

Berlin's proposed budget shows 12 percent spending increase

Plan also contains more than \$400,000 surplus over 2013 package

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— The town's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget was released to the general public during a Mayor and Council Meeting on May 27.

Total revenue expenditures were up for the first time since 2010, as the proposal increased overall spending by 12 percent, or \$474,910. The budget also

revealed a \$461,010 surplus from the previous year.

Several notable increases, including a 1008 percent, \$188,753 jump in the general fund contingency, were due to adjusted numbers shown in the fiscal year 14 amended budget.

"The original amount of \$200,000-some dollars was allocated over time during the year," said Town Administrator Laura Allen. "The council allocated contingencies to other line items, so that original amount was reduced. The reason it looks like such a big difference between what's in there now and what we're proposing is because

it's being compared not with the original budget number, but with the allocation that's left at this point in time."

Stormwater, a hot-button issue due to major flooding in several areas, projected a spending increase of 178 percent, up \$835,600 over the previous year. Water and sewer spending are both projected to increase for the first time since 2010, while electric spending would fall 15 percent.

Other notable increases in spending include a 1,300 percent increase in tourism, up from \$500 the previous year to \$70,000 in FY 15. Youth program spending looks to increase

\$23,950, a 298 percent jump, and \$150,000 were allocated for sidewalk upgrades on Baker Street, Bryan Avenue, Cedar Avenue, Branch Street West, Grace Street, Flower Street, Maple Avenue and Washington Street. Sidewalk upgrades will be paid by the town's general fund.

Fringe benefits spending projected an average increase of more than 500 percent across all departments thanks to a one-time \$500 pay hike for town employees. Also included in the budget was a 3 percent overall pay raise.

Special connection fees in the water
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OP election race thins out as one hopeful withdraws

Trendic drops out and endorses two others

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES – The race for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors was trimmed to six on Tuesday, as businessman Slodoan Trendic announced his withdrawal.

Trendic intends to support David Stevens and Patrick Renaud.

Born in Belgrade, capital of former Yugoslavia, Trendic moved to the United State in 1978. He lived in Davidsonville, Md. until 2008, when he moved to Ocean Pines.

In the May/early June issue of Ocean Pines Progress Trendic slammed Ocean Pines Administration General Manager Bob Thompson's new contract in an opinion piece titled "OPA Directors Blunder on General Manager Contract." Thompson will receive a base salary of \$165,000 with incentives that could bring the total to more than \$200,000. By contrast, the article listed the base salary of the Ocean City manager (\$150,636), the Annapolis city manager (\$153,011) and the Wicomico County director of administration (\$124,000).

"If you look at the controversy sur-
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Nelson Street resident Barbara Gallagher has dealt with flooding problems for more than a decade. Gallagher recently complained about the issue during a hearing on proposed stormwater upgrades.

Flooding remains problem for Nelson Street resident

Years of complaining, has made no difference in addressing situation

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— Nelson Street resident Barbara Gallagher has been dealing with severe drainage problems for more than a decade.

Gallagher made her voice heard during a mayor and council meeting on May 27, complaining that town government had failed to address the stormwater problem after improvements were promised last year.

The first time she noticed the

problem – 15 years ago – she expected the worst.

“We had been here about two weeks and we had one of those summer cloudbursts, and I looked out the window and said, ‘oh dear God I forgot to buy flood insurance,’” Gallagher said. “The whole street was underwater. It starts around my house and swells out. It’s a terrible inconvenience.

“The street fills up and comes back in between my neighbor’s and my yard,” she continued. “They’ve lived here all their lives – they’ve really put up with this for a long, long time. I’ve only had to deal with it for about 15 years.”

Gallagher keeps a pair of boots by the door and another in her car in anticipation of rain.

Several years ago Perdue officials dug a trench in their property and filled it with what Gallagher believed to be Crush n Run in an attempt to alleviate flooding.

“The town had them cement over it, so now it’s like a dam,” she said. “The water just spills over it and back onto the street and into our property. When cars go by if they’re going at any rate of speed it throws the water up, comes in here and takes the mulch and carries it away.”

According to Gallagher, the problem hasn’t improved since upgrades were completed on West Street last year. The town is currently applying for grants that would fund the Hudson Branch Stormwater Project that includes improvements on Williams and Flower streets, following by upgrades on Graham, Grice and Nelson.

A year ago Gallagher said Berlin officials promised to begin the upgrades on Nelson Street.

“They’ve had several meetings and hearings, and they’ve had the Army Corps of Engineers come here and check it out – that was pre-Afghanistan,” she said. “The first time I went to a town meeting I had a picture of my dog swimming in the yard and the comment that I got was, ‘it looks like they’re having fun.’ Well, I can take them over to Bayside and Assateague and have them swim too. That was probably eight or nine years ago.

“Last year we were told that they were going to fix it and that we were on the top of the list,” Gallagher continued. “As they said (at the last meeting) we’re third on the list now, but the thing is that there are only three people on the list. So we’re at the bottom of the list, basically.”

Gallagher was told construction had to begin on Williams Street in order for the flow of flood waters to be properly dispersed throughout the area.

“I can understand that,” she said.

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Trendic quits OP board race, throws support to two others

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rounding the [general manager] contract there are many,” Trendic said. “His contract was renewed two months prior to his original contract expiration. The reason for rushing the contract two months in advance of schedule was just totally inappropriate. The base salary the [general manager] was given was totally out of line with the local job market. The justification and the comparables that the board majority used were totally inappropriate.”

Trendic also slammed Thompson for “big mistakes” costing the municipality “hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial losses,” citing the Java Café, yacht club swimming pool and problems with the golf course.

“The majority of people in the community feel that the [general manager’s] performance over the past three

years is unsatisfactory and it does not justify a very lucrative, very generous contract that he has received,” Trendic said. “I think what you’re seeing is a very vocal community standing up to the board and saying ‘enough is enough.’”

“The [general manager] contract, I believe, was the tipping point for many in this community to get involved and to voice their opinion,” Trendic continued. “It certainly was a tipping point for me and the reason I wrote the commentary and the reason I started putting a lot of time and effort to basically do something about this.”

‘In order to make the change possible that everybody is asking for, I anticipate the board will have a new president.’

SLODOAN TRENDIC
Former OPA Board candidate

The piece received strong praise, and Trendic decided to enter the Ocean Pines board race as an outsider candidate focusing on shaking up the current administration.

He wasn’t the only one.

“Basically we had five candidates promoting change,” he said. “I felt that all five of us, by staying in the race, would actually hurt each other. No one can control or foresee the future, but I felt that I could control my own actions and this was the right action that I should take. I didn’t want to battle for the same votes with the other four candidates that basically stand for similar, if not the same things that I stand for.”

Two incumbent candidates, Jeff Knepper and Terri Mohr, remain. They will face challenges from Lawrence Lee, Dan Moul, Stevens and Renaud.

“In order to make the change possible that everybody is asking for, I anticipate the board will have a new president,” Trendic said. “I believe the person that is most suitable is Dave Stevens. I think he’s done great things in the past – and some not-so-great things – but I think no one is perfect, and if he’s given a chance he will certainly redeem himself and get things done right. He certainly has my vote because out of the four pro-change candidates remaining his background and credentials give me a good feeling.

“Pat is a newcomer with fresh out-of-the-box thinking,” Trendic continued. “I like that; he has a human resources background, which is an area of expertise that is missing on the board.”

Once a candidate, Trendic is now content with rallying support for the two people he believes are best equipped to shake up the current administration.

“I would like to encourage everyone in the community that wanted me to win and that was supporting me to please start supporting Dave and Pat,” Trendic said. “I will offer my help to them, and I will hold them to fulfill their campaign promise.”

Trendic doesn’t have specific plans to run for office in the future, although he hasn’t ruled out another campaign completely.

“I never really thought of myself as a politician – even when I stepped in and decided to take part in the campaign,” he said. “At this point in time I have no aspirations in running for any political office. Certainly Annapolis is not on my radar – or Washington D.C. in particular – but I would definitely consider getting more proactive early next year and see how things develop with the current year. Perhaps if there is a need or desire for my involvement on the board then I would definitely be willing and prepared to enter the campaign next year.”

The two candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes will be elected to three-year terms.

Ballots are due Aug. 7, and results will be made public during Ocean Pines’ annual meeting on Aug. 9.

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Resident says she, neighbors find themselves water-bound

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“But it is frustrating. It was a different program last year and from what I understand we didn’t have the money then.”

Gallagher estimates she has lost hundreds of dollars of mulch, as well

as her original fence.

“When we get a very bad rain it comes up to the foundation onto the side of my house and into the neighbor’s yard where it floods terribly,” she said. “It’s gone into their shed, the yard behind it; we’re all just water-bound.”

Stormwater officially became a utility in Berlin last year as the town attempted to deal with the decades-long problem of flooding.

“We were very impressed and hopeful,” Gallagher said. “But now it’s just hurry up and wait again and we just have to put up with it.”

“It’s just the frustration of it,” Gallagher continued. “I know flooding is a problem everywhere in Berlin and I always ask dumb questions like, ‘if you knew it was there and you knew building more houses would increase the problem why are we building more houses?’ And I was told, ‘that’s progress.’”

“Oh well. My boots are ever-ready,” she said.



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After several years' absence boat club parade comes back

Organizers of event hope to make this an annual family affair

OCEAN PINES—The Ocean Pines Boat Club boat parade has returned. It has been several years since the last event, but now the Ocean Pines Boat Club is again sponsoring the parade for 2014. The parade will take place Saturday, July 26, at Pintail Park beginning at 2 p.m. The rain date will be July 27.

The theme for the parade is “Fantasy” and entries should reflect the theme.

