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New healthcare plan to keep costs under \$500K

Savings will come from restructuring deductible reimbursement account

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Additional negotiation sessions with the town's employee benefits broker yielded savings of \$4,000 per month and will keep healthcare premium costs under \$500,000 for fiscal year 2014, Human Resources Director Jeffrey Fleetwood told the town council during a May 28 meeting.

Fifty-seven employees are enrolled in the town's employee benefits plan, which in fiscal year 2013 cost the town \$40,360 per month—a total annual cost of \$484,320, Fleetwood said.

Had the terms of the town's policy remained the same as last year, premiums for fiscal year 2014 would have totaled \$45,500 per month, as initially proposed through Atlantic, Smith, Cropper & Deeley, he said. The proposed increase would have resulted in Berlin paying an additional \$5,000 per month for its employee healthcare benefits costs, with the annual cost for healthcare premiums totalling \$546,000.

After a series of negotiations, Fleet-

wood reported the additional cost for the plan for 2014 was winnowed down to \$40,669 per month, representing an additional cost of \$309 per month. The final premium cost total for 2014 will be \$488,028.

The cost savings will come from restructuring the plan's high deductible health reimbursement account, which currently is set at \$1,500 for employees and \$3,000 for employees with spouses, children or both, Fleetwood said.

Under the town's benefits ratio, Berlin contributes 90 percent toward the healthcare costs and an individual employee pays 10 percent through bi-weekly premiums. For employees with spouses, children or both, the ratio is 70 percent paid by the town and 30 percent paid by the employee.

Councilmember Paula Lynch asked whether the monthly premium costs to the town could be further decreased at the meeting.

The norm for comparable plans in the area is 85 percent and 15 percent Fleetwood said. In Snow Hill and Delmar the towns pay 100 percent of the costs for an employee-only plan, with Delmar paying 90 percent of the costs for an employee whose plan includes their spouse and 85 percent for an employee whose plan in-

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Local WWII vets recount D-Day experiences

Muth and Sauer discuss experiences before, during and after war

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—Local veterans, Navy Quartermaster Elmer Muth and Army Air Corpsman John Sauer were among 156,000 military service members from the United States, United Kingdom and Canada, assigned to in-

vade France's northern Normandy coast on June 6, 1944. The United States joined its allies in the successful, but tragic, "Operation Overlord."

In recent interviews, and through their own written accounts, the two veterans discussed their experiences from before, during and after their roles in the historic invasion, credited with striking such a devastating blow in liberating France from German Nazi that it was referred to as the beginning of the end of World War II.

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Elmer Muth



John Sauer

Employee-only annual deductible amount will increase to \$2K

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cludes their children or their spouse and children.

As a result of the cost shifting, Berlin's employee-only annual deductible amount will increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000, Fleetwood said. The annual deductible for employees with spouses, children or both will increase from \$3,000 to \$4,000, he said.

He explained how the change would affect employees. Currently, the \$1,500

deductible in employee-only plans requires town employees to pay no more than \$300 out-of-pocket per year for their healthcare costs. The town contributes the additional \$1,200 by adding it to the employee's health reimbursement account benefits card.

In 2014, employees in the employee-only plans will pay \$400 and the town will contribute the remaining \$1,600 to the HRA cards.

Similarly, employees with spouse,

children or family benefits packages currently have an annual deductible of \$3,000 with a maximum out-of-pocket payment requirement of \$600. The town contributes the remaining \$2,400 to the employee's HRA.

Under the new plan rates for 2014, the deductible for spouse, children or family plans will increase to \$4,000 with a maximum out-of-pocket payment requirement of \$800, Fleetwood said. The town will contribute the remaining

\$3,200 to the employee's HRA.

He added later that the cost assumptions for the 2014 enrollment period also included potential for four new employees and their families.

The town of Berlin is currently soliciting for four new positions, in addition to replacing the town administrator and planning and building director. The four additional positions being solicited are for two stormwater laborers and two wastewater operator trainees.

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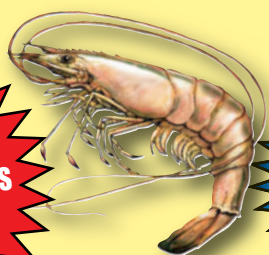
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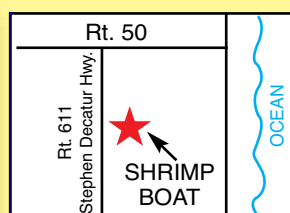
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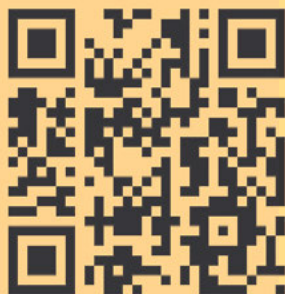
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Normandy coast segmented by Allies into five infantry 'beaches'

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The Normandy coast was segmented by the Allies into five infantry "beaches;" two were assigned to the Americans (Utah and Omaha), two to the United Kingdom (Gold and Sword) and one to the Canadians (Juno). The "D" in D-Day is a military designation thought to be nothing more than a temporal reference (as in "M" for minute, "H" for hour, "D" for day).

Elmer Muth, was a Navy quartermaster, second class, said the mission was highly secretive because the Allied forces were trying to keep details on the exact landing points from Nazi propagandist "Axis Sally." He recalled, "We had our jobs to do. The unknown was tricky to cope with."

In his recounting of the events of that battle, Muth noted his landing craft tank was launched immediately upon arriving in England on April 2, 1944, and was quickly brought up to full complement. The early arrival gave the crew time to assimilate and begin sharpening their skills, he said.

But that came to an abrupt halt as the month of June approached, he said.

"We received orders to depart in convoy from Plymouth to Portsmouth, from where we would leave for the invasion," Muth said.

He gave a timeline of the lead-up to the event. They departed Plymouth, England during the early morning on

April 28, after German E-boats sank three LST's that had been on maneuvers the night before, leaving several acres of bodies in the water from the aftermath of the E-boat attack.

"The death toll was 747 soldiers and 197 sailors," Muth said. "This incident was kept from the public until after the war. That night would be referred to as the 'Night of the Bloody Tiger.'"

Shortly after arriving in Portsmouth, they experienced nightly bombings by the Germans. On one such occasion, and unknown to them, delayed action mines were dropped interspersed with the bombs.

The following morning, a delayed action mine exploded under Muth's ship, blowing a mooring fish and seaweed twenty feet into the air and narrowly missing him.

"A short time later a naval repair ship arrived. Repairs were made swiftly, enabling us to proceed to Normandy as scheduled," where the ship was loaded with machines and personnel, he said.

"It was obvious that we were just a few hours away from the invasion," Muth said.

"We received orders to depart in convoy from Plymouth to Portsmouth, from where we would leave for the invasion."

ELMER MUTH

Navy quartermaster, second class

At 3:30 a.m. on June 4, all the LCTs began to assemble in formation. But three hours later, General Dwight D. Eisenhower postponed the invasion by one day because of bad weather conditions.

The LCT's were again underway at 3:30 a.m., Muth said.

"Promptly at 0515 hours, the huge naval bombardment of the Normandy coast began. Battleships and light and heavy cruisers opened a barrage of red hot charges that could be seen flying through the air," he said.

Then the unknown became known.

"As we approached the beach, the water erupted where live ammunition was landing. Our first casualty occurred as one of the soldiers lost four fingers while he was shouldering his rifle.

"We gave him a shot of morphine, wrapped his hand, and put him in a bunk. He never disembarked at Normandy. We beached on what we thought was Dog Red Beach, our assigned area. I am convinced we didn't know which area it was because of poor markings

"Upon beaching we lowered our

ramp. The first bulldozer received a direct hit as it was halfway off the ramp, so we retracted our ramp, leaving the bulldozer there. We moved further down the beach until we came upon a damaged LCI, which was burning

"We managed to enter the beach on her port side, offering us protection from the 88's. The beach was littered with men, living and dead, and operative and inoperative machines that hindered our unloading of our remaining cargo and men," Muth said.

He recalled that by 10 a.m. questions of whether the mission would be successful arose.

"By noon we had made some headway," he said.

His unit was the sixth wave of boats moving toward the beach where concussions from the huge German 88 millimeter guns shook the craft and rattled in their ears. What made the huge guns even more horrifying: "They were so accurate," Muth said.

Closer to shore, destroyers were scouring the beach with five-inch guns. The military crew continued unloading two armored bulldozers designed to clear the beach of mines, and thirty-five Army signalmen and their vehicles.

All of the men were at their battle stations with the task of powering and steering the craft as directed by their Skipper, Richard Zelden, who barked out

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John Sauer, Sr., right, receives the French Legion of Honor for participating in the liberation of that country. He also has a Purple Heart and Bronze Star, along with other commendations.

Men talk about war experiences

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orders through a voice tube while completely exposed enemy gunfire.

"To this day I fail to understand how he escaped being killed. Apparently, the good Lord was with him," Muth said.

A damaged and burning landing craft infantry unit provided some protection as Muth's team managed to enter the beach on the boat's port side.

"The beach was littered with men, living and dead, and operative and inoperative machines that hindered our unloading of our remaining cargo and men," he said.

A Navy Coxswain jumped aboard his vessel after his landing craft vehicle for personnel sank.

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After military service, Muth attended school

Muth said.

"Retracting for the second time, we were hailed by the Captain of LCT 612; his craft had been disabled. LCT 612 had sustained three direct hits in the engine room, causing it to flood and knocking the boat out of action," Muth said.

"Our Skipper ordered the crew to secure the anchor in its cradle and unshackle it so the cable could be used as a tow line to haul LCT 612 one-and-one-half miles from shore, out of the line of fire.

"On June 27 our officers and crew received a Letter of Commendation from our Flotilla Commander William Leide for this action," he said.

The commanding officer William Leide in a June 27, 1944 letter wrote to the commander of U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, recommending that the commanders and crew of LCT 613 be awarded a military citation "for seamanship and coolness in successfully towing U.S.S. LCT 612 to safety, in spite of heavy fire from German artillery and small arms," thus avoiding further injuries to personnel and keeping the Axis forces from being able to salvage the craft, Muth said.

The recommendation was never acted upon despite many entreaties to make that happen during the lifetimes of the crew and commanders, he said.

Following the battle, Omaha Beach was so littered with debris that for a few

days operations were impossible. Unloading of cargo was done on the neighboring Gold Beach, where British infantry was assigned.

Over the next several months larger ports became available to unload cargo and LCT 613, which had entered into action on June 6, departed for England on October 4.

"In its five-month tour working the Normandy beaches, LCT 613 had made a total of 106 trips from ship to shore. During this time the boat required nine trips to the beach for repairs," Muth said.

After spending several days in the Dartmouth shipyard, the crew was transferred stateside for further assignment.

After his military service, Muth took full advantage of the GI Bill, which paid for a Bachelor of Education and a master's degree in industrial arts. He taught in a Wheaton Maryland high school for 12 years and worked as a school administrator until 1982.

