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Fire Co. asks Town Council to consider reinstating funds

Berlin officials receive unexpected visit just before vote on budget

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—The Berlin Town Council received an unexpected request during the May 28 meeting, minutes before a scheduled vote to approve the proposed fiscal year 2014 budget—that the council rescind its decision to withhold its annual \$600,000 contribution to the Berlin Fire Company.

Attorney Joseph Moore of Williams, Moore and Shockley spoke on behalf of the fire company, accompanied by the company's accountant, Jay Bergey of James Bergey CPA. Fire Company President David Fitzgerald was in attendance, but did not come forward to address the council.

It became apparent from Moore's statement that the fire company had responded on May 18 to the town's January condition for release of the funds—that the company provides a full accounting of its financial status. But it was also apparent from the town officials' comments to Moore and Bergey Tuesday night that the document package provided was inadequate to satisfy the town's inquiry and too late to be pulled into the budget packaged approved Tuesday night.

Council member Paula Lynch asked if the company contracted for independent

audits of its financials. Bergey responded that the annual audits were conducted by a three-person panel of company officials. Lynch also suggested that the information of the nonprofit company's Form 990 tax form might be too basic for the evaluation needed to address the council's questions.

After the presentation, Mayor Gee Williams suggested that perhaps there might be a way to try to find a level of funding both sides could agree on, if it did not entail having the town restart the budget process. When he opened the discussion up for comments, Town Administrator Tony Carson took issue with the fact that the fire company took six months to produce the information the town requested far earlier in the budget process and suggested it would be unfair to have town staff expedite its review of the information in a few short weeks to present professional analysis to the council to accommodate the new budget.

Both council members Troy Purnell and Lisa Hall also took issue with the length of time it took the fire company to respond to the document requests.

The council approved the FY 2014 budget, which for the general fund for the 2014 fiscal year was \$4.77 million, down \$93,270 (2 percent) from the FY 2013 budget amount of nearly \$4.87 million. According to a town summary the major differences were a \$172,000 decrease in property taxes, a \$9,000 increase in the water fund, an \$18,000 increase in the sewer fund, and a \$57,000 decrease in the

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MEMORIAL DAY

Diane Tanner, LTJG, Nurse Corps USN, left, and Linda Shanahan, SMSgt, USAF (ret.), present a wreath during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial located on Route 589 near the South Gate of Ocean Pines.

LISA CAPITELLI/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Missed Yacht Club pool date draws fire at OPA board meeting

Four-hour meeting sees half of its time devoted to pool-related charges

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—After a series of votes to deny new proposals for off budget spending during their May 25 meeting, the Ocean Pines Association

Board of Directors was accused by several members of the public of being over-reliant on unrealistic predictions by General Manager Bob Thompson.

More than half of the nearly four-hour meeting focused on the status of construction for the Yacht Club pool. Another confrontation emerged over the timeline for the overdue relocation of the fuel tanks at the marina.

Whether the pool project has been the tragic victim of a sluggish permitting

process, or the inadvertent result of grouping concurrent contracts in a way that has created the very problem it was supposed to avoid, much of the debate on Saturday had one conclusion. Barring a miracle, the new pool at the Yacht Club will not be ready for swimmers this summer...and it was not looking that much better for the marina, which when open is an Ocean Pines cash cow.

Needless to say, Thompson's credibility, veracity and competence took quite a

pounding, from both the board and the public, the latter of which then turned on the board as well.

Thompson began the meeting with a timeline detailing the status of the two most time- and cost-sensitive projects. A change in contract order was executed on March 1 with Harkins Construction, which directed pool subcontractor Parrish Pools Company, Inc., to start construction drawings for review and

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Snow Hill royalty to be crowned at Delmarva Chicken Festival

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SNOW HILL – A pageant to select royalty to reign over the Snow Hill Independence Day Celebration will be staged during the 64th Delmarva Chicken Festival at Byrd Park in Snow Hill at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 22.

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son. It is open to girls ages 12 months to 18 years.

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Participation prizes will be awarded to all entrants. Winners in each category will receive a crown, sash and trophy.

Contestants must have the written

consent of a parent or guardian to participate. Winners will be announced by age group at the end of the pageant. The pageant application deadline is June 15. The entry fee of \$40 per contestant includes the cost of the required festival shirt.

For additional contest information, contact Tammy Simpson at 443-944-4081 or e-mail tammy21863@yahoo.com.

Details on the Delmarva Chicken Festival are available at www.dpicken.org or www.DelmarvaChickenFestival.org.

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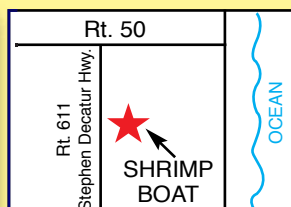
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Stormwater waiver produces request for appeal

Jay Bergey says he's not opposing development, but waiver process itself

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—James Bergey filed a letter to Berlin Town Administrator Anthony Carson on May 16 appealing “the decision of the Town of Berlin to grant stormwater management approval to Main Street Homes regarding its property located near Tripoli and Bay Street.”

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

be adjacent to US 113.

Prior to that commission action, stormwater engineering contractor Darl Kolar of EA Engineering had approved an administrative waiver in a Dec. 21, 2011 letter, prior to the town initiating its own stormwater management plan review program.

The administrative waiver was due to expire on May 4, 2013 unless the proposed plan received final project approval, which it did on May 3. With the final project approval, the waiver was extended until May 4, 2017, provided that all authorized construction is completed by then.

In a May 22 interview, Bergey stressed that he was not filing the appeal to protest the development project.

“I just don’t to have to pay for their stormwater management issues,” he said.

He also said the process was not as transparent as it should be. “They need to

be fair to everybody,” he said.

In his letter to Carson (a copy was also forwarded to town attorney David Gaskill), Bergey requested a complete copy of the file regarding the approval.

“I am most interested in the procedure by which the stormwater management approval was granted and, in particular, whether any waivers were granted, and whether or not the plans are compliant with current stormwater management regulations,” the letter read.

He said the letter was sent to meet the 15-day timeline window required for requesting an appeal.

Gaskill responded to Bergey in a May 21 letter by informing Bergey that his request would not be processed because he had not complied with the town’s requirements for requesting an appeal of actions related to enforcing the policy.

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Council approves wage hike for all municipal employees

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electric fund. It also included a 2 percent salary increase for all town employees and a capital improvement budget of \$182,000 that exceeded the surplus left over from last year by \$1,000.

The council unanimously approved the final details for International Food and Music Day, which is scheduled for June 22 from noon to 6 p.m. and will be set closer to the town's center and northern part of downtown Main Street. It also approved the Parks Commission's plans to conduct a mural contest for high school

students that will ultimately be used to replace the mural near the racquetball courts in Stephen Decatur Park.

The council conducted a first reading for Ordinance 2013-04, which would clarify the rules governing sidewalk obstruction on Main Street, such as sandwich board signs, tables and chairs. The public hearing on the changes will be held during the June 10 council meeting.

The council approved a contract with John Salm for a design and construction drawings to create a proposed sidewalk along Maple Avenue and Tripoli Street.

Bergey's right to appeal questioned

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According to Town Code Sec. 26-217, regarding appeals: "Any person aggrieved by the action of any official charged with the enforcement of this article, as the result of the disapproval of a properly filed application for a permit, issuance of a written notice of violation, or an alleged failure to properly enforce the article in regard to a specific application, shall have the right to appeal the action to the Mayor and Council. The appeal shall be filed in writing within 30 days of the date of official transmittal of the final decision or de-

termination to the applicant, shall state clearly the grounds on which the appeal is based, and shall be processed in the manner prescribed for hearing appeals before the board of appeals."