To register or for more information, e-mail ocpines@boatclub.org. All entry forms must be received no later than June 30.

After assembling the boats at 1:30 p.m., the parade route will take place in the South Ocean Pines area canals and start from Pintail Park at 2 p.m. The judging of the boats will take place

at the Grand Canal starting at 2:45 p.m. After the boats have finished the parade route they will return to Pintail Park for the awards ceremony or participants can take their boats home and return by car.

The boat club would like to make this event a family affair each year. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, coolers, children, and come have a good time and relax for a day of fun and games.

There will be games for the children and adults to play, such as ring toss, horse races, bocci ball, hula hoop contest, chicken dance contest and balloon toss. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Crabby the Clown will be on hand and MDA Poster child will be there, as well. The Kiwanis Club’s “Dog Team” will sell drinks and hot dogs and other food venders will be available as well.

The Honor Guard from the American Legion Post #166 of Ocean City will present the colors and will start the parade with the national anthem at 2 p.m.

Public hearing on budget set to take place Monday, June 9

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and wastewater funds rose. Water projected a 26 percent jump of \$46,250 and wastewater projected a 67 percent increase of \$245,220. Allen said the increases were due to expected increases in development. Sewer rates in Berlin will increase by 15 percent beginning on July 1 thanks to a 4-year plan enacted in a 2012 resolution.

Revenues were also on the rise. Stormwater showed an expected 579 percent increase of \$875,600, due to anticipated grants of \$124,000 from FEMA and \$750,000 from the Department of Natural Resources. The additional revenue would fund improvements on Williams Street, which carries a \$124,000 price tag, as

well as a joint project on Flower and Williams streets, which would cost \$750,000.

Highway user revenue showed an increase of 54 percent, or \$43,500, due to additional funding provided by the state.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held on June 9.

An estimated budget for the Fire Company was not provided in the draft made available for the press because a department audit was not completed in time. “We did get an audit from PKS and the company on Friday, so we’re in the process of looking at the audit and finalizing the allocations for the fire company,” said Allen. “That will be discussed at the meeting.”

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Political newcomers face off in Dem. primary for 38C seat

Hindi, Davis seek party endorsement to pursue post in general election

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

WORCESTER COUNTY— Two rookie democrat politicians are vying for the newly created House of Delegates Legislative District 38C seat.

Mike Hindi, a 25-year-old former lifeguard will face 58-year-old educator Judy Davis during the seat’s democratic primary on June 24.

“I’ve lived here my entire life pretty much,” said Hindi. “This is my background; I was raised here and educated here.”

The Stephen Decatur High School grad was the first to declare his candidacy for the new seat.

“I care about the community and I want to see what’s best for the community and for the state of Maryland,” he said. “There was an open seat; if you care enough to be politically active the next step is to try and change things yourself.”

Hindi said his experience in the mining industry in South America three years ago helped prepare him for office.

“I decided to uproot and transplant myself for a year,” he said. “Working in the coastal tourism industry you meet a lot of Spanish-speaking people, and I got some familiarity with the language. I went down there and I worked with people and I worked with governments and corporations.

“When you know how to take different parties with very different interests all in the same area about the same thing – and you can show them the way that’s best to work together and come to a mutual agreement instead of tearing each other apart – that’s always satisfying and I think it’s



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Former lifeguard Mike Hindi, 25 (above) is running against educator Judy Davis, 58, (above right) for the democratic nomination of the newly formed Maryland House of Delegates 38C seat.

useful in governance,” Hindi continued.

Tourism, job growth, green energy and tougher penalties for drug users are central issues to Hindi’s campaign.

“I want to see increased programs as far as recycling goes,” he said. “Ocean City discontinued their recycling program, which is a real shame. We see millions of people come through annually and that could be a lot of refuse that doesn’t go back into our bays, back into our ocean, back into landfills. It could be recycled and it could make a serious impact. It could also means jobs, and jobs are always great for the domestic economy, especially one like the Eastern Shore where you don’t have a lot of energy, manufacturing and technological jobs. We can build on the things that we know we do well – tourism and agriculture, especially – but we need to diversity that portfolio.”

Hindi sees maintaining infrastructure and protecting coastal bays as key to nurturing the area’s strong



tourism industry.

“People come here to see them,” he said. “If we don’t have them anymore they won’t come.”

A personal experience led Hindi to seek reforms on drug offenders.

“My younger sister died on Good Friday, April 5, 2012,” he said. “It was a very sudden and unexpected death. The problem really is pervasive more than ever. Our recent drug busts on the Shore have shown that it’s infiltrating both our affluent and lower-income communities. Unless we do something – unless we change – it’s here to stay. I believe that our Worcester County police officers are doing a great job at making arrests, but we need to see what we can do further as legislators and as communities.

“When it comes to narcotics I’d like to see an expansion in how we view it as a crime and how we treat it as a crime, as well as having increased penalties – having the infrastructure for properly incarcerating multi-traffic offenders,” Hindi continued. “I’d like to see better programs outside of

prisons for people who voluntarily seek rehabilitation and help. I want to see better counseling, and I want to see those programs inside and outside of prison to break the cycle of addict, dealer, convict.”

Hindi said he’s running as the “approachable, attainable” candidate.

“I won’t skirt the issues,” he said. “When people want to talk to me I’ll talk to them. I’m not afraid to be frank and honest with people. I’ll tell you about policies I really do support and that really can be changed on a state or county level. We should all call our congressmen and make sure these problems get better and get uniquely better as much as we can in Maryland.”

Judy Davis got her first taste of politics at the Emerge Maryland conference last year, a program that trains democratic women to, in her words, “not just be political activists but political candidates.”

“It was pretty rigorous in terms of being accepted into the program, but I was accepted,” she said. “I was one of the few women on the Eastern Shore.

“It was 70 hours of training, including how to interpret the demographics, how to form your cabinet, what a political campaign looks like, as well as social media and public relations,” Davis continued.

Davis had previously been social media coordinator for the Democratic Women’s Club of Worcester County, as well as for the Democratic Club of Ocean City and Berlin.

“Because of the opportunity of the new seat it just seemed like a good match for me since I’m just teaching part time now and I had this training and I live here,” she said. “I’m familiar with working with a wide variety of people, because in addition to being a teacher I was a special educator and I also taught at the University

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Hindi, Davis vie for nomination in Dem. primary

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of Maryland Eastern Shore in the graduate department. I'm used to working with a wide variety of folks on a problem; teachers wear many hats."

Davis said she is also running on her life experience.

"I think it certainly would be beneficial to our community to continue to have a seasoned person," she said. "We have previously had representation from Senator Mathias, and also Norm Conway represented this district. They are both people who have life experiences, so I do think that the candidate should be aware how diverse our district is from agriculture to small business to tourism to the working poor, and has a network built in terms of being able to access programs for services for our folks. I think experience is pretty crucial."

Education, job creation, protecting natural resources and protecting infrastructure are key issues in Davis's campaign.

"We need to try to restore some more of the highway user fees because the municipalities and the counties are really strapped in terms of trying to even fill in the potholes," she said. "I know we did get a lot of state funds to continue the expansion of 113, but I know when I've talked to the towns of Willards and the towns of Pittsville – the smaller towns – they're really struggling because they don't have the resources to keep up with the demands."

"We also need to make sure that we are accessing revenue sources that will be beneficial to the state of Maryland as a whole – and in our district," Davis continued. "I support the Millionaire's Tax as a revenue generator, and they're talking about something called 'combined reporting' for companies that operate in multiple states to make sure that – if they've earned profit in the state of Maryland – that they do participate in paying some taxes."

Davis called for increased access for job trainings in critical areas of need, as well as support of existing programs that allow people to expand and create new businesses.

"I am not a career politician and am running on my life experiences to serve our community," she said. "I have a heart for this community, I fell in love with the people and the environment when I moved here in '73 to attend Salisbury State, and I have lived in our area for 40 years, raising my family, teaching our kids and volunteering. I have a heart for service and I would like to extend my volunteering capacities working for the state to benefit our community."

Businesswoman Mary Beth Carozza is running unopposed on the republican ticket. The general election will be held on Nov. 4.

Concert on the Lawn series

Berlin Heritage Foundation to present concert Sunday

BERLIN—The Berlin Heritage Foundation has announced that the first performance in its 2014 Concert on the Lawn series will be on Sunday, June 8, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 North Main Street. The Folk Heroes will perform at this first concert.

"For at least 17 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," said 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 the Chesapeake Brass Band on July 13 and the Salisbury Community Band on Aug. 14.

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Pickleball is drawing crowds at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The center offers indoor drop-in play three days a week, as well as unlimited play on six outdoor courts.