Muth is a widower with two daughters, although one has also died. He raised horses in Howard County for 28 years and his hobby now is boats, he said with a deck boat moored to a ramp just outside his Ocean Pines home.

John J. Sauer, served in the 116th Infantry of the Army's 29th Division, Company F — one of 19 Army divisions that participated in the Normandy Campaign.

When he was a 19-year-old in Baltimore City, he working for a defense contractor, but his friends had gone to war.

When he asked his boss how he too could join the war effort, his boss said, "Just don't come in to work." After following that advice, he was drafted and initially assigned to the Army Air Corp.

Soon afterward, he was reassigned to an infantry division and sent to the White Cliffs of Dover, England for training on boarding ships and landing craft.

"They didn't tell us anything; they just trained us," he said.

In his account of D-Day, Sauer said his unit was headed for Omaha Beach when it hit a sandbar that the crew tragically mistook for the actual beach. Thirty men plunged into 18 feet of water loaded with gear and drowned.

Sauer was the lone survivor, having saved himself by dropping his rifle and scuttling along the sea floor until he ran out of breath. When he surfaced for air, he saw someone clinging to a steel structure known as a "Czech hedgehog" and crying. It was a war correspondent who could not swim.

When Sauer got the journalist safely to the beach, he went back to retrieve the man's typewriter.

It was shortly after his return to the beach that Sauer was hit by shrapnel from an 88-millimeter gun blast from the elite German 352nd Infantry that was en-

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Sauer served for 30 years on Balt. City FD after military career

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trenched on high bluffs above the beach.

He woke up on a hospital ship where he was nearly arrested, he said. The hospital ship's wards were divided in to three sections: critical, self-inflicted, and minor injuries. He had been moved to the "self-inflicted" ward due to overcrowding, he said.

Citing the official record at the time, Sauer said, "Within ten minutes of the ramps being lowered, [the leading] company had become inert, leaderless, and almost incapable of action."

"Every officer and sergeant had been killed or wounded. It had become a struggle for survival and rescue," he said.

American casualties at Omaha were around 3,000, most within the first few hours.

Ten days after his release from the hospital, Sauer was assigned to a unit sent to liberate a concentration camp near Nuremburg, Germany. At 3 a.m. the group was awakened and marched two miles, arriving at the camp by 4 a.m.

The highest ranking officer of the troop was a sergeant; as a private, Sauer was second in command.

As he told Allan G. Kastner in his ac-

count of the concentration camp assignment, Sauer said, "As they marched along the five or six hundred feet of road from the camp gate to the crematorium, they found bodies piled eight to ten feet high on each side of the road"

"The stench of death was everywhere," Sauer said. "The defenders of the camp were all in their teens. John said, 'There wasn't a soldier among them; they were all kids.'"

Suddenly a siren wailed, and the liberators were told that signified another gassing was about to take place. Fortunately for five hundred people, including clergy, Poles and Jews, the rescuers arrived in time to save them.

The unit remained at that site for another two months to "mop up" the area. After returning home, John guarded German prisoners in Philadelphia, Pa., for three weeks to complete his service obligation, Sauer said.

For his heroic actions during the Normandy invasion, John received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He also received a Good Conduct Medal, Expert Infantry Combat Badge, and Europe-Africa-Mideast Campaign Ribbon. France awarded him the French Legion of

Honor for participating in the liberation of that country.

But Sauer was not finished saving people. After his military service, he served for 30 years on the Baltimore City Fire Department, where he received a commendation for saving five people. He was one of six survivors of a building collapse, where he was trapped for 14 hours, and was named Baltimore Fire-fighter of the Year in 1976. He also delivered seven babies during his career.

John and his wife, Joan, will have been married for 65 years. They have five

children, 11 grandsons, and three great-children, Sauer said. He served for 30 years in the Color Guard of American Legion Post 166 of Ocean City, which had dubbed him "Captain Emeritus."

The full accounts of Muth's and Sauer's war stories, along with other "Veteran's Stories," can be read on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Web site at <http://www.opvets.com>.

Gentlemen, on this D-Day, we thank you for your service and for your histories.

"Every officer and sergeant had been killed or wounded."

JOHN J. SAUER

Served in the 116th Infantry of the Army's 29th Division, Company F

Construction projects now completed and roads reopen

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Traffic is freely flowing again on Route 818 from North Main Street to Route 50 and along West Street now that construction projects have been completed, Public Works Director Michael Gibbons confirmed June 3.

The detour barricades at Route 818 and Old Ocean City Boulevard came down last Friday and the midsection of West Street reopened just before Memorial Day weekend, Gibbons said.

Construction crews were laying sewer pipe along Route 818 near the intersection where the Cheers Beer & Wine is located at 9923 Old Ocean City Blvd. In February, they had to contend with groundwater seepage that forced the crew to set up steel plate reinforcements and water pumps as they made their way along for the pipe installation to get to the specified depth.

A prediction at the time that the wet weather would delay the project until late spring proved to be spot on, with a few weeks to spare.

Work to replace a culvert on West Street that is too narrow to handle stormwater was also completed within the time expected. The ditch system in the area had been slowly deteriorating for years and had reached a point where the widening water flows were endangering a house.

During a March 25 town council meeting, Town Administrator Anthony Carson said the house would need to be reinforced before crews could dig up and replace the culvert.

Hydraulic studies of flooding in the area had shown that the drainage pipe was too narrow to properly drain the higher-than-usual water. During heavier storms, the flooding overflowed on both sides of the previously installed culvert and pooled in the roadway.

The town committed \$20,000 to help fund the project, with an \$110,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources. A \$25,000 study funded by a grant from the Assateague Land Trust in 2011 helped officials design a solution to mitigate the damage water intrusion was causing at the site.

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Tuesday, June 25, 2013, 7 p.m. – The Kent County Public Library, 408 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Wednesday, June 26, 2013, 7 p.m. – Chesapeake College-Wye Mills Campus, Cadby Theatre, Routes 50 and 213, Wye Mills, Maryland 21679

Thursday, June 27, 2013, 7 p.m. – Delmarva Power & Light Offices, Conference Rooms 1 and 2, 2530 Salisbury Boulevard, Salisbury, Maryland 21801

Written comments also may be filed by July 10, 2013. The comments shall be addressed to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and reference "Case No. 9317."

The Company is directed to publish as a display advertisement in newspapers of general circulation throughout its service territory a notice of the evening hearings for public comments, including the caption, case number, the time, date, place of each hearing, and the purpose of each hearing, at least two times on or before June 21, 2013. The Company shall file certificates of publication with the Commission on or before the date of the first evening hearing.

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Terry J. Romine
Chief Public Utility Law Judge

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Contest underway to name bar and grill in Pines Yacht Club

Competition will run through July 14; entries then narrowed to three

OCEAN PINES – A name contest to reflect the casual, waterfront grill and bar area that will be located inside the new Ocean Pines Yacht Club is underway. The name might reflect a reference to the view, ambience, or anything that comes to mind.

Open to the public, the contest will run through Sunday, July 14. The top three names that will be in the final vote will be announced at the closing party of the current Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Sunday, Sept. 1. Anyone may submit more than one name, but one name per ballot. The winning entries will receive a dinner for two and a bottle of wine in the new facility that is set to open in 2014.

Paper ballots will be available for voting at the Yacht Club and OPA office. At

the close of the balloting process, the Clubs Advisory Committee will decide the top group of names to present to the OPA Board of Directors for their review at the Thursday, July 24 board meeting.

The Board of Directors will consider the names and will narrow it down to three for a vote by the OPA residents. The residents of Ocean Pines will have the final vote from the top three choices selected by the Board. Voting will be limited to one name per property. Voting will take place from Sept 1 to Nov 1. The

name with the most votes will be announced at a later date.

The ballot boxes are located in Ocean Pines Yacht Club and in the 24 hour lobby of the Ocean Pines Administration office. Ballots can be downloaded from www.oceanpines.org. Completed ballots must be submitted by Sunday, July 14. Ballots may be mailed to OPA, c/o Name Contest, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811, e-mailed to info@Oceanpines.org or faxed to 410-641-5581.

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First 'High Heel' Race, June 14

Downtown Berlin event
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Supporting Women

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN—Anyone who has ever had to make a 15-minute flight connection in a large metropolitan airport in stilettos should be able to run away with this one.

The Worcester County Chapter of Women Supporting Women will host its first High Heel race June 14 in downtown Berlin at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration costs \$20 and registration on the day of the rain or shine event costs \$25.

The organization provides awareness, education and support for individuals affected by breast cancer on Delmarva.

Primary sponsors of the race will be Debbie and Steve Frene of Victorian Charm along with corporate sponsors Apple Discount Drugs, Craig's Drug Store, Inc., Midway Chevrolet GM in Pocomoke City, the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Rommel Harley-Davidson Motorcycles and Sharp Energy.

The event will include pink shoe awards for first place for men, first place for women, media celebrities and teams of four. Three peoples' choice awards will allow the public to vote with their wal-



lets. At \$1 per vote contestants will be judged on best looking legs for men, best looking legs for women and hairiest legs men or women.

While the race will not be restricted to ladies only, the organizers did stress certain ground rules. Contestants must be able to balance themselves in high heels (no wedges or boots); can modify shoes provided they meet the high heel criteria; be able to start and finish in high heels;

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Celebrate July 4 in Ocean Pines

OCEAN PINES—Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department announces a revamped schedule for its Fourth of July Celebration.

The day will now begin at 8 a.m. with the patriotic Freedom 5k race. At 10 a.m., the Sports Core Pool and the South Gate lawn surrounding the Worcester County's Veteran Memorial Park will host the All American Day festivities. Just after dark, the Ocean Pines Association will light fireworks over Showell Park.

Runners in the 5k race will travel around the South Gate Pond, up Manklin Creek Road and to the finish line at the Veterans Memorial. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks has partnered with local race design team OCtriRunning to use computer chip timing techniques to clock all of the runners accurately.

The cost to race is \$25 per person in advance, or \$35 the day of the race. The fee includes a T-shirt, access to a hospitality area and a free wristband allowing entrance into portions of the post-race activities and Fourth of July celebrations.

Part of race proceeds will be donated to the Home of the Brave Inc., which provides a vacation home and entertainment for returning soldiers and their families.

Race medals will be awarded to the overall top male and female performers and to top finishers in each age group,

male and female, younger than 10, 11 – 19 years, 20 – 29 years, 30 – 39 years, 40 – 49 years, 50 – 59 years, 60 – 69 years and older than 70 years.

The race is open to all ages. Register on active.com using the keyword "OPA Freedom Run" or by using the online portal on www.oceanpines.org. Interested participants can also register by visiting or calling the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052. Early registration is required to guarantee a shirt.

At 10 a.m., the All American Day festivities begin. Families are invited to a pool party and an assortment of activities like moon bounces, water slides, face painting and carnival games. Refreshments include cotton candy, hot dogs, snow cones and root beer floats. A 51-foot inflatable shark moon bounce and three-player inflatable play zone join the event this year. A live DJ will play all day.

