. "The whole night was constant movement on the part of the staff."

Terry also congratulated General Manager Bob Thompson for his work related to the massive project.

"He did a phenomenal job getting that building done in time for the Memorial Day Weekend," Terry said.

"He really pulled a rabbit out of the hat," Director Jack Collins said about Thompson.

Director Sharyn O'Hare had greeted people as they arrived at the new facility. Many people ate dinner inside or outside on the deck. Others had drinks at the inside bar and others were just there to walk around to check out the new building or to listen to the music being performed outside by Transfusion.

Director Terri Mohr said that although some people had to wait for

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Berlin pulling out all types of trucks to touch Saturday

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— The town will hold its first public utility day on Saturday, May 31.

“Touch a Truck Day” features trucks and interactive demonstrations from employees of Berlin’s electric, water resources, police, fire and public works departments. The family friendly event will be held in Stephen Decatur Park on Tripoli Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“We used to do this back where I worked in Manassas,” said Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence. “We’re a member of what’s called ‘American Public Power’ and they have what’s basically called a utility week. Normally it happens in October, but we have so many events going on during that month that we decided to do it in May.”

The electric company will hold demonstrations on setting a pole and pole-top rescues using their “Power Town” display in order to educate the public on electric safety.

“We’ll simulate what happens if a lineman gets electrocuted up on a pole, and we’ll show how we get him down and perform CPR on him,” Lawrence said. “We’re also going to have a demonstration of an overhead transformer, showing how it feeds to a house, and we’ll have a pad-mount transformer like you would see in an underground subdivision. One of our guys is going to be doing what’s called a ‘cable-locating’ demonstration, and he’s also going to be talking about how to read your electric meters.”

Some 3,700 flyers promoting Touch a Truck Day were handed out at Stephen Decatur High School, Stephen Decatur Middle School, Berlin Intermediate School and Buckingham Elementary School.

“This event is aimed at children – trying to educate them about some of the Berlin departments such as the police, public works, fire company, water resources and electric,” said Main Street Coordinator Megan Houston. “Each department will put on a demonstration using their trucks, and the kids can be hands on with these demonstrations; this event isn’t limited to kids but I think that’s who’s going to be most excited about ‘Touch a Truck.’”

A police vehicle, bucket truck, digger derrick, vacuum truck, camera truck, garbage truck and a fire rescue squad vehicle and ladder truck are all scheduled to make appearances. Public works staff will perform all of the demonstrations. Children will be allowed to operate some of the equipment with staff supervision.

“We hope everyone takes out a better understand of what Berlin employees actually do for the town of Berlin,” Lawrence said. “It’s basically a showcase of our job skills.”

The event is free and open to the public. Hamburgers, hotdogs and ice cream will be available for sale. The rain date is June 21.

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Budget, stormwater, safety updates part of Council meeting

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— A packed house and a full plate highlighted the most active Mayor and Council meeting in several weeks.

A public hearing on stormwater projects, a new festival, a potential new business, pedestrian safety updates and the fiscal year 2015 budget were discussed during the Monday meeting.

Mayor Gee Williams began by honoring 10-year-old resident Aerial Zane, who wrote a book titled "If I Were Mayor." The council also swore in 10 new members of the Boards and Commissioners.

The larger-than-usual crowd was there for the stormwater public hearing regarding the presentation of the Hudson Branch Stormwater Project. The project was approached last year, but the town was unable to obtain grants to fund construction.

The Hudson Branch overhaul would increase the size and capacity of the culverts on Flower and Williams streets, as well as create natural attenuating scour pools and bank stabilization, improving stormwater efficiency in and around Graham, Grice and Nelson streets.

This year the state has made \$7.1 million available for block grants, including \$4.5 million in Community Development Block Grant money. Berlin is applying for \$800,000 in CDBG money, the maximum amount allowed, as well as \$874,048 in FEMA grants. If both grants are approved the town will pay an additional \$60,000 to complete the project.

Williams said first construction will begin on Flower Street. "The very first logjam we have is up there," he said. "First we have to relieve that and then work our way back."

After Flower Street, construction

would follow on William Street and then on Graham, Grice and Nelson.

Barbara Gallagher, a resident of Graham Street, complained during the hearing that her street was atop the list for construction when the project was originally introduced a year ago.

"My main concern is, as is my neighbor's because we have children involved, the area between our two houses is a swamp and I'm worried about mosquitos," she said. "We have pets, we have children, and it's got to be controlled."

"I have jokingly named my neighborhood," she continued, "I live on Lake Nelson, I live across from Nelson Dam, Nelson Creek runs between our houses. It stays wet for days."

Councilmembers tried to assure the resident of the grants' potential for success. "That's part of the reason we got the stormwater utility started," said coun-

cilmember Lisa Hall. "Part of the reason we weren't approved last year is because we didn't have the funding source in place. Talking to other staff members, it really does look like we're going to get approved for these grants in this next fiscal year."

Hall said upgrades would have to begin on Flower Street before moving to other areas.

"Ours is an isolation," Gallagher said. "I've lost hundreds of dollars of mulch."

Williams defended the town's actions, saying the town went from "don't you dare create a stormwater utility" to "why can't we have it tomorrow?"

"It was a tipping point, and that tipping point took a lot of effort," he said. "The difference was the people who don't have flooding decided to pay for the people who do."

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West Street upgrades led to significant flood reductions

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problem intensified recently because we had a tremendous amount of growth in places like Henry's Mill, Henry's Green and Decatur Farms."

Tightened regulations by the Maryland Department of the Environment over the last four years made the problem difficult to deal with.

"They revised their stormwater manual and guideline to include environmental site design – basically more environmentally friendly features – so designs after that point had to incorporate those," said consulting stormwater engineer Darl Kolar.

Kreiter said the new regulations have been a nationwide issue, and that Berlin sought to comply with the regulations before they were mandated to.

"Obviously EPA and MDE are focusing on the larger impact to the stormwater issue, which would be larger, urban areas, but the writing's on the wall," she said. "But it's all a matter of time before it trickles down.

"In Berlin we like to think of ourselves as proactive and environmental, and we do realize that we have a beautiful area that we live in that we need to protect and preserve, not to mention that it's a huge economic boost," she continued. "We have to preserve the quality of the water in our coastal bays for generations, but also for the economy."

Kolar said the West Street upgrades led to significant reductions in flooding and an increase in water quality.

"It provided immediate relief," he said.

"It was a ditch and now there's actually fish – there's actually wildlife in this area right in the middle of town," Kreiter said. "Obviously the water quality has benefited as well as the flooding issues – I wouldn't say they've been completely abated, but they've been drastically reduced."

The upgrades to Williams and Flower streets could have a similar impact on the areas of Graham, Nelson and Grice streets. The town was awarded a FEMA grant for the Williams Street project from FEMA,

and hopes to secure a similar grant for Flower Street.

