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Incoming Stephen Decatur High School freshmen, Olivia Barton and Ja'Den Spence construct rockets during the SDHS Summer Academy program. Twenty-five students are learning about aeronautics, aerospace engineering, rocketry, and acquiring other technological skills at the Berlin school.

Rocketry, aerospace engineering in place of beach balls, surf boarding and sun bathing

Technological skills part of SDHS Summer Academy curriculum

BERLIN–While some teenagers pass the summer months lounging on the beach or playing video games, a small group of students are learning about aeronautics, aerospace engineering, rocketry, and acquiring other technological skills at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin.

Twenty-five students are participating in the SDHS Summer Academy, a four-week program with a cross-curricular approach to learning, which began on June 23 and runs through July 18.

Students are reading excerpts from Homer Hickman's bestselling memoir, "Rocket Boys," photographing their activities, narrating their experiences using iPhoto, and applying their math and science skills while researching, constructing and launching rockets.

Additionally, students traveled to NASA Wallops Flight Facility where they had the opportunity to tour the Range Control Center and NASA Exing the

hibit Hall. "It's been a great summer experience," junior Olivia Stinebiser said. "I love how the teachers work!"

the teachers work together. I get to see so many different perspectives to a topic and I have learned so much."

The Stephen Decatur High School Summer Academy program is open to

all incoming and returning students. While there is always a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) component, a different curriculum is adopted each summer for the high

schools in the W o r c e s t e r County Public Schools system.

"Research suggests that students lose both reading and mathematical computation skills during the summer," said Curriculum Re-

source Teacher Mary Berquist. "It's our goal to combine fun with a truly enriching experience so that students do not suffer a lapse in learning during the summer months."

For some store owners in Berlin, parking is the Pitts Heated debate follows

about traffic congestion

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN– A request for a parking change on Pitts Street led to a fiery debate during a Mayor and Council Meeting on Monday, July 14.

Bill Outten, owner of Town Center Antiques, and Walt Dennison, owner of Walt's Train Shop, asked the town to create a 30-minute designated loading zone on the street, citing increased traffic in town.

"It's gotten so congested that it's really hard for the dealers to get and out of that area," Outten said. "I'm looking to maybe find a loading zone in the area where we can actually park that is right by the (Town Center Antiques) door."

The Pitts Street location of the store has 100 booths, meaning 100 merchants regularly need to park nearby in order to unload items and restock their shelves.

Outten said the new space could be a "neighborhood loading zone" to be used by businesses in the immediate area, including Walt's Train Shop and Burley Inn Tavern.

"I'm looking for a way to accommodate the loading," Outten said. "In the wintertime, of course, it's a different story. I'm looking for May-October (when) it presents itself as an area of concern."

Roughly a half-dozen unmarked spaces are currently available on the street, which is designated as twohour parking.

Dennison said one of the major problems on Pitts Street is that merchants and employees park longer than two hours. Residents who live in nearby apartments also use the spaces.

"Nobody can get in and out," he said. "I have more than 200 pictures I can show you where people who park in the morning are still there in the evening. These are our fellow business people who have offended *Continued on Page 2*

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Human Resources Director Jeffrey Fleetwood, left, and Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day unveiled the new Berlin Walk Smart banner during a Mayor and Council Meeting on Monday, July 14.

Berlin parking congestion leads to heated discussion

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me because they fight for the spot in front of my store. They have Main Street locations and pull into those spots on a regular basis so they don't have to walk more than 30 feet to their store."

Dennison called on the merchants to self-discipline and self-police.

"We have seen a significant amount of congestion," he said. "The two questions I get asked the most at my own business are where is the bathroom and where can I park in this town?"

The shopkeeper argued that the two-hour parking zone is now obsolete.

"The people we bring into this town now, in my opinion, want to be

here longer that two hours," he said. "You can't really visit the town the way you should in two hours."

Dennison tells his customers, "you can park anywhere in this town, because nobody enforces parking."

"The first people that don't pay attention to (parking laws) is our merchants, and I'm offended by their doing what they do," he said. "I believe the Main Street program (should) have as part of their program parking analysis and solution."

Police Chief Arnold Downing admitted that the town could not give out tickets on Main Street.

"State Highway has already stated that," he said. "But we can go straight down Pitt Street ... and it's at the discretion of the Council how we want to do it. We could go ahead and make it a one-way street and park on both sides ... you could go ahead and designate individual parking spaces for individuals who live here. I think we need to look at the whole big picture."

Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day said the issue comes up regularly during Merchant Association meetings.

"For the nine years that I've been every other month I hear this exact conversation," he said. "There are certain ones that don't care about it, and there are other ones that really do try to find other parking and move away. There are certain ones that ... they might go for a few weeks doing what we've asked them to do, but they'll slowly creep back into the same habits that Mr. Dennison is talking about - fighting for that parking place as close as they can get right in front of their business. It happens on Broad Street down by Taylor Bank; it happens in the municipal parking lot at the post office."

Councilmember Troy Purnell favored adding the loading zone, while councilmember Paula Lynch said she wanted to examine the situation further before making a decision.

"Things have changed, and there is always unintended consequence of *Continued on Page 5*



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Issue continues to resurface, according to town official

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change," said Mayor Gee Williams. "Let us take a look at the situation. We're going to have to do something and I'd rather have the input and support of the business community. There's going to have to be some cooperation about the parking in some common sense way, because we not going to go down knocking down buildings (that) we built the whole doggone revitalization around.

'We have to look at this creatively," Williams continued. "Quite frankly I'm glad we have a parking problem. We had a parking problem for eight years, and that was we didn't have enough cars."

Earlier during the meeting, transitional housing and emergency food services nonprofit Diakonia thanked the town for its continued support. The organization distributed more than 100,000 pounds of food during the last fiscal year and provided housing for several dozen Berlin and Worcester County individuals and families.

The town agreed to extend its \$7,500 grant to Diakonia during the next fiscal year.

"You all stepped up to the plate when it was difficult to do," said vice president Joel Todd. "We were on the edge of calamity and the money that you gave us may not have seemed like a lot, but it made a big difference. I think in a large part it also challenged some of the larger municipalities to step up to the plate and do their share too.'