Pickle what? Pickleball, now taking place at com. center

Sport's popularity with seniors has much to do with smaller court

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES— Pickleball, one of the fastest-growing sports in America, is also enjoying a boom at the beach. The sport recently became an official amenity at the Ocean Pines Community Center, offering indoor drop-in play three days a week, as well as unlimited play on six outdoor courts. Invented in Washington state in 1965 by future U.S. House of Representatives member Joel Pritchard, Pickleball uses the dimensions and layout of a badminton court as four players hit a whiffle ball with wooden paddles. Rules are similar to tennis. Frank Creamer and Julie Woulfe direct the Pickleball program at the OPCC. "It's a lot like ping pong, it's a lot like tennis, it's a lot like badminton – it's a cross between all of them" said Woulfe. "It's the fastest-growing sport in America. There are Pickleball tournaments held all across the country that are pretty competitive, and we draw people from this area as well as people in nearby Delaware that drive down 113 to play." Woulfe said the sport is popular with seniors because of the smaller court size. "Pickleball is played 75 percent of the time by retirees," she said. "Retirees have the time to organize tournaments, spread the word, really make a huge effort to grow the sport, and that's why it's growing so fast right now. What's interesting now is that we also have people in their teens and 20s playing it now as well." Ocean Pines began hosting Pickle-

ball games six years ago. "It started off real slow," Creamer said. "There were maybe 10 of us and now there are 160 people that play on a regular basis." The move in Ocean Pines to becoming an amenity means players can sign up for an annual membership and enjoy unlimited play. Drop-in games have also become popular with traveling visitors. Janet Hoover, a Harrisburg, Pa. resident, recently dropped in to play while on vacation in Fenwick. "This is very similar to home," she said. "We have a space about this big, three nets and probably about the same number of people, so it's pretty much like home in a different location." Creamer and Woulfe are also helping to organize the Delmarva Dills Beach Blast Pickleball Tournament, held June 7-8 at Indian River High School. "We've got people coming from six different states to play," Creamer said. "We will have 12 courts set up and we'll have 100 players coming in to play." For information on the tournament email rvfulltimerso6@yahoo.com. For the more casual player, Ocean Pines hosts daily Pickleball games throughout the summer. "There are people in this country that are very serious about their Pickleball, but here in Ocean Pines the sport is mainly fun and social," Woulfe said. "It's an extremely easy sport to learn to play and if you've ever picked up any kind of racket I could have you playing a game here in 10 minutes. That's the best thing about it is it's so easy to play, and we've never taught anybody who didn't love it." For more information e-mail frkcreamer@aol.com or visit www.oceanpines.org/amenities/racquet-sports/pickleball.

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How to guarantee crowd at an arts/music fest? Keep it secret

Specifics scarce, but promoter says festival will happen in June

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— The chances are good you haven't heard about the next big event in America's coolest small town — and that's exactly the way organizers want it.

Specifics are scarce, but on a secret date in June at an undisclosed location a major alternative arts and music festival will be staged.

Matt Dove, former professional skateboarder and owner of Punk Rock Fish Studio, has held similar events in the past. Last year he teamed up with Dew Tour promoter Alli Sports to host an event in conjunction with the popular extreme sports festival. This year, because the tour went its separate ways from the promoter, he's launching an inde-

pendent event with a few close friends.

"It's an art show and music event," Dove said. "We have seven bands playing. It's free to the public. Fifty percent of the artists are professional skateboarders — whether they're legends or current competing pros — and the rest of the artists are just local artists that I've had contact with over the years."

Last year's event drew more than 500 people and featured a set from legendary Bad Brains frontman H.R. This year's festival could attract twice as many people.

"It's not classic art — it caters more toward alternative arts and conceptual art with a more modern twist," Dove said. "The whole show is also based on Eastern Shore culture as far as the food is concerned. We'll do fried chicken, corn on the cob, steamed crabs, I think we're doing a whole pig this year, and we'll do seafood mash and collard greens and cornbread — keep it super traditional, crab-feast-style food."

Local sponsors include Blacksmith

restaurant, Burley Oak Brewing Company, Good Clean Fun Life, the Burley Inn Tavern, Loaded Gun Custom Bikes and Dimensions Skate Shop. Dove has secured all the necessary permits, obtained insurance for the festival and has hired security — but the location and date will probably not ever be officially released.

"We're trying to stay away from announcing specifics because last year's show turned out really, really well," he said. "We had multiple surprises, including H.R."

"We're trying to keep it that way this year," he continued. "If you're in the know then you know what's going on. If you're not in the know then you're going to be looking for it next year and we'll be more prepared for the people that we don't know to be there. We don't want it to be 5,000 people cruising around Berlin looking for a party where they get there and they don't have anything to eat, or they get there early and mob everything so when the pros come out they

don't have anything to eat. We're trying to keep it really cryptic."

The "in the know," speakeasy style of the event also falls in closely with Punk Rock Fish's marketing tendencies.

"You have to follow along and pay attention if you want to know what's going on," Dove said. "We do have a radio station that is also part of the plan that is going to be dropping hints up until the night of the show. Tune into local radio — that's all I can say."

Dove said the unnamed radio station will be broadcasting from the undisclosed location during the unannounced date of the festival.

So — just who is invited?

"The plan is for locals and the people that I traveled with and skated with throughout the years to be able to have a sort of 'underground spot,'" Dove said. "You don't want to be mobbed and not be able to eat when you have all this good food in front of you because you're shaking a million

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Volunteer training to serve as docents at Rackliffe House, a 1740s merchant-planter's Georgian home overlooking Assateague Island, will take place June 12.

Volunteer docents sought for restored Rackliffe House

Training program will begin next Thursday at historic structure

BERLIN—Rackliffe House, a beautifully restored 1740s merchant-planter's Georgian home overlooking Assateague Island and Sinepuxent Bay, outside of Berlin, is recruiting volunteers to serve as docents.

Docent training will be conducted at Rackliffe House on Thursday, June 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The training session will help docents interpret life on the 18th-century coastal plantation through artifacts on display in the kitchen, spinning room and children's room in the main house as well as in the original milk house.

Docents will also be trained to interpret the exhibition, "Native Americans: First Contact on Lower Delmarva," on loan from Salisbury University's Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

Recently, docents created an interpretive activity booklet for children for use inside the house as well as outdoor 18th-century games (the latter are scheduled for the second Saturday of each month only).

Docents open Rackliffe House for tours every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. as well as the second Saturday of each month from 1-4 p.m. through October.

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Intermediate school kids aid effort to save bay's terrapins

BIS students raise cash to buy 'turtle excluders' to place on crab pots

BERLIN—The sixth grade Dolphin team at Berlin Intermediate School held a penny race and raised \$901.22 for Maryland Coastal Bays to save the terrapins, who are getting trapped in crab pots and drowning.

This has been an on-going problem in the brackish water bays and creeks of the Atlantic. Maryland Coastal Bays will use the money to purchase and install excluders for crab pots. With the excluders, terrapins will not be able to get into the pots.

Many think terrapins can hold their breath for a long time, but terrapins don't have gills. They have a slower metabolism which allows them to take slower breaths, but they must come up every so often for air. When they get caught underwater,

'Promoter says 'secret' event will be family-friendly

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hands. We try to set up a staging where everybody is on the same level; there are no nametags, and there are other reasons to be there besides 'meet the pros,' which is good food, good music, good artwork."

Dove insisted the festival would be family friendly, and hopes the response leads to similar events being held in Berlin on a regular basis.

"We're looking at this to be a catalyst for Berlin to have either a festival or a music venue that embraces the arts and culture in a younger format – not necessarily young as far as age, but as far as your perception of artwork," he said. "We want to bring the alternative art.

"My thinking in traveling around the world and living in art districts is this is how it starts," Dove continued. "You have pioneering people that start it like that and then it becomes really popular. We want this to be rooted and long lasting, and hopefully this expands people's definitions of what art it. Everything is art – not just a landscape of a golf course."

the terrapins lose oxygen and suffocate.

People do not intentionally try to capture terrapins, but unfortunately when crabbing with pots, terrapins pay the ultimate price with their lives. The bait that is used to catch crabs lures local terrapins into crab pots.


There are different types of crab pots, one of which is called a ghost pot. Ghost pots are crab pots that are not attached to a marker and do not get hauled in very often. These pots are where most terrapins are trapped.

A minimum of 14,000-15,000 terrapins die each year because of crab traps.

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One of the oldest businesses in Berlin, Victorian Charm was opened by Debbie Frene 20 years ago.



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Top, Sherry Gamble took over Main Street Enchanted Tea Room five years ago. Above, Peggy Hagy opened Berlin Coffee House five years ago.

Women major force in Berlin's commercial growth, success

Behind many a counter stands the woman who also owns the place

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— Meryll Frost once said, “Behind every great man, stands a great woman.”

Behind Berlin, recently named “America’s Coolest Small Town” by Budget Travel Magazine, stand an unusually large number of businesses run by women.

The most striking area is downtown Berlin, the nerve center of the town, where the vast majority of business are owned and operated by women, a huge departure from the paltry 28.7 percent of businesses that are run by women in the rest of the United States, according

to a 2007 U.S. Census study.

One of the oldest businesses on Main Street, Victorian Charm was opened by Debbie Frene 20 years ago.

“I think it’s hard to own a business and make it profitable, so I think that most of the husbands are maybe running businesses that keep the household going, and the women are trying their hand at a business and sometimes it makes it – sometimes it doesn’t,” Frene said. “When I opened my husband had a job and we didn’t necessarily need my income and it was something I wanted to do. I almost think you need that type of support to make it – at least to get started. I don’t think you can open a business and expect to make money right away – you have to somehow have backup money for losses for a lot of years.

“When I opened, because I grew up here, my intention was to try and find

things that people needed in everyday life,” Frene continued. “You had to go to Salisbury for everything, so my idea was to try to make it more convenient for women – for the people that lived in Berlin – because I wanted that convenience for myself.”

Brenda Trice opened her yarn Store A Little Bit Sheepish less than two years ago. Last month her store expanded by moving into the space previously occupied by re:Fresh Media, making her business one of the few two-story operations in town.

“I think Berlin, in large part, has such a great sense of community anyway, and I think women are really good at creating community,” Trice said. “I think it’s a community-friendly place to have a business.”

Trice couldn’t remember a single hurdle imposed on her because of her gender.

“Everyone in the community was very welcoming, from the mayor right down to the other shop owners,” she said. “I felt totally welcomed and totally supported.

“Mostly women are our shoppers,” Trice continued. “Why shouldn’t women be the owners of the shops where women are shopping?”

Sherry Gamble took over Main Street Enchanted Tea Room five years ago.