"The West Street project was 100 percent funded," Kolar said. "We have another one for the Williams Street which we hope is 100 percent funded, but we won't know until we get bids for the contractors. And then we don't have anything in writing, but we're getting some very positive verbal feedback of more substantial grants for (Flower Street).

"Based on the town's initiative and the stormwater program, the funding agencies are being very responsive," he continued. "They initially said, 'if you get this up and running you'll be first in line and you'll have an opportunity for funding.' That's what we're seeing now."

The town sought grants for the Hudson Branch Stormwater Project last year, but was denied.

Both projects are currently in the design process. Once the designs are completed the town will need to secure permits.

"In terms of permitting you'll include local Worcester Soil Conservation District and you'll need the Maryland Department of the Environment – when you're working with coastal waters of the state you need to let them know," Kolar said. "If you're doing any kind of upgrade they want to see the actual modeling and computation."

Kolar said the impact of the improvements should be immediately apparent.

"The measure of success will be very physical," he said. "During a rain event two years ago if you went out on West Street it was impassable; the town would have to put up barricades. If you asked any one of those residents on the four corners what it was like they had a foot of water in their garage. Now it passes through completely."

"We're not saying all flooding is gone, but we certainly have reduced the probability," Kreiter said.

Construction is expected to begin within the next year, and both officials are confident the upgrades, which are estimated to cost approximately \$4

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million, will be partially or totally paid for by grants.

Berlin created a decided Stormwater Department last July. The department has received mostly positive reviews from the public.

“In all honesty most people embraced it even though there is a fee” said Kreiter. “Some people call it a ‘rain tax’ and they can call it whatever they want, but we have a responsibility to this planet and to our residents to help prevent flooding and to have clean water. It’s a nominal fee – \$50 a year for residential – which equates to \$4.16 a month. That was embraced.

“Commercially it’s a bit of a different setup. It depends on the amount of impervious surface, which means how much they contribute to the stormwater runoff on the property, because it can’t percolate down. Most of the commercial properties were good with it, but we did have a few that were a little upset. Anything new is difficult for some people to embrace.”

The department considers the West Street upgrade an unequivocal success, and the project will be a model for the additional upgrades going forward.

“West Street completely did a 180,” said Kolar.

“And it’s attractive, the water quality is great and we’ve had no instances of flooding since it was installed,” said Kreiter.

Berlin sought citizen support for the Hudson Branch Stormwater Project during a public hearing on Tuesday during the Mayor and Council Meeting. Members of the public were encouraged to attend the meeting and to comment or ask questions about the grant application.



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West Street upgrades after phase one of stormwater measures were put in place in Berlin. More upgrades are in the town’s future.



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Snow Hill offers Pig & a Jig BBQ Festival for second year

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

SNOW HILL— Snow Hill’s answer to Pork in the Park returns this weekend for its second year.

The Pig & a Jig BBQ Festival will be held May 30-31 on Rt. 113 just north of Snow Hill. The KCBS sanctioned competition includes live music, carnival rides by Shaw Amusement Rides, craft vendors, beer and wine and, of course, plenty of barbeque.

Sandy Fulton, originator of Pork in the Park, created Pig & a Jig after retiring from the Wicomico County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

“A friend of mine who was president of the Snow Hill PTA was looking for a fundraiser and she wondered if I had any ideas,” she said. “I said, ‘well, we could try a barbeque festival.’ We did a small one last year – it was just a few amateurs – and it really went well and it raised quite a bit of money for the children, so I volunteered my time again.”

More than 6,000 attended the inaugural event. Pig & a Jig will be officially sanctioned for the first time this year, meaning competition is likely to heat up.

“It was a surprise how well the first year went over,” Fulton said. “Snow Hill and the children and the schools did a great job. Snow Hill Auto Body, that’s owned by Preston, supported it financially, so it was able to make money.”

“This year we have food vendors, we have craft vendors, we have bands, beer, amateur barbeque, and then of course the pros will be here,” Fulton continued. “We’re going to have a total of 40 competitors, which is good because that’s all the space we have.”

The event is 100 percent nonprofit, with all proceeds going towards area schools.

“We’re raising money for projects that the Snow Hill teachers need and the students need that the budget just can’t handle,” Fulton said. “This is our way of helping the schools. This is a great example of what a small town can do when they put their heads and their minds together. It’s not the end of the world because budgets are cut – you just have to get people out there to try to help. People can make a difference.”

“I want to see Snow Hill go on the map,” Fulton continued. “It’s a wonderful little town, and hopefully this event will bring people into the area.”

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“Beautiful. It’s really beautiful and it really makes a statement for the community and for people coming who are thinking about buying. They come and see this is what the association has to offer. It shows the strength of the association.” - Ann Marie Lucey, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ocean Pines.

“Terrific. We had to wait a while, but we expected it. We waited half an hour, but it was really good.” – Les Purcell, Ocean Pines.

“I think it looks fantastic. It’s everything we dreamed of so far. Everybody seems happy with it. The staff is working hard and they’re energized.” – Tom Terry, president of the Ocean Pines Association board of directors.

“It looks beautiful.”- Rob Stutsky, Philadelphia, Pa.

“It’s a nice upgrade.” - Alicia Hawkins, Philadelphia, Pa.

“They’re trying hard.” - Ed Colbert, Frankford, Del.

“Jackpot” – Steve Lind, Ocean Pines.

“I love it. The view is great and I can’t wait to see what Tim [Ulrich] does in the kitchen. I’ve known him for years and I fully endorse him.” – Paul Suplee, an Ocean Pines resident and a former chef at the Yacht Club.

“Oh my God, it’s gorgeous and the view is unobstructed. I was a greeter for a couple of hours out front and people came in smiling and they all left with smiles. The whole community is thrilled about it.” – Sharyn O’Hare, member of the Ocean Pines board of directors.

“I think it’s wonderful for Ocean Pines. It’s a definite plus.” – Sandy Reifsnyder, Ocean Pines.



Stephanie and Steve Bray of Ocean Pines check out the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on opening night last Friday.

OP Yacht Club looks ahead to June 8 ribbon cutting day

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their dinners, the delay was because of the huge crowd and 99.9 percent of the comments she heard were positive.

“The whole place is just fantastic,” Director Bill Cordwell said.

“What a great start for a brand new facility,” Thompson said.

The Yacht Club’s first wedding was held May 17. It could proceed as hoped for because the county granted the facility a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Last Friday’s opening was also possible because of a temporary certificate of occupancy, issued that very day, but this one is for 30 days, the maximum time permitted by law.

A list of items must be concluded before a permanent certificate of occu-

pancy may be obtained. That list includes additional landscaping that was on the approved landscape plan, but has not been done, additional parking islands, the screening of mechanicals along the building’s west side and fencing of the trash container pad site, fuel tanks and associated landscaping.