A public hearing on town ordinance 2014-03 establishing a stormwater credit fee policy was open and closed without comment. The Council unanimously approved the ordinance allowing nonprofit nonresidential property owners to earn a credit on their current stormwater utility fees provided the make required improvements. The maximum credit is 50 percent.

Ordinance 2014-4 prohibiting food trucks in Berlin was introduced and given a first reading. A public

hearing on the ordinance was set for the July 28 Mayor and Council Meeting.

Council voted down a proposed entrepreneur program, offering new businesses six months of rent-free office space in Berlin's Visitor's Center.

Day, along with Salisbury University Small Business Development Center Director John Hickman and Worcester County Economic Development Director Bill Badger, had championed the project.

"I don't want us to just do this and try something," said councilmember Lisa Hall. "Obviously we haven't got that right mix in the Visitor's Center yet. I just have a problem with allowing people to come into a town building that's paid for by the taxpayers of this town.

Williams called the proposal, "an idea that has not been fully cooked. "You're going to be wasting your time until you bring the whole thing together," he said.

An informal vote to reject the proposal or allow organizers to present a more complete plan effectively terminated the project.

The Council approved a new three-year \$74,407.15 phone service contract with Comcast. Town officials met with seven vendors during the five-month search for a new provider. Berlin phone systems had not been upgraded for more than 20 years.

Fifty four lines were purchased, including police department lines, and 40 phones were included in the purchase price. A Comcast official said the computer-driven program would not interfere with the town's free public Wi-Fi service. The new deal could save the town more than \$9,000 each year.

A motion to approve a Government Finance Officers Association request for proposal for development and vendor selection services for a new town financial system also passed unanimously. The \$16,800 price tag was between electric, water Continued on Page 6



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Berlin charged up by new electrical upgrades for area

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN– New electric upgrades should help protect area homes and businesses from widespread blackouts.

Berlin began installing in-line disconnects in 23 locations throughout the town earlier this month.

"The locations will be throughout the entire system in Berlin," said ElecAtric Utility Director Tim Lawrence. "Basically, what they enable us to do is do sectionalizing block-to-block. Say a car hits a pole in the middle of Jefferson, for example. Halfway down the street we would be able to open on each end and back feed – get customers back online and just have that one little area out.

"Right now we don't have that capability," Lawrence continued. "We have that capability in a larger-type atmosphere, but installing these disconnects we can reduce that area to a small, minute area."

Lawrence oversaw similar systems while working for a utility company in Virginia.

"We also noticed this when we went up during the storm trouble to help Baltimore Gas and Electric," he said. "They're doing the same thing – they're installing it all throughout their system. I just happened to ask the question, 'why are you guys installing that?' and they explained to me what the reasoning was behind it. And I said, 'you know what? That's pretty good."

Berlin has often been the victim of harsh storms and heavy winds.

"When the transmission line broke off at AGH and fell across 113, that was a good example right there," Lawrence said. "You had five transmission poles that broke; if you had more sectionalizing capability you would be able to open and close and reduce that area to a smaller area, and then back feed to get everybody else back on. That's what we're looking at here."

Delmarva Power uses the technology in Salisbury, but few other towns in Worcester County have in-line disconnects installed.

The upgrades will cost the town \$26,235.65 and be completed by October 1.

While Lawrence couldn't put a value on how much the town stands to save by limiting outages, he did stress the importance of eliminating customer inconvenience.

"If you have a major power outage and, the way we're set up now where you would have to sectionalize and back feed, if you have a big area you



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Crews in Berlin began installing 23 in-line disconnects on town power lines this month. The \$26,235 project will help protect area homes and businesses from widespread blackouts.

have a large number of people who are inconvenienced," he said. "And think about the lost revenue too, because the meter is not turning. So, if you can reduce the area you can get a lot more people back on a lot quicker.

"It brings back the revenue side of it, plus it's very good public relations with your electric customer," Lawrence continued. "It keeps them happy. The more people I can get back on the sooner, the happier everybody is going to be." Power stations in Berlin have survived the sweltering temperatures thus far, and Lawrence expects that trend to continue throughout the summer.

"We're doing real good," he said. "The peak hasn't been that bad yet. Even on days when its 97 degrees here it may be raining on the other side of the Bay Bridge, and that impacts the entire area. So it's not all based on Berlin's total load – it's based on the state. It's a large area, but we'll be alright this summer. We always are."

Diakonia thankful for \$7,500 grant from Town of Berlin

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and sewer departments and the town's general fund.

"I would call this extremely important to the long-term health of the town," Williams said.

"We just need to get this right," said councilmember Dean Burrell. "Getting this right will put us in a much better position to have information that's going to allow us to do to better job."

Implementation of the plan should begin by December 2014, and the new system should be in place by the beginning of the next fiscal year.





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Berlin Victorian Christmas planning begins

Town wants to maintain momentum of 'cool' during holiday season

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN– Christmas is coming early in America's coolest small town.

Planning for Berlin's month-long Victorian Christmas celebration began during a recent Main Street meeting, and fundraising efforts could start immediately.

"A lot of good discussion happened at the meeting regarding this year's Victorian Christmas," said Main Street Coordinator Megan Houston. "We definitely want to keep the momentum of 'Coolest Small Town' going throughout November/December and make this year's Victorian Christmas the coolest Christmas ever."

Among other things, the committee mulled rebranding the event in order to tie it to the Budget Travel magazine honor.

"It still could have Victorian activities, but we were thinking of calling it 'Coolest Christmas 2014' or something like that," Houston said. "We're trying to think of new activities and new things to bring more tourists in for this year's Christmas – to not let momentum fall off once it gets cold. There were a lot of ideas thrown around, but I think everybody agreed we want to use some sort of 'Coolest Small Town' spin on this year's Christmas."

Houston said 25 people attended the meeting, including local merchants and volunteers. Several Berlin restaurants donated food for the affair.

Last year's Victorian Christmas cost the town \$8,600. The committee will attempt to raise \$10,000 to fund this year's celebra-

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"We talked a lot about fundraising

\$4,000, plus an additional \$1,000 if

the committee extends the rides to the

and how we can get support and spon-

sors," Houston said. "We did the math and basically we need to raise \$27 a

day. We talked about possibly doing a

restaurant week to support Victorian

Christmas, and possibly doing dona-

tion boxes year-round around town

special appearances by Santa Claus.