“Women are a great brain,” Gamble said. “If you go into a place like Walmart you’ll find a good deal of the management – upper management, assistant managers, head cashiers – they’re women too.”

Gamble spent 30 years in Boston before moving to the Eastern Shore.

“For me this is my fifth career,” she said. “My former job as a nurse brought me down here – my family

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needed me, so I worked for a while in Walmart while I was taking care of family things. One day I came in here because I was going to have a tea at home because I liked to cook and I liked to entertain, and they said, ‘well, this place is for sale.’ This was an opportunity to take that one step further.

“I think a lot of women get into businesses because it’s a passion and they love doing it,” Gamble continued. “Cultures have changed too and a lot of families don’t need you at home after a certain point. With childcare and everything else that’s offered to us we can take our interests and make careers; we don’t want to be at home and we want to take a passion and make a career.”

Gamble suggested that women in Berlin have been particularly successful because they’ve been able to correctly appraise the types of businesses that could succeed in this environment.

“First they knew a bit what they were doing before they got into it – they had a good head for business – they had the friendship and support of the other business owners, and if they were new people would tell you things like what to expect in Berlin in the winter,” she said. “You hope for the best and you have to be optimistic, but you also have to look at where your season is and where your people are.

“We also have the support of all the other women – Dee at Nest and the ladies over at the knitting shop and Kathy next door with the bridal shop and Ruth with the Deli and Heather at Bungalow Love and the couple that own Coconut Bay – this whole little end of town is very supportive of each other.”

Peggy Hagy, who opened Berlin Coffee House five years ago, thinks the number of successful woman business owners is tied to the rural environment.

“Most of the guys were farmers or they had property in Ocean City or they were watermen,” she said. “Eighty percent of businesses here are owned by women because the guys had other jobs.

Hagy said it was never a problem opening a business as a woman in Berlin.

“Not in this town,” she said. “We all work for each other. And it’s nice working with other women because I don’t think they’re as competitive.

“I also think there’s a certain easiness that women shoppers have with women owners; I think they find it comfortable buying from other women,” Hagy continued. “I think

that’s why you find in most retail spots women behind the counter – it’s just easier to relate.”

Another contributing factor to the success of women business owners, believes Hagy, is the fact that many started as second jobs, or as careers that were supported by a spouse or a family member and weren’t immediately pressured to turn a profit.

“Most of the women in this town
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Brenda Trice opened her yarn store, A Little Bit Sheepish, less than two years ago.

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The cost is \$95 for the week-long camp which will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bus transportation from Pocomoke and Snow Hill for an additional \$15 for the week will be offered.

Registration forms, including selection of art workshops offered this year, are available online at www.worcester-countyartsCouncil.org, and at the Arts Council's office located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. The deadline for registration is Friday, June 6.

Financial support provided by Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club, Ocean City Elks Club, the Purnell Foundation, and patrons of the Council will allow for offering limited financial assistance. For details how to apply, call the Arts Council's office at 410-641-0809.

For volunteering opportunities at the Arts Camp, call Anna Mullis at 410-641-0809 or e-mail curator@worces-tercountyartsCouncil.org.



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Olga Kozhevnikova, owner of World of Toys, credits her autonomy with her success.

Manageable hours also help women-owned enterprises

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weren't single mothers," she said. "They had support early on. My friend Pat Henry is an artist. Pat was a school teacher, but to be a real artist he had to quit that and give it to himself. His wife worked at the board of education and she had the money and gave the support. I think you need that when you're in a small town and you have a small business. And — it's a nice town."

Olga Kozhevnikova, owner of World of Toys, thinks the town's size is a contributing factor.

"The town's small, and most businesses are open 10-to-5," she said. "It's not always longer hours."

Kozhevnikova nearly moved into an 1,800 square foot space down the road three years ago when she was originally looking for a location for her new business.

"The owner decided to give it to someone else and I was kind of disappointed, but I started looking in other areas. Because I run the store by myself and it's relatively small, I don't get overwhelmed — I can handle it myself without anybody's help. You have to know everything about the product,

but when people leave the building and tell me they love the store it just makes me so happy — I did the right thing!"

"I put a lot of effort into it and every bit of money I make I put back into the business," Kozhevnikova continued. "It's not my main income that I would be paying my bills from, and I think for a man it would be more difficult — 'I need to support my family and make tons of money.' I think from a man's perspective it would have to be bigger."

Connie Mayers owner Main Street Sweets, underscored the crucial role of the support women business owners have provided to each other in Berlin.

"I think we're just like a one big family here," she said. "I think it's because it's so quaint and it has a lot to offer, and now that so many businesses have come since 2012 — all these new restaurants, retail stores, bakeries, wine bars — it just added to the town."

"I think women have a hold of what people want in these businesses and I think they run it well," Mayers continued. "And I never felt like there was any more pressure because I was a woman owning a business here — it's been pretty smooth sailing."

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By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— Calvin B. Taylor Bankshares, Inc. was one of eight publicly-traded banks and bank holding companies nationwide admitted by OTC Markets Group to the OTCQX Marketplace last week.

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Thompson said stockholders will see the biggest impact from the inclusion.

"We saw the OTCQX as a way to increase the visibility of our stock to investors," he said. "We view this as very positive for our stockholders, and we are committed to making any adjustments necessary to enhance the value of their investment in our bank."

"While our bank remains extremely healthy, our stock has been trading in the vicinity of book value despite consistent increases in the annual dividend and a current dividend yield of 3.6 percent," Thompson continued. "We will be reporting quarterly operating results to the OTCQX to increase the transparency of the bank's performance to engaged investors."

Calvin B. Taylor operates full service commercial banks in Worcester County, Md. and Sussex County, Del. The company was the only Maryland-based bank admitted to OTCQX.

Taylor collects shoes for charity

BERLIN—Raymond M. Thompson, president and CEO of Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company in Berlin, announced that Taylor Bank collected more than 5,300 donated pairs of shoes for the Maryland Bankers Association's Council of Professional Women in Banking and Finance 2014 Philanthropy Initiative Used Shoe Drive in partnership with Soles4Souls, Inc.

Taylor Bank was one of the 34 Maryland Banks that participated in this year's philanthropic initiative. The MBA

announced that a total of 63,270 shoes were donated which enabled a distribution of 500 pairs of new shoes to a Maryland non-profit organization.

Thompson would like to thank Taylor Bank employees and customers that contributed.

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NEW BUSINESS

Chesapeake Hearing Centers recently opened its doors in Ocean Pines on Manklin Meadows Lane with refreshments, tours of the new facility and a ribbon-cutting ceremony coordinated by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce on May 19.

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WPS ALUMNI HONOREES

During a banquet at Waterman's Seafood Restaurant in West Ocean City, the Worcester Preparatory School Alumni Association honored five members of the Worcester family for their contributions to the school. The categories for selection included Service to Worcester Prep, Athletic Achievement and service to the Alumni Association. The 2014 award winners, from left, are Barry W. Tull, headmaster; Dan Freed, Middle and Upper School music teacher; Thomas Westcott, AP biology teacher and long-time soccer coach; Mike Esham '89, lacrosse All-American; and Reese Cropper '78, member of the Board of Trustees.

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CAREER PREP SEMINAR

Members of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Committee host a two-day career preparation seminar with After School Academy students at Stephen Decatur High School. The Young Professionals Committee's mission is to bring together the talents and insights of emerging young professionals in a dynamic and diverse group with a passion for making a difference and the energy to get involved in the community. Pictured, from left, are Chrissy Maddy, Alyson DuPont, Sara Sabia, Alison McCarty, Worcester Technical High School teacher Jason Konyar, Robert Mattie and Natalie Costello.

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OYSTER RECOVERY

EmilyKate Kolarik was presented with the Girl Scout Gold Award for her "Oyster Recovery Project." She partnered with Maryland Coastal Bays in placing oyster cages throughout the community at private residences. She informed them on the importance of replenishing the oyster population and ways we can all contribute. Kolarik helped take care of the oyster spat for a duration of a year, then they were collected and released into the Chesapeake Bay. During this time she attended several conventions where she manned booths helping to recruit new participants. Kolarik is a junior at Stephen Decatur High School and plans to pursue a career in marine biology.

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FUNDRAISER PREPARATION

Star Charities members got together, May 8, at Ocean Downs to finalize plans for the annual Western Night dinner and entertainment at Ocean Downs on July 10, with proceeds benefiting Coastal Hospice. Tickets cost \$26. For more information, call Star Charities President Anna Foults at 410-641-7667 or Barbara Mazzei at 410-208-0430. Pictured, from left, are Sharon Sorrentino, Foults, Mazzei, Ocean Downs Executive Director of Hospitality, John Soysal and Ocean Downs Director of Marketing Crystal Layton.

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Berlin small businesses honored by Capital Enterprises Inc.