Moon bounces and water slides cost \$5 for unlimited rides. Additional fees may apply on particular attractions.

The pool will be free to swim members. Non-members pay the regular daily pool rate.

At dark, settle into a seat as the Ocean Pines Association sponsors a light show in the sky. Fireworks will shoot over the Showell Park on route 589 at approxi-

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Women, as well as men, 18 and older invited to compete

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be 18-years-old or older; finish as fast as your spiked heels can take you; and since it's a high heel race and not a roller derby, there will be no hair pulling, scratching or biting. After all, this is no

the last hour of an "everything must go" sale, for crying out loud.

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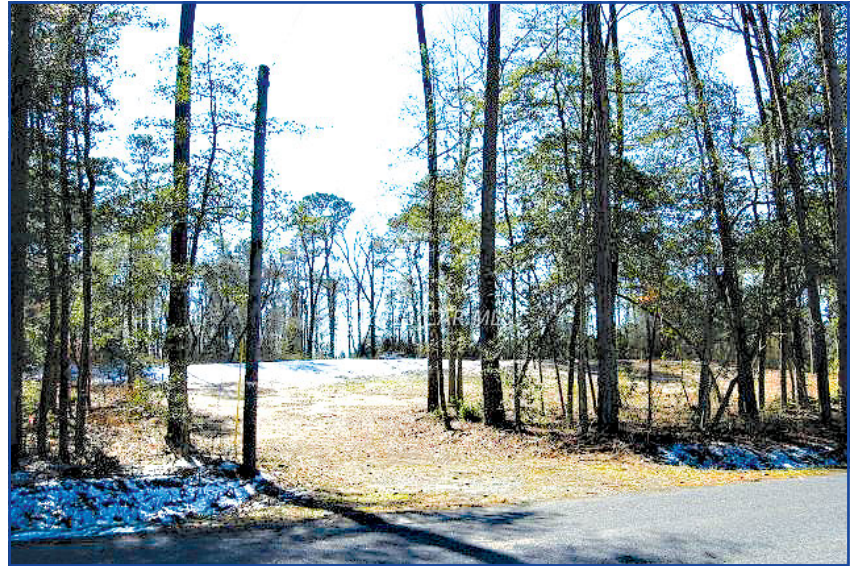


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Ocean Pines Recreation Department plans first family campout event

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—The Ocean Pines Recreation Department is planning its first Great Ocean Pines Campout in White Horse Park on June 22, Recreation Supervisor Eric Armstrong said.

Department staff will try to replicate a backyard camping atmosphere on a larger scale with family events. The event is "Bring your Own Tent" and registration costs \$25 for the first tent and \$10 for each additional tent. The park can easily accommodate 200 to 300 tents, Armstrong said.

Activities will include a campfire with sing-alongs, s'mores and ghost stories, a scavenger hunt and prizes, three-legged races, and family tug-of-war.

Movies will be shown on an inflatable screen.

Ten recreation staff members and up to nine camp counselors will be there to help families make the most of the experience.

The event will have a touch of nostalgia, since the park was formerly a campground, Armstrong said.

Campers can begin setting up at 3:30 p.m. Saturday of the event and check out around 9 a.m. the following Sunday.

For additional information or to register for a spot call 410-641-7052.

The Recreation Department will also offer line dancing classes on June 5, kids craft time on June 8, weekly summer family fun nights beginning June 12, a boater safety class on June 13, big truck day on June 15, concerts in the park beginning June 20 and teach a kid to fish day on June 22.

Freedom 5k race will kick off July 4 activities in Pines

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mately 9:15 p.m.

Recommended viewing locations for fireworks are Showell Elementary School, the Community Church of Ocean Pines, Most Blessed Sacrament School, St. John Neumann Church and the pavilions.

All parking will be free. The Bank of Ocean City gave a donation for this event.

To volunteer or become a sponsor, or for more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052 or visit 239 Ocean Parkway or www.ocean-pines.org.

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OBITUARIES

Timothy P. Hofman

OCEAN CITY — Timothy Patrick Hofman, 52, died Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at his home.



T. Hofman

Born the seventh of nine children, Mr. Hofman was raised on the colonial Gittings Ha Ha estate in Brookeville. He was the son of Gloria Ann Haverty Hofman and the late Leo Charles Hofman.

Mr. Hofman is survived by his wife Florence Hofman; his brothers, Leo "Fritz" Hofman, John C. Hofman, Thomas M. Hofman, G. Randy Hofman and James B. Hofman; and sisters Cathie H. Rocklin and Bonnie Hart. He was preceded in death by his brother, Francis G. Hofman.

Musically gifted from an early age, he had been an altar boy and music coordinator at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olney. Throughout his life, Mr. Hofman continued to play in churches.

He became a professional pianist, classically trained under Roger Pries of the National Symphony in Washington, DC. As a concert pianist, he performed across the United States, including in Las Vegas and on cruise ships, and toured in 24 countries.

After spending his formative years in California, Mr. Hofman returned to the

east coast in the early 1990s to make his home in Ocean City. He enjoyed writing lyrics and composing music. He also loved building and architecture and being a landlord.

Mr. Hofman had attended Salisbury University. In high school, he was a national medalist in Greco Wrestling.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at Atlantic United Methodist Church on 4th and Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City. Rev. Norman Poultney and Rev. Dick Sands officiated.

A visitation will be held at the Burbage Funeral Home on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

A donation in Mr. Hofman's memory may be made to Ocean City Paramedics Foundation, P.O. Box 3099, Ocean City, Md. 21843.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com

Victoria Purnell Hudson

BERLIN — Victoria Elizabeth Purnell Hudson died on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin at age 99.

Ms. Hudson was one of five siblings born to the late Lee and Hennie (Gray) Purnell. She was born in Berlin on July 2, 1913.

"Mom Vick," as she was affectionately



V. Hudson

known, received her formal education in Worcester County public schools. Her Christian training was received at St. Paul United Methodist Church, where she was a devoted lifelong member. During her early years, she served on several committees and enjoyed the Harvest Home service and raising money for the church.

Mom Vick was also a member of the United Methodist Women and a former member of the Berlin household of Ruth and the former Busy Bee Club. She was employed in various jobs and retired from the Town of Ocean City.

She possessed a long and kind spirit. She loved picking vegetables and in her early years she raised geese, ducks and chickens. She also enjoyed going to yard sales and attending the high school basketball games. Her many grandchildren were her constant companions. She was a dedicated and faithful mother, grandmother, great- and great-great mother, aunt and friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mom Vick is survived by six children, Vivian Smith, Shirley Beckett, Daniel (Lorraine) Hudson, Oliver (Rose) Hudson, Morgan Hudson and Clemmons Hudson. She also leaves fond memories

with 38 grandchildren, 91 great-grandchildren, 44 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by two daughters, Catherine M. Purnell and Yvonne H. Collick; one grandson, Tyrone Beckett; and four siblings, Elwood and James Purnell, Ella Mae Pitts and Winifred Peters.

A memorial services was held Saturday, June 1 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Berlin. Rev. Barbara A. Harmon officiated.

Interment was held at St. Paul United Methodist Church cemetery in Berlin.

Nancy Hepler Radle

OCEAN CITY — Nancy Hepler Radle, 77, died Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at her home in Ocean City.

Born in Lavelle, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Raymond Hepler and G. Irene Weikel.

Mrs. Radle is survived by her husband, William Radle, and two sisters, Dorothy Rundal and her husband Richard and Shirley Simons. She is also survived by nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

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

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Willard Beauchamp

SNOW HILL — Willard Beauchamp, 80, died on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013. His body was donated to the Maryland State Anatomy Board for research and his remains are now home.

Friends are invited to gather at his home at 7722 Stagg Road in Snow Hill on Saturday, June 22 for refreshments starting at 10 a.m. and a funeral service at 11 a.m.

Following the service, Willard's remains will be interred at Parson's Cemetery in Salisbury next to his late wife, Mary.

Norman "Buddy" Betts

MILLSBORO, DEL. — Norman "Buddy" Betts, 79, died Tuesday, May 28, 2013 in the comfort of his home.

Mr. Betts was born Jan. 6, 1934 to Ira

and Miranda Betts of Millsboro, Del. He attended Millsboro High School and retired after 48 years at Townsend Inc.

Mr. Betts was a life member of the Millsboro Fire Company for 50 years, serving 30 years as a member of the Delaware State Fire Police. During his years of fire service, Mr. Betts was named 2005 Delaware Fireman of the Year, 2005 Ned Carey Fireman of the Year, 2007 Top Responder Fire Police, 2007 Fireman of the Year and was inducted into the Delaware Firefighters Hall of Fame in 2006.

He was a member of the Millsboro Jaycee's, where he served as the local chapter's vice president and president. He also served as the state chaplain, local director and state director. During his years with the Jaycee's, Norman was awarded Outstanding Jaycee Spoke Award of the Year and was admitted to membership

and fellowship as a life member of the Junior Chamber International as the world's 11207th JCI Senator, which is the highest award given by the Jaycee's.

Mr. Betts was a charter member of the Sussex Central Ruritans, serving for 37 years, and was vice president and president of the group. He was the zone governor for three terms and was awarded the Ruritan of the Year Award in 2000, 2004 and 2007.

Mr. Betts was a member of Zoar United Methodist Church, where he was past president of the Men's Club. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and the Central Delaware Civil War Round Table.

In addition to his many organizations, Mr. Betts enjoyed his antique toy truck and Hess truck collections and the world of NASCAR.

He shared his life with his wife of 58 years, Alice Betts. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters Catherine Carisle, Mildred Betts, Hazel Pusey, Jenna Mae Rogers and Pauline Cordery and brothers Reese Betts and Everett Betts.

Mr. Betts is survived by and will be dearly missed by his wife, Alice; sister Aliene Miller; sons Paul Betts, Randy and Barbara Betts, Mark and Cindy Betts, Darryl and Janine Betts, and Kevin Betts and Dustey Long; grandchildren Tony and Kimberly Wise, Karla Betts, Hunter and Amber Holland, Dylan Betts and his fiancée Nicole Mitchell, Suzanne Betts, Jesse Betts, Gage Betts and Abby Betts; and great-grandchildren Mikayla Wise, Wyatt Betts and Hanna Holland.

Funeral services were held at Watson Funeral Home in Millsboro, Del., with burial at the Millsboro Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests sending contributions to the Millsboro Fire Company, P.O. Box 83, Millsboro, Del. 19966 or Zoar United Methodist Church, c/o Carissa Pepper, 24491 Gravel Hill Road, Millsboro, Del. 19966.

Letters of condolence may be emailed via www.watsonfh.com.

V. Floyd Wescott

SELBYVILLE, DEL. — V. Floyd Wescott, 79, of Selbyville, died on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Del.