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"We're trying to think of new activities and new things to bring more tourists in for this

year's Christmas"

MEGAN HOUSTON

Main Street Coordinator

saying, 'help keep events in Berlin free.'"

Brochure ads are sold for \$25 each, and that revenue could offset most or all of the \$1,200 estimated cost. 'Weekend' sponsors are being sought for the event.

"People could sponsor Santa for the weekend, or sponsor the horse and carriage rides for the weekend," Houston said. "That

would be a great way to help out." Main Street

also handed out three annual awards during the meeting. Helen Wiley won "Volunteer of the Year" for her "outstanding dedica-

tion to Main Street." Nest owner Dee Gilbert was recognized for sponsoring the garden outside of the Berlin Visitor's Center and donating furniture to the interior, and Ta-Da co-owner Patty Falck was honored for "all of her time and ideas to help the Visitor's Center," according to Houston.

This year's Christmas celebration will run Nov. 28 through Jan. 1.

"It's never too early to start planning for such a big event," Houston said.

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Carl (pictured) and Jenel D'Alessandro recently saw their property certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Foundation. The couple are hoping the public takes an interest in touring the insects, wildlife and native plants living and growing on the site.

Couple gets honey of plan from National Wildlife Fed.

By Josh Davis *Staff Writer*

BERLIN– The National Wildlife Federation recently helped a pair of local beekeepers transition from farmers to owners of a wildlife preserve.

NWF named Trappe Creek Organic Farm, owned by retired farmers Carl and Jenel D'Alessandro, a Certified Wildlife Habitat site. Qualified sites must demonstrate that programs have been active for at least one year with a management plan that lists goals, objectives and prescriptions, as well as complete documentation of all programs. A panel of WHC wildlife biologists and staff reviews the materials for certification eligibility and recognizes deserving projects.

The farm previously produced and sold unprocessed honey and organic produce at area farmer's markets.

"We enjoy witnessing our thousands of honeybees, along with dragonflies and butterflies pollinating our walking trails, fields and gardens," Jenel said. "We created this habitat here not only because we are organic and this is considered a 'safety zone' for so many organisms, but because we wanted to do our part in attracting more wildlife and supporting native species."

The farm has been insecticide, pesticide and herbicide-free since the couple began producing honey. When Jenel noticed visitors commenting on her rare wildflowers, she bought a book on native species and began matching them up with the ones she found on the farm.

"I joined the National Wildlife Foundation and it wasn't until I saw the, 'why don't you certify your house or garden as a habitat?" she said. "That's what interested us. We had to prove that we had five separate environments here – a dry land, a meadow,



Trappe Creek Organic Farm in Berlin was recently named a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Foundation. The farm previously produced and sold unprocessed honey and organic produce at area farmer's markets.

Couple now owns wildlife preserve; gives up farming

a wetland and so forth. They made it very easy for us, but of course we had everything over here anyway – we just never got around to being certified a wildlife habitat."

Jenel remembers seeing Checkerspot and monarch butterflies on the farm. Lately, she has spotted at least five new species.

"Slowly but surely we're starting to invite different insects and different types of wildflowers here that we've never had, and I'm so grateful that we're now a certified wildlife habitat because of that," she said.

The couple hopes to be able to share the habitat with others. Carl has degrees in biology and education from North Carolina State University; Jenel is an Earth Science Education major at Salisbury University.

"I just want others to know that we're here because we would love to take people for a walk out back, or especially school groups or groups from

"I just want others to know that we're here because we would love to take people for a walk out back, or especially school groups or groups from the colleges or the high school"

JENEL D'ALESSANDRO Trappe Creek Organic Farm owner

the colleges or the high school," Jenel said. "That would be right up our alley. We want our community to know that we're here, and if they want to also come and witness these things we'd be more than happy to show them."

Although the farm no longer sells produce at market, Jenel said she still keeps a dozen hives active on the farm.

"That keeps us busy; we'll sell that onsite as it becomes available, and we'll post something on our website," she said. "That's also an excuse to keep things up and to monitor the different insects and things that we do see. We have a pond and we live on Trappe Creek, so we get deer and all kinds of other wildlife besides insects, of course. We also monitor our hive hoping that a raccoon or a skunk doesn't tip over the beehives. We're starting to make really careful observations, and because of that we see all this other wildlife and everything happening.

"It would be nice if someone was interested in that they could come out here and we could share that with them," Jenel said. "Or, if not, just having a wildlife habit in Worcester County – at least it's certified now. And it will always be certified."

For information call 410-629-1430 or visit trappecreekorganicfarm.com.



Honeybees, along with dragonflies and butterflies pollinate the walking trails, fields and gardens of Trappe Creek Organic Farm in Berlin. Carl and Jenel D'Alessandro hopes to be able to share the habitat with others.





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Burley Oak owner Bryan Brushmiller will enter his running water barrel, a vehicle that makes use of one of the brewery's beer casks, in Berlin's Bathtub Race this Friday.

Town officials get ready for 25th annual bathtub battle

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

BERLIN– Top officials and business owners are preparing to stake their reputations on one of the most absurd – and entertaining – town traditions.

Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence, Burley Oak Brewing Company Owner Bryan Brushmiller and Uptown Antiques Owner Bill Outten will all race vehicles in the 25th annual Bathtub Races on July 18.

Lawrence, a first-time racer, predicted a victory.

"It's going to win," he said.

The "tub" will represent the town of Berlin. Lawrence said the design will be patriotic and keeping with the "Coolest Small Town" theme.

"I don't want to give too many details – I want it to be a surprise," he said. "But it will be fast and it will look very patriotic."

Lawrence will pilot the vehicle and Sr. Accountant Rondell Wise will push.

"The reason I'm driving it is because I'm probably the smallest town employee weight wise and size wise," he said. "And the guy that's pushing it is probably 6'7" – he's the biggest and I'm the smallest. He used to play football and he's pretty fast.

"I told Rondell if we're going to do this let's win the thing," Lawrence continued. "We're in it to win it."

Brushmiller will enter his running water barrel, a vehicle that makes use of one of the brewery's beer casks.

"We do a racer every year," he said. "It actually has running water in it."