The ribbon cutting is scheduled within that 30-day period. It will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 8. The day’s events will include all day entertainment, menu samples and tours of the new facility.

The Yacht Club, which is open to the general public, opens daily at 11 a.m. Sunday brunch is served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. upstairs. The new outdoor Tiki Bar is not yet open.

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Crowded field vies for two OPA Board of Directors positions

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES—A crowded field and a disaffected voting populace could lead to a fiery campaign, as seven candidates compete for two Board of Directors seats.

The Ocean Pines Association candidates were announced in a May 12 press release.

Incumbents Jeff Knepper and Terri Mohr will face challenges from Lawrence Lee, Dan Moul, Patrick Renaud, David Stevens and Slobodan Trendic. The two candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes will be elected to three-year terms.

Knepper, a retired Intel Information Technology executive, has owned property in Ocean Pines since 2000. The incumbent sees outdated information systems and golf and yacht operations as key issues in the election.

Lee's qualifications include 18 years of corporate experience and 30 years as a private businessman. He blames the larger than usual number of candidates — there were six last year — on public discontent over how the OPA has handled financial issues.

The candidate proposed enacting a 30-day moratorium on any proposed spending of more than \$50,000 in order to seek the opinion of Ocean Pines residents.

"Spending should be a majority decision — not an individual one, and spend-

ing by the board should be improving Ocean Pines — not specific amenities," he said.

Lee believes there will be a number of hot-button issues during the campaign, including the new yacht club, the lighting of Ocean Parkway, OPA compensation packages, policing of the community, water backup after storms, and the country and golf clubs.

Renaud brings more than 45 years in human resources and financial management to the table, including 16 years as a director for the Maryland Healthcare Coalition and four years as general manager for the Local Government Insurance Trust.

The candidate thinks public dissatisfaction with the current administration — including General Manager Bob Thompson — could lead to a major shakeup during the election.

"I think there's a lot of dissatisfaction with the way things are being run," Renaud said. "Many of the five non-incumbent Board candidates were encouraged to run because of the disappointment with the board and the general manager in the last two years. There appears to be a crossing of lines of authority between the General Manager and the Board of Directors."

Ocean Pine's golf amenity could also be at stake.

"Let me say this very emphatically: I am not in favor of closing down the golf course," Renaud said. "I am in favor of

seriously considering alternatives to the current relationship between Ocean Pines and Billy Casper. I would favor a third-party golf professional organization taking over the course on a lease basis where they would win or lose based upon their performance.

"My message to voters is that if you believe as I do that there needs to be change in the direction the current board is heading, it will take two new candidates to make it change," Renaud continued. "My good friend Dave Stevens — who did an excellent job during his previous terms on the board — and I together represent the needed change. I hope the voters will agree and vote for both of us."

Stevens previously stepped down from the board because of term limits, serving for six years as treasurer and board president.

"I believe the reasons for the interest in this year's election and the large field of candidates are: one, the disappointing performance of the General Manager and two, repeated failures of the current board to hold him accountable," Stephens said. "Based on what I have read, seen and heard thus far it appears that these concerns are shared by five of the seven candidates — myself included. The two remaining candidates are incumbents and, based on their past actions and votes, they presumably would not agree that these are issues."

Stephens called the recent renewal of

Thompson's contract "hurried," and questioned the "specious rationale offered to justify it."

"Perhaps it is because I have been closer to the board than most people in recent years, but I view this as just another symptom of a much larger problem which has manifested itself in many different ways," he said. "The results almost always have turned negative with the unnecessary expenditure of hundreds of thousands of member's dollars," he said. "There has been a consistent failure to distinguish between what Ocean Pines really needs and what we can simply buy with loans from reserves. This board has repeatedly asked for detailed, structured plans to meet our future needs and the associated funding requirements, and has, just as repeatedly, been put off by the General Manager."

"It will take two new board members with similar views and open minds to bring about the change OPA members are demanding," Stephens continued. "I applaud all of the candidates for their willingness to serve. However, I have the highest confidence in Pat Renaud as someone who will work diligently to make a difference."

Like several of the other candidates, Trendic can boast decades of business experience. The candidate said his more than 30 years in domestic and international dealings will "enable me to work across the entire membership spectrum in an effective, collaborative and trans-

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parent manner.”

“I believe there is a common theme of residents’ discontent with the current board majority,” he said. “We are witnessing neighborhoods and groups getting organized and taking actions. They want new leadership. The fact that we see four totally new candidates plus Dave Stevens enter the race is the testament of this grass-root effort. Each of us was likely chosen or encouraged by some form of social networks to represent them.”

Trendic sees three key issues during the campaign: the General Manager contract, what he called the “tilt” in power from the board to the GM, and how financial resources are being managed.

“The current GM and board majority often caused large financial losses and excessive capital expenditures,” he said. “There is a genuine concern by many residents about the future of the OP land – people have lost confidence in several board members and the GM. We need new leadership that has the ability to successfully manage many challenges that face our 46-year old community. We need experienced management that is capable of preserving – and increasing – our home values; that can make OP this region’s most desirable community to live in.”

“Five of the seven candidates believe we need a change,” Trendic continued. “My personal favorites are Dave and Pat,

but the ultimate power resides with the residents, not the board and not the GM. The results of this election will showcase community’s opinion.”

Mohr, the other incumbent, defended her record, as well as the controversial Thompson contract.

“Tom Terry, Jeff Knepper and myself worked for over three months on the contract,” she said. “We gathered much information from many sources with which to base our decisions on how the contract should be written.”

“Bob Thompson has proved himself time and again of his dedication to the OPA community and deserves this contract,” she continued. “We have included a very rigorous bonus structure and many options for continued evaluation of his work.”

Elected in 2011, Mohr has served as both treasurer and secretary.

“I have served the members of the Ocean Pines Association to the best of my abilities for the past three years and would welcome the opportunity to continue to bring my experience, management expertise and concern for all residents in our community to the Board of Directors,” she said.

Moul was not available for comment.

A candidate forum will be held in Ocean Pines on June 21 at 9 a.m. Mail ballots are due July 14, and ballots are due August 7. Results will be revealed during Ocean Pines’ annual meeting on August 9.



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License Board approves two Berlin outlets for liquor sales

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

BERLIN—Berlin will be getting not just one, but two venues to purchase liquor within town limits.

Cheers, near the northernmost end of town at the intersection of North Main Street and Old Ocean City Boulevard, and the Pitt Stop Beer, Wine and Liquor, on the southernmost end of town on Route 113, were approved for the sale of liquor during the Board of License Commissioners hearing in Snow Hill on Wednesday.

The county dispensary used to be in Berlin at the Food Lion Shopping Center, but it closed this year after the opening of Shore Spirits, the county's new liquor store, on Route 50 east of Stephen Decatur High School.