Born on June 14, 1933 in Wardtown, Va., he was the son of the late Thomas and Novilla Smith Wescott.

Mr. Wescott married Miss Ella Rayne in 1954 in Berlin. His beloved wife survives him after 57 years of marriage.

Mr. Wescott worked for over 30 years as a truck driver for Perdue Inc., and was an active man who enjoyed hunting deer and rabbits. He loved eating the game he hunted.

He was a member of St. John A.M.E. Church in Bishopville, where he had served as a member of the board of trustees and in the choir.

Mr. Wescott will be sadly missed. He is survived by seven children, Larry Wescott and his wife Pauline, Inez Warden and her husband William, Katherine Wescott, Villie Wescott and his wife Jymayce, Yvonnise Bullock and her husband Robert, Troy Wescott and his wife Tammy, and Drexter Briddell and his wife Marilyn.

He is also survived by his siblings Corine Collins, Betty Sue Johnson, Phyllis DeShields and her husband, Arthur, and John Wescott and his wife, Stephanie.

Mr. Wescott was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Wescott, and a sister, Margaret Bratten.

He has 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, along with numerous cousins, extended family members and friends.

A funeral service and celebration of life was held on Monday, June 3, 2013 at New Holy Trinity Church in Millsboro, Del. Elder Dexter Taylor officiated.

Interment followed at Zoar Golden Acres Cemetery in Bishopville.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Mixologist takes Bloody Mary cocktail blend to next level

George's Bloody Mary Mix to collaborate with Reliable Churchill

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Usually peer pressure and drinking have a negative connotation, but for David Bakis, it did him to bottle his unique brand of cocktails with positive results.

Twins and partners Alex and Theda Bakis — ironically pronounced Bacchus — are helping David prepare for a ribbon-cutting and launch party, June 19 at 6 p.m. at the Globe Theater. The ceremony with the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce will announce the company's October 2013 collaboration with liquor distributor Reliable Churchill of Annapolis.

Local business connections range from the company's manufacturer, Virginia Beach bottler Ashburn Sauce Co., to its Web site designer D3 Corp and the bottles' labels with the backdrop of an ancient map of the Eastern Shore. David wanted to keep the whole thing local, the Bakis' said.

The Bakis twins said the venture

arose from their persistent advice that David bottle his bloody mary mix, which won the Best Bloody Mary Mix Award at Seacrets in Ocean City a month after David arrived in 2006 to help his family open the Globe Theatre.

"His response to us was 'I don't have the time for that stuff,'" Theda Bakis said. But David finally conceded to let the duo try launching the brand for him.

After a period of trial and error that took the recipe from David eyeballing his mix to a consistent and specific formula, they finally got the recipe down. That was a year and a half ago, Theda Bakis said.

Before you could say "Be careful what you wish for," the mix has spread to more than 400 bars, restaurants and stores throughout Maryland.

Now the Bakis' are co-equal owners of the company and handle the marketing, promotions and company website, while David handles the numbers and product creation. Their strategy is to widen the brand in Delaware, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The all-in-one Bloody Mary mix comes in two temperatures "original spicy" and a more toned-down, mild version. The recipe takes the guess work out of the mixing process, Theda



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Greg David and partners Alex and Theda Bakis are expanding their Bloody Mary cocktail mix brand with the help of liquor distributor Reliable Churchill of Annapolis. The twins are winning the expanded distribution with a ribbon-cutting at the Globe Theater.

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FINANCE

Dow hits milestone, closes above 15,000 for first time in May

In May, the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit closed above 15,000 for the first time. 15,000 is a nice round number, and it sounds pretty big, but what does it mean to you, as an individual investor?

There's no one simple answer to this question. Since March 2009 – the low point of the market following the 2008 financial crisis – the "Dow" has risen about 130 percent. And while the Dow is just one index, it's nonetheless an im-

portant measure of the market's performance. However, as you're no doubt aware, the market does not move in just one direction. Typically, declines of 10 percent or more – or "corrections" – occur about once a year. Unfortunately, they're not predictable. Sooner or later, the markets will indeed change course, at least for the short term.

When this happens, don't panic – corrections are a normal part of the

board members. They should highlight and keep in mind suggestions from people, who are not always right, but who are

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Chesapeake Utilities will operate ESG, ESP assets

DOVER, DEL.—Chesapeake Utilities Corporation announced that it has completed the acquisition of the operating assets of Eastern Shore Gas Company and its affiliate, Eastern Shore Propane Company, in Worcester County.

Chesapeake's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Sandpiper Energy, Inc. and Sharpgas, Inc., acquired and will operate the ESG and ESP assets, respectively.

The transaction was completed May 31. Management expects the transaction to be earnings accretive in the first full year of operations.

The acquisition was financed through unsecured short-term debt. Chesapeake and ESG obtained the necessary approvals and consents to close the transaction, including approval of the Maryland Public Service Commission on May 29.

The MPSC approval included implementation of delivery service tariff rates for those customers being served via underground distribution mains. With the implementation of tariff rates, the pricing and other conditions of service are regulated by the MPSC.

In the first full year of operations, Chesapeake estimates that Sandpiper Energy will save the community over \$1 million.

Residential and commercial/industrial customers will be charged rates based on the rate schedules approved by the MPSC, regardless of whether they use propane or natural gas. After thirty months from the date of the MPSC's order, Chesapeake is re-

quired to file a formal, in-depth review of its delivery service tariff rates with the MPSC.

"In late 2012, Chesapeake's interstate pipeline subsidiary, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company, completed an expansion to bring natural gas to Worcester County. The acquisition of the operating assets of ESG by Sandpiper Energy is a key next step in our growth strategy, enabling us to significantly expand our footprint in Worcester County," said Michael P. McMasters, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

"We are excited about our prospects for natural gas distribution growth in Worcester County and over the next few months, we will evaluate the potential conversion of the ESG facilities from propane to natural gas. We will proceed with conversions where economically feasible," McMasters said.

"In addition to providing savings, our objective is to provide superior service to the customers and communities we serve by increasing their energy options; maintaining our systems and infrastructure in order to provide safe and reliable delivery of energy to customers; and providing the highest levels of customer service," he said.

Based in Worcester County, ESG provides propane service to approximately 11,000 residential and commercial customers primarily in Ocean City, West Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill.

The propane distribution service is pro-

vided from central storage facilities through underground gas distribution mains and services.

ESP provides propane bulk delivery service via individual propane tanks to over 500 customers throughout Worcester County. ESG and ESP are both indirect, wholly owned subsidiaries of Energy Equity Partners, L.P.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is a diversified utility company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission and marketing; electric distribution; propane gas distribution and wholesale marketing; advanced information services and other related services. With the addition of ESG and ESP customers, Chesapeake, through several divisions and subsidiaries, will provide natural gas and propane distribution service to approximately 103,800 customers on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Chesapeake owns and operates a 428-mile interstate pipeline that transports natural gas from various points in Pennsylvania to customers in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania through Eastern Shore, their pipeline transmission subsidiary.

Sandpiper Energy, Inc., a new subsidiary of Chesapeake, acquired the operating assets of ESG, and will be providing natural gas distribution service in Worcester County.

Information about Chesapeake's businesses is available on the World Wide Web at www.chpk.com.

Margarita mix recipe in works for launch in '14

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Bakis said, "You just add vodka."

It is made with local ingredients, according to Theda Bakis, with "lots of horseradish" along with fresh tomato, lemon and celery. "It's a traditional Eastern Shore Bloody Mary," she said.

A margarita mix recipe is in the works for launch in 2014.

Originally from Washington, David moved to Berlin from Annapolis where he worked in the restaurant industry and mastered his Bloody Mary recipe. The Bakis' are from Allentown, Pa.

They are stylists at a Perfect Face Day Spa and met David at the Globe.

Most of the components of the brand came about through the same Broad Street connection in Berlin, which is why the new owners refer to the Globe Theater as the "The birthplace of Georges."

Additional information about the brand is available at the Web site www.GeorgesMixes.com.

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Restored Rackliffe House opens for summer on Tues.

More than 150 newly acquired artifacts will be featured in home

BERLIN—Rackliffe House, a restored 1740s merchant-planter's Georgian home overlooking Assateague Island and Sinepuxent Bay outside of Berlin, opens for the season on Tuesday.

The Rackliffe House Trust recently completed furnishing the kitchen, spinning room and boy's room in the main house as well as the original milk house. The exhibitions feature more than 150 newly acquired artifacts, both period pieces and historically accurate reproductions made by contemporary craftspeople.

"This is a big step forward in our educational mission, since we now can interpret colonial food ways, the making of butter and soft cheese in the milk house, the self-sustainability of the plantation, and the work of women, particularly servants and slaves, in the 18th century," said Joan Jenkins, Trust president.

The Humphreys Foundation Inc. underwrote the restoration of the milk

house. The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority made possible the furnishing of the rooms in the main house and the milk house. The Family of Robert L. and Helen R. McFarlin also contributed room furnishings for the main house.

Rackliffe House also will be open every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. as well as the second Saturday of each month from 1-4 p.m. through September. The three acres of grounds are open to hikers every day from dawn to dusk. Donations of \$2 per person are requested to continue the preservation of the historic property.

Rackliffe House may be reached by turning into Marsh View Lane, off Stephen Decatur Road (Route 611), at the Assateague National Seashore Visitors Center.

Visitors are encouraged to park in the visitor center lot and take the half mile trail along Tom Patton Lane. Visitors who do not wish to hike the trail may park in the designated area near Rackliffe House on opening days.

For more information about Rackliffe House, contact Jim Rapp at 443-614-0261 or visit www.rackliffehouse.com.

FINANCE

Diversification helps reduce volatility impact in downturn

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spread your dollars among a range of vehicles — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other investments.

Even within these classes, look for ways to diversify further, such as owning different types of stocks, bonds of varying maturities, and so on. Diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss but it can help reduce the impact of volatility that can occur in a downturn.

The Dow at 15,000 is certainly no

minor event. And since stocks don't appear too expensive compared to their earnings, don't be surprised if higher milestones follow. But record highs can be quickly forgotten when the market falls.

By being prepared for that day, too, you can help yourself continue to work toward your goals — even when the major market indices have, for the moment, taken a wrong turn.

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Visitors encouraged to discover area

Explore trails, museums and historical sites for overall Shore experience

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

WORCESTER COUNTY — Local tourism officials have been ramping up their efforts to encourage visitors to explore trails, museums and historical sites as part of their overall Eastern Shore vacation experience.

The result is an impressive array of alternative activities that locals can suggest for visiting friends and relatives to explore on bad beach days or as an add-on to their plans at Ocean City.

While most of the activities were low or no cost, according to Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger, heritage and environmental tourism is a real economic driver for the Lower Shore area.

Similarly, Jim Rapp, a board member of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council, recently discussed historical sites that are dotted throughout the immediate region. Also, according to Rapp, more than 400 species of birds live, breed or migrate through Worcester County.