Brewer Justin Sherman is set to drive the vehicle, while Brushmiller pushes. Unlike Lawrence, Brushmiller stopped short of predicting outright victory.

"We definitely always finish in last place," he said. "When we built the barrel we didn't realize that weight was an issue, and we have running water in it and it's a whole wooden barrel and a steel go cart. We didn't really build it to win – but we look good losing at least.

"It's so much fun," Brushmiller continued. "You have the streets lined with people that are not only just locals, but tourists, and you're doing this event that's just silly and people are into it. On top of that you have this energy in town and people are going to the little stores in town and they're coming to the brewery and they're eating in the restaurants – it's great exposure for Berlin, and I predict that this year is probably going to be the biggest ever. It's America's coolest small town doing a bathtub race – that's pretty amazing."

Outten is a veteran of the contest, having participated every year for the last quarter-century.

"There's been some really good years," he said. "I know I've won it three or four times, but I haven't raced in three or four years. But this year we're going to pull it out of the mothballs and go crazy."

Outten's vehicle is a galvanized washtub sitting on an A-frame with one center wheel and two rear wheels.

"It carries the load quite evenly and the wheels spin quite fast," he said. "Dang, I'm going to win. That's my expectation."

A parade of the racers begins at 6 p.m. The race begins at 6:15 p.m.

'World's Largest Golf Outing' set for Ocean Pines

OCEAN PINES–Billy Casper Golf, the largest owner-operator of golf courses, country clubs and resorts in the U.S., has unveiled the grand prizes for the fourth annual World's Largest Golf Outing on Monday, Aug. 11 to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

All players are eligible to win a trip for four to the Nike Campus in Beaverton, Ore., for custom club fitting and other merchandise. The team that raises the most money for WWP will win a trip for four to Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina to play the famous No. 2 golf course and stay at the iconic Carolina Hotel.

The winning team from each participating course – anticipated to be more than 120 in 28 states including the Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club – will be entered into a drawing for tickets to the 2015 PGA Championship. Other prizes include equipment and apparel from leading golf brands.

"The World's Largest Golf Outing continues to raise the bar in giving back to our country's heroes," said Peter Hill, chairman and CEO of BCG. "The generosity of Billy Casper Golf's industry partners and golfers at large is humbling."

For more information and to register, visit www.worldslargestgolfouting.com.

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MURAL PROJECT CONTINUES

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Work continues on the new mural in Stephen Decatur Park in Berlin. Artist Ann Ashman, working with volunteers from Stephen Decatur High School, expects to have the mural completed this summer.



BUSINESS BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Tex Mex & Country Cookin' renovates, changes menu items

By Josh Davis Staff Writer

BERLIN– After leaving a bad taste in many customers' mouths, one local restaurant rebranded, changed their menu and renovated the interior. The results, so far, have been extremely positive.

Tex Mex on 119 Main Street changed to Tex Mex & Country Cookin', adding a southern slant to their southwestern slate of offerings.

The restaurant also hired a new manager, Donna Smith, in April.

"I really can't say if it's me or us being the coolest small town in America, but business has definitely increased," Smith said. "We changed the menu in March and had the whole re-launch. We put booths in and the menu went more to southwest Texas-style country cooking, not just strictly Mexican food the way it was."

During the winter, the restaurant closed for renovations, and management and ownership held a brainstorming session.

"We were trying to figure out what we could do to increase sales and get rid of this reputation," Smith said. "Everyone around the town says good things. I had a lot of people back that said they would never come back here again, so they're liking the changes and the food. That's definitely a positive thing."

Now, along with tortillas and taco salads, the restaurant offers oyster and catfish po'boys along with burgers, wings and more than a few dishes featuring fried green tomatoes.

"The lunch menu went more southern-style with barbeque and brisket," Smith said. "We have a fried green BLT, which is a huge seller. It's basically a BLT, but instead of a red tomato it's a fried green tomato. We sell a lot of those."

Popular Mexican dishes include tortilla soup with chili, "Red Neck" con queso and tacos. Smith said the oyster fritter and fried green tomato appetizers are top-sellers on the dinner menu, along with shrimp and grits, buttermilk-fried chicken and pineapple barbeque salmon.

"Of course we also always have a special of the day, and we have a different choice of barbeque sauce for all the smoked meats," Smith said. "You can pick whichever one you want – catfish is a big seller.

"We're basically trying to combine Texas with Mexican, but more country,"



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Tex Mex & Country Cookin' recently upgraded their outdoor seating. "In Berlin there's really not outdoor seating anywhere but here," said Manager Donna Smith. "When it's nice out everybody goes outside."

Smith continued. "A lot of things are smoked, which people have had nothing but good comments about."

The restaurant sources seafood and produce locally. The bread comes from a local bakery, and a garden on the premises provides fresh herbs and spices.

"Hopefully we keep getting busier and busier," Smith said. "We are starting to book the upstairs with a lot of events, which is what I wanted to do because it just sat empty up there and it's beautiful. We've already had a couple events and we have a huge event on July 17 – the Lower Maryland Association for the Eastern Shore. All the mayors from all over Maryland are coming for their dinner/banquet. I'm hoping, if all goes well with that, we can keep booking that room up there for events.

"We've also done a lot more to the outside, adding more tables and umbrellas," Smith said. "In Berlin there's really not outdoor seating anywhere but here. It's a ghost town inside when it's nice out – everybody goes outside."

Tex Mex & Country Cookin' is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday-Thursday and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information call 410-629-

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Study to determine viability of family-friendly railroad

Train would include stops in Snow Hill, Berlin and Newark

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY-A feasibility study will be conducted to determine the viability of a family friendly excursion train from Berlin to Newark and Snow Hill.

A contract was expected to be signed Wednesday with the consultant who will perform the study.

"It's great news," Worcester County Economic Development Director Bill Badger told the Berlin Town Council on Monday. "It's actually a consultant that Strasburg [Railroad] recommended to us.'

Strasburg Railroad and Maryland Delaware Railroad are interested in partnering to provide a local Strasburg Railroad franchise in the county.

Badger and representatives of Maryland Delaware Railroad had spent a day in early April with the director of operations for Strasburg Railroad. The director said he was interested in the Worcester County project.