Many people, including Mayor Gee Williams, wanted the town to have a liquor store, so bills to allow it were introduced in both houses of the Maryland General Assembly this past session. The bill, signed by the governor, authorized the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer, wine and liquor license within the corporate limits of Berlin and Snow Hill. The original bill had included Pocomoke City, but its mayor and Town Council asked that it be excluded because they did not want more liquor stores in the area.

Cheers owner Chris Denny had retained attorney Joe Moore to work toward the change in legislation to permit the liquor sales in Berlin. John Derrickson also wanted to add liquor to his inventory at the Pitt Stop, which opened last year selling beer and wine.

The two men saw no conflict in their requests or in retaining Moore as their legal representative, so Moore represented both at Wednesday's hearing.

It is 1.6 miles from Cheers to Pitt Stop and that is the entire length of the town of Berlin, Moore said.

Cheers is also 2.1 miles west of the county's new liquor store, known as Shore Spirits, on Route 50. Its location at the north end of town is convenient for residents and visitors in Berlin and it is more convenient than going to the county store, he said. If a customer purchases wine or liquor at Shore Spirits, he must travel east on Route 50 and during times of heavy traffic, must continue east to Route 589, which is nearly a mile from the store, to make a U-turn to return to



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Two Berlin businesses, Cheers and Pitt Stop Beer & Wine, may sell liquor starting July 1, if their 25-seat bars are completed. The Board of License Commissioners approved their requests for the license upgrade last week.

Berlin. A Berlin customer, therefore, would have to travel 2.5 miles round trip to buy a bottle of liquor.

Permitting sales of liquor at Cheers would alleviate that inconvenient trip and would therefore serve the accommodation of the public, Moore said.

Liquor sales also need to be permitted at the Pitt Stop to accommodate the public, he said.

Pitt Stop manager Laurie Walsh said customers want to be able to buy liquor there.

"We have people come in every day and ask [for liquor]," she said.

She has had to give them directions to the county store, which usually means

they must drive back to that store, purchase liquor, and then resume their drive. Many of their customers are campers going to Assateague Island, Castaways near West Ocean City, or Island Resort Campground in Newark.

Traveling on Route 113, motorists will find no liquor stores between Pomeroy's in Selbyville, Del., and Pocomoke. A county liquor store is on Market Street in Snow Hill and can be seen from Route 113, but it is closing and there are no plans to replace it.

"Cheers is serving the downtown folks and you're serving visitors to the area," Moore told Derrickson and Walsh.

Board members voted in favor of both requests for the upgrade in the alcoholic

beverage licenses from beer and wine licenses to beer, wine and liquor licenses.

The bill permitting Class D licenses in town limits becomes effective July 1, so any time after that date Cheers and the Pitt Stop Beer, Wine and Liquor may sell bottles of liquor. To comply with the law, however, each must have a full service bar with a minimum of 25 seats. The owners intend to fulfill that requirement.

The Atlantic Hotel in Berlin has a Class B alcoholic beverage license with off-sale privileges for liquor, but it has no package goods facility and would sell bottles at its retail price, which is much higher than the cost of a usual package goods sale, Moore said.



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Recovery programs giving oysters comeback

State DNR survey of Chesapeake Bay shows abundance, weight hike

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

WORCESTER COUNTY— Oysters are making a comeback in Maryland, thanks in large part to the efforts of oyster recovery programs.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources has been monitoring the status of the state's oyster population since 1939. In 2012 the DNR completed a two-month survey of 262 oyster bars and 316 samples in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Results were encouraging.

According to the survey the 2012 Oyster Biomass Index, a measure of oyster abundance and weight, increased for the second consecutive year and was at its highest level since 1999. The 2012 Spatfall Index, a measure of recruitment success and potential increase of the population obtained by studying fixed subsets of oyster bars, saw a three-fold increase over the 28-year median, representing the sixth-highest spatfall index since 1985.

The Oyster Recovery Partnership is a major reason for the resurgence. Begun 20 years ago, the program has planted nearly 5 billion oysters on 1,600 acres of oyster reefs.

Locally ORP's Shell Recycling Alliance has made an impact, collecting

oysters and hard shell clam shells from restaurants throughout Maryland, Washington D.C., Delaware and Northern Virginia.

"The SRA started with 21 restaurants in the program in 2010 and has grown to over 200 participating establishments four years later," said Bryan Kent Gomes, a spokesman for the ORP. "The basic premise is that restaurants hold on to their shells for a week – or two or three if they are doing smaller numbers – until they can get to a local transfer station or schedule a pickup in one of our collection markets."

"In Worcester County we have about a dozen restaurants that participate in our SRA program each summer."

KENT GOMES
A spokesman for the ORP

The SRA provides each restaurant with material that explains the purpose of the program to their customers, and several county and private facilities help store the shells.

Oyster populations in the Chesapeake Bay are approximately 1 percent of what they were at their peak 200 years ago.

"In a nutshell oysters in the wild have trouble with reproducing because of the

deteriorated water quality in the Chesapeake Bay waterways," Gomes said. "ORP collects the shells and gets them back to our hatchery in Cambridge where they are cleaned, dried and aged, and then 'seeded' with baby oysters and 'planted' in the Chesapeake Bay. For every half shell we recycle from a restaurant we average ten baby oysters that get seeded."

A single adult oyster filters more than 50 gallons of water per day. Oyster reefs are also important habitats for other marine life, including blue crabs and striped bass.

"In Worcester County we have about a dozen restaurants that participate in our SRA program each summer," Gomes said. "Last summer the Ocean City area restaurants contributed over 750 bushels of shells to the program – enough to plant over three million oysters back into the local waterways."

The increase in aquaculture, or farmed oysters, has also aided in the oyster resurgence.

"Aquaculture has helped the wild harvest continue to have greater yields the last couple years," Gomes said. "ORP is a big proponent of more farmed oysters eaten since it requires less of a burden on the wild harvest and helps grow the wild population numbers, and we can recycle farmed oyster shell as easily as wild harvest oysters."

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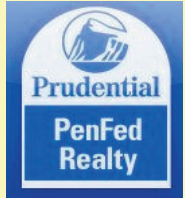
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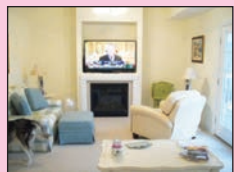
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Spring Choral concert coming to Pines church

OCEAN PINES–The Pine Tones Chorus will present its spring concert at the Community Church of Ocean Pines, on Route 589 and Beauchamp Road, Sunday, June 1, at 3 p.m.

Tickets cost \$10 and will be available at the door.

The concert, “30 Years of Music and Memories,” celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Pine Tones Chorus. Photos from the chorus archives will be presented as a slide show, beginning 10 minutes before the concert.

Concert selections will include pop tunes sung in the 1980’s, such as “Bye Bye Blues,” as well as more recent hit melodies from the shows “Phantom of the Opera” and “Les Miserables.”