Contributions to local economy recognized by nonprofit lender

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

BERLIN— Five area businesses were honored during Maryland Capital Enterprise Inc.’s Small Business Week. Owners of Burley Oak Brewing Company, Sea la Vie, Bungalow Love, Nest and Brews Up were presented with plaques on Friday for their contributions to the local economy. MCE offers free services, consulting, marketing and technical assistance for new or expanding businesses, as well as small business and micro loans. “We have been doing this for four years now,” said Lisa Currie, director of the MCE Women’s Business Center. “We try to visit different towns on the Eastern Shore of Maryland – we cover the entire Eastern Shore. We come out, we want to recognize the locally owned businesses and thank them for giving back to their local community and their local economy by creating jobs and expanding wealth within the area. This is just letting them know that we appreciate them and taking the chance to go out and start their own business.” Both new and existing businesses

are considered for the award. “We want to encourage people to shop locally,” Currie said. “When you do that you keep the money in your economy by supporting those who live next door to you.” “I think it’s great that everybody is just so supportive of everybody else in a small town, and for us it’s just rewarding,” said Sea la Vie co-owner Devon Bostic. “We’ve worked hard and it really pays off to be a part of something like this.” The coastal style boutique, located just off Main Street on 11 Artisan’s Way, opened in October. “It’s been a learning curve, but it’s been so much fun,” Bostic said. Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak, Heather Layton, owner of Bungalow Love, Tony Hilligoss, co-owner of Brews up and Dee Gilbert, owner of Nest, were also presented with awards. “I’m thrilled to be in business and I’m thrilled to have come as far as I have in almost four years,” Gilbert said. “It’s very nice to be recognized as part of Berlin.” “I think there’s something very personable about Berlin and I think people are more interested in shopping locally these days because they’re uncomfortable paying for things online,” she continued. “You never know if a business is going to work, so you keep plugging away and hope for the best.”



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Megan Houston, Berlin Main Street coordinator, Dee Gilbert, owner of Nest, Lisa Twilley, outreach coordinator for Maryland Capital Enterprises, Inc. and Lisa Currie, director of the MCE Women’s Business Center.



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Megan Houston, Berlin Main Street coordinator, Heather Layton, owner of Bungalow Love, Lisa Twilley, outreach coordinator for Maryland Capital Enterprises Inc. and Lisa Currie, director of the MCE Women’s Business Center.



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Lisa Currie, director of the MCE Women’s Business Center, Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewing Company, Lisa Twilley, outreach coordinator for Maryland Capital Enterprises, Inc., State Sen. Jim Mathias and Megan Houston, Berlin Main Street coordinator.



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Lisa Twilley, outreach coordinator for Maryland Capital Enterprises Inc., Devon Bostic, owner of Sea la Vie, Megan Houston, Berlin Main Street coordinator and Lisa Currie, director of the MCE Women’s Business Center.

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

Stormwater not cool

Okay, Berlin can be the coolest down in America. But what is happening to Barbara Gallagher and her Nelson Street home isn't exactly cool.

And she's only been dealing with the flooding in her area for 15 years, as long as she's lived there. Other neighbors who have lived in the area longer are simply used to the flooding and little being done to fix it.

Gallagher told the Town Council recently that she has to keep a pair of rain boots by the door of her house and inside of her car.

In its defense, Berlin is applying for grants to fund the Hudson Branch Stormwater Project that would include improvements on William and Flower Streets, followed by upgrades on Graham, Grice and Nelson.

Gallagher even had the Army Corps of Engineers come and check out the problem, and that was before American troops were deployed to Afghanistan. Still most of the troops have left or are leaving Afghanistan, and Gallagher can't get her problem solved.

Berlin made storm maintenance a utility last year to deal with the decades of flooding. Still, when it rains heavily Gallagher has to worry about the flood waters coming.

But as she said, "it's just hurry up and wait."

That is pretty unacceptable.

When two kids were tragically hit by an unmarked state trooper last winter, community activists went to work and their efforts are already making the Rte. 113 area in Berlin safer for pedestrians.

When the town was in the running for Budget-Travel Magazine's "Coolest Town in America," it went to work on the social media with Worcester County to get what it needed done to win.

These kinds of efforts need to go into the storm water problem. This is unfair to Barbara Gallagher and others.

She said her "boots are ever-ready."

So should Berlin be...ever-ready in this case with storm water.

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"Master, how can I live in the moment when my favorite radio station constantly plays the hits of the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties?"

Recalling D-Day's 70th anniversary

Omaha Beach vet remembers saving war correspondent

By Phil Jacobs
Editor

Seventy years ago June 6 at sometime between 4 and 5 in the morning, John Sauer was standing in a landing craft approaching Omaha Beach, Normandy, France. The weather was miserable with clouds making any visibility near impossible. An angry sea tossed the vessel on and off course.

When the front hatch opened, 29 of his buddies, all carrying over 60-pound packs either sank and drowned in the unexpected deep water or were instantly hit by killer shots coming from the enemy.

Sauer had never been to France before. Running through a storm of bullets and shrapnel and watching people die all at once he said didn't give him time to think of fear or anything else. His instinct was to just move forward. On the way to the beach he rescued a comrade who was holding on to a steel obstacle

called a hedgehog. The man, a war correspondent, asked the 19-year-old Sauer if he'd go back into the water and retrieve his typewriter, which was stuck on the hedgehog.

Sauer did it.

Reaching the beach, he was told to pretend he was dead next to soldiers who were dead, so as not to draw attention of snipers.

Sauer did that too.

But then he decided he'd try to move forward. Minutes later a shell from a German 88 exploded in the sand near him, leaving a crater on the beach and a propelled piece of shrapnel that hit Sauer above his left eye and knocked him out.

While on a hospital ship he had the prestigious Purple Heart pinned on his shirt by none other than the allies' Supreme Commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Sauer was a recipient of a bronze star for rescuing the war correspondent. Later, he'd receive the Legion of Honor Medal from the French government.

But wait, this is all going too fast for this former member of the 29th Infantry, company F.

In March of 1943, Sauer, 18, was working at Glen L. Martin Airport building military planes. He was a riveter of B-26 planes.

This wasn't what Sauer, who lives in the Gull Creek senior living community in Berlin with Joan, his wife of 63 years and is an active member of the Ocean City American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, wanted to do.

Sauer is a strong man, a person who carries himself regally. He would get drafted and become part of the infantry.

Flash forward to June 5th, 1944, the originally planned day of the invasion.

"They woke us up at 3 in the morning, we carried our packs towards the boats, and then it got cancelled because of the weather. We went back to our tents to sleep. The next day the weather was worse."

Sauer was even trained at the White Cliffs of Dover to descend a rope in case he'd be doing so on the side of a ship to board a landing craft. That never happened, he boarded a landing craft in the hold of the ship.

When he collected himself, though, when the landing craft front opened, and the men moved forward, it was something that he still remembers. The 29 men perishing, and the hundreds of dead floating in the water or in horrific stillness on Omaha.

After recovering from his

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Artist Don Grafer: region's own Jackson Pollack

Local art scene fixture found art can get you in trouble ... in school

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES— This region's own Jackson Pollock can be seen each month during Berlin's Second Friday Art Strolls.

Born and raised in New York, Don W. Grafer moved to Ocean Pines with his wife Susan in 1988. He keeps a studio in the Berlin Visitor's Center and has been a staple of the town's arts events for several years.

Grafer began his art career sketching WWII airplanes in Xavier's Catholic School in the Bronx.

"I started just drawing on my own just as a young guy," he said. "I went to Catholic School, and in those days we had nuns and they were very strict with you; if you came late you got slapped with the pointed stick right on your hand. You learned discipline from experiences like that."

Grafer would get caught drawing in class on a regular basis, and recalls going home with sore hands on more than one occasion.

"I had a friend whose father was a police officer and we came late one day – we were running around," he said. "They used to call your parents to school. I had no father – he took off – and my mother was, 'be nice Don – don't let them call me to school' – she

would get nervous in front of the nuns. So they called Nicky's father to school and they called him out the door. The next thing I know Nicky's flying inside and his father punched him and he went flying back inside. We didn't do that again – whatever it was."

The melting pot population of the Bronx is something Grafer remembers fondly.

"It was great in those days," he said. "Rent was like \$30 a month – gas and electric included. You can't comprehend that stuff today – neither can my sons and I can't today either."

Grafer played stickball in the street, and he and his friends would regularly sneak into the legendary Polo Grounds to watch the New York Giants play baseball in the 1940s.

"We used to love to go to baseball games when we were 10, 11, 12, but who the hell had 50 cents to pay for a ticket?" he said. "We ran right past the gates and the ticket guy would look over, 'get the hell away from me, you kids.'"

"I remember Mel Ott, and they had a catcher by the name Lombardi – big old lumbering guy," Grafer continued. "I remember we were walking out and some kid took the hat right off his head as a souvenir. 'Get lost,' he said."

Although he enjoyed drawing, finding inspiration in everyday life, those early years in the Bronx provided plenty of hardships.

"I used to like to draw in grade school," he said. "I quit high school because we had absolutely no money, and



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Ocean Pines artist Don Grafer, 82, considers himself, "just a young fella." "I had open heart surgery three years ago but I'm coming back from that," he said. "I'm good enough – I can still do my art work and I'm enjoying life and my family. I enjoy Ocean Pines and the pool – and a Budweiser every now and then."

I got a job working in a butcher shop and delivering orders – I did almost anything to make a dollar here and there. When I finally got a job down in the Garment Center I said, 'this has got to change.' I went back to high school and I got my diploma."

At 21 Grafer was drafted into the army. He served in the Korean War from 1952-1954.

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Sauer also on mission that liberated Dachau

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wound, receiving the Purple Heart from Eisenhower, Sauer was one of 22 men who volunteered to go on the mission of missions, to help liberate the concentration camp Dachau in Germany.

There, the danger was that Hitler at this later juncture in the war was using the fanatical Hitler Youth to carry out concentration camp atrocities. Before Sauer and his comrades liberated the camp, they killed the resisting Germans, all of whom were no older than 14.

But this is where the war took a different toll on Sauer. Here bodies of dead Jews, Catholics and others were piled 10 feet high, he said. They managed to liberate over 500 Jews, Catholic priests and nuns, he said.

"We stopped the gassing of the people," he said.

At 90, he said he understands the generations of lives he saved by helping to shut down Dachau.

When the war ended, he'd be honorably discharged. He'd become part of the American Legion color guard for some 30 years. At the same time he was a career fire fighter for the City of Baltimore.