Strasburg Railroad is known for its family-oriented attraction and it has replica of Thomas the Tank train and The Polar Express, Badger said. Passengers may be served food and alcohol aboard several train cars.

The \$20,000 cost of the first phase of the feasibility study is being shared by Worcester County Economic Development, Berlin, Snow Hill and Maryland Delaware Railroad. Strasburg Railroad would contribute funds for the study's second phase. Berlin's share will come from the budget for Community and Economic Development Director Michael Day.

The study will determine if a market exists for the excursion railroad, how many people might use it, would it be worth deploying capital and what kind of business revenue might be available, Badger told the council.

Badger also said he hopes the study's first and second phases would be completed by the end of this year.

Mavor Gee Williams was enthusiastic about the possible of a Strasburg Railroad in the county.

'The excursion train would be so unique," Williams said. "It's not something that would be replicated for a couple hundred miles.

When Badger discussed the railroad with the county commissioners in May, Commissioners Virgil Shockley and Judy Boggs said they had ridden on the railroad in Pennsylvania. Both said they hope it comes to

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Bud Church, president of the county commissioners, is also on board with the proposal.

"If we are able to work out all the details I think it would be a great attraction for the county," Church said Tuesday. "I am very much in favor of trying to make this work. I have visited other areas that provide this service and it was a big hit. Especially for the towns of Berlin and Snow Hill. Count me in. I will be the first in line."

During the 1990s, Worcester County had a train car attraction. Vintage train cars traveled between Berlin and Snow Hill occasionally for several years until they stopped because of liability concerns.



AWARD FOR A SCHOLAR

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The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club President Kenneth Bates presents a scholarship check to Jamie Welch of Worcester Preparatory School. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott on 15th Street and the Boardwalk.



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All-Star 9-10 team on verge of bringing home state title

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN– The town is on the verge of bringing home its second Little League state title in as many weeks.

Three days after the Intermediate All-Stars won their fourth-straight state title, the 9-10 All-Stars won a pair of slaughter rule-shortened games during the opening rounds of their state tournament.

Berlin won 21-2 in four innings over Rising Sun on Saturday, July 12, then toppled Hughesville 15-5 in five innings on the following day.

On Tuesday the team advanced to the state championship game, beating Brunswick 9-3 in six innings. Starting pitcher Ashten Snelsire went 4 2/3 innings and allowed just two hits.

"I think we came out with the right mindset early on in the game," said Coach Eric Snelsire. "We got some big plays defensively in the first inning. Our center fielder Kellen Catrino made two huge catches – one clearly saved a double – and it helped minimize the amount of pitches that Ashten had to throw. Ashten pitched a great game and his defense probably made six or eight awesome plays behind him."

After shutting down Brunswick in the top half of the inning, the team scored five runs in the bottom half. They added three more in the second inning to push the lead to 8-0.

"Ashten continued to pitch really well and confidently, and there were at least eight plays made behind him that were really high level plays for this age group," Snelsire said. "That was really the turning point to secure the win."

Berlin will play for the state championship on Thursday night against the winner of the loser's bracket.

Berlin's Intermediate All-Stars went 6-0 in district and state tournaments. The 9-10 team is now 7-0 at the district

and state level.

"The Intermediate team set a precedent when they were 9 and 10 years old that has never really been broken," Snelsire said. "Their coach, Cameron McDonough, and that team really paved the way for the team that I'm coaching now and really set the example for how we play baseball in Berlin. We've got some great programs that our kids participate in year-round that helps them get better in the winter months, and a lot of areas don't have that luxury. It's elevated the level of baseball in Berlin, and I give Cameron McDonough a lot of credit. He had a vision with that team and he made us all believers."

If the 9-10 team wins the state championship they will join the Intermediate squad at the Regional Tournament. Fundraisers to offset travel costs are tentatively planned at the Greene Turtle on 116th Street in Ocean City.



Berlin Little League all-star Brenner Gursky stands in the box during the opening rounds of the state championship. The team won its first two games by slaughter rule.



Berlin Little League 9-10 All-Star Evan Truitt stands ready at first base during the opening rounds of the state championship.



Berlin Intermediate Little League stars head to 'Big Apple'

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN– The Intermediate Little League All-Stars are going to New York.

The newly crowned state championship team will travel to Long Island, N.Y. to play in the East Region finals this weekend. Berlin beat the Hughesville all-star team 8-2 on Wednesday, July 9, to advance.

The biggest storyline by far that day was Tristan McDonough," said assistant coach Bill Wheatley. "He was the starting pitcher that day and he threw 15 strikeouts, including striking out the side in the first two innings. They didn't even foul off a pitch until the third inning. He is a phenom.'

McDonough, who just turned 14, throws a two-seam and a four-seam fastball that tops out at 90 mph, along with a curveball, knuckleball and a sidearm fastball.

"That one they were definitely not ready for," Wheatley said. "It almost looks like a fastball submarine – it's so pretty. They just could not hit him."

Hayden Snelsire went 3-4 with two runs scored, and Kevon Wharton and Ryan Duncan both drove in two runs in the win.

The team will begin regional play on Saturday, July 19.

They divide it up by the Mid-Atlantic and what they call the northeast, so we'll probably play someone like

Delaware or Pennsylvania," Wheatley said. "And of course if we pull this off we go to California and that's the Little League World Series.'

Berlin's Intermediate All-Stars have won four consecutive state titles. Last year the team made it to the semifinal round in the East Region.

"I have to tell you, this is by far the most competent team we've ever had,' Wheatley said. "In my opinion we are at least three deep at every position. From my standpoint as a coach – they are so coachable. You only have to tell them one time, and they make the correction and they do it. They understand that they are all baseball players."

Wheatley said the team has come a long way.

'They were always good athletes, but few of them were true baseball players," he said. "But now they are all true baseball players. They have learned the game and they are all very good. I think we have a good chance. I have to say that we have to be the favorite to win it.'

On Monday, the team held a fundraiser at Pizza Tugos in West Ocean City. The Intermediate All-Stars will hold another fundraiser at the Greene Turtle on 116th Street on Thursday, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Customers who mention the Berlin Little League Intermediate All Stars will have 20 percent of their lunch check donated to the team.