Music in the classical, spiritual styles will include Mozart’s “Alleluia” and John Rutter’s arrangement of “When the Saints Go Marchin’ In.”

June Todd is the Pine Tones Chorus director and Cathy Morgan is the group’s accompanist. Other instruments will also support the performance with Tom Baione playing string bass, Bill Courtney, trombone and Ted Nichols on drums.

The Pine Tones Chorus includes 60 members from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas. The Chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas for 30 years, beginning in 1984. For additional information, call Chorus President, Pat Beisler at 410-208-2682, or Todd, 410-289-7373.

Funding for Pine Tones Chorus activities comes from ticket sales as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. These organizations are dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Board of Education Candidate Forum scheduled, June 4

WORCESTER COUNTY–PTAs from northern Worcester County have organized a Board of Education Candidate Forum for parents and community members. The candidate forum will be held on Wednesday, June 4, in Berlin Intermediate School’s cafeteria, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will last for about one hour.

Board of Education candidates will have an opportunity to answer questions. With three of the four northern-district Board of Education positions up for election, it is an important opportunity to meet the candidates and stay informed about current education related-issues, as well as to listen to the views of each candidate. Contact BIS PTA President Trisha Kauffman at 410-706-2257.



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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

Accolades for Yacht Club

Certainly there are hot-button issues motivating those who choose to join a crowded field competing for two Ocean Pines Board of Directors seats.

Issues such as spending, the lighting of Ocean Parkway, OPA compensation packages, water backup after storms and certainly the future of its golf course are difficult issues that hopefully will be candidly addressed during the campaign leading up to a candidate forum on June 21 and then balloting beginning by mail on July 14 with all other ballots submitted by August 7. Results of the balloting will be revealed during the Ocean Pines annual meeting on August 9.

With all of the recent criticisms that have been written ranging in what to do about the geese to the compensation of OP General Manager Bob Thompson to the very future of the golf course, we at least want to say “hold on for a second.”

There are those who have had their issues with Ocean Pines Yacht Club, but over the Memorial Day holiday, the new facility opened, and from what we’re observing and hearing, it opened to rave reviews.

So in this time of political angst, we want to say “good job” to OP President Tom Terry and everyone connected to this project. The new Yacht Club even hosted a wedding prior to the “soft opening.” The official grand opening of the Yacht Club is scheduled for 5 p.m., Sunday, June 8.

We know there are discussions to be had. We’ve heard the arguments about compensation, about geese and golf. But for this one moment in time, before the elections heat up, it’s appropriate for Ocean Pines to be proud of itself. The Yacht Club is a gem, and it was something the entire OP community and the general public should enjoy with pride.

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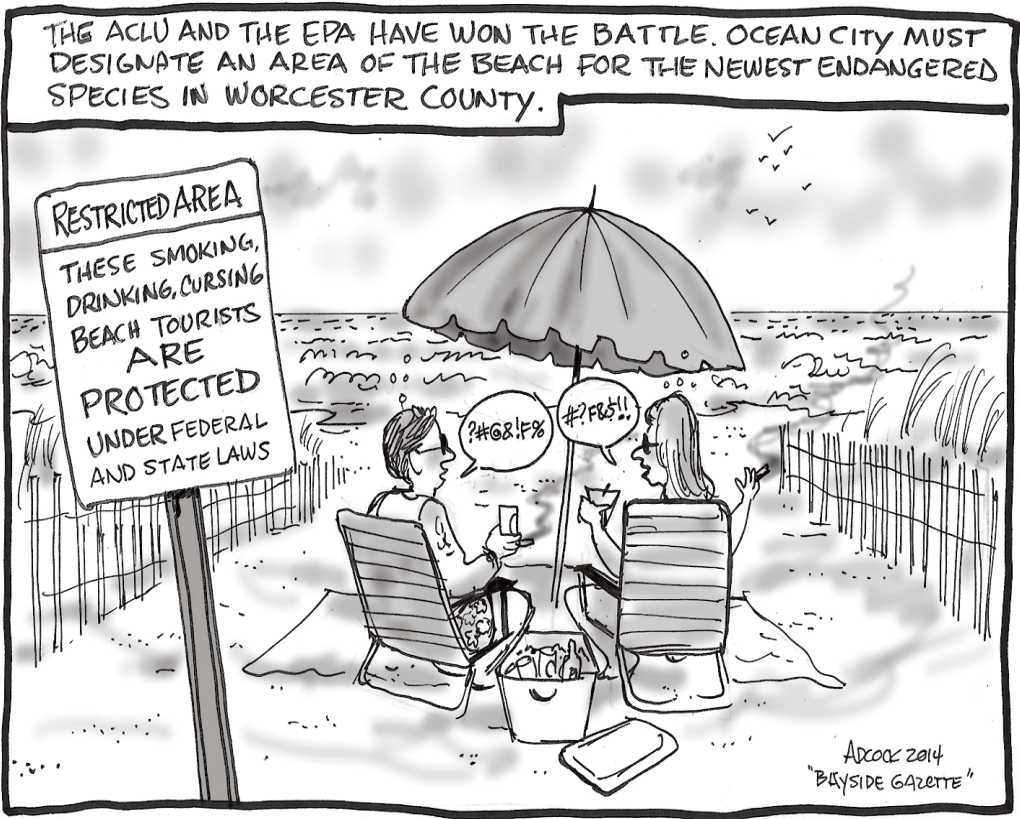
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Huey brings back memories for many

Helicopter was the war horse of Vietnam War

By Phil Jacobs
Editor

Sharyn O’Hare, board member emeritus and co-founder of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, had the rapt attention of about 50 seated and standing at the Ocean City Airport.

It was Memorial Day, after all, a day to really recount those who gave their lives so that we may be free.

O’Hare talked about her past as a “child of the 60s,” something I could absolutely find in common with her.

Because I know like many of the respectful audience on hand, that the Vietnam War was the first war brought into our living rooms and den TVs every evening.

But there was more to what O’Hare was saying. Because as a backdrop to the podium where she was speaking was a UH-1 Huey Helicopter. Even though it was a warm spring afternoon, I felt chills being so

close to this restored Huey, which for many was a symbol of combat in the jungles of Vietnam.

It was the Huey, O’Hare explained, that with its crew in control, would go into the most dangerous of battle zones to either extract the wounded and carry them to safety or to drop reinforcements and equipment in places that was never friendly to aircraft.

“It was the Age of Aquarius,” said O’Hare, “and there was a lot of hair.” She said it was a time of sex, drugs and rock and roll.

But it was also a time she added that we were fighting in a war with a country we didn’t understand.

O’Hare said that the sound of the Huey was the “sound-track of the war.”

She added that during the Vietnam War, it was a sound recognized even by our enemies. O’Hare added that of the 7,000 Hueys brought to the war starting in 1963, almost half were destroyed, and 1,074 pilots were killed.

Still, they were air ambulances, and they offered better maneuverability than previous military helicopters. Most of all, they were helicopters of hope.