Michael Day, director of Berlin's Eco-

nomie and Community Development Department, noted that the town was working with officials in Dorchester County to coordinate with efforts to promote Cambridge's Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park.

Attractions listed by the two included museums, bike trails, walking tours and trails, environmental opportunities, and annual and ongoing events. We provided a brief guide of a few of the most popular areas.

■ **Museums and Historical Sites:** Assateague's Rackliffe House, an eighteenth century plantation on South Point behind Assateague State Park; Berlin's Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, which hosts concerts on the lawn on second Sundays, and the soon to open Germantown School Community Center; Ocean City's Life Saving Station and Henry Museum; Snow Hill's Nassawango Iron Furnace & Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum, and the Julia A. Purnell Museum; and Pocomoke's Costen House House, a Victorian home on Market Street named after the town's first mayor, Delmarva Discovery Center, Mar-Va Theater, which still shows live events and \$5 movies on weekends, and the Sturgis One Room School House Museum; and Virginia's Wallops Island Space Center.

■ **Bike Trails:** Assateague's Hike and Bike nature trails that uses paved bike lanes along the shared road, and Worcester County's View Trail 100 bike trail, which also uses existing county roads.

■ **Walking Tours and Trails:** Assateague's Barrier Island Visitor Center; Berlin's Audio Walking Tour, featuring filming location sites from the movies "Runaway Bride" and "Tuck Everlasting;" Pocomoke River State Park; Snow Hill's self-guided historical tour of over 50 homes dating prior to 1900.

■ **"Voluntourism" Opportunities:** Maryland Coastal Bays' terrapin counting from May 29 to June 1, recorded seal sightings and dunegrass plantings;

■ **Events:** Berlin's Peach Festival in Berlin on Aug. 3; and Snow Hill's Annual Blessing of the Combines on Aug. 3, Delmarva Birding Weekend in April, and Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum archeology digs on June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, and Oct 19.

Challenger also provided several Web sites that out-of-towners can access to review attractions before they arrive, including www.visitworcester.org, www.beachandbeyond.org, www.lowershore-heritage.org and <http://www.mdcoastalbays.org>.

First Friday event in Snow Hill today

Snow Hill—Snow Hill is preparing for a busy summer beginning with First Friday on June 7. Merchants will stay open until 8 p.m. or later for shoppers to explore their stores and galleries at a leisurely pace while enjoying art openings, special discounts and musical entertainment.

American Art Gallery extends a special challenge for First Friday visitors: come to the gallery, enjoy our atmosphere and music, and look for the free painting. One painting will be marked "Free". The Free sign will not be hidden. If you find the painting marked "Free" on Friday Night it's yours. The gallery will be open until 10 p.m. for First Fridays.

Antiques by the River offers antiques and collectibles. It's a great place to find something special for Father's Day.

Jim Rehak will be the featured artist at Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine. The wines for June are 2012 Mont Gravet Cotes de Gascogne, France and 2011 Tortoise Creek "Les Olivers" Pinot Noir, Limoux, France.

Visit Nancy Ellen Thompson in her studio on Pearl Street and Barbara Nelson's Woven Dreams Studio in the Old Firehouse Art Center.

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The Volunteers to perform during Chicken Festival

SNOW HILL—The Delmarva Chicken Festival announces the addition of a concert by The Volunteers, an ensemble of the U.S. Army Field Band, on Friday, June 21.

The group will appear on the main stage in Byrd Park in Snow Hill at 2 p.m.

Since its inception in 1981, The Volunteers has been telling the Army story through rock, pop, country and patriotic music. Its members have performed for millions of listeners in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Kuwait and Iraq.

The soldier-musicians of The Volunteers tailor their concerts to their audiences and are as comfortable in Veteran's homes and hospitals as they are playing arenas of screaming fans.

The Volunteers tour more than 100 days each year. Members include: Sgt. 1st Class April Boucher, Cochocton, Ohio, vocalist; Staff Sgt. Randall Wright, North Syracuse, N.Y., vocalist; Sgt. 1st Class Tom Lindsey, Daytona Beach, Fla., guitar; Sgt. 1st Class Peter Krasulaski, St. Petersburg, Fla., bass; Sgt. maj. Kirk Karlish, Melvindale, Miss., keyboards and leader of the ensemble; and Staff Sgt. Glenn Robertson, Spencer, Mass., drums. Sgt. 1st Class John Lamirando, Baldwinsville, N.Y., serves as the audio engineer and the lighting technician is Staff Sgt. James Little, Miami, Fla.

The Volunteers join other musical groups performing at the two-day festival, June 21-22. Other festival highlights include a carnival, arts and crafts, exhibits, children's games and plenty of chicken.

The festival is sponsored by Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. and hosted by the Town of Snow Hill, the Chamber of Commerce and Chicken Festival Committee.

Art contest open to area students in grades 9-12

Berlin—During a recent Berlin Mayor and Council meeting, the Berlin Parks Commission presented its plan to hold an art contest open to area students in grades 9-12 for the upcoming 2013-14 school year. Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen, who is the staff liaison to the Parks Commission, explained that the group had been discussing re-painting the mural in Stephen Decatur Park for some time, and had decided to hold a contest for high-school age students to come up with images to include.

Bohlen explained that the present mural had been painted more than 20 years ago, and that it had become worn and deteriorated. The Parks Commission had discussed the project with the Worcester County Arts Council, who had offered their assistance and provided some suggestions for the contest. As a result, the Parks Commission has developed contest rules and guidelines and is

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Mural to be created from images

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officially opening the contest to any student grades 9-12.

Students are asked to submit no more than three original images each depicting single elements representative of Berlin. The winning pieces will then be incorporated into one mural to be painted on the wall behind the tennis courts in Stephen Decatur Park.

Bohlen said that the Parks Commission "welcomes volunteers or suggestions to form a committee to judge the entries," and that the contest will be open until 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2. Once entries

have been narrowed down, it is hoped to have them on display during a Second Friday Arts Stroll in Berlin for public input on favorite images. The Parks Commission will also be working with the Arts Council on enlisting the aid of a professional muralist to develop the final mural design.

Once the mural design is complete, volunteers, including students, will be enlisted to paint the mural, hopefully in spring 2014.

For official rules and entry forms, please contact Bohlen at 410-641-4314 or mbohlen@berlinmd.gov or visit www.berlinmd.gov/parks.

Diamond Tribute Show June 29

WEST OCEAN CITY—Chicago-based entertainer Denny Diamond will bring his Neil Diamond Tribute Show to West Ocean City on June 29 as part of his Summer National Tour Schedule.

Diamond has played in venues across the United States as a family act with his two sons. Fans can expect to hear their favorite Neil Diamond hits in this 90-minute performance, including "Song Sung Blue," "Cherry, Cherry," "Coming To America" and "Forever In Blue Jeans."

Diamond's sons Lucas and Spenser will accompany him on guitar, bass and drums during the show.

Since his appearance on Dick Clark's

"Your Big Break" television show in 2000, Diamond has become one of the top Neil Diamond tribute artists world wide. His voice is similar to that of Neil Diamond's distinctive baritone.

Diamond and The Family Jewels will perform their Neil Diamond Tribute Show at The OC Jamboree in West Ocean City at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 29.

Tickets cost \$30 and are on sale now. Call The OC Jamboree box office at 410-213-7581 or visit www.ocjam.com to buy a ticket.

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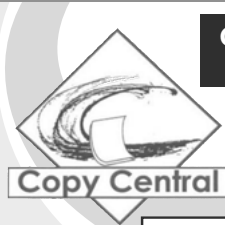
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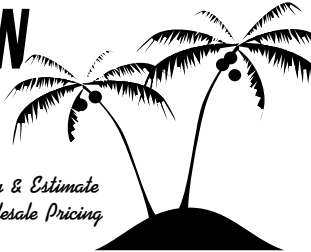


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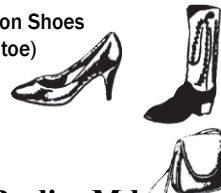
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EDITORIAL

Scrutiny of Employee Benefits Necessary

The Town of Berlin took a hard look this week at employee health care costs. Berlin is not alone in having to review and re-think employee benefit packages. The astronomical rise in health care costs has made this something the private sector has had to face for many years, with public administrations slower to realize those costs also must be well managed.

Prior theory was that lower-paid government jobs were made more attractive by offering better benefit packages. However, times have changed since then, with private sector and municipal worker wages more in line now, making the issue of bringing benefits also in line a key concern.

Berlin, to its credit, and unlike some other area municipalities, has generally been fiscally conservative, treating tax payer's dollars as if their own. It's a good example to follow for other entities that have yet to understand that the policy of raising taxes and assessments to continue out-sized benefit packages is no longer tolerable to those who have to foot the bill.

Employees generally, in both private and public sector jobs, consider an overall compensation package when determining whether to accept a position. However, while private businesses have routinely given a good look at both pay and benefits when determining labor costs, it's been a long time coming that the public sector do so as well.

By striving to strike a fair balance on rising premium costs with both employees and the town, without unduly burdening the lowest wage earners, Berlin continues to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

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COMMENTARY

Troubled waters ahead for Md. hospitals

By Daily Record Staff
 The Daily Record Newswire

Can it be that the once seemingly impervious bubble of the health care industry and its associated sectors is close to popping? Or, worse, has it already?

Maryland's 46 hospitals, for sure, fear that they are on the brink of severe financial stress. The current precipitous situation was created by a toxic mix of ingredients: rising overall health care costs, weak or no increases in the rates hospitals can charge, new requirements via the Affordable Care Act and — perhaps most pervasive — a broad shift from inpatient models (for which hospitals are tailor-built) toward outpatient care.

The issue came to the fore in early May, when the state panel tasked with setting the rates hospitals can charge denied an increase, despite a 2 percent cut in Medicare payments that resulted from federal sequestration.

For perspective, Maryland's hospitals operated at less than a 2.5 percent margin in 2012

(it's 0.7 percent in 2013), according to the Maryland Hospital Association.

That thin margin means that any shift in the industry's dynamics means serious changes. In March, Frederick Memorial Hospital announced a pre-emptive plan to lay off about 40 employees in an attempt to save \$6 million. This month, McCreedy Memorial Hospital in Crisfield revealed a plan to lay off 18 and shift five other workers to part-time employment.

Just a few weeks ago, Maryland General Hospital made it known that it would shutter its ob/gyn department in June because it is a money-loser (this will mean the elimination of about 50 positions and, for the public, fewer choices in services).

Where do things go from here? They're likely to get worse (and nasty) before they get better. This week, the hospital association released a report that points a damning finger at insurance companies, which the association suggests are inflating their costs and driving overall prices higher.

In one telling statistic, the report states that national insurance company operating margins range from 3.23 per-

cent to 8.24 percent. So far this year, insurance companies for Maryland residents have requested rate increases of between 5.3 percent and 16.8 percent (the state body that regulates insurance companies approved far less — between 1.8 percent and 5.8 percent).

Why the discrepancy? hospitals are asking.