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The Berlin Intermediate All-Stars held a fundraiser at Pizza Tugos in West Ocean City on Monday. The newly crowned state champions will hold a fundraiser at the Greene Turtle on 116th Street on Thursday, then travel to New York to play in the regional finals this weekend.

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Two-year-old Franklin Gosser participates in a drum circle at Zenna Wellness Studio during Berlin's 2nd Friday Art Stroll on July 11.



Frankie Moran and his 11-year-old son, Cole, perform on the porch of the Atlantic Hotel last Friday.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Brother and sister duo, Tribe and Lotus Belinki bang on drums inside Zenna Wellness Studio during Berlin's July 2nd Friday festivities.



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Highland Hillboys play a bluegrass set outside Zenna Wellness Studio during the Art Stroll event last Friday.

Artists Deborah Rolig, left, and Dee Grey pose with their work at Nest.



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Jennifer Veerhof displays her dinosaur-theme art outside of Bungalow Love.

County Board of Elections certifies recent primary results

Nominees for Nov. 4 voting now set for local, county, state contests

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer WORCESTER COUNTY– The Board of Elections certified primary election results in the county on July 8.

Nominees for the November 4 general election for offices including County Commissioner, State's Attorney and Clerk of the Circuit Court were set.

Incumbent Republican Merrill W. Lockfaw, Jr. will run unopposed for Worcester County's District 1 Commissioner seat.

District 2 and 3 primaries saw no opposition. Democrat incumbent

Friends of Ocean Pines Library to hold book sale

OCEAN PINES—The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will present its annual book sale on Friday, July 25, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, July 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The library is located at 11107 Cathell Road, next to the Ocean Pines post office and across from the Sports Core pool.

The Friday evening sale is limited to members of the FOPL, but people may join or renew memberships at the door and proceed to the sale. Membership is \$5 for individuals or \$10 for a couple or family.

On Monday, prices will be marked down to half price.

This sale is the single biggest source of funds for the Friends of the Ocean Pines Library. This group is continually seeking ways to upgrade services and equipment at the Ocean Pines library. This year, it supported purchases of new electronic equipment to keep its check-out, inventory and computer facilities current.

The Friends also replaced the benches in the ornamental garden and provide for seasonal cleanup. The children's and adults' Summer Reading Programs and the McGuffey Reader Program also benefited from donations from the FOPL.

Volunteering options are available. Active, strong-armed people are needed on the morning of Thursday, July 24, to carry boxes of books from storage and set up the sales tables, and also in the afternoon of Monday, July 28 to box unsold books and return the room to normal. Other tasks include helping shoppers check out purchases and keeping the tables neat and well supplied with books.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Jean Fry at 410-208-4269. Diana Purnell will run against Republican Lorraine Purnell-Ayres in November for District 2, and Democrat Michael Stewart Maykrantz will face incumbent Republican Bud Church in District 3.

Districts 4 and 5 were historically close during the primary. Incumbent Democrat Virgil L. Shockley will face Republican Ted Elder in November. Elder was selected by a Republican Central Committee ballot after tying challenger Kathryn Danko-Lord following three rounds of absentee ballot counting.

Democrat Tom Wilson will run against Republican Chip Bertino, who edged Grant Helvey by 12 votes, including absentee ballots, for District 5.

The seat was vacated by retiring Commissioner Judy Boggs.

Two Republicans, incumbent

Madison Jim Bunting, Jr. and newcomer Joseph M. Mitrecic, will run unopposed for the District 6 and 7 seats, respectively.

Democrat Michael W. Farlow will face incumbent Republican Beau H. Oglesby in the race for State's Attorney, and Democrat Valerie Gaskill will run against Republican Susan Braniecki for Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Incumbent Sheriff Reggie T. Mason, Sr. won the Republican primary. Mason will be unopposed in the November general election.

Republican Charlotte Kerbin Cathell was unopposed for Register of Wills, and Democrat Bill Shockley saw no opposition for Judge of the Orphans' Court.

Both incumbents will enter the general election without opposition.

Democrats and Republicans also voted on Central Committee nominees, and the Board of Education selected Bill Gordy for Commissioner District 4 and Robert A. Rothermel, Jr. for Commissioner District 7 in nonpartisan contests.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 4. Early voting runs October 23-30.

The voter registration deadline for the general election is October 14. Registration forms are available in all public libraries, post offices, Motor Vehicle Departments, schools, city halls and state offices. To request a voter registration application by mail, call 410-632-1320.

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Author Mindie Burgoyne led a Chesapeake Ghost Walks through Berlin on July 10. The tour concluded near the former Oddfellows' hall, where some believe rituals using human skeletons contribute to hauntings.

Berlin might be coolest, but it could be 'ghoulest' as well

Tour takes walkers to some of town's spirited, scary haunting grounds

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer BERLIN– Is America's coolest small town also one of the most

haunted? Mindie Burgoyne believes so. The "Haunted Eastern Shore" author and founder of Chesapeake Ghost Walks led a crowd of several dozen around Berlin on Thursday, July 10, to tell the stories she compiled from personal accounts, books and investigation at the Nabb Research Center. The tour began at dusk in front of the Atlantic Hotel.

"Berlin is very rare," Burgoyne said. "Berlin has an element that has had a half-dozen sightings, and for a little town like this that's really a lot. Berlin also has walking dead – there are three apparitions people have seen in this town walking."

The three spirits – a woman in white, a hunched over man and a soldier wearing a Confederate uniform – reportedly frequent the town's Main Street after 9 p.m.

"This town is very rare too because its power lines are buried," Burgoyne continued. "If you look down the street it looks just like it did 100 years ago. That can help spirits feel at home."

Burgoyne called the Atlantic Hotel "a haunted mecca."

"I've never found one building that was more haunted," she said. "I've only been in a dozen places where I've had a personal experience, and this is one of them."

The most common ghost story at the hotel involves a prankish child who can heard moving furniture and making noises at night. Employees have described seeing lights turning on and off by themselves. One claimed to see an adding machine operating on its own.

Burgoyne, after checking into room 221, was stunned when a door slammed during her first stay at the Atlantic.

"They're not weighted doors and there was no one around," she said. "It was just strange.

"It's a beautiful hotel with a little bit of mystery," Burgoyne continued. "Nobody has ever been harmed there, and I would encourage people to stay. But some very strange things have happened."