Moreover, Gaskill questioning Bergey's standing to file an appeal. According to Gaskill, "You lack standing to appeal unless you can demonstrate that you own property which would be adversely affected by the stormwater management decision made in this particular instance."

The waiver granted to Main Street Homes was not subject to appeal, he said.



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Pool's projected opening misses mark, but complaints hit home

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submitted three days later, according to Thompson. Between March 4 through April 10, the drawings were prepared and submitted to Harkins for review, which in turn were passed on to engineering contractor AWB to coordinate the necessary mechanical components and submit the proposal to the proper state and county officials.

According to Thompson's timeline, the demolition and equipment room permits for the pool were submitted on March 18. The county permits were granted March 27 and April 1 respectively, it showed. Construction permits from both the county and state remain outstanding.

The board's Jan. 23 meeting to initiate the new budget season began with green visor scrutiny of the \$630,000 price tag that Thompson estimated was needed to bring the Yacht Club pool and bulkhead back into useable shape. To repair the pool, which was lifted and cracked during Hurricane Sandy, in time for Memorial Day summer season would require a specialist at an additional \$200,000, he said.

Thompson recommended that Harkins be allowed to complete the repair work in a second contract to tie into the work that has already begun on the Yacht Club, in order to maintain a continuity of design throughout the entire complex and as a way to expedite the permit process. He recommended that Harkins be assigned the role of general contractor

to oversee the specialized work of whichever contractor was awarded the work to replace the pool and pump house, in order to coordinate utility specifications and permits.

Thompson, who had assured the board and homeowners that the adult-only Yacht Club pool would open in time for Memorial Day weekend, sought to revise the estimated opening date to Fourth of July weekend. All but two directors—David Stevens and Martin Clarke—voted to authorize the contract.

Declaring the pool project 93 days behind schedule at Saturday's meeting, an incensed Clarke chastised board members who voted to accept a \$630,000 no-bid contract for the club renovation and pool replacement project based on the previous timelines presented by Thompson. "I am now asking what happened," he said.

Noting Thompson's report that applications for the permits had been submitted mid-April, Board President Tom Terry asked Thompson what questions state permit officials were evaluating and what was the basis for the July 4 timeline.

Thompson said he did not know what questions state officials had asked. He said the July 4 estimate was based on information he received from the pool contractor. He admitted it would be a tight and challenging deadline to meet.

"But they are doing everything they can," he said.

Terry responded, "I'm not putting any timeline on this thing until I have a permit in my hands."

"Anyone who thinks they are going to get a building permit in less than 60 days has never built a dog house," Clarke said. Reiterating that board members voted the way they did based on the belief that by doing so the pool would be ready for Memorial Day weekend, which had just begun. "I am going on record as saying we are not going to be open this summer," Clarke said.

Other directors were clearly seeking to address the situation with a bit less rancor and with attempts to show support for Thompson.

Director Ray Unger stressed the importance that the information on the projects going forward be as open and honest as possible.

"We are in the process waiting for permits; this time next year we will have what we are aiming for," he said. "I have told people we are going to have to acknowledge there will be no Yacht Club pool this year."

Director David Stevens asked for deadlines based on best and worst case scenarios. Thompson predicted July 4 was the best case prediction and July 22 would be the worse-case timeline. He said the opinion of the contractor was that once the permits have cleared the project will be completed in a short period of time.

But when Stevens asked whether the July 22 date would include inspections, it was clear from Thompson's answer that it did not.

"So July 22 is not when we will be able to splash in the pool?" he said. With that, he estimated that mid-August would be a more reasonable deadline.

Terry also wanted to know whether combining the pool into the overall Yacht Club renovation contributed to the delay.

"Did that have an effect on why we didn't apply earlier?" he asked. Thompson conceded that coordination meeting between the general, pool and engineering contractor groups did take time. However, Thompson did point out that general contractor Harkins were already installing the pavers, retaining wall and bathrooms around the pool site.

Stevens said the thing that was really hurtful was that members were currently paying for pool memberships, which would put the board in an awkward position of trying to determine how to make those individuals whole if Thompson's second prediction proved to also be wrong.

Terry asked whether the board needed to authorize refunds for members who signed up for pool memberships specifically because they were promised use of the Yacht Club pool. Thompson said he had only received one such request.

Sharyn O'Hare suggested that pools

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By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(May 31, 2013) During a moving, solemn ceremony Monday, the Route 50 service road was formally dedicated as Samuel Bowen Boulevard in memory of the 1983 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School who was killed July 7, 2004, when a rocket-propelled grenade exploded near his vehicle while he was serving with the National Guard in Iraq.

According to the Department of Defense, Bowen was the 1,000th soldier to die during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the first native son of Worcester County to lose his life in Iraq.

Four of his military comrades from the 216th Engineer Battalion — who were with him the day he was killed — joined the crowd estimated at more than 200 people. The battalion's chaplain gave the invocation.

Bud Church, president of the Worcester County Commissioners, said he was honored to be at the dedication on Memorial Day "among the many veterans and active service members whose sacrifices have helped protect our liberties."

Samuel Robert "Smokey" Bowen, "gave his all to protect his family, fellow soldiers, the communities he called home and this great nation," Church said.

"Though he is gone from this earth, his spirit lives on in his family and friends," he said.

He and others were proud to play a role in helping memorialize the brave and caring soldier through the naming of the county road as Samuel Bowen Boulevard, Church said.

Bowen enlisted in the U.S. Army following his 1983 graduation from Stephen Decatur. After completing his time in the Army, he became a professional chef and was executive chef for Volume Services of America in Cleveland.

Although the culinary arts remained his career choice, he wanted to serve his country again and in 1999 he enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard, the 216th Engineer Battalion out of Hamilton, Ohio, and was sent to Iraq.

On June 16, 2004, Bowen saved the life of a fellow soldier. Church told the crowd how Bowen saved Ron Eaton after shrapnel from an explosion tore into Eaton's body. He picked up the wounded soldier and carried him to safety.

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The crowd at the dedication of Samuel Bowen Boulevard, the new name for the Route 50 service road.

Samuel Bowen answered call to duty and paid steep price

County recognizes his sacrifice by honoring him at road dedication

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itary Humvee he was driving.

Bowen was posthumously promoted to private first class and awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Service of Ohio and the Defender of Freedom medals.

In 2005, the Worcester County Commissioners voted unanimously to name the service road, a corridor for commercial properties on the south side of Route 50 from Holly Grove Road to Seahawk Road, Samuel

Bowen Boulevard.

Construction for the first phase of the boulevard started in 2007. The boulevard now runs west .75 miles from its intersection at Holly Grove Road. After the second phase is completed, it will extend to Seahawk Road.

Dedication was tentatively scheduled for fall 2012 but was postponed due to the failing health of Bowen's mother, Elsie Bernice Bowen. Although it was hoped her health would improve and she could attend a dedication, which was her dear desire, she died Oct. 22, 2012.

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Board members say using one contractor for all was mistake

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with lap lanes open one additional lane for lap swimmers who would otherwise have used the Yacht Club pool.