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Ocean City Mayor Rick

Meehan was there to dedicate the special meaning of the Huey to the community and its place in history.

“We knew we needed to obtain this aircraft,” he told the crowd. “I can assure you it didn’t look like this today. Many hours were spent on restoration.”

The Hueys, O’Hare said, “took the mission in Vietnam to a higher level.”

Especially if you are a parent, I recommend you take your children to the Ocean City Airport to see the Huey. It is part of our country’s history. At the airport, it is larger than life.

Ocean City Council member Mary Knight knows full well about Hueys. Her husband Frank, flew in them as part of his Air National Guard service.

Huey was part of a difficult time for this nation and the world. Yet it brought countless numbers of our soldiers back to a safer place, and while the war was unpopular, the men and women who were deployed did so bravely, and to this day are not thanked and recognized nearly enough.

This Huey is a monument in their memory and honor.

Take time not just on a holiday like Memorial Day to go visit and give the quiet moment of respect this helicopter represents and always will in our history.



WAR HORSE
A restored Huey helicopter, a monument to the memorial of those who served in the U.S. in Vietnam, was dedicated on Memorial Day at the Ocean City Airport.

PHIL JACOBS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OCEAN PINES BRIEFS

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today
OCEAN PINES - The Ocean Pines Association board of directions discussed the following topics during the Saturday, May 24, meeting.

Political signs

OPA attorney Joe Moore said the homeowners association could restrict political signs in common areas and could limit them to not more than 30 days before an election and seven days after an election. That applies to candidates for primary elections and the general election. Therefore, those candidates could have their signs displayed for only 37 days for each of those elections. The signs, he said, could be any size and a property owner could have more than one sign for any particular candidate.

Derelict properties

The board discussed several derelict properties and what could or should be done about them. In the case of a house on Salty Way with four visible propane tanks, the board decided to have two of the tanks screened and to have the two tanks that are not hooked up to a gas line screened or removed. Moore said the gas company owning those tanks might have a use for them and might want them back. In the case of a house on Sandy Hook

Road with an unsightly trailer, Moore said he knew the property owner personally and would contact him. In the case of a house on Bramblewood Drive, the board directed Moore to have his office create a plan of action. The property, board President Tom Terry said, is unkempt, unmanaged and uncared for. Its owners are deceased.

Interim secretary

The board voted unanimously for Director Jack Collins to replace Terri Mohr as secretary. Mohr may not continue to serve in that capacity because she is running for reelection and only the board secretary may be the liaison to the Elections Committee.

Park cleanup

Collins said members of the Ocean City Power Squadron had cleaned up Pin-tail Park. Its members told him they had been cleaning it up for 13 years. "That's the kind of citizen involvement we need," he said.

Appointments

Frederick "Rick" Jackson was appointed to the Communication Advisory Committee. Leslie Shippee was appointed to the Tennis Advisory Committee and Don Flax was appointed to the Environmental and Natural Assets Advisory Committee. All three were appointed for the first time.



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OP MEMORIAL DAY

A Worcester County joint Color Guard, which includes members of American Legion Post 166; First State Detachment Marine Corps League; VFW Post 8296; American Legion, Duncan-Showell Post 231; American Legion Boggs-Disharoon Post 123, Legion Riders, Chapter 166 and Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1091 post the colors during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Monday. (Above, right) Senator Jim Mathias proudly waves his flag along with those attending the Memorial Day ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. (Right) Diane Tanner, LTJG, Nurse Corps USN, left, and Janet Cassidy, PFC, USAF, present a wreath during the Memorial Day ceremony in Ocean Pines.

LISA CAPITELLI/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



BERLIN MEMORIAL DAY

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams rides his bike during Monday's Memorial Day parade along Flower Street. (Above, right) Members of the Red Hat Society, the Charm Girls Chapter 74007, take part in the Berlin parade. (Right) Members of the Black Knights also participate in the Memorial Day festivities.

JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



CALENDAR

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

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. May 29

OCEAN CITY SHARK TOURNAMENT — OC Fishing Center, 12940 Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City, 3:30-7 p.m. Info: Mark Sampson, 410-213-2442, ocsharktournament@gmail.com or www.ocshark-tournament.com.

3RD ANNUAL RAVENS BEACH BASH — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Fans join Ravens players, coaches, cheerleaders, Playmakers, Poe, talent from 98Rock and Miller Lite. Info: Renee Seiden, 410-524-3535.

ALZHEIMER’S CARE TRAINING PROGRAM — Gull Creek Senior Living Community, One Meadow Street, Berlin, 2-4 p.m. RSVP: Mari Bohall, mbohall.gullcreekoffice@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. Doors open 5:30 p.m., games start 7 p.m. 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.

SPRING FLING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 6 p.m. Featuring fellowship and food. Tickets cost \$25. The event will benefit “Friends of Judy Davis.” Davis is a candidate for Maryland House of Delegates District 38C. Info: 410-213-1956.

FRI. May 30

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, noon to 6 p.m. Featuring 14k, sterling silver jewelry, pearls, beads, loose stones, crystals. Classic and contemporary designs for show and sale. Admission costs \$5. Info: 757-641-2124 or www.treasuresoftheearth.net.

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COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE RAVENS ROOSTS ANNUAL PARADE — Begins at 10 a.m. and travels along Baltimore Avenue from 19th Street to 26th Street. Info: Sue

Draper, sdraper65@verizon.net or www.councilrr.com. The Ravens Roost headquarters is located at the Castle in the Sand Hotel on 37th Street.

3RD ANNUAL RAVENS BEACH BASH — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Info: Renee Seiden, 410-524-3535.

BINGO — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy. (rear of St. Luke’s Church) in Ocean City. Doors open 5 p.m., games at 6:30 p.m. Info: 410-524-7994.

SAT. May 31

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission costs \$5. Info: 757-641-2124 or www.treasuresoftheearth.net.

OCEAN CITY SHARK TOURNAMENT — OC Fishing Center, 12940 Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City, 3:30-7 p.m. Info: Mark Sampson, 410-213-2442, ocsharktournament@gmail.com or www.ocshark-tournament.com.

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FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon. Produce, farm fresh eggs, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, baked goods, honey and more. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City will sell coffee, snacks and refreshments as well as “White Elephant” items.

DANCING — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Auditorium, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7-10 p.m. An evening of ballroom and Latin dancing. Open to singles and couples. Cost is \$12.50. Info: DancingAtTheBeach.com or Michael Tasevoli, 443-474-0015.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE — Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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 two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

SUN. June 1

GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 14k, sterling silver jewelry, pearls, beads, loose stones, crystals and more. Admission costs \$5. Info: 757-641-2124 or www.treasuresoftheearth.net.

OC BEACH LIGHTS — Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. A five-story tall inflatable sphere featuring an eight-minute, visual laser, lighting, special effects, video and audio production with visibility along the boardwalk. Info: www.ocean.com or 800-626-2326.