Burgoyne led the tour through town, stopping at Town Center Antiques where the owner claimed to have heard clinking glasses and people talking in the basement. Berlin had a speakeasy during prohibition, and the building is one of the few with a basement in town.

The strange history of the store includes the oddity of John Howard Burbage, mayor of Berlin from 1962-1988, who used to sleep in the window of the shop. On more than one occasion a .22 pistol burst through the window where he slept. Sightings of the mysterious woman in white are also a regular occurrence in the area.

Burgoyne believes the hunched over man may be the ghost of Ned France, an eccentric magician who owned an oddities shop in downtown Berlin. After his wife passed away, his children convinced him to sell the store and move into an assisted living home.

"The town manager in Berlin said that she remembers hearing stories of him calling the town and saying,



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'please, my children put me in here and I want to come back,'' Burgoyne said. "He died very sad and that may be why people see him." Burgoyne claims a ghost-hunting group identified France using electromagnetic readings.

"I'm not a ghost hunter – I'm just a writer," she said. "But I do believe in ghosts and this story always captivated me. His presence is very real in this town."

Walking down Baker Street, the town now covered in darkness, Burgoyne told the tour about a suicide at Atkins Hardware. Three employees of the shop have heard banging noises and seen shadowy figure moving things on shelves.

Several guests on the tour took photos in the alley behind Atkins, hoping to catch one of the mysterious figures. Others began sharing personal experiences.

Terry Sexton, owner of Treasure Chest in Berlin, believes a woman used to haunt her shop.

"I haven't seen her in about five years," she said. "I know she was a female because she was very neat in all the things that she did. We came in one day and there was a crystal bowl on the floor. If it fell off the shelf from where it was it would have busted, but it was on the floor in one piece. Then there was a bowl that filled with water, and there was no way something could have leaked and gotten in there because there was a shelf over top of it."

The strange activity continued for 10 years.

Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day said a spirit lingers at his home in Salisbury.

"I live in the house my great grandfather built," he said. "My grandfather grew up there, my father grew up there and now I live there. I could smell my grandmother coming down the stairs for many years. It was a good smell, and there were always things happening in my house. Until I clearcut it recently, kids wouldn't come up to my house on Halloween because it was so spooky."

Beth Houston said she lived with a ghost while attending Frostburg University.

"I would walk into the house and the typewriter would be going upstairs and I would think one of my roommates would be there, but there was nobody there," she said. "She loved me. She would take my things and use my perfume. She would hide my nail polish. She was a poltergeist, but she was a fun one."

The tour stopped in front of the deserted Harrison Mansion, then circled around to the Calvin B. Taylor House Museum, where a sycamore tree supposedly radiates heat.

On Pitts Street, Burgoyne talked about the Civil War specter. At nearby Baked Desserts Café, the owners claim to have seen strange electronic phenomena including ceiling fans changing speeds and radios cycling through stations and static. Occasionally, doors will open by themselves.

Stopping in St. Paul Episcopal Church cemetery, Burgoyne recounted the story of Joanne Trimper's haunted carousel. Born in Sharptown, Joanne married Granville Trimper and fell in love with the Ocean City amusement park, favoring the carousel and one horse in particular. When she died, Granville had her favorite horse carved into her tombstone.

Years later, a mechanic reported smelling a strange odor near the carousel.

"The secretary got very worried because the ride is very old and they need to maintain it," Burgoyne said. "She checked and there were no known chemicals being used, and she went down and they didn't smell it again. Seven months later the mechanic said the same thing and again the smell vanished.

"When they closed for the season the secretary, who had been there for 30 years, walked by and she noticed the smell herself. It didn't smell like anything burning - it smelled like flowers," Burgoyne continued. "When she went to a department store in Salisbury she and her granddaughter were testing perfumes and she smelled the smell again. And when she looked at the label the perfume was named 'Crystal,' and she remembered that that was Joanne Trimper's perfume. She told me, 'I'm not telling you that Joanne is on the carousel -I'm just telling you that her perfume is.

The tour finished in front of the Atlantic Hotel, where Burgoyne talked about the strange activities at the Oddfellows' hall across the street, currently the two-story yarn store A Little Bit Sheepish. The group's rituals include using human skeletons – a practice many believe contributes to hauntings. Interestingly enough, Calvin B. Taylor was a well-known Oddfellow.

No one saw any ghosts that evening, but the mixed crowd of tourists and locals seemed captivated enough, and by the end of the evening there were plenty of smiles and laughter. Part history lesson and part extended ghost story, the tour amounted to a two-plus hour stroll on a pleasant summer evening through historic Berlin – which may or may not be haunted.

Chesapeake Ghost Walks run on Thursday evenings in Berlin beginning at 8 p.m. The company also offers tours in Cambridge, Easton, St. Michaels, Ocean City, Crisfield, Snow Hill, Denton, Pocomoke, Salisbury and Princess Anne.

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Horse tours will celebrate state's equine industry

First section to focus on Wor., Wic. counties

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

BERLIN– A new series of historic horse tours will celebrate the \$500 million Maryland equine industry.

The Maryland Horse Industry Board, a program of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, unveiled the Maryland Historic Horse Trail initiative at Ocean Downs on Sunday, July 13.

"The state was founded in 1633 and horses came here literally from the beginning," said Ross Peddicord, executive director of the Horse Industry Board. "Literally the history of Maryland mirrors the history of horses in Maryland.

"The feeling was a lot of our horse history is being lost – how do we recapture that?" Peddicord continued. "We have 24 people on our horse history committee, and we started inventorying all the sites in Maryland where horses played a big part in the settlement of the state. There were so many; we worked with the state office of tourism to break it into sections."

The first section, focusing on Worcester and Wicomico counties, was dubbed "Horses at the Beach."

"They identified 11 sites and over the past year they collected the vintage photos, they wrote the background stories, they researched it, and we gave them money for a website and for brochures," Peddicord said.

Sites include Assateague National Seashore, Ocean Downs Harness Racing, the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin and Glen Riddle Farm. The farm, once the home of Man O War and War Admiral, is now a Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.

Former Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer, Fager's Island Managing Director of Hotels Angela Reynolds and Worrall Publications editor Margaret Worrall did the majority of the legwork, identifying sites and writing all of the text for the self-guided tours.