Thompson then outlined the timeline for the project to relocate the gasoline fuel dock at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club Marina, located in Mumford's Landing. He said that an initial meeting to scope out and review the project with Harkins and engineers with AWB took place Feb. 7. However, a problem with a nonresponsive subcontractor caused scheduling delays in mid-May.

According to Thompson, Harkin's had

assigned a replacement subcontractor which was scheduled to begin this week. The new timeline for the project he said would be two months and would be ready to begin once supplies of pipe were received.

Both Clarke and Terry expressed opinions that it was a mistake to use a prime contractor for all of the projects. Clarke pointed out that revenue from marina sales totaled \$57,000 last May and \$120,000 last June. Noting the pumping station has been closed during the construction process, he said, "We have to get these pumps pumping."

Thompson's mea culpa for misstating the status of the Yacht Club Pool during a November town hall meeting drew ire from the board and public alike. Thompson said he misspoke by declaring the pool was emptied prior to Hurricane Sandy, when he should have said that it was filled in preparation of the storm, which inflicted so much damage that the pool is now being replaced.

At issue, however, was that Thompson's critics pointed out that his malapropos came with extensive details at the time on why the pool had to be drained. Clarke and Unger noted that hydrostatic

pressure would have kept the pool from lifting had it been properly filled prior to the storm.

Several members of the public, including Roland Langevin, who is an election candidate for the board of directors, called Thompson's explanation of the inaccuracies into question. Langevin suggested that the board was being to complicit and too reliant on the general manager.

NOTE: Langevin was identified as board candidate "Ronald Langevin" as listed on the OPA Web site. The correct listing should have been "Roland Langevin."

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OBITUARIES

Edward S. Shannon

SELBYVILLE, DEL.—Edward S. Shannon, 86, of Selbyville and formerly of Baltimore died Thursday, May 16, 2013 at home.

He was born in Baltimore and was the son of the late Samuel G. and Lavina B. Wiggington Shannon.

Mr. Shannon was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor E. Shannon, in 2000 and a son, Edward G. Shannon, in 2001.

He is survived by a son, Douglas L. Shannon; a daughter, Joyce E. Castle and her husband John; two brothers, Charles Shannon and Roger Shannon; a sister, Emma Geer; 4 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren.

Mr. Shannon had been a mason at F & S Contracting for many years. He was a member of Sound United Methodist Church near Williamsville and was a member of the Ocean View VFW, the American Legion in Dagsboro and the Moose Lodge in Roxana. He was also a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 8 at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville with Rev. Cliff Toomey officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, Del. 19963.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hastingsfuneralhome.net.

Francis A. Kimpel

OCEAN PINES—Francis A. Kimpel, 81, died in his home in Ocean Pines on Friday, May 17, 2013.

Raised in Glendale, N.Y., he was the son of the late Alfred B. Kimpel and Barbara Urschel.

Mr. Kimpel is survived by his wife Gunvor (Mary) Kimpel; four children, Barbara Kimpel and her partner Karel Cauchon, Beverly Kimpel and her partner Cynthia Skolfield, Francis Kimpel Jr. and his wife Donna, and David Kimpel and his wife Kimberly; and three brothers, Henry Kimpel and his wife Jeanne, Alfred Kimpel, and Sigurd Kimpel and his wife Helen.

He will be greatly missed by his seven grandchildren, Michael, Adam, Seth, Isaiah, Brianna, Lauren and Lily, four great grandchildren and his honorary brother Paul Hexter and his wife Aricelli.

A graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute, Mr. Kimpel was a U.S. Navy veteran specializing in communications and became an engineer for York International.

He retired to the Eastern Shore 25 years ago, where he enjoyed sailing, playing piano and bridge, using his ham radio and gardening. Mr. Kimpel also took pride in being a member of the Community Church of Ocean Pines Choir and planning board as well as being a Mason.

A memorial service will be held on

May 31, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the Community Church at Ocean Pines with Pastor William Sterling officiating. Interment will be at a later date in York, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Church at Ocean Pines – Music Fund, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811; Feeding America, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2000, Chicago, Ill. 60601; or to Children International, P.O. Box 219055, Kansas City, Mo. 64121.

Colbert scholarship benefit set

BERLIN – The Delmarva Education Foundation will hold its first “Honor an Educator” benefit golf tournament at Deer Run Golf Club in Berlin on Saturday, June 8. Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit the both DEF and the new Marian Colbert Memorial Scholarship fund.

DEF is a local non-profit that helps make the dream of obtaining a college degree a reality for students in Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties by assisting them with finding money to continue their education.

Many of the youth served by DEF are low-income, first-generation college students who don't have anyone in the family to help them work through the college application and financial aid process.

The Marian Colbert Memorial Scholarship is being established in memory of Deer Run owner Ed Colbert's first wife, Marian, and will provide money for local students to go to college.

The registration fee is \$100 per player. The tournament will feature a Captain's Choice scramble format and will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Registration will include a continental breakfast, lunch, golf and cart, range balls, one mulligan per player, team prizes and a hole-in-one prize.

Among the other attractions will be

silent and live auctions, a putting contest and a cash raffle and much more. To register, Call Deer Run at 410-629-0060.

Golf tournament sponsors are also needed, as are silent and live auction donations. A tournament sponsor at the \$1,000 level will receive a free team entry for four players, a half-page advertisement in the event program, a sponsorship mention in all tournament marketing and a large sign posted at a hole on the golf course during the event. Additional sponsorship levels are also available.

To become a tournament sponsor or to learn more about DEF, call Rota L. Knott, executive director, at 410-219-3336.

Concert on the Lawn Series will begin on June 9

BERLIN—The Berlin Heritage Foundation announces that the first performance in its 2013 Concert on the Lawn series will take place on Sunday, June 9 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main Street. The Sweet Adelines will perform at this first concert.

“For at least 16 years, the Foundation has been sponsoring these free concerts on the side yard of the Taylor House and they continue to be one of our museum's most popular community events,” stated Curator Susan Taylor. “We've had some talented musicians perform on the lawn and we look forward to another exciting season featuring some old favorites and some new, soon-to-be-favorites.” Returning groups this year include the WW Tunes on July 14 and Picnic on Aug. 11.

Bring a chair and a picnic to enjoy these free concerts on the lawn of the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum at 208 North Main Street in Berlin. Concerts in the series are always held at 6 p.m. on the second Sunday of the months of June through September.

The Taylor House Museum is open from Memorial Day weekend through the end of October on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. Group tours are available anytime by appointment.

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School bd lists personnel changes

At the May 21 Board of Education Meeting, the Board unanimously approved four personnel appointments to fill positions which will be vacated June 30, 2013, due to retirements, promotions, or transfers. The following appointments, effective July 1, 2013, were made:

- Belinda A. Guylas, the current Curriculum Resource Teacher and Testing Coordinator of Cedar Chapel Special School, has been promoted to Principal of Cedar Chapel Special School. Guylas has been an educator in Worcester County Public Schools (WCPS) for 17 years, with a total of 18 years of teaching experience. She will fill the position soon-to-be vacated by Rae Record, who has been named Supervisor of Special Education.

- Sharon R. Smith, a current Resource Teacher at Stephen Decatur High School, has been promoted to Extended School Administrator at Berlin Intermediate School (BIS). Smith has been an educator for WCPS for 21 years, with a total of 25.5 years of teaching experience. She will fill the position soon-to-be vacated by Julie Sigafoos Smith, who will assume the position of Assistant Principal at BIS.