When he thinks about war, he brings it up to the present, talking about what the American soldiers who served in Iraq or Afghanistan had to endure.



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John and Janet Sauer of Berlin. Mr. Sauer was wounded in action on June 6, 1944 on Omaha Beach, Normandy,

"I feel sorry for these soldiers," he said. "When we served, we were shot and wounded, but these men in Afghanistan and Iraq come back losing arms and legs."

Sauer doesn't need an anniversary to

remind him of D-Day. He simply said, "People don't realize how important D-Day was," he said. "The war made me think a lot."

"What would have happened if we had lost."

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Grafer's work combines impressionism and expressionism

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"They gave you a medal if you survived the winter over there," he said. "It was a tough winter – 30 below zero or some damned thing like that."

After serving Grafer began applying to colleges under the GI Bill. Although his grades in high school were subpar, NYU offered to let him in if he passed a general education development course.

"And I did and I passed it, and after four years I got my college degree – the first one in the family," he said.

Diploma in hand, Grafer got a job in the city as a statistician with Standard & Poor's.

"After a few years I went into the boss and I said, 'I'm doing excellent work, you like my work and I'm doing this and I deserve a raise,'" he said. "He said, 'you deserve a raise, but you're not going to get it.' That how tough they were in those days."

Eventually Grafer was promoted to Associate Editor and had half a dozen people working under him.

"In the beginning I would paint at night and then I didn't touch it for 20 years," he said. "Commuting to New York, coming home, working – my first wife was manic depressive, called 'bi polar.' She was a very difficult lady to get along with and I had three sons to raise at the time."

He met Susan – his second wife – on the train to work.

"She was unhappy; I was unhappy,

so we started talking and we talked and talked," Grafer said. "She was in Lower Manhattan and I was too. So I said, 'Why don't we meet for lunch one day?' So we did – we went to a Greek pizza parlor and it had no air conditioning and it was the middle of the summer and 95-degree heat. We nearly died in there, but we enjoyed our conversation."

Grafer thought his sons – then in their teens and early 20s – were finally old enough to handle themselves. He left his wife and Susan ended her own unhappy marriage, and the two moved into together in 1982. They would get married four years later, and moved to Maryland in the mid-1980s.

"She used to come here when she was going to high school," Grafer said. "She came (to Maryland) from Arlington, Va., where she went to school. She said, 'I know a nice place for us to go,' and we did. We came down here in '84 or '85 and we stayed at the Fountainhead highrise on the beach. We had our honeymoon before we got married."

It would be another decade before Grafer was finally motivated to start painting again.

"My son Chris, when I retired, he gave me a gift certificate for \$200 for an art supply store and he said, 'Pop, go get some art supplies and start doing your work again.' I had some pictures around and they enjoyed it, so that's how I got started back on it. That was

in 1994.

"I got right back into it pretty damned quick," Grafer continued. "I started painting everything in sight. I had a porch full of paintings and people would come and I said, 'you can take a picture if you like it.' My sister has some, my daughters-in-law have several and they're scattered throughout the family."

Largely self-taught, Grafer took a correspondence course in his 20s, sending work to Washington, D.C., in the late 1950's, and studied for three years with a portrait artists at the Summit Art Center in Summit, N.J. nearly 40 years later.

The 2000 movie "Pollock," starring Ed Harris as the celebrated abstract expressionist artist, was a bellwether for Grafer, leading him to explore new ways to deliver his message through paint.

"On my own I started looking around and I liked what I saw," he said. "I went to exhibitions by Picasso – I saw a big one in New York one time – and then there was another movie 'Lust for Life' about Van Gogh. Different things like that."

"I went and I bought acrylic paint from Home Depot and I started splatting around, and I thought 'that's neat stuff.'"

Grafer went as far as checking out original VHS tapes of Pollock painting from a New Jersey public library.

"You had to give them right back and swear you wouldn't copy them or anything, but they were very interesting to see," he said. "It showed how you can work more freely without having to have the paintbrush hit the canvas. It freed you up and gave me a sense of, 'I can do that.' It's not a mystery – some of these things seem to be mysterious sometimes."

Today his work is a hybrid of expressionist and impressionist styles, at times playfully combining realistic images of animals and figures with paint splatters, other times allowing abstracted lines and a colorful pallet to create a picture whose ultimate meaning is meant to remain ambiguous.


The 82-year-old artist considers himself, "just a young fella."

"I had open heart surgery three years ago but I'm coming back from that," he said. "I'm good enough – I can still do my art work and I'm enjoying life and my family. I enjoy Ocean Pines and the pool – and a Budweiser every now and then."

Grafer moved into his Berlin studio after reading an ad in a newspaper around the time of his surgery. His work can be seen during the town's monthly art stroll, and the artist himself can often be seen sitting outside the studio door, nursing a few beers and telling stories.

For more information visit www.grafergalleries.com.

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BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577.

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

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

FRI. June 6

FAMILY BONFIRE ON THE BEACH — Ocean City beach at 130th Street. Info: 410-250-0125.

LONGBOARD TEAM CHALLENGE — Sixteen teams of five compete on longboards on two surf areas, Ocean City beach at 36th-37th streets and 37th-38th streets. Give-aways and kids’ activities. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN.

PLAY-IT-SAFE - TENNIS — Ocean City Tennis Center, 104 61st Street, 1-3 p.m. High school graduates will play either singles or doubles in a friendly competition. Free event. Info: Al “Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

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

SAT. June 7

LONGBOARD TEAM CHALLENGE — Sixteen teams of five compete on longboards on two surf areas, Ocean City beach at 36th-37th streets and 37th-38th streets. Give-aways and kids’ activities. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

QUARTER AUCTION — Stevensons United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. Doors open at 5 p.m., auction be-

gins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Additional paddles sold for \$3 each. Bid items include Celebrating Home, Pampered Chef, Avon, Origami Owl Living Lockets, Scentsy and more. Food will be available. Bring a non-perishable food item and be entered in a drawing. Tickets: 302-841-0102, 443-614-2518 or 443-735-9222.

ANNUAL LAURA WIDGEON HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT — American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 123, Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin. Registration at 10 a.m., games begin at 11 a.m. Cost is \$10. Must be 18 or older. Cash prizes. Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary’s Scholarship Fund. Info: 410-641-3760.

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, soups and baked goods. Table rental: 410-629-0926.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL — Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Willards, 11 a.m. Chicken salad, hot dogs, burger platters. Ice cream sold by pints, quarts and dips. Chicken salad sold by pints. Info: 443-614-9898.

ACLS COURSE — Advanced Cardiac Life Support course held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 7 and 8 a.m. to noon on June 8. From basic life support to advanced interventions and from airway management to pharmacology and more, professionals hone their skills. Two year certification. Register: 302-462-5594, CPRDelaware.com or

CPRMaryland.net.

SUN. June 8

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. New fireworks effects added this year. Info: www.ococean.com or 800-626-2326.

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PLAY-IT-SAFE - KARAOKE ON THE BEACH — Ocean City beach at Dorchester Street, 6-8 p.m. High school graduates can register to perform solo or in groups to win prizes. The DJ will coordinate singers. Free event. Info: Al “Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

OC CRUZERS CAR SHOW & MUSIC — Somerset Street Plaza, downtown Ocean City, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Ocean City Cruzers will display approximately 15 vehicles. Owners will be on hand to talk with spectators about their cars. Music provided by Tommy Edward (Rod Stewart tribute) at 3 p.m. Free admission. Info: 410-289-7739 or www.ocdc.org.

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. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: www.OARegion7.org or Bett, 410-202-9078.

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

FREE CONCERT ON THE LAWN - Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. Featuring the Folk Heroes. Attendees are welcome to bring a chair and a picnic. Info: 410-641-1019 or www.taylorhousemuseum.org.

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



CLUB TOURS LAVENDER FIELDS

Members of the Pine'eer Craft Club toured Lavender Fields in Delaware, a farm which grows several types of lavender. The craft club meets the third Thursday of each month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Pictured, from left, are Louise Lassiter, Luz Castello, Jacki Kollar, Lynn McGraw, Janet Rosensteel, Sharon Puser and Barbara O'Connor.

CALENDAR

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MON. June 9

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.

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

AARP MEETING — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Social time is at 9:30 a.m., meeting starts at 10 a.m. Guest speaker will be President Carol Otterbein from Worcester G.O.L.D. Can goods collected for Diakonia.

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY SEMIANNUAL MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., meeting begins at 10 a.m. The program will feature the Parke Memoir group. There will be readings and an introduction to writing one’s memoir. A short business meeting will follow the program. There will also be a meeting at 11:30 a.m. for those interested in planning the annual book sale. Info: 410-208-4014.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 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.

TUES. June 10

PLAY-IT-SAFE - KARAOKE AND BEACH VOLLEYBALL — Ocean City beach at Third Street, 4:30 p.m. Volleyball teams of 4-6 high school graduates will sign up to compete against one another for certain prizes. Karaoke will be going on simultaneously at 5 p.m. Free event. Info: Al “Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

ALZHEIMER’S CARE TRAINING PROGRAM — Atria Senior Living, 1110 Healthway Drive, Salisbury, 2-4 p.m. Discover how Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias are diagnosed. Understand more about the behaviors that can be caused by the symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. Refreshments provided. RSVP: Amber Boyden, amber.boyden@atriaseniorliving.com or 410-546-9997.



KIWANIS CAFE AT MARKET
The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City opened its Kiwanis Cafe in its tent, selling a variety of homemade baked goods at the Whitehorse Park Farmer’s Market, May 31. Due to the Cafe’s success, Kiwanis was asked to come monthly to share its goodies. Pictured are organizers Pat Winkelmayer, front, and Barb Peletier, back, with the granddaughter of fellow Kiwanian Carol Dryzga.