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FREE FISHING CLASS FOR KIDS — Ake Marine, 12930 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City, 1:30-3 p.m. The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association is providing free classes for kids ages 6-16. Beverage and snack will be provided. Pre-register: www.mssa.net.

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. Info: Rob 443-783-3529.

PINE TONES CHORUS CONCERT - Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Race-track Road, 3 p.m. The concert, titled “30 Years of Music and Memories,” celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Pine Tones Chorus. Tickets cost \$10. Info: Pat Beisler, 410-208-2682 or June Todd, 410-289-7373.

ORIOLES TICKETS RAFFLE - 28th Street Pit & Pub, Ocean City, 3 p.m. Ravens Roost #58 will be raffling off four Orioles tickets with parking pass or a June game. Five tickets for \$20. Stop by the pub prior to drawing or call 443-497-2040.

MON. June 2

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

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

TUES. June 3

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), steamed shrimp, crab soup, pizza and more. 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., May through September. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Samples may be brought for testing.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FORUM — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-9 p.m. Meet Democratic candidates John LaFerla, Bill Tilghman and Senator Jim Mathias. Info: 410-208-0219 or 410-641-5136.

WED. June 4

MOVIES ON THE BEACH — Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 118th Street and oceanfront, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Free movies on the beach for the entire family. Take beach chairs or a blanket. Info: 800-626-2326.

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

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. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

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.

HUMANE SOCIETY FUNDRAISER — Olde English Fish and Chips, 4-8 p.m. After dinner, swing over to Sweet Frog, 5-8 p.m. Both located at the 67th Street Towncenter. Mention the Worcester County Humane Society and a portion of the sales will go to the West Ocean City no-kill shelter.

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

New Orleans reminds Suplee of muffaletta

(Reprinted from Bayside Gazette May 30, 2013 issue)

There is nothing like a weekend in New Orleans to remind me of the aging process and the natural degeneration of the human immune system.



By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

Visiting the French Quarter for a Marine Scout Recon reunion with buddies that I have not seen in 22 years, we left few stones unturned as we roamed through the streets of the Big Easy.

Age does at the very least have the benefit of wisdom; we may not be wise, but we are wiser. I think. Since all of us are music lovers our goals were much more oriented to finding the amazing music for which New Orleans is known.

Having done my share of traveling over the years, I have learned to ask locals where they go to enjoy themselves; surely they wouldn't hang out on Bourbon Street, unless of course they were playing a gig or two or tending bar.

Eating our first dinner at the bar in the hotel, rarely a good choice, we were shocked at the caliber of our meal at Wolfe's in the Warehouse. The star of the evening was the blackened catfish on grits with a green onion-crawfish broth. It wasn't long before half the staff knew our table and Harry the valet manager directed us toward Frenchman District where we found live music.

After our second or third music venue in which we listened to mind-numbing jazz, blues and zydeco, it be-

came apparent that most of the "bands" were really just the same guys rotating through the different stages and jumping in. I can't even imagine how many standards a New Orleans musician would have to learn just to be able to sit in. Doubled with the fact there are so many talented musicians, the sad realization hits home that there isn't much money in music here except for the truly exceptional.

As the sun broke the horizon it was time to walk back across town and settle in for a short nap before we would do it all over again.

Since the sun was up when we hit the rack we were not in the mood for coffee as of yet, but as the day wore on we found ourselves at Cafe du Monde for beignets and chicory coffee.

I hadn't been for 16 years but I remembered it was life-changing. It wasn't to be again.

Truth be told, Smitty said it best when he asked why we had just "paid \$35 for funnel cake and rot gut?"

The second day's pass through town was a day of continued eating focused on gator, andouille, etouffe, jambalaya, and atchafalaya.

As we headed back to Frenchman on our second night we realized that we should probably sit more than we had the night before. Steve noted that he had to go back to the hotel to take his meds; it was getting late. Good God we're getting old.

We found the wall at the old US Mint to be the perfect height for our old and broken bodies. Ed Wills was playing at the BMC and was so good that we sat there for two hours. I'm sure it was just a small selection of his repertoire but he was no stranger to Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Professor Longhair and Dr. John. We were asleep by 1:30.

On our last day we camped out in Central Grocery, purported to be the home of the Muffaletta sandwich. A monster round roll topped with deli meats and a fantastic olive relish, the Muffaletta is the consummate New Orleans sandwich and stand alone meal.

A full-size sandwich demands anywhere from 10 ounces to a pound of meat so these are not for the weak of heart or light of stature.

I was so impressed to have found the home of the muffaletta that two friends and I just stood inside the market directing people to the counter. After a few minutes people just assumed that we worked there. A customer came up to me and told me that she told the manager to give me commission on the extra things that she had purchased with my assistance. I can't help it. It's what I do.

And now I sit at the airport trying to get excited about an 11-hour travel day. At least I know that I won't wait 16 more years to come back down here or another 22 to see my brothers again.

It was a short weekend, but we got to eat our way through one of the greatest cities in the nation. Not a bad way to spend the first Memorial Day I've had off in close to 20 years.

Muffaletta

- serves 2
- 1 8-inch round Italian loaf
 - 3 oz. salami
 - 3 oz. capicola
 - 3 oz. mortadella
 - 3 oz. pepperoni
 - 2 oz. provolone cheese



Olive relish (recipe follows)

Split roll. If thick, take out a little of the crumb (the white inside) to make room for the meat and relish

Put relish on bottom, top with meat and cheese and finish it off with more relish and top of roll

Serve hot or cold

Olive Relish

- makes way too much!
- 8 oz. Italian Giardiniera, drained
 - 1/2 c. Manzanilla olives
 - 1/2 c. oil-cured olives
 - 2 Tbsp. Capers
 - 1/4 c. EV Olive Oil
 - 2 tbsp. good red wine vinegar

1. Chop by hand until it is the size of capers, or at least the size that your capers were before you started hacking away

— Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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June 5: DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.

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May 30: Viki Dee 5-9pm
May 31: Tim Lander Duo 2-6pm
June 1: Dave Sherman 2-8pm

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In the Castle in the Sand Hotel
37th Street oceanfront
Ocean City
410-289-6846
May 30: Darin Engh, noon to 4 p.m.; John LaMere, 5-9 p.m.
May 31: Poole & the Gang, noon to 4 p.m.
June 1: John LaMere, noon to 3 p.m.; Copper Sky, 4-8 p.m.
June 2: Bob Wilkinson & Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
June 3: Zion Reggae Duo, 4-8 p.m.
June 4: Chris Button & Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
June 5: Josh Pryor, noon to 3 p.m.; Kevin Poole & Joe Mama 5-9 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
May 30: Kevin Poole, DJ Hook, Walk of Shame
May 31: Opposite Directions, DJ Groove
June 1: Colossal Fossil Sauce, Collect All 5
June 2: Ginger, DJ RobCee, The New Romance

GALAXY 66

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
May 30: Philly George Project, 8 p.m. to midnight
The Skye Bar
May 30: Test Kitchen, 4-8 p.m.