- Faye B. Williams, the current Math Resource Teacher at Pocomoke Middle School (PMS), has been promoted to Extended School Administrator at PMS. Williams has been an educator for WCPS for 1 year, with a total of 16 years of teaching experience. She will fill the position soon-to-be vacated by Jane S. Chisholm, who will

assume the position of Extended School Administrator at Snow Hill Middle School.

- Jonathan J. Kehl has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Snow Hill Middle School, filling the position soon-to-be vacated by Dr. Mary Anne Cooper, who will assume the position of Principal at Snow Hill Elementary School. Kehl, new to Worcester County, has a total of nine years of experience as an educator. Having started his teaching career in Baltimore, Kehl recently served as Principal at the American School of Tampico, Mexico.

In addition to personnel appointments, the Board of Education was also informed about three personnel transfers. The following transfers will be effective July 1:

- Julie Sigafoos Smith will assume the position of Assistant Principal of BIS. Smith has been an educator in WCPS for 8 years.

- Jane S. Chisholm will assume the position of Extended School Administrator at Snow Hill Middle School. Chisholm has been an educator in WCPS for 12 years, with a total of 24 years of teaching experience.

- Barbara L. Phillips has been transferred from Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for Administration to the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. Phillips has provided secretarial and administrative support in WCPS for 25 years.

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- **Special-needs (or supplemental) trust.** A disabled person who receives

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Selbyville restaurant goes home-cooking route

Johnson family turns talents to producing meals at its own place

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

SELBYVILLE— The Johnson Family Restaurant is a clean, friendly eatery, in the Cypress Center, right at the Selbyville, Del. border that is reminiscent of a large family's Thanksgiving dinner or a church social.

That's just what owner Mary Johnson intended.

"I want the atmosphere to feel like you are at home or with friends," she said Tuesday.

She said the idea was one she had been kicking around for years while working in restaurants. Her husband James an apostolic pastor, finally pushed her into it.

"All my life I've cooked," Johnson said, and although she pursued an associate's degree in early childhood education at Delaware Technical Community College, "all the while it was food" that Johnson said she returned to as her passion.

The motto of the restaurant is emblazoned on the roof-top sign, along with a depiction of her that was designed by a family friend. It declares, "Home Cooking for the Soul."

The entrance opens up to a carry-out counter over-looking a clean bright kitchen with equipment and a busy staff of at least three generations of Johnsons and resembles the happy clatter of activity that leads many family gatherings to congregate in the kitchen. One need only to glance at the pleasantly plump cooks to sense that the restaurant is a likely surrogate for anyone missing "mom's home cooking."

The Johnsons opened the restaurant on May 5. The menu features standard home-cooked fare like various chicken, seafood and beef dishes. Additional items like chicken and dumplings and pork chitterlings are offered as daily or weekly specials.

Also on the menu are breakfast specials and omelets, hot and cold sandwiches, two kinds of crab soup and a



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

When asked to describe her establishment, Mary Johnson, owner of the Johnson Family Restaurant at 38555 Dupont Blvd., in Selbyville said, "I want the atmosphere to feel like you are at home or with friends." The restaurant hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. "We all go to church on Sunday's," according to an unidentified family member.

daily special, and a list of entrees that ranged from rib-eye steak and meatloaf, to stuffed grouper and pure-meat-no-filler crab cakes.

During a culinary reconnaissance mission the collard greens and fried chicken passed the test with colors flying—the chicken especially. The skin had a light, crispy consistency while the meat was very tender and moist... perfect; an incredible recipe created by son TJ that no one is divulging. A niece makes many of the cakes and Johnson makes strawberry shortcake.

The dining room was clean and with open space, air conditioning and cable TV, and the tables were pre-set with condiments and cutlery and lots of napkins. Take that as a hint; you will need to use them. The atmosphere is quiet and comfortable, a perfect setting for couples to dine and converse.

Johnson said she plans to offer

catering and currently makes deliveries to offices and events in the area.

The restaurant hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday. "We all go to church on Sunday's," according to an unidentified family member seated near the door.

In fact, there are family members all over the place, which in a family with 12 kids is to be expected. Son Robert Chandler, who many people may know as DJ Wax, runs the kitchen during the busiest hours: breakfast.

Children, siblings, in-laws, nieces and grandchildren all seem to have a role, serving as greeters at the door, cleaning the dining room and busing tables, watching over the parking lot, and of course, cooking.

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A well-crafted trust can help loved ones with special needs

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a life insurance payout or inheritance directly might be disqualified from government assistance programs. Placing assets in a trust could help keep the individual's income or net worth within the eligibility limits for federal benefits.

Distributions from the trust can be made at the discretion of a trustee to pay for a beneficiary's special needs. A special-needs trust may be established as a stand-alone trust or may be incorporated into a revocable living trust.

- Incentive trust. Some people prefer to leave an inheritance that improves family members' quality of life without enabling beneficiaries to become unproductive or financially irresponsible adults. Incentive provisions outline requirements or milestones that must be met before a portion of the trust money is awarded. Provisions may be drafted to promote education, entrepreneurship, public service, or philanthropy; to supplement earned income; and even to discourage certain harmful behaviors.

If parents die without making the appropriate arrangements, the courts will decide what happens to their assets and who will become the physical and finan-

cial guardians of their underage or disabled children. Most families would prefer to make these potentially life-altering decisions for themselves.

The use of trusts involves a multifaceted labyrinth of tax rules and regulations. You should consider the counsel of an experienced estate planning professional and/or your legal and financial advisors before implementing a trust strategy.

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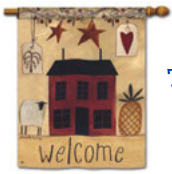
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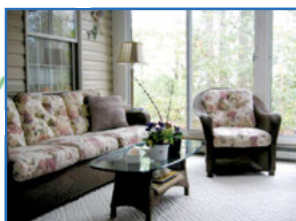
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Billy Casper unheralded by many, unmatched by most

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—Legendary golf pro Billy Casper, who spent May 22 at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club as the venue celebrated the reopening of its back nine greens after a major renovation project, also found a few minutes to agree to a short interview between appearances.

Highlights of the Billy Casper Day event included a putting clinic for some of the 120 people who participated in the Rediscover Ocean Pines Golf Tournament, a chat session with Casper recounting his incredible pro golf career and an awards reception for the winning team of Bob Brice, Ron Olaszewski, Warren Oxford and Jan Schlegel.

In his autobiography "Billy Casper: The Big Three and Me," with James Parkinson and Lee Benson, Casper discusses his family life, naval career and rise from obscurity to become one of the greatest players in the game of professional golf and winner of the 1966 U.S. Open. Only unlike his contemporaries Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player—known by golfing aficionados as The Big Three—Casper's triumphs went largely unheralded despite his career-long string of successes.

In the forward to the book, Casper's more celebrated peers paid tribute to his mastery of the game. "Bill's fifty-one PGA career wins rank seventh all-time," they

acknowledged. "He won two U.S. Opens and one Masters. He won at least one tournament a year for 16 consecutive seasons, from 1956 through 1971," a record they pointed out that was exceeded only by Nicklaus and Palmer. The tribute ended with the statement, "As Jack [Nicklaus] put it in his autobiography, 'The trio should really have been a quartet.'"

Bayside Gazette: What inspires you to decide whether to manage a course? What are the criteria that you use to determine whether or not a course is going to bear your imprimatur?