It's a valid question, and, to be sure, the insurance industry will likely respond with an explanation of its own challenging business model.

For hospitals, the pressure is both immediate and long-term. For now, they are struggling with a three- to four-year history of sub-inflation rate increases and broad pressure to invest in new technology.

That makes for tight times. The rate-setting commission is scheduled to decide on the annual rate increase next week. Even if it's favorable, hospitals say, they are still behind schedule based on years of weak increases.

What happens in the coming years hinges on hospitals' ability to adapt to the new model of outpatient care, rather than one based on increases in admissions and patient volume. Plus, there's the

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AGH Wound Care Center wins fourth Excellence Award

Berlin — One of the Shore's wound centers recently received national distinction. The staff of Atlantic General Hospital's Wound Care Center accepted its fourth consecutive Robert A. Warriner III, MD, Center of Excellence Award; the center is one of only nine in the entire country to be a four-time winner.

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Reimbursement rate may not be renewed

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uncertainty of the state's unique favorable Medicare reimbursement rate, which may not be renewed. If that happens, the entire system could be turned on its head.

Positive thinkers might view this scenario as somewhat of a crossroads. Hospitals have an opportunity to change along with the culture and laws.

Ultimately, that can lead to lower costs and reduced need for complex medical procedures. On the flipside, if they can't adapt fast enough, it will be all Marylanders who suffer.

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By Liz Lane
Intern

OCEAN CITY—The 12th annual OC Car and Truck Show will fill the Ocean City convention center once again and it's gearing up to be the biggest event to date.

More than 900 cars will be featured inside and outside the 40th Street venue, Saturday and Sunday, along with vendors, displays and entertainment.

The show is produced by Spark Productions, LLC, which is co-owned by Brad Hoffman, Brian Stoehr and Dave Bafford. Hoffman said this year's show is going to be "bigger and better than ever."

"We always say that, but somehow we always deliver," Hoffman said.

Stoehr said with the vehicle count "drastically up," the public can see tuners, trucks, exotic Lamborghinis, classic cars, bikes and "anything with wheels." Tricked-out tricycles will even be on display.

Being an organizer of the car show for 13 years has made Stoehr appreciate all cars. In previous years there have been vehicles equipped with 50 TVs, 450 horsepower, or cars lifted up 8 feet high.

"Even if there are two Lamborghinis or two classics with the same make and model sitting next to each other, each one is different," he said. "This is a custom car show so it's cool to see how different they all are and how creative the builders get."

SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, will showcase the "Scion Trilogy," featuring the last three winning vehicles from SEMA's Scion Tuner Challenge. Stoehr said he believes the presence of SEMA will increase the overall quality of the show.

Stoehr said the recent premier of "Fast and Furious 6" generated much excitement for the show this year. The show features some of the same cars that are featured in the movie and Stoehr said it "brings the movie to life."

The vendors are another reason people continue to return to the car show annually, Stoehr said. This year, top manufac-

turers including Scion, Kicker, Pioneer and Sony will offer products discounted more than 70 percent.

"That encompasses the automotive lifestyle and is a way to get this stuff for pennies on the dollar," Stoehr said. "Next year's products will be on display too so it's also a way to see what the future holds for the automotive life."

The two-day event will feature the Miss OC Car Show Bikini Contest, deejays and models, among other activities. Hip-hop artist Fat Joe will perform Saturday night.

"The show offers something for everyone and that's what we strive for," Stoehr said. "If you're 6 years old or 106 years old, it's great family entertainment."

Hoffman said there is value in the show because of the numerous activities scheduled and it has become an annual tradition in Ocean City.

"Some people are into fishing and

some people are into cars," he said. "We're proud of our ability to provide good, clean fun and a platform for people to bring their passion and energy and love of cars to Ocean City."

A number of gifts will be given away this weekend including two big prizes: a complete Sony car audio system and free gas for the entire summer.

The show takes place Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger and senior citizens 65 and older. Children younger than 7 are admitted free.

For more information, visit occarshow.com or call 302-436-0183.

"The industry is always changing and we want to be on the forefront of that," Hoffman said. "We're always listening for way to be different, new and exciting but not lose the soul and vibe of the show."



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All-civilian lineup will entertain OC Air Show crowd this year

Performers to fly planes over resort beach, 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sun.

By Lisa Capitelli

Managing Editor/Ocean City Today

(June 7, 2013) The sixth annual Ocean City Air Show takes flight Saturday and Sunday with an all-civilian, all-star lineup of performers.

Because of federal budget cuts, no U.S. military aircraft will be flown at the air show (or any other show in the country) this year. When the federal government's sequester grounded armed forces flight teams, a number of the military acts that had performed during the show the last few years, could no longer attend, including scheduled headliner the Blue Angels. But the show must, and will, go on.

"There are other acts that will thrill and excite those who come to Ocean City to watch the show," said Cathy Bassett, spokeswoman for B. Lilley LLC Productions, the company producing the show. "Brian Lilley has opted to go forward with the show and put on the best civilian show possible. It's the only air show in Maryland this year."

The show is centered on the beach at 16th Street, where there are premium viewing areas set up for a fee, though the

performances may be viewed from the beach and along the Boardwalk for free.

The 2013 OC Air Show will feature aircraft demonstrations, low altitude flyovers, parachute team jumps and civilian aerobatic performances by some of the nation's top civilian pilots over the beach from 1-4 p.m. both days.

The only civilian-owned Harrier jet in the world, flown by Art Nalls, a former Marine test pilot and U.S. Naval Academy graduate, will be put through its paces before the crowd. The Sea Harrier is known for vertical takeoffs and landings and can fly more than 600 miles per hour.

The Harrier will headline the lineup that includes pilot Chuck Aaron and the Red Bull helicopter. Aaron is the only civilian pilot in the country licensed to fly helicopter aerobatics.

The show will also feature aerobatic pilot Mike Wiskus in the Lucas Oil Pitts and the Lucas Oil jump team, Raiders Flight Team, L-39 jet, P-51 Mustang, Air Force Heritage flight, GEICO Skytypers, John Klatt in the ANG MXS and Ocean City resident Sean Carroll flying the Yak-9.

The OC Air Show is one of Carroll's favorite events because of the beach location. He said the resort town is the "perfect venue."

"I'm very excited for the reason that we've got some very cool people coming this year," Carroll said. That would in-

clude Nalls, who Carroll calls his mentor.

"Every now and then we get the chance to fly together," he said.

Carroll, who has been flying the Yak-9 for about 15 years, said he will be maneuvering his vintage World War II plane between 15 and 6,000 feet above the water, reaching speeds of up to 450 miles per hour.

"I'm going to maneuver it hard and fast. I'll be pulling 9 Gs," he said.

After his performance, Carroll said he will stop by the show center to meet fans and sign autographs.

"The crowd will be pleased with [the lineup of performers] this year," Carroll said. "It's a heck of a lineup."

The GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team consists of six of the 11 remaining North American vintage World War II SNJ-2's that demonstrate low-level precision flying.

The team also "types" messages with puffs of smoke in dot matrix-style letters at an altitude of 10,000 feet. On a clear day, the messages can be seen up to 15 miles in any direction and can be as long as eight miles. The GEICO Skytypers are the only flying unit in the world that performs at air shows typing their messages in the sky.

During the 18-minute performance, the GEICO Skytypers will fly between 300 and 1,000 above the water, said Steve Kapur, the No. 8 pilot.

Kapur said four planes will fly in diamond formation with two opposing solos

during the show. All six planes will come together to wrap up the performance, he said.

"We're very excited to be coming to town," said Kapur, who has been with the team since 1995. His job during the show is to back up the No. 1 plane. "It's a great opportunity to show off the aircrafts. We feel particularly grateful to GEICO for allowing us to show these planes off."

Fans will have an opportunity to meet some of the pilots at the GEICO tent near the show center as well as at evening gatherings.

The weekend will also include a number of beach parties, happy hours and other festivities at local businesses, where the public can meet the performers.

"A lot of the performers come to the events and parties in the evenings. They like to interact with the public," Bassett said.

Since the air show's inception, visitors have flocked to Ocean City to witness the extreme flying spectacle. According to the city's Demoflush statistics, which estimate population based on wastewater usage, there were 267,564 people in town during the 2012 event. With the air show, the OC Car Show and three sports tournaments taking place at the same time last year, Ocean City had little room to spare.

"The OC Air Show has become a favorite amongst residents and visitors in

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Sea Harrier headlines '13 show

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Ocean City. There is nothing like sitting on the beach or Boardwalk with your family and friends and having the entertainment of some of the nation's top air show performers in the sky above," said Jessica Waters, Town of Ocean City communications manager.

"With a mix of aerobatic performers, flight teams and jump teams, the air show promises to be three hours of entertainment ... and did I mention it's free?"

"If you have never been to an OC Air Show I encourage you to pack a big beach blanket and take your family to see the show because you definitely won't be disappointed," she said.

General viewing from the beach and Boardwalk is free. Tickets for premium

viewing at the "Show Center" on 16th Street and the beach cost \$19.95. Two-day passes for \$29.95 are also offered.

VIP hospitality in the "Clubhouse Chalet" are still available for both days. The cost for a one-day pass is \$119, or \$199 for two days. VIP penthouse tickets cost \$229 for one day, or \$359 for a two-day pass. Both include parking, food and beverage, among other amenities.

The Display Village will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Vendors will be on the Boardwalk and side streets between 15th and 17th streets and well as in the inlet parking lot.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ocairshow.com or call 877-722-2927. Tickets can also be purchased at the show center.



The beach is crowded with spectators watching the 2012 Ocean City Air Show.

MSO on Freeman Stage June 14

SELBYVILLE, DEL.—The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Julien Benichou, will kick-off the sixth summer season of The Freeman Stage at Bayside at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 14.

Admission is \$10 per person, or free for children 18 and under.

The MSO is enjoying its 16th season and its eighth year under the musical direction of Benichou. The 50-plus member orchestra continues to grow in its numbers and repertoire.

"The arts are such an important part of the cultural life of our communities," Benichou said. "I see the MSO flourishing in the near future, giving us the opportunity to bring the mid-Atlantic region beautiful musical experiences."

Along with the orchestra, the performance will feature three soloists: Miami-based violinist Amos Fayette, MSO concertmaster Nicholas Currie and acclaimed composer/arranger/performer Andrew Lipke.

Among the other performances scheduled this season at The Freeman Stage are Clear Space Theatre Group with "The Sound of Music", Jesse Garron's tribute to Elvis, First State Ballet and the Morgan State University Choir. Also returning in 2013 are the Arts & Jazz Festival, local artist John Donato and Tommy Edward as Sir Rod.

Performers new to the outdoor stage this summer include Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience, the Official Blues Brothers Revue, Classic Albums Live, Hits of the Great White Way with Franc D'Ambrosio, Cherish the Ladies, the Doo Wop Project, Bruce in the USA and others.