"We spent a lot of time trying to figure out what the trail would look like, where it would go and how to tell the story of the horse in a lot of different ways," Moyer said. "It's not just about horseracing – it goes back 300 years. It tells, at all of these different sites, different stories about how the horse was so important to our culture and to our economic stability."

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, who has worked on the project for more than a year, said the program had "unlimited possibilities."

"Many people are not aware of how deeply rooted horses are to our economy and culture in Worcester County," he said. "This will hopefully open up a whole new world of opportunities, particularly where there are people that love learning about it. I always say the earliest settlers in Worcester County *Continued on Page 21*



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Organizers Eli Solomon and Ross Peddicord, along with former Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and Fager's Island Managing Director of Hotels Angela Reynolds, celebrate the Horses at the Beach launch at Ocean Downs on Sunday, July 13.





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Pat Winkelmayer, left, and Anna Foultz man the 50-50 table for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City during the annual summer pancake breakfast on July 12 at the Ocean Pines Community Center, as well as during the first Bingo Night later that evening.



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Snow Hill to offer exhibit on women pilots of WWII

SNOW HILL—The Julia A. Purnell Museum in Snow Hill will offer a complimentary reception with refreshments on Friday, July 18, from 5-7 p.m. to celebrate its summer exhibition, "Women of War: The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II," which opened to the public on May 20.

At the height of World War II, more than 1,000 women left homes and jobs for the opportunity of a lifetime—to become the first women in history to fly for the United States military, volunteering as civilian pilots in an experimental program to relieve men for overseas duty.

They were the Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II, better known as the WASP. The Purnell Museum will host this memorable exhibit in partnership with the International Women's Air & Space Museum.

The gallery also features some of the museum's permanent collection of artifacts and memorabilia that reflect the service of local citizens in the war effort. The reception will feature a presentation of exhibit highlights by museum staff and an opportunity to hear and share stories of the time period from members of the local community.

For more information, contact the Julia A. Purnell Museum at 410-632-0515.

Tours honor horse history beginning with local areas

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were the ponies at Assateague – nobody can trace our heritage earlier than that."

The "grassroots" group will have a presence at the Maryland Horse Forum on Aug. 7 and at the Maryland State Fair. Signage and a phone app are in development.

"There are all sorts of trails in Maryland; there's a wine trail, there's the Civil War trail and there's even an ice cream trail," said Peddicord. "It's a way of connecting the dots and this is an effort to do this.

"Our goal is to get new people involved in the horse industry – bring new people in to get more seats in saddles and more seats as spectators at our horse events." Peddicord continued. "We want to grow the industry and make more people aware of us."

The move is also the first step of a larger, statewide initiative.

"This is a model and we hope our experience and what we were able to do in Worcester County can be replicated in other parts of the state," Moyer said. "Cecil County, Baltimore County and Southern Maryland all have great histories of the horse."

For more information visit www.mdhistorichorsetrails.com.

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Elsie Louise Chester

Berlin–Elsie Louise Chester, 77, died Tuesday July 8, 2014, at her home in Berlin. Born in Washington, D.C., she



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was the daughter of the late Arthur E. and Elsie Mae Ricketts Clements.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Chester, a son, Franklin Clements, and a daughter, Evelyn

Elsie Chester

Chester. She is survived by her children; Tom Clements and his wife, Kelly of Stella, N.C.; Curtis Goodman, Sr. and his, wife Sharon of Berlin; Catherine Smith and her husband, Paul of Laurel, Md.; Linda Herbert of Berlin and Glory Bunting and her husband, John also of Berlin.

She was an adored grandmother to 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her brother, William Ricketts of Arlington, Va., and sister, Barbara Jean Knight of Penta Gorda, Fla.

Mrs. Chester had been a daycare provider. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church. She enjoyed sewing and beading and was a collector of Beanie Babies and clowns. Most of all she loved her children and many grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Md. Rev. John Abent officiated. A donation in her memory may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Henry Bryan Westfall

Ocean City–Henry Bryan Westfall, 88, of Ocean City, died Thursday, July 10, 2014.

He was born to the late U.S. Army Colonel, Lacy Ryder Westfall and Gertrude Weinstock Westfall, May 21, 1926, in Richmond, Va.

Henry married Evelyn Louise Cropp on July 20, 1946. They were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ocean City, where Henry served on the church council.

Henry attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. as a Mechanical Engineering student. He was employed by C&O Railroad in Richmond, Va., Atomic Energy and USDA. He retired as a management analyst for the Department of Labor, in D.C. He and Evelyn relocated to Ocean City after retirement.

Henry served two years active duty in the U.S. Army; 9 1/2 years in the D.C. National Guard and 81/2 years in the Army Reserves, retiring as U.S. Army captain.



He was a member of SWAB, Board of Zoning Appeals and American Legion Post #166. He served as AARP Ocean City Chapter vice president; president of Little Salisbury Civic Association and he volunteered at Greater Southeastern Hospital, D.C.

Henry was pre-deceased by parents, Lacy and Gertrude Westfall, and brother, Lt. Lacy Ryder Westfall, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; son, Bryan Westfall of Severna Park, Md.; daughter, Janet Barnes of Wellford, S.C.; daughter, Debra Lantz of La Plata, Md.; grandsons, Ray Westfall and Jeremy Barnes; granddaughters, Jennifer Westfall, Barbara Taron, Melissa Svehla, Stephanie Adkins and Jenna Snyder; great-grandsons, Jordan Westfall, Brandon Westfall, Matthew Svehla and Tyler Svehla and great-granddaughters, Kyrie Drake, Abigail Taron, Isabelle Taron, Kayley Adkins and Natalie Adkins. Henry is survived by cousins, Daniel Kellerher, Cecelia Boyle and Dorothy Ginder.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to either: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, American Legion, VFW, Hospice, or any charity you choose. Services were held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Monday, July, 14, 2014.

Joseph Nicholas Gismondi

Parsonsburg–Joseph Nicholas Gismondi, 84, of Parsonsburg, passed away on July 8, 2014 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of the late Nicholas Joseph Gismondi and Stella Cich Gismondi.

He worked in the automobile parts business for 