May 31: Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
May 30: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T
May 31: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
June 1: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy T/DJ BK, 9 p.m.
June 2: Blake Haley, 4-8 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8 p.m.
June 3: Hot Sauce Sandwich/Funk Shue, 9:30 p.m.
June 4: College Night w/DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.; Wheel of Fortune, 9 p.m.
June 5: Opposite Directions, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay
Fenwick Island, Del.
800-227-0525
302-539-3095
May 30: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.; DJ Abay, 10 p.m.
May 31: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.; DJ RobCee, 10 p.m.
June 1: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.; DJ Abay, 10 p.m.
June 2: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.
June 3: Kevin Poole, 5-9 p.m.
June 4: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m.; Dave Sherman, 6-9 p.m.
June 5: John LaMere

HIGH STAKES

Route 54
Fenwick Island, Del.
302-537-6971
May 30: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; Home Made Hooch, 9 p.m.
May 31: Bobby Burns, 4 p.m.; DJ Rupe, 9 p.m.

HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd.
West Ocean City
410-213-1841
May 30: Dust N Bones, 8 p.m.
May 31: Funk-o-Licious, 8 p.m.
June 1: Simple Truth, 2 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-524-7499
May 30: PB-3
May 31: Colossal Fossil Sauce
June 5: DJ Wax

MARYLAND WINE BAR

103 N. Main St.
Berlin
410-629-1022
May 30: Live Acoustic Music, 7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

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June 2-7: First Class, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
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June 3-4: On the Edge, 4-9 p.m.
June 5: First Class, 4-9 p.m.

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SEACRETS

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Ocean City
410-524-4900
May 30: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Lucky Dub, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Blue Label, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
May 31: Jim Long Band, 5-9 p.m.; Lucky Dub, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Garden State Radio, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
June 1: The Wild Ones, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
June 4: The Zoo, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
June 5: Go Go Gadget, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

SHENANIGAN'S

Fourth Street and the Boardwalk
in the Shoreham Hotel
410-289-7181
May 30-31: Ted Garber

SMITTY MCGEE'S

Route 54
West Fenwick Island, Del.
302-436-4716
May 30: Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 8 p.m.
June 5: Randy Lee Ashcraft & the Saltwater Cowboys, 8 p.m.

THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES

1 Mumford's Landing Rd
Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
May 30: The Poole Brothers, 6-10 p.m.
May 30: Full Circle, 6-10 p.m.
June 1: The Poole Brothers, 5-9 p.m.

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22 Like farmland

23 Stoners’ memoirs?

25 _____ New Guinea

26 Freud disciple

27 Coaches

28 Leverage in divorce negotiations?

30 Mixologist

32 Went from black to red, say

33 Home with a view

34 Whinny

38 Sound in a hot tub

41 Mallard relative

44 Berth

45 Theater opening

46 Dumbstruck duo?

50 Moolah

51 Blemished

52 Admit (to)

53 Calculus calculation

55 Makes the connection

56 Zero-star movie

57 Balkan capital

59 _____ Beach, Fla.

61 Susan of “L.A. Law”

62 Tale of metropolitan religious diversity?

67 Word before or after “down”

70 Yam or turnip

71 They’re big in barns

72 Huskers’ targets

75 ’12 or ’13, now

77 Western followers?

80 Wire service inits.

81 Some lapses

83 Like many men’s ties

85 Grant Wood portrayal?

88 “The Canterbury Tales” inn

89 Yemeni port

90 Wrapped (up)

91 Conciliatory gesture

92 Kitchen drawer?

93 Some sites for sightseers

94 Eke _____ living

97 Maltreated

99 Having trouble slowing down?

105 Like radon among all gaseous elements

108 Popped up

109 “Appointment in Samarra” novelist

110 Cobbler’s heirloom?

113 Bet

114 Aplomb

115 “Spamalot” writer and lyricist

116 Forward

117 Heavens

118 Clear-cuts, e.g.

119 Off course

DOWN

1 Not on point

2 Singer Jones

3 Hang (over)

4 Saturated

5 Samsung smartphone

6 With 10-Down, certain punch

7 Marshy lowland

8 Features of many kids’ place mats

9 Legal hearing

10 See 6-Down

11 Star of reality TV’s “The Girls Next Door,” briefly

12 Immodest display

13 Oscar nominee for “The Wrestler”

14 Highlight

15 Double takes?

16 Gutter site

17 One with a home away from home

18 Crime-fighting Eliot

20 Extra: Abbr.

24 Actress _____ Dawn Chong

26 Mentored, e.g.

29 Celebrated

30 Poe poem, with “The”

31 “The Tempest” spirit

33 Hieroglyphic symbol

35 “_____ Love,” 1987 LL Cool J hit

36 Stylist’s goop

37 _____ fit

38 Rest stop convenience, for short

39 1956 Gregory Peck role

40 “Don’t be a _____!”

42 Confronts

43 Certain back-scratcher

45 “The Rapture of Canaan” author Reynolds

47 See 49-Down

48 Big name in barbecue grills

49 With 47-Down, angry

50 Building needs, informally

54 Not straight up

57 Tolerated

58 Focusing problem, for short

60 Ferrell’s cheerleading partner on “S.N.L.”

63 Dealt (with)

64 A musical might be on one

65 Neighbors of Navajos

66 Sale site, maybe

67 Popular pre-marathon meal

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68 Wedding site

69 Engine booster

73 Tropicana Field team

74 W.W. II invasion site

76 Tight spot in South Florida?

78 _____ Hawkins Day

79 Correct

81 Taedium vitae

82 View from Lake Como

84 Relatives of turtles

86 Neon frame?

87 Stirred

89 Spare

93 In a hurry

95 Govt. securities

96 Left open-mouthed, say

98 Rent

99 Wedding sight

100 Fancy wheels, familiarly

101 “... so long _____ both shall live?”

102 Part of an old military alphabet

103 Big band’s booking

104 Pops

105 Comes to pass, old-style

106 “Star Wars” furball

107 Others, to Ovid

108 In

111 End of un film

112 Puncture preceder

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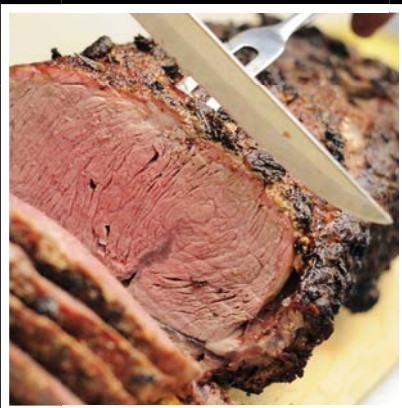
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