New to The Freeman Stage this year will be two nights called "Locals Under the Lights," when local artists will have their moment on the stage.

For a complete listing of all the season's events or to find out how to volunteer at The Freeman Stage, call 302-436-3015 or visit www.freemanstage.org.

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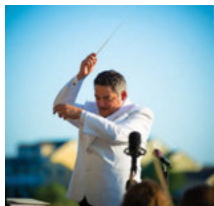
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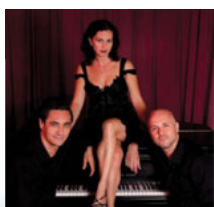
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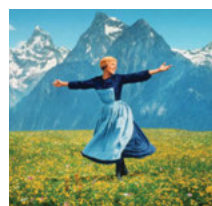
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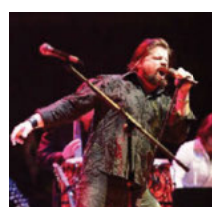
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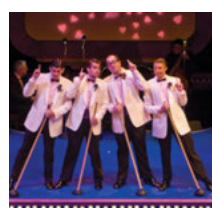
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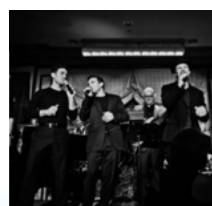
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MEMORIAL DAY SCOUTS
Scoutmaster John Savage and Boy Scouts from Ocean City/Berlin Troop 225 volunteered at the Memorial Day ceremony May 27 at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. They set up chairs and tables, lined the walkway with US flags, and helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



SDHS BEST ALL-AROUND
Stephen Decatur High School senior, Connor Neville was recognized as Best All-Around Senior during the annual Awards Night on May 20.

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SDHS KINDLE
Stephen Decatur High School freshman Dayona Godwin was selected from a random drawing of all students who received third quarter PARR (Pride, Achievement, Respect, Responsibility) booklets to take home a Kindle Fire. English teacher Josh Horsman was also a recipient after Godwin chose him as her most inspirational teacher this year. Pictured is PBIS Coach Jessica Patterson, Godwin, Co-Principal Karen White, Horsman, and PBIS Coach Jason Pylypczuk.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 6

ANNUAL WINE TASTING LUNCHEON — Harrison's Harbor Watch, 806 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch and the paring of a wine per course. Sponsored by the Women's Club of Ocean Pines. Reservations: Susann Palamara, 410-208-2821 or Sandy Fennell, 410-202-8688.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

BEACH LAX FESTIVAL — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: Soccer field, West Lagoon field and fields #1, #2, #3. Info: 410-250-0125.

BEACH BOUND BASKETBALL II — Northside Park, 200 125th St., in Ocean City. Facility usage: East Gym, West Gym. Info: 410-250-0125.

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

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.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 'FOOTBALL TRAINING: DEFENSIVE BACKS' — Last day to register for this "defensive backs" football training session starting June 13 at 5 p.m. at Somerset Park, Ocean Pines. The three-day clinic for boys, ages 7-10 and 11-15, will work proper technique, ball skills and coverages. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation Department, 410-641-7052.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

OC CAR & TRUCK SHOW — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Featuring tuners to exotics, from

trick trucks to slammed SUV's, from crazy classics to super bikes. Also, top name companies with interactive displays, vendors and live performances on stage. For updates on artists and special guest appearances, visit www.oc-carshow.com Tickets, sold at the door, cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids ages 7-11 and seniors 66 and older. Kids 6 and younger are admitted free. Info: Brian Stoehr, 302-436-0183 or occarshow02@aol.com.

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BROWN BOX THEATRE PROJECT — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for gallery strolling. The Nina Variations features 43 variations of the last scene of Chekov's The Seagull. Tickets: www.brownboxtheatre.org. For 20 percent off tickets: online promo code: OCFacebook.

HONOR AN EDUCATOR SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT — Deer Run Golf Club, 8804 Logtown Road, Berlin. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Captain's Choice Scramble. Cost is \$100 per player. Includes continental breakfast, lunch, golf and cart, range balls, one mulligan per player, team prizes, hole-in-one prize, silent and live auctions, putting contest, cash raffle and more. Benefits the Marian Colbert Memorial Scholarship Fund. Register: 410-629-0060.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP SUMMER OPEN HOUSE — Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features hand-crafted home decor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club. Refreshments and door prizes.

THE LAURA WIDGEON MEMORIAL HORSE-SHOE TOURNAMENT — American Legion Post 123, 10111 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. Registration begins at 10 a.m., games start at 11 a.m. Cost is \$10. All players must be 18 years old to participate and be present at registration. Prizes for first and second place winners. Info: 410-641-3760.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Silleck, who leads outreach for Pew Charitable Trusts' Mid-Atlantic Forage Fish Conservation work, will speak on

behalf of the Herring Alliance. She will talk about the group's current efforts to address river herring and shad bycatch in the ocean caused by industrial fishing, and the movement toward conserving forage fish in ways that recognize their importance as food for predators. All are welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

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.

INDOOR/OUTDOOR YARD SALE — Northern Worcester County Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot dogs and sodas for sale. Proceeds benefit the senior center. Table rentals: 410-641-0515.

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FLAG DAY CEREMONY — Ocean City Boardwalk at 16th Street at noon. Info: 800-626-2326.

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O.C. CRUZERS CAR SHOW AND MUSIC — Somerset Street, between Boardwalk and Baltimore Ave., Ocean City. The O.C. Cruzers will display approximately 15 vehicles along Somerset Street. Live music provided. Info: 410-289-2800.

CAPTAIN SCHOEPF RELAY — Beginning at 7th Street on the beach at 10 a.m. Members of the OC Beach Patrol and alumni relay a classic steel buoy, from lifeguard stand to stand, for 10 miles of beach, then enters the water to relay back to starting point. Info: Kristin Joson, kjoson@oceancitymd.gov.

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

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER — Costa Ventosa Vineyard and Winery, 9031 Whaleyville Road, Whaleyville, 3-5 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes a taste of nine different wines, a souvenir wine glass, light snacks and hors d'oeuvres. Bottles, cases or individual glasses of wine available for purchase. Benefits the OC Ravens Roost #44 Penguin Swim Team. Tickets: Gary Miller, 443-618-9972 or Bill Cordwell, 443-669-4129.

'PADDLE FOR A PURPOSE' H2O CHALLENGE — Coastal Kayak, 36840 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island, Del. Participants have the opportunity to try kayaking, paddleboarding and sailing. Cost is \$60 for the two-hour session. The event benefits the Justin Jennings Foundation and Justin's Beach House. Minimum age is 12 years. Registration is required: 302-539-7999, info@coastalkayak.com or stop by Coastal Kayak.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 8:30-11:30 a.m. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, children 11 years and younger eat at half price. Info: 410-524-7994.

ARTS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING — Atlantic Hotel, Berlin, 3-5 p.m. The newest recipients of the groups art scholarship will be present, the Community Arts Development grant awards recognition will take place, and the FY 2014 new slate of officers and renewing Board of Directors will be presented for voting. Music by Frank Nanna and refreshments provided.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

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.

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BROWN BOX THEATRE PROJECT — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for gallery strolling. The Nina Variations features 43 variations of the last scene of Chekov's *The Seagull*. Tickets: www.brownboxtheatre.org. For 20 percent off tickets: online promo code: OCFacebook.

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

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

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN PINES LIBRARY MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Susan Parker, the opinion page editor of the *Daily Times* and other Gannett newspapers, will discuss publications guidelines, facilitating a productive community dialogue, and getting submissions published. All welcome. Info: 410-208-4014.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

BROWN BOX THEATRE PROJECT — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for gallery strolling. The Nina Variations features 43 variations of the last scene of Chekov's *The Seagull*. Tickets: www.brownboxtheatre.org. For 20 percent off tickets: online promo code: OCFacebook.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, 2-4:30 p.m. Info: Art Cooley, art.cooley@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.

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

OCEAN PINES PLANT CLINIC — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m., through September. Expert Master Gardeners on hand to answer questions. Free clinic. Take



SCOUT HONORED

Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 held an Eagle Scout Court for Michael Lott of Troop #225 which the Lodge sponsors, on May 25. Lott was presented an American flag which was flown over the Capital of the United States on April 12, compliments of Rep. Andy Harris. Sen. James Mathias, presented letters of gradulations from Gov. Martin O'Malley and Maryland Senate President Mike Miller. Exalted Ruler Pete Peterson presented a Certificate of Accomplishment on becoming an Eagle Scout from the Elks. Pictured with Lott are Peterson, Mathias and Chaplain Roger Wilbrant.

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bagged samples and label the bag with name and phone number. Info: 410-641-5570.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

2ND ANNUAL YAPPY HOUR FUNDRAISER Sunset Grille, Sunset Avenue, West Ocean City, 4-8 p.m. Food, beverages, entertainment and prizes. K9 Water Tricks by Delmarva Dock Dogs, pictures, silent auction, DJ, vendors, 50/50, K-9 T-shirts for sale and K-9 Demonstration by Worcester County Sheriff's Office. Tickets cost \$25 for adults (food and beverages) and \$8 for kids (food only). Hot dogs, hamburgers, pork BARB, BBQ chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad and watermelon. Proceeds benefit Worcester County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Tickets: Heather, 410-430-9405 or 410-632-1112.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peak's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-

6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

OCEAN CITY SHARK TOURNAMENT WEIGH-INS

O.C. Fishing Center, 12940 Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City. Come see the boats at the dockside weigh-ins, 3:30-7 p.m. Info: Mark Sampson, sharkquest2@gmail.com.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Speaker is Michael Franklin, President of Atlantic General Hospital. Travel opportunities

also presented. All persons age 50 and older are welcome. Info: aarp1917.org or 410-352-5748.

ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR AND LUNCHEON

The tour of eight local gardens is from 9 a.m. to noon. The luncheon at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, held immediately following the tour with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Cash bar with specialty priced signature drinks. Cost for luncheon and tour is \$22, tour only is \$10. Reservations: Sharon Puser, 410-208-3032.

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

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

ARTS ON THE DOCK — Ocean City Fishing Center Marina, 12940 Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City, Thursdays, June 13 through Aug. 29, 4-7 p.m. Local artists showcase their work on the docks. Info: Jennifer Blunt, 410-213-1121 or www.ocfishing.com.

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CALENDAR



DONATION

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The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore awarded Delmarva Zoological Society, Inc. a \$7,494 Community Needs Grant to support the Education Department, enhancing the Docent program and education efforts throughout the Salisbury Zoo. Pictured from left front row, Mary Beth Calloway and Margot Hall, zoo docents; Stacey Weisner, executive director Delmarva Zoological Society, Inc.; Michael Truitt, CFES board member; and Dency Hanna, zoo docent, and back row, Ivonne Steele, zoo guest; Leonora Dillon, zoo education curator; Doug Wilson, CFES president; Billy Conry, Americorp member; Jerry Gregory, zoo docent; and Lara Nagle, zoo education tech.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETINGS — Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Info: Rick Holmes, 302-988-1056.