CRAB NIGHT — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke’s Church) in Ocean City, 5-7 p.m., every Tuesday through Sept. 2. Menu is choice of steamed crabs (if available), crab cakes (broiled or fried), fried or baked flounder or fried calamari. Also available are corn on the cob, French fries, hot dos and pizza Cash bar. Crab and shrimp order must be made in advance: 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 in a plastic bag marked with name and phone number. All services are free of charge.

BASIC BOATING COURSE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, June 10-12, 6-9 p.m. Discussions include local water knowledge, piloting, knots, boat terms, trailering, maintenance, boating safety, legal requirements and more. Meets the requirements of the Maryland Boating Safety Education Act for those born after July 1, 1972. Cost is \$15 and includes all course materials. Register: Steve Haffner, 410-208-2531 or cgaux1205@gmail.com.

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.

PARKINSON’S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Helping individuals with Parkinson’s disease and their families. No reservations, no fees. Info: www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org; or Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-208-0525.

DINE OUT FOR A CAUSE — Chipotle, 12909 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 4-9 p.m. Mention that you are there to support the Worcester County Humane Society and Chipotle will donate a portion of the sale to the shelter. Info: www.worcestercountychumanesociety.org.

WED. June 11

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.

PLAY-IT-SAFE - 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL — Northside Park Gym, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, 7 p.m. Teams of three high school graduates can sign up to play basketball. They will play through an elimination process to determine winners. Free event. Info: Al “Hondo” Handy, 410-250-0125.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean

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

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

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.

ONGOING EVENTS

BOWLING LEAGUE — Looking for bowlers, Ocean Lanes, third Fridays at 1 p.m., starting this Fall. Info: Jim Kline, 410-208-1446 or Walt Keir, 410-208-2961.

PINE’ER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN — Pine’er Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open every Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring handcrafted home décor, jewelry, doll clothes, sweatshirts and more created by members of the Pine’er Craft Club.

BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM — Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, located at the south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., through Sept. 1. Free admission for active service members and their immediate families. Active Duty personnel includes: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and active National Guard and active Reserve Members. Info: 410-289-4991 or www.bluestarfam.org/Programs/Blue_Star_Museums.

SALUTE TO SERVICES PROGRAM — Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, located at the south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., through June 18. Free admission for all members and their families of the Military active or retired, firefighters, police, emergency responders and EMS personnel. Info: www.ocmuseum.org or 410-289-4991.

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NOW PLAYING

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street & the bay
Ocean City
410-524-7575
June 6: Legend of
Eddie, 9 p.m.
June 7: Mood
Swingers, 9 p.m.
June 11: Sir Rod, 5-8
p.m.
June 12: DJ Jeremy, 9
p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave.
Ocean City
410-289-7192
www.captainstableoc.com
June 6-7: Phil Perdue

CAROUSEL BEACH BAR

In the Carousel Hotel
118th Street & the ocean
Ocean City
410-524-1000
June 7: Tim Landers, 2-
6 p.m.
June 8: Dave Sherman,
2-6 p.m.

COCONUTS BEACH BAR AND GRILL

In the Castle in the
Sand Hotel
37th Street oceanfront
Ocean City
410-289-6846
June 6: Darin Engh,
noon to 4 p.m.; John
LaMere, 5-9 p.m.
June 7: Homemade
Hooch, noon to 4 p.m.;
Over Time, 5-9 p.m.
June 8: Ginger Duo,
noon to 3 p.m.; Lauren
Glick & The Mood
Swingers, 4-8 p.m.
June 9: Bob Wilkinson
& Joe Smooth, 4-8 p.m.
June 10: Too Much
Stuff, 4-8 p.m.
June 11: Chris Button
& Joe Mama, 4-8 p.m.
June 12: Aaron Howell
Solo, noon to 3 p.m.;
Monkee Paw, 4-8 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street & the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
June 6: Kevin Poole, DJ
Hook, No Pets For Noah
June 7: Opposite Direc-
tions, DJ Groove, No
Pets For Noah
June 8: Everett Spells
June 9: Rob Fahey, DJ
RobCee, Jumper
June 11: The Battlefield
June 12: Eastern Electric

GALAXY 66

66th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-723-6762
June 6: Philly George
Project, 8 p.m. to mid-
night
The Skye Bar
June 6: Aaron Howell
Trio, 4-8 p.m.
June 7: The Stims, 4-8
p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
June 6: Ladies Night
w/DJ Bill T
June 7: Simple Truth, 2-
6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9
p.m.
June 8: Opposite Direc-
tions, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Billy
T/DJ BK, 9 p.m.
June 9: Blake Haley, 4-

8 p.m.; DJ Billy T, 8
p.m.
June 10: Hot Sauce
Sandwich/Funk Shue,
9:30 p.m.
June 11: College Night
w/DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.;
Wheel of Fortune, 9
p.m.
June 12: Opposite Di-
rections, 9 p.m. to 1
a.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 & the bay
Fenwick Island, Del.
800-227-0525
302-539-3095
June 6: Dave Hawkins,
6-10 p.m.; DJ Abay, 10
p.m.
June 7: Dave Sherman,
6-10 p.m.; DJ RobCee,
10 p.m.
June 8: Kevin Poole, 5-
9 p.m.
June 9: Dave Hawkins,
6-10 p.m.
June 10: Kevin Poole,
5-9 p.m.
June 11: Bobby Burns,
3-6 p.m.; Dave Sher-
man, 6-9 p.m.
June 12: John LaMere

HIGH STAKES

Route 54
Fenwick Island, Del.
302-537-6971
June 6: Bobby Burns, 4
p.m.; DJ Zman, 9 p.m.
June 7: Bobby Burns, 4
p.m.; DJ Dug, 9 p.m.

HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd.
West Ocean City
410-213-1841
June 6: Lauren Glick, 8
p.m.
June 7: The Breakers,
8 p.m.
June 8: Simple Truth, 2
p.m.
June 11: Aaron Howell,
8 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside
Ocean City
410-524-7499
June 6: Down To Rock
June 7: Randy Lee
Ashcraft and The Salt-
water Cowboys
June 12: DJ Wax

MARYLAND WINE BAR

103 N. Main St. Berlin
410-629-1022
June 6: Live Acoustic
Music, 7 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB

In the Horizons Restau-
rant in the Clarion
Fontainebleau Hotel
101st Street & the
ocean
Ocean City
410-524-3535
Every Friday-Sunday: DJ
Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
June 6-7: First Class
June 10-11: First Class
June 12-15: Power Play
Lenny's Deck Bar
June 6-7: First Class, 5-
10 p.m.
June 8-10: First Class,
4-9 p.m.
June 11-12: On The
Edge, 4-9 p.m.

PURPLE MOOSE

108 S. Boardwalk
Ocean City
410-289-6953
June 6-7: Dirt

June 8-9: Fuzzbox
Piranha
June 12: Judas Priestess

SCHOONER'S RESTAURANT

In the Princess Royale
91st Street and the
ocean
Ocean City
410-524-7777
Every Friday and Satur-
day:
Harry O, 7-11 p.m.

SEACRETS

49th Street & the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
June 6: Jim Long Band,
5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9
p.m. to 1 a.m.; The Ben-
jamins, 10 p.m. to 2
a.m.
June 7: Jim Long Band,
5-9 p.m.; Jah Works, 9
p.m. to 1 a.m.; Big
Bang Baby, 10 p.m. to
2 a.m.
June 8: Jim Long
w/Power Play, 5-9 p.m.;
Under the Cover, 10
p.m. to 2 a.m.
June 9: Burnt Sienna;
Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.
June 10: Opposite Di-
rections, 5-9 p.m.
June 11: JJ Rupp Band,
5-9 p.m.
June 12: Go Go
Gadget, 10 p.m. to 2
a.m.

SHENANIGAN'S

Fourth Street and the
Boardwalk
in the Shoreham Hotel
410-289-7181
June 6-7: Donal
O'Shaughnessy

SMITTY MCGEE'S

Route 54
West Fenwick Island, Del.
302-436-4716
June 6: Randy Lee
Ashcraft & the Saltwa-
ter Cowboys, 8 p.m.
June 12: Randy Lee
Ashcraft & the Saltwa-
ter Cowboys, 8 p.m.

THE ABBEY BURGER BISTRO

126th Street, bayside
410-250-BEEF
June 6: Wes Davis &
Ray Holiday, 7-11 p.m.
June 7: Simple Truth, 7-
11 p.m.
June 12: Darren Fran-
cis, 6-10 p.m.

THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES

1 Mumford's Landing Rd
Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
June 6: Joe Smooth &
Too Much Stuff, 6-10
p.m.
June 7: Rick & Lem-
mon LaRicci, 6-10 p.m.
June 8: Jazz Brunch
w/Joe Wagner, 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m.; Ribbon Cut-
ting w/Kaleb Brown, 5-
7 p.m.

WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road,
Suite 17 Pines Plaza,
Ocean Pines
443-365-2576
June 6: Karaoke
w/Donnie Berkey

SNAPSHOTS



LITERARY AFFAIR
Stephen Decatur High School artist and writer, Ian Postley, reads one of his published works from the school literary magazine, “Daybreak,” during a special reception in the Black Box theatre room on May 16. “Daybreak” was published after a joint effort between Creative Writing teacher Dawn Russell and After School Academy Facilitator Mary Berquist. The literary magazine is also available to the public with a \$5 donation to the Creative Writing program.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



HEADMASTER FOR THE DAY
During Headmaster for the Day activities young Headmasters Hugh Thomas, third from left, and Myra Cropper, sixth from left, are pictured with some of their Upper School constituents. Pictured, from left, in from row, are Noah Conboy, Meg Lingo, Cropper, Kristen Shriver, Madison O'Malley, Cropper, Alie Greer, Christian Bruder, and in back row, Chase Schmeehling, Sarah Arrington, Matt Reilly and McKenna Shanahan.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



BABY GRAND PIANO FOR WPS
Drs. Wilson and Linda Choy of Rehoboth Beach, and Michelle and Joe Dashiell of Ocean City, present Worcester Preparatory School with a new Chang Baby Grand Piano. Initiating the piano with selections for those gathered to receive the gift were pianists Isabel Dashiell and Jacob Todd. Showing the new baby grand, from left, are Christopher Choy, Dashiell and Alex Choy.

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PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB
The Pine'eer Craft Club of Ocean Pines meets on the third Thursday of each month at the community center. Members enjoy refreshments, hold a business meeting and then make a craft together. Pictured are members of the refreshment committee, Pat Walker, Noreen Bergold and Mary Bohley. Guests are welcome. Contact President Sharon Puser at 410-208-3032 for information.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



ACADEMIC SUCCESS
Stephen Decatur High School celebrates students' academic achievement during the annual awards banquet at the Ocean City convention center on May 13. Pictured, from left, are SDHS sophomore Alea Aul, Senator Jim Mathias and sophomore Caroline Hammond.

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PURNELL HONORED
Rebecca (Becky) Purnell, center, returned to Worcester Preparatory School to be honored by alumni, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees members. Purnell, who worked at the school from 1970 until her retirement about 15 years ago, enjoyed seeing old friends and the changes that have taken place at the school since her retirement. Pictured with Purnell are Barbara Trumpower, Kathy Hagar, Lincoln Stanley, Will Esham, Adam Showell, Celeste Bunting, Reese Cropper, Tom Westcott, Dr. Barry Tull and Tara Purnell.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Blackened catfish with shrimp and grits

(Reprinted from June 6, 2013 Bayside Gazette)

There is something wonderful about spicy foods in the heat of summer. As I



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

have touched on before it just makes sense from a culinary standpoint as well as a physiological viewpoint.

As we study any cultures or regions further in the south, it is common to find a significant presence of chilies, chili powder and cayenne. Capsaicin, the chemical in peppers that make them hot, rules the day.

The hotter an area is, the more the body needs to sweat. There is a natural evaporation process that takes place when we sweat, the body's attempt at cooling us down.

And what better way to sweat can there be than to eat some spicy food and forego all of that irritating exercise?

When I was in the Deep South last weekend, I noticed that many of the foods that we ate were over-seasoned and spicy and that fits into our nice, neat little 'hot-regions-typically-have-spicy-foods' model.

The best dish of the weekend was the blackened catfish, something I have personally never been crazy about; something happens when you eat a dish in a locale that specializes in a dish and it is made correctly. When all of the components of the dish come together with synergy and sense it's a great experience, and that is exactly what this was.

Now, when blackening foods, there is debate about how exactly to do it and that is the crux of my monologue today.

A good many cooks and chefs believe that to truly blacken, you must cook your heavily seasoned provisions on a dry (emphasize dry), white hot cast iron pan. In doing so, the crust is a charred, cigarette-like finish that is akin to kissing an ashtray. While I can appreciate this cooking form, I prefer the style that I have enjoyed in New Orleans on more than a couple occasions and like a little butter in the skillet or brushed on the fish before the seasoning is applied.

The finished product has a very dark crust on it but the butter salvages the seasoning and leaves it much more savory and delectable than the aforementioned method of dry charring. If you prefer the former, cook the former. If, like me, you prefer the latter, then go with your instinct. It's all good and ultimately it's your food.

My favorite part of this dish is the cheddar grits. I have cooked them for years and enjoy them, despite the fact that I loathe oatmeal and grits for breakfast. With cheese, cream and butter for dinner, though? They're money, as we say in the business.

The spice that I used in this recipe can be found locally and is Ragin' Cajun Louisiana Spice. It is mild as the true Cajun spice is saltier than our local seafood blend. Make that call on your own.

Ultimately the heat is there, the flavor is there, and hey, it's all going on grits, so how can you go wrong?

Blackened Catfish, Cheddar Grits & Shrimp

serves 2

2 6-ounce pieces Catfish
Ragin' Cajun Louisiana Spice (mild)
2 Tbsp. Butter
Cheddar Grits (recipe follows)
Poached Shrimp & Broth (recipe follows)

Scallions from broth
Green Beans

Pat the catfish dry and season liberally with Louisiana Spice

Heat butter in a cast iron pan until just at smoking point (between butter and smoke I am afraid to say that healthy just went out the window) and add catfish, presentation side down

Cook catfish until it is dark on first side and then turn it over to finish cooking.

When catfish is done, set on paper towel until ready to serve, ensuring to keep it warm

Spoon some grits on the plate and side with some green beans

Top with catfish, shrimp and scallions

Pour a small amount of broth on the dish and finish with some freshly chopped herbs

Cheddar Grits

makes 3 cups

1 1/2 c. Chicken or seafood stock
3/4 c. Yellow grits or cornmeal
1/2 c. Sharp cheddar cheese, grated
Heavy cream, as needed
Butter, as needed
S&P to taste

Bring the stock to a boil

While whisking, slowly sprinkle in grits

Stir until grits have thickened and add cheese until melted

Add cream and butter until you have nice and creamy grits

Season to taste and set aside until ready to serve

Poached Shrimp & Broth

makes 1# (save the rest for peel 'n eat



the next day!)

1 lb. Easy peel shrimp
Ragin' Cajun Louisiana Spice
1 Fresh lemon, halved
8 ea. Scallions, trimmed to about 6 inches
1 ea. Parsnip, peeled and cut into 1" chunks
1/2 red onion, large chunks
1/2 Tomato, large chunks

Peel half of the shrimp and place shells in 1 quart of water or stock (fortifying stock just gives you a better tasting finished product)

Place remaining ingredients except for shrimp meat and whole shrimp in the liquid and bring to a simmer

Simmer for 1 hour and strain, reserving only the scallions

Bring stock back to a simmer and add all of your shrimp. This will further fortify the flavor and cook the shrimp

When shrimp is cooked, strain, reserving the stock for final service. Separate the peeled shrimp and whole shrimp

Refrigerate whole shrimp for another day and set the peeled shrimp aside for service

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1 To the same extent

6 Something Pedro and Pablo might have?

9 Coll. program

13 Tug-of-war participant

19 Watts on a screen

20 Like some desk work

22 One of a group of Eastern Christians

23 King’s move?

25 Only what a person can take?

26 In fine fettle

27 Process of sorting injuries

28 Gets browner

30 Start of something big?

31 Mineralogists’ study

32 Anoint, archaically

33 Like some French sauces

34 Brooklyn squad

35 The two sides of Pac-Man’s mouth, say

37 Principles espoused during Women’s History Month?

40 Cry after a roller coaster ride, maybe

44 Together

45 Coward from England

46 Ability to walk a tightrope or swallow a sword?

51 Land in the Golden Triangle

52 Part of a giggle

55 Pass with flying colors

56 Like the 10-Down

57 Soupçon

60 Olden

62 Finish (up)

64 Soprano Sumac

65 At the discretion of

66 Dream for late sleepers?

72 Identity

74 Car antitheft aid, for short

75 Informal way to say 87-Across

76 Sheen

79 Chooses beforehand

83 It’s all tied up with the present

86 Start to love?

87 “Certainly”

88 Collapse, with “out”

89 Waterway leading to a SW German city?

92 Way to l’île de la Cité

93 Feature of many a Ludacris lyric

94 Add up

95 Slinky going down the stairs?

101 Dough raiser

105 Large family

106 Postlarval

107 Crimean conference locale

111 Over

112 Captain, e.g.

113 Confederate

114 Biblical book in two parts

115 Star burst

116 Neighbor of an 8-Down

118 Dissertation on people’s inherent spitefulness?

121 Chaperone, often

122 Treasure Stater

123 Human or alien

124 Some cheaters have them

125 Frat members

126 Drivers brake for it

127 Pungent green

13 Not be bold

14 Commercial version of crazy eights

15 In-between

16 Cosmetician Estée

17 And so on and so forth

18 Go over and over

21 Lost it

24 Letter between two others that rhyme with it

29 Like some care

33 Lacks

36 One who might stick his tongue out at you?

38 Long time

39 Agosto or settembre

41 Ed of “Up”

42 “_____ be my pleasure!”

43 Burns’s refusal

46 It’s widely hailed as a convenient way to get around

47 Frozen over

48 Entertains

49 Bemoan

50 Organic compound

51 Monastery resident

52 One parodied on “Portlandia”

53 Fangorn Forest denizen

54 Inflatable thing

58 Reason for glasses

59 Captain Morgan and others

61 Does away with

63 Layer

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67 Action-packed

68 It has a light at one end

69 Roll of the dice, say

70 Up

71 Strip for a fashion show

72 Secret collector

73 Before, poetically

77 The _____ City (New Haven)

78 Literary inits.

80 Nobel Prize subj.

81 Trousers

82 Racing boat

84 Sandwich order, for short

85 Scary word

90 Young Darth Vader’s nickname

91 Evergreen shrub

92 Thumbs’ opposites

93 Represent, sportswise

95 Lines at a theater?

96 Like Flatland

97 Became less than a trickle

98 Composure

99 Spiral-horned antelope

100 Mischievous girl

102 Social breakdown

103 Common dice rolls

104 Elements of some accents

108 “American Graffiti” director

109 Frigid temps

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