Billy Casper: Whether there is a need to upgrade the golf course. Whether there is a need to develop a relationship with the people in the area in which the golf course exists. We want to make it more enjoyable for everyone who plays the game of golf. The condition of the golf course is such an important ingredient in that and then to make people feel as if they are wanted and are treated properly; so much so that they want to come back and use the facilities time after time after time. So we do everything to make this more enjoyable for the players.

BG: What sorts of things do you do specifically?

BC: Those are the two main things that we do right there: we upgrade the

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condition of the golf course and we upgrade the relationship with the clientele.

BG: In this particular course was there anything that distinguished it from other courses that you design and manage?

BC: No. There was a need by the membership and it was a common decision between Billy Casper Golf and the person that you are doing the presentation with and it is up to them if they want to hire the company to be used. We are the largest in the United States right now. We are approaching (within two or three) of managing 150 golf courses and we have more than 6,000 employees.

BG: Are you just in the United States?

BC: Yes, just in the United States.

BG: Are there particular regions that have more golf courses than others?

BC: We manage about 15 facilities in Chicago for Cook County Forest Preserve and that is the largest concentration of golf courses that we manage in an area. We also have another eight courses in the Chicago area, for a total of 23 courses and driving ranges.

BG: Why is there so much golf in Chicago?

BC: That is just one of the seats of golf.

BG: So what was your reason for agreeing to manage the Ocean Pines course?

BC: To help turn the facility around and put it in a position of making money.

BG: What do you think is the formula for a successful course?

BC: To have a great teaching program, full management of the grounds with a greens superintendent, good food and lots of fun.

BG: Do you have any parting comments for the golfing community at Ocean Pines?

BC: I'm grateful that we have such a following throughout the U.S. and with people who are seeking to make their game a success.

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(May 31, 2013) Dave "Elvis" Ehlert has announced that he will bring his tribute to Hank Williams to the stage of The OC Jamboree in West Ocean City "at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22.

Ehlert's stage show in Branson features him performing as countless other legends of country music. According to Ehlert, audience members should expect to hear and see many of their favorite artists from past days of country music in his show, "Hank Williams and Country Legends."

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The winning team of the Rediscover the Pines Golf Tournament, Jan Schlegel, left, Warren Oxford, Bob Brice and Ron Olszewski, were congratulated by legendary golf pro Billy Casper at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club on May 22.



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EDITORIAL

Over-promising and under-delivering

Successful businesses and attentive public officials tend to go by the old adage of under-promise and over-deliver, something a few area entities should strive harder to do.

Tempers flared at the Ocean Pines community meeting this past weekend as discussions turned to when and if some pools and gas at the marina would be available. Prior overly optimistic statements led property owners to believe that both the Yacht Club pool and Marina would be open by Memorial Day weekend.

It would have been wiser to provide the community with a more realistic view. While there may be a bit of grumbling for an expected temporary inconvenience, trying to keep everyone happy with invalid information only serves to develop the fury and mistrust shown Saturday.

In Berlin, this week, the Fire Company made an 11th-hour appearance at the Town Council meeting with long-awaited financial documents in hand. These documents had been requested by the city months ago. As the town prepared to vote on accepting the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, it was a bit late to take steps to resolve on-going issues.

While everyone, including the town, and fire company would like to see the issues resolved and restore some level of funding to the cash-strapped organization, it certainly doesn't look good when a last-minute plea with only portions of the request are met.

The Fire Company along with OPA board and management would better serve themselves by using a more straightforward method to resolve outstanding issues.

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LETTERS

Cordner opposes Common Core

Editor,

Has anyone noticed that our country has spent more money than it has to the tune of over 16 trillion \$ in national debt? Does anyone realize that it will take generations of our offspring to pay off this debt? Who do you think will bail us out?

Last week, the National Education Association newsletter instructed its members to put the full court press on Congress to approve the current "immigration" bill - how much could that cost?

I attended the last school board meeting in an attempt to bring my concerns about Common Core to the attention of the bureaucrats and ruling class elite.

The regular meeting format was changed at this meeting so the board could present their

overwhelming collective support for Common Core prior to allowing the citizens to speak. The focus of the presentation was the "curriculum" and the necessity of using electronic tablets or being left in the Stone Age. I do not recall any attempt to address the costs and data mining issues.

Apparently, no one in authority in this county has any concern that there is a nationwide protest against this insidious plan.

Now that the Board has secured a promise of yet another salary increase from the County Commissioners for its constituency, their employees' union dues can be used to continue their supremacy in this county. You are aware of the State dictate called MOE, right?

I am just a lowly Christian citizen so I will render unto Cesar, but I will not drink your KoolAid. By the grace of God, I

will continue to try to speak the truth to the powers that be and pray that their ears will hear.

Gwen L. Cordner
 Ocean City

No votes for anyone

Editor,

I will not vote for any candidate for the OPA Board of Directors who was on the previous boards that voted for: building the community center on Route 589 at a cost that was not true; spend over \$25K for 'yes' signs in support of the community center on Route 589; that ramrodded the cover for the Sports Core pool at a cost of \$1 million; those who lowered the age limit on paid admittance from 9 years old to 5 years old. Aquatics has not made money since - I have not forgotten.

Michael H. Graves
 Ocean Pines

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The board presented Powell with The St. Martin's Pearl Award. She received an 18-karat gold and cultured pearl bracelet from Liljenquist & Beckstead Jewelers.

Guest and visitors also had Maryland Wines donated by the event sponsor, The Maryland Wine Bar, with proprietors Deb and Michael Everett pouring an array of wines for everyone to sample.

The Worcester County Garden Club decorated St. Martin's for the event. The seasonal floral arrangements graced the 18th Century architectural details.

Powell will continue her service to St. Martin's as a member of the Honorary Board.

Kiwanis Builders Clubs

Mindy Bankert, teacher and Kiwanis Builders Club Advisor at Stephen Decatur Middle School reported on the club-building process at the May 22 meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City.

She along with her club advisor,

Jackie Todd, and SDHS Key Club Roy Foreman established the charter club for the middle school for last fall. Its creation means that all local schools now have Kiwanis representation.

The charter club has 50 student members and a waiting list for 7th and 8th grades. Of those, about 25 of the 8th graders will go on to participate in the Key Club in Stephen Decatur High School. Her Builders Club supported local military veterans and raised more than \$5,000 for their community projects the first year.

Book signing

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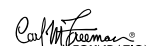
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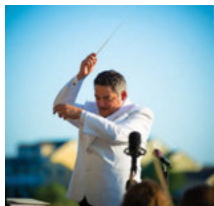
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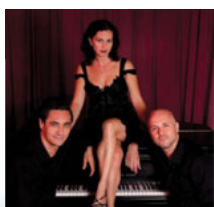
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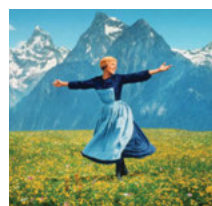
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Friday, July 19th @ 7pm
\$10 for adults • Kids are free



THE SOUND OF MUSIC BY CLEAR SPACE THEATRE

Saturday, July 20th @ 7pm
\$10 for adults • Kids are free



CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: ABBEY ROAD

Friday, July 26th @ 7pm
\$20 per person



HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS: BOB SEGER TRIBUTE

Friday, August 2nd @ 7pm
\$10 for adults • Kids are free



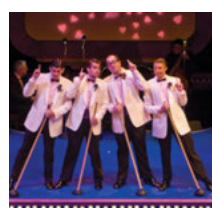
FRANC D'AMBROSIO'S BROADWAY: SONGS OF THE GREAT WHITE WAY

Saturday, August 3rd @ 7pm
\$10 for adults • Kids are free



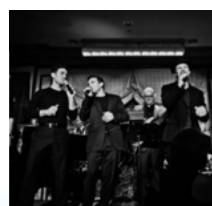
CHERISH THE LADIES

Friday, August 16th @ 7pm
\$15 per person



FOREVER PLAID BY OLNEY THEATRE

Friday, August 23rd @ 7pm
\$10 for adults • Kids are free



DOO WOP PROJECT

Friday, August 30th @ 7pm
\$15 per person

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SNAPSHOTS



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Berlin Mayor Gee Williams helps to lead off the Old Fashioned Memorial Day Parade along Flower Street on May 27. The Memorial Day weekend began with a basketball tournament in Henry Park on May 25.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Stephen Decatur High School Marching Band helped commemorate Memorial Day with music and twirlers on May 27 during a parade along Flower Street.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The weather was great and the participants were colorful and proud. They were on hand to help the town maintain its tradition of honoring its war heroes.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
A color guard team, with the United States, Maryland, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flags, served as a reminder of the purpose for the remembrance event during Berlin's Old Fashioned Memorial Day.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Kids Love a Parade, Berlin commemorated the memory of its servicemen and women during the May 27 Old Fashioned Memorial Day along Flower Street.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
The Black Knights Motorcycle Club of Maryland, many of whom proudly displayed their veterans' insignias, made an impressive showing, and sound, during the event.

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

THURSDAY, MAY 30

COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE RAVENS ROOSTS ANNUAL CONVENTION — Welcome social at the Castle in the Sand, 37th Street, Ocean City. Info: Sue Draper, sdraper65@verizon.net or www.councilrr.com or 443-618-5130.

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

LIVING WELL WORKSHOP — Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Thursdays, May 2 through June 6, 9-11:30 a.m. Free, six-week workshop that teaches how to live a quality life with chronic disease. Chronic conditions include diabetes, arthritis, depression, asthma, bronchitis, pain, heart disease or any condition that hinders you. Contact: Laura Small, 410-629-6820.

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Kris Nielsen, BA, MA, author of *Children Of The Core, What We Can Do To Fight Back*, an insider's view on how education reform policies are selling our children's futures for profit. All interested citizens welcome. Info: 443-614-7214, WorTeaParty@gmail.com or www.worcestercountyteaparty.com.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 31

COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE RAVENS ROOSTS ANNUAL CONVENTION — Castle in the Sand, 37th Street, Ocean City. Competition between Roosts to include corn hole, horseshoes, scavenger hunt, karaoke contest, miniature golf (location TBA), bingo, catered tailgate cookout and player's forum. Info: Sue Draper, sdraper65@verizon.net or www.councilrr.com or 443-618-5130.

16TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT — Ocean Pines Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive. Proceeds fund scholarships to our three local high schools. Tee sponsor packages available. Sponsored by Ocean City's Ravens Roost #44. Info: 302-222-0159.

SILENT AUCTION - LAST DAY TO BID — A silent auction to benefit the Art League of Ocean City's scholarship fund is being held at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th



MIRROR BOXES

Worcester Prep Grade 10 biology teacher Jenn Corron uses mirror boxes to help students learn more about how the brain works. Students, from left, Ali Wyatt, Caroline Lindsay and Victoria Lawrence use the boxes, which "trick the brain" as they attempt to draw a line inside a simple star.

St. Local artist, Peter Cosby, has donated his original oil painting, "Atlantic Light," valued at \$6,000. Minimum bid is \$2,500 with minimum increments of \$100. Auction will close on May 31, at 4 p.m. To place a bid, visit the Center for the Arts, call the Art League of Ocean City at 410-524-9433 or visit www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

'A QUILTED GARDEN' QUILT SHOW — Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Road and the St. Paul's Church, 225 S. Morris St., Oxford, Md., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore Guild.

BINGO — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

RAVENS ROOSTS PARADE — Baltimore Avenue, 19th Street to 26th Street, 10 a.m. to noon. Showcasing more than 50 member roosts from Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Players, cheerleaders, mascots, bands, floats and more. Info: Sue Draper, sdraper65@verizon.net or www.councilrr.com or 443-618-5130.

MARK SILLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: East Gym and West Gym. May Super Shoot Out Basketball Tournament. Info: 410-250-0125.

'A QUILTED GARDEN' QUILT SHOW AND GARDEN TOUR — The quilt show is held in both the Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Road and the St. Paul's Church, 225 S. Morris St., Oxford, Md., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore Guild. "The Seacret Gardens of Oxford" garden tour is sponsored by the Oxford Garden Club and held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets available at Oxford Town Park.

'FIRST SATURDAY' COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALES — Montego Bay Community during the months of June, July and August, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants would include 1,523 properties on nine miles of streets.

THE ISLAND BOYS IN CONCERT — New Hope United Methodist Church, Willards, 6 p.m. Love offering will be accepted. Info: 410-543-8244 or 443-235-0251.

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast,

lunch, soups and baked goods. Table rental: 410-629-0926.

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.

MALLARD LANDING ART SHOW — Featuring a variety of media including painting, crochet, stained glass, wood carving and pottery, hand-made by residents and display on the patio (weather permitting) and inside the Clubhouse Dining Room. Free and open to the public, 2-4 p.m. There will be demonstrations of wood carving and pottery on the wheel. Refreshments and music by The Jazz Guys starting at 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

OC BEACHLIGHTS — Ocean City beach at North Division Street. Showtimes are 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free, eight-minute Laser Light Show featuring a five-story tall inflatable sphere featuring a visual laser, lighting, special effects, video and audio production with visibility along the Boardwalk. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN or www.ococean.com.

MARK SILLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: East Gym and West Gym. May Super Shoot Out Basketball Tournament. Info: 410-250-0125.

3RD ANNUAL PADDLE BOARD RACE — Fager's Island. There will be races for the experienced and for novices. Race and activities for children. Surf swap, several artists, silent auction and paddle board raffle.

'A QUILTED GARDEN' QUILT SHOW — Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Road and the St. Paul's Church, 225 S. Morris St., Oxford, Md., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore Guild.

'PADDLE FOR A PURPOSE' SUNSET PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR — Coastal Kayak, 36840 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, Del. will host a Sunset Photography Tour with award-winning nature photographer Ken Arni. The event benefits Marine Education, Research and Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. Cost is \$50 per person. Minimum age is 16 years. Call 302-539-7999, for information on what to take with you. Registration is required: 302-539-7999, info@coastalkayak.com or stop by Coastal Kayak.

SPRING CONCERT BY PINE TONES CHORUS Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 and are available in advance from members of the chorus or at the door. Info: Pat Beisler, 410-208-2682 or June Todd, 410-289-7373.

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MONDAY, JUNE 3

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN RELAY —

Pre-event ceremonies from 8-8:30 a.m. at 27th Street and the Boardwalk, Ocean City. Torch Run Relay begins at 8:30 a.m. Run concludes at N. Division Street with photo opportunity and refreshments, 9:15-9:30 a.m. The groups will then load bus to proceed to Historic Downtown Berlin, for the second leg of the Relay. Meet at Worcester Preparatory School for Pre-Run Pep Rally, 10-10:15 a.m. Begin second leg through Berlin, 10:15 a.m. Conclude at Berlin Fire Department (approx. 1 mile run), 10:45-11 a.m., with more refreshments and photo opportunities. Each leg will have support vehicles and/or buses so participants can run as much or as little as they want. Bicycles are also welcome. The 2013 T-shirts should be worn for this event and may be purchased in advance or the morning of the event for \$10. The relay is an awareness campaign to highlight the UNITED law enforcement efforts to benefit Special Olympics. Info: Sgt. Dennis G. Eade, 410-520-5309 or www.somd.org/images/stories/torch_run_by_day2012_for_web.pdf.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month at Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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

WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY SEMINAR

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, first Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m. Dr. Lucy Van Voorhees will discuss "Heart Disease & Diabetes." All welcome. Info: Darlene Jameson, 410-629-6877 or the AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING —

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS

MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean



JESSE KLUMP MEMORIAL SCHOLAR

The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund announced the 2013 Jesse Klump Memorial Scholar, Torres Byron Savage, March 22, during Snow Hill High School Awards Night. Savage will use the \$12,000 scholarship to advance his studies at Towson University. JKMF President Kim Klump, left, is joined by Torres Savage and JKMF Vice President Leah Klump.

Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

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

MUSEUM OPEN — Historic St. Martin's Church Museum, 11413 Worcester Highway, near the intersection of routes 589 and 113, will be open every Monday, through the end of October, from 1-4 p.m. Info: 410-251-2849.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

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

CRAB NIGHT — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) every Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, crab soup, pizza and more. Order crabs in advance: Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 410-524-7994.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m. Chaplain Gail Mansell will discuss "Advanced Directives." All welcome. Info: Ellen Lurz, 443-814-5450 or elurz52@mchsi.com; or AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

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

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fen-

wick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

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

ONGOING EVENTS

BOOKS BY THE BAG SALE — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, during library hours, June 7 through August. Gently used books sold for \$4 per bag. Sponsored by Friends of the Ocean City Library.

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 June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features hand-crafted home decor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP-OC —

Meets every Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, except third Wednesdays when it meets at Hall's Restaurant, 5909 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7:45 a.m. (June through September). Info: 410-641-7330.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH —

Free movies on the beach for the family every Wednesday, June 5 through Aug. 28, 8:30 p.m. at the Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 118th Street and oceanfront in Ocean City. Additionally, every Monday and Friday at 8:30 p.m., June 24 through Aug. 9, a movie will be shown at 27th Street on a 16-foot projector. On Thursdays, July 11 through Aug. 29, movies will be shown on the beach at the Princess Royale, 9100 Coastal Highway, 8:30 p.m. Special showing July 2. No movie on July 4. Take a blanket. Info: 800-626-2326.

BAR-B-QUE RAFFLE —

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

HELP FOR VETERANS —

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

BELMONT VIEWING PARTY



SATURDAY, JUNE 8 AT NOON

Join the Casino at Ocean Downs on June 8 for the third jewel of the Triple Crown! We'll broadcast the race LIVE on our BIG SCREEN TV at the racetrack and feature food and drink specials, prizes, and a Slot Dollar giveaway!



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Saturday June 1st ~ Kaleb Brown • 2-6pm

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LIVE MUSIC

■ 19th Hole

9636 Stephen Decatur Hwy., West OC

FRIDAY – Walt Farozic
Saturday – Melissa Alesi
Sunday – Something to Someone
Thursday – Louis Wright

■ BJ's on the Water

75th St. Bayside, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Tranzfusion
SATURDAY – Tranzfusion
WEDNESDAY – Randy Lee Ashcraft

■ Carousel/Bamboo Lounge

118th St. Oceanside, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Only Better – Live Karaoke Band
SATURDAY – Kaleb Brown

■ Clarion Resort

101st St. Oceanside, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Arizona
SATURDAY – Arizona

■ Dead Freddie

64th St. Bayside, Ocean City

FRIDAY – DJ Wax
SATURDAY – DJ Wax / John LaMere

■ DeLazy Lizard

1st & the Bay, Ocean City

THURSDAY – Tim & The Animal
SATURDAY – Brian Barley
SUNDAY – Tropical Itch

■ DeNovo's

South Gate, Ocean Pines

THURSDAY – Al Prescott
SATURDAY – Al Prescott
TUESDAY – Al Prescott

■ Fager's Island

60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Kevin Poole / No Pets for Noah
SATURDAY – Opposite Directions / No Pets for Noah
SUNDAY – Everett Spells / Colossal Fossil Sauce
MONDAY – DJ Rob Cee / The Loop
TUESDAY – DJ Hook

■ Galaxy 66

66th St. Bayside, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Philly George

■ Globe Theater

12 Broad St., Historic Berlin

FRIDAY – Mike & Lauren
SATURDAY – Hot Sauce Sandwich

■ Harborside Bar & Grill

12841 S. Harbor Rd., West Ocean City

THURSDAY – Opposite Directions



Opposite Directions @ Harborside



Randy Lee Ashcraft @ BJ's On The Water

FRIDAY – DJ Billy T
SATURDAY – Simple Truth & DJ Jeremy
SUNDAY – Opposite Directions

■ Harpoon Hannas

142nd St. Bayside, Fenwick Island

THURSDAY – John LaMere
FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins
SATURDAY – Dave Sherman
SUNDAY – Kevin Poole
MONDAY – Dave Hawkins
TUESDAY – Kevin Poole
WEDNESDAY – Bobby Burns

■ Jive

83rd St. Bayside, Ocean City

FRIDAY – Bryan Clark
SATURDAY – Raucous Bros

■ M.R. Ducks

311 Talbot St., Ocean City

FRIDAY – Phil Knight Duo
SATURDAY – Johnny Bling
SUNDAY – Overtime
MONDAY – Nathan Pinchak Band

■ Ocean Pines Yacht Club

Mumfords Landing Rd., Ocean Pines

SATURDAY – Island Sounds
SUNDAY – Wes Davis

■ Purple Moose

Talbot & Caroline Sts., Ocean City

THURSDAY – Adrenalize Def
FRIDAY – Doc Hollywood
SATURDAY – Doc Hollywood

■ Ristorante Antipasti

3103 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City

FRIDAY – Linda Sears & Michael Smith

■ Schooners/Princess Royale

91st St., Ocean City

FRIDAY – Harry O
SATURDAY – Harry O

■ Seacrets

49th & the Bay, Ocean City

THURSDAY – Lucky Dub
FRIDAY – Jim Long Band / Lucky Dub / The Benjamins
SATURDAY – Jim Long Band / Lucky Dub / The Benderz
SUNDAY – Bimini Rd.
MONDAY – Bimini Rd.
TUESDAY – New Direction
WEDNESDAY – Zion Reggae Band

■ Sunset Grille

12933 Sunset Ave., West OC

FRIDAY – Hot Sauce Sandwich

PUZZLES

MADE-FOR-TV MOVIES By Joon Pahk and Jeremy Horwitz / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across

1 Friends in a pub

6 Openly disdain

13 Baroque French dance

20 Cognizant

21 Relaxing soak

22 Alma mater of Eli Manning

23 TV movie about ... where I can easily get a cab?

25 “I’m not kidding”

26 Mind-numbing

27 Kind of pressure involved in water filtration

29 French word with two accents

30 ... where to go in Togo?

37 Home-run pace

40 Arriviste

41 Greek vowels

42 Network with the slogan “Not Reality. Actuality”

44 “Me and Bobby ___” (posthumous Janis Joplin No. 1)

46 Pants measure

47 ... a Hispanic “hip hip hooray”?

53 Cousin ___

54 Nikkei unit

55 Epitome of thinness

56 Greet silently

For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.
- 57 Janis’s cartoon husband

58 NBC newsmen Holt

60 Step

61 Specter of the Senate, once

62 ... trying to get a friar to violate his vow of silence?

68 Trade talk

71 Soak

72 Farfalle and orzo

76 Old French line

77 Comment that might get the response “de rien”

78 Follower of Las Vegas or New York

81 Back

82 Livy’s “I love”

83 ... a singing group that meets for bacon and eggs?

87 Bursts (in)

89 Russians, e.g.

90 “Stoutly-built” Dickens villain

91 Concave object of reflection?

92 Not mixing well?

96 School orgs.

97 ... Skywalker’s trendy hygiene products?

101 Boxer, e.g., in brief

104 Drinks served in flutes

105 Parliament constituent?

108 “How touching”

111 ... giving a pipsqueak the brush-off?
- 115 Yasir Arafat, by birth

116 State symbol of Massachusetts

117 Archbishop of Canterbury’s headdress

118 Fabulously rich ancient king

119 White Castle offerings

120 Comparatively foxy

Down

1 Lacking shine

2 Expect

3 Ones going to Washington?

4 Pennsylvania’s Flagship City

5 Mtg.

6 Whale of an exhibition

7 Miles Davis ___ (cool jazz group)

8 Fig. on a terminal monitor

9 Die down

10 With 69-Down, 1990s-2000s sitcom star

11 Tops

12 Santiago’s milieu in a Hemingway novel

13 Become lenient

14 Prince Valiant’s love

15 Checks out

16 Original opening to Homer’s “Odyssey”?

17 Hermano del padre o de la madre
- 18 The Tigers of the Ohio Valley Conf.

19 Ogee’s shape

24 Binge

28 Neighbor of Alg.

31 Even more vast

32 Phone abbr.

33 Exploits

34 Nickname for Clara Bow

35 Jerseys and such

36 Actor Kutcher

38 Numbered rd.

39 Binge

42 Texter’s ta-ta

43 Syngman of South Korea

44 VHF unit

45 Jobs’s job, once

46 You might choose something by it

48 Grant for filmmaking?

49 Start to matter?

50 Bellyache

51 “Gotcha, man”

52 Hellhound of Norse mythology

57 Torah holders

59 General ___ chicken

60 ___-goat

61 Standard part of a limerick

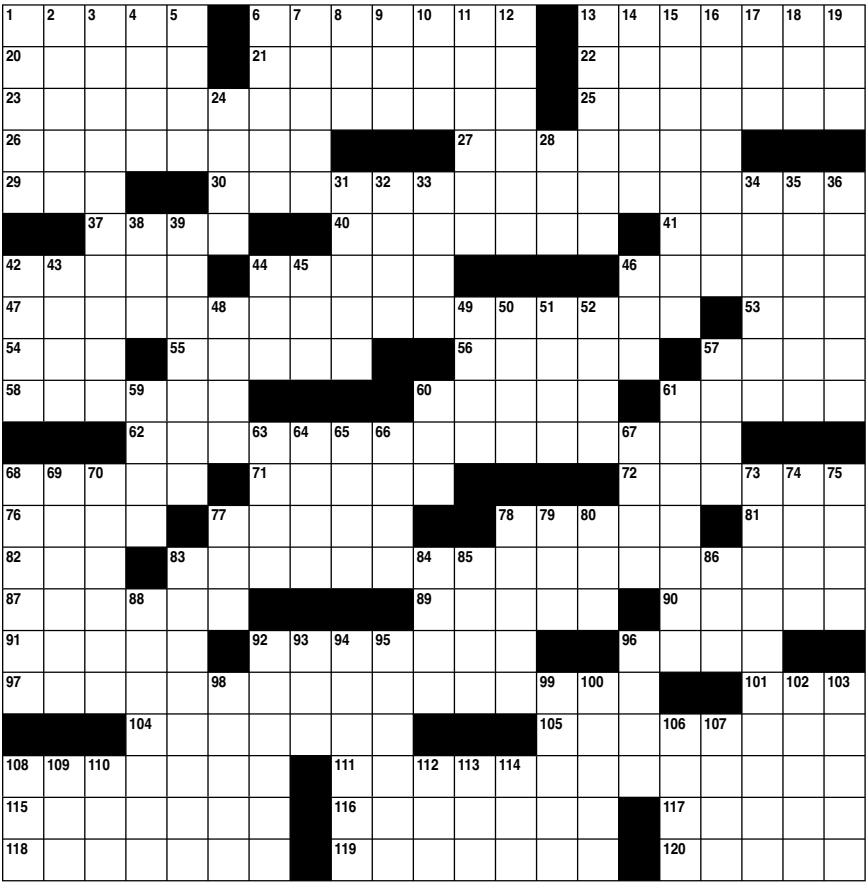
63 James who died three years before winning a Pulitzer

64 “A Doll’s House” wife

65 “Do not like”

66 Worker’s weekend whoop

67 Anthony’s partner in radio



- 68 Language from which “cotton” and “candy” are derived

69 See 10-Down

70 Day, to da Vinci

73 Has an adult conversation?

74 Feverish fit

75 Doesn’t just tear up

77 ___ Piggie- Wiggle (children’s character)

78 Engine problem
- 79 French high-speed rail inits.

80 Literary inits.

83 Retro dos

84 Where the world’s 100 tallest mountains are found

85 It’s an affront

86 “Homeland” org.

88 Basketball Hall-of-Famer Artis

92 Positive ends

93 ’60s activist org.
- 94 Oklahoma Indians

95 “I Never Played the Game” memoirist

96 Prominent beefcake features

98 “I’d like to see ___” nine times in a list of Indy 500 winners

100 Long-tailed beach fliers

102 ___ nous
- 103 Urban ___, 2004 and 2012 undefeated college football coach

106 ___ law

107 Sweat

108 Former railroad regulatory agcy.

109 Blemish

110 Italian mine?

112 “I did NOT need to hear that”

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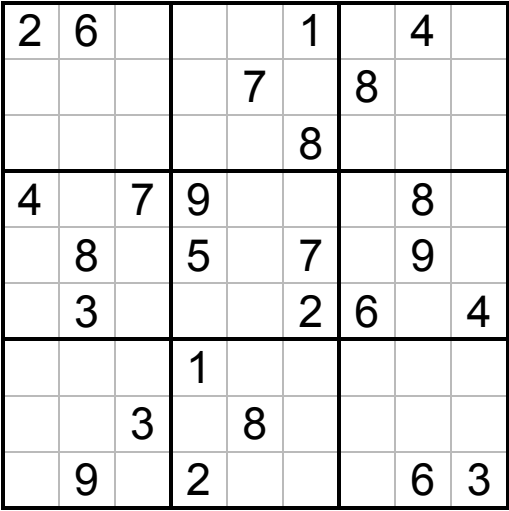
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HARD – 23

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



Answers to last week’s puzzles

3	7	8	6	5	1	4	2	9
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

That's not a sandwich, that's a muffaletta



By Paul Suplee,
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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. 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 travelling 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 became 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 Vaughn, 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

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