FAMILY BEACH OLYMPICS — Ocean City beach at 27th Street, Tuesdays, June 25 through Aug. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Featuring a variety of contests for all ages. All activities are free. Info: 410-250-0125.

'SOLE JAM' SHOE DONATIONS — Take slightly worn or new shoes to the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway during the month of July. Contributions will be divided among 3-4 families while the rest will be donated to Diakonia, Inc.. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation Department, 410-641-7052.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open June 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features handcrafted home decor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: 2013 'PAINT BERLIN' - A PLEIN AIR EVENT — Artists will have an opportunity to network, exhibit and sell their artwork as well as compete for cash prizes, Sept. 19-21. Visitors are invited to come and watch artists work during this event and attend the Sept. 21, open to the public, "Wet Paint" sale and exhibit at the Atlantic Hotel. Children's

workshop will be also held during this event. Registration is open to experienced and novice painters, 18 years and older and is limited to 50 artists. Artist registration fee is \$30, after July 1, \$35. Registration deadline is July 31. Register: www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org or 410-641-0809.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP-OC — Meets every Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, except third Wednesdays when it meets at Hall's Restaurant, 5909 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 7:45 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

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

CALL FOR ARTISTS: 2013 'ARTISTS PAINT OC' - A PLEIN AIR EVENT — Art League of Ocean City will hold its annual Plein Air Paint Out on Aug. 8-11. Artists will be painting at the beach, on the boardwalk, bayside and in the Ocean City and West Ocean City harbors from dawn to dusk. Artists interested in participat-

ing may register at www.artleagueofoceancity.org, 410-524-9433 or info@artleagueofoceancity.org.

COMPUTER AND E-READER INSTRUCTION Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Staff offers individual computer or E-Reader instruction by appointment: 410-524-1818.

HELP FOR PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG ABUSE — Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free assessments and referrals: 877-413-3073 or www.narcononworks.com.

AARP — Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church). Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: aarp1917.org.

SINGING MESSAGES — Members of the Delmarva Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, is available for singing songs locally for birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day or any special occasion. Your special someone will be serenaded with two songs at the locations of your choice. Cost is \$25. Available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 410-641-5091.

PUZZLES

STIR CRAZY By Elizabeth C. Gorski / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across

1 “You Send Me” singer

9 Adams with the 1991 hit “Get Here”

14 Hippie’s wear

19 Evergreen with aromatic blooms

20 Jazz club highlights

21 Tailored sleeve detail

22 Chattered on and on and on

24 One who works at home?

25 Thought

26 Upright

27 Ruler divs.

28 Early second-millennium year

29 Harriet Beecher Stowe’s “The Pearl of ___ Island”

32 Like many thrones

33 Theme of many a country song

35 Extremely exasperated

38 1990 Steve Martin/Rick Moranis comedy

39 According to

40 Part of a wedding celebration

41 ___ hers

43 Its last word is “zyxt”: Abbr.

44 Aqua

For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.
- 46 Blazers, e.g., in brief

48 Young cow

50 You can believe it

53 One of the little things in life?

55 Title song of a 1970 Van Morrison album

58 K-12, in education

59 A guitar may be connected to it

61 Final exam handout

62 Formal military attire

65 Phase associated with Picasso’s “The Old Guitarist”

69 Substitute currency

71 Best

72 Board, as a carousel

73 “You’re ___ one, Mr. Grinch”

75 Fluffy neckwear

76 “What’s going ___ there?”

77 Imagined series of events

81 Final non-A.D. year

85 Sleuth, in slang

86 Brutal castle dweller in folk tales

88 Thomas Gainsborough masterpiece, with “The”

90 1929 Ethel Waters hit whose title is a question

91 Author Santha Rama ___

92 Brown ermine
- 95 Coal unit

97 In the past

98 Works overtime, say

102 One of four items worn by a bride, traditionally

105 Having the necessary work credentials

106 “I Got ___” (silly children’s song with the line “Why is everyone laughing at me?”)

107 Hardly fancy?

108 Sugary ending

109 Fella

110 Infection fighter

111 Calls to Bo Peep

114 Navy pilot putting on a show

116 Alice Walker novel ... or a hint to 12 squares in this puzzle

121 Reverses

122 Alvar who designed Finlandia Hall

123 Wind-driven craft

124 Minor, in law

125 Wrap one’s brain around

126 Wall Street workers

Down

1 One going [hic!]

2 Kyrgyzstan range

3 Blend

4 Encrust, as mud might

5 Terrestrial
- 6 Quirky

7 Mauna ___

8 Flubbed it

9 Seven-foot runner

10 Rhine siren

11 Opt

12 Just so

13 “Shoot”

14 Crummy advice

15 Medium ability, for short

16 “Puzzles of the Black Widowers” author

17 Draw (from)

18 Tyler of rock

21 Sleuth, in slang

23 ___ Genesis

27 Prepared, as apples for baking

30 Fraternity letters

31 Lab fluid

33 Kind of poetry

34 Knickers wearer

35 Exchange for cash

36 “Dies ___”

37 Likely to win

38 Faucet brand

39 Smokey the Bear spot, e.g., for short

42 More iffy

45 Snoopy’s archenemy

47 Cries a river

49 A.T.F. agents, e.g.

50 “Casablanca” role

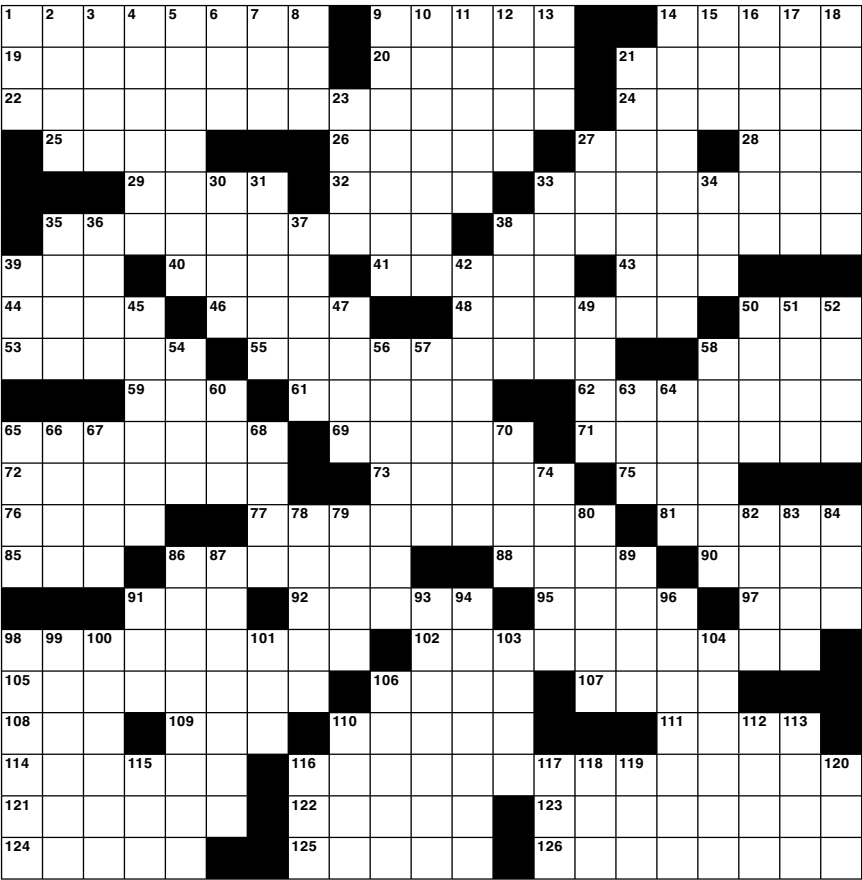
51 Tatters

52 Pageant title

54 Forest Whitaker’s Oscar-winning role

56 “Fuggedaboutit!”

57 Puccini’s “Nessun ___”



- 58 Dalí’s homeland, to Dalí

60 Amount at stake

63 Barbecue application

64 Suffix with smack

65 Super-popular

66 Corn bread

67 “The Far Pavilions,” for one

68 One tablet, maybe

70 Matched (up)

74 Magnanimous

78 Social division

79 One-named designer

80 Go ___ (deteriorate)

82 Web periodical

83 Nickname for Secretariat

84 Belief system

86 Visibly embarrassed

87 Songbirds in “The Rubáiyát”

89 Jewish males’ org.

91 Pastrami go-with

93 Features

94 Skating move

96 Relentless fighter

98 Strengthened

99 Herbal brew

100 Hannah who wrote “Men in Dark Times”

101 Priestly robe

103 Promenade

104 Close

106 Amtrak bullet train

110 “There’s gold in them ___ hills!”

112 Mil. addresses

113 Chair piece

115 “... the grace of God ___”

116 There may be a high price on it

117 She-bear: Sp.

118 Oversaw

119 ___ mater

120 U.F.O. crew

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

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4		5			1		
		2		5			8
	7			3	4		6
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		7				8	1
9	3		1				

Answers to last week’s puzzles

2	6	8	3	9	1	5	4	7
3	1	9	4	7	5	8	2	6
7	5	4	6	2	8	9	3	1
4	2	7	9	6	3	1	8	5
1	8	6	5	4	7	3	9	2
9	3	5	8	1	2	6	7	4
6	7	2	1	3	9	4	5	8
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SUNDAY - Opposite Directions

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Barbara Purnell, president of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center (GSCHC), cuts the ribbon for the newly renovated schoolhouse on Trappe Road in Berlin Friday, May 24, as GSCHC members, county and state officials and area residents look on. The two-room Germantown Schoolhouse served African American students in grades 1-7 before closing its doors in the mid 1960s when the United States Government ordered schools to integrate. The GSCHC provides a tangible link to the heritage and history of black education in Worcester County. The facility will serve as a community and multi-use center for the residents of Germantown. It will also play a role in the heritage tourism community, providing a rich cultural and historic experience for residents and visitors alike.



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Stephen Decatur Middle School students were recently recognized for their successful entries in a state-wide technology contest for Desktop Publishing, Graphic Arts and Multimedia Presentations created as part of their Digital Media class and Social Studies History Day projects. Pictured, from left standing, Emma Leo, Solomon Effergan, Jerry Qian, and Ian Waggoner; and seated, Grant Rosenblatt, Stella Cunningham and Jessica Wharton.



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Sandra Fennell, Nancy Rider and the McGuffey kids with students of Seaside Christian Academy.



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Charlie Pritchard, a freshman at Worcester Preparatory School, has been selected to serve on the Worcester County Youth Council for the 2013-2015 term. For Pritchard, who is very interested in studying law in preparation for a possible future career in politics, being a member of the Youth Council is a perfect opportunity. An all-round student at Worcester Prep, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Pritchard of Snow Hill.

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Suplee serves up blackened catfish, grits



By Paul Suplee,
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There is something wonderful about spicy foods in the heat of summer. As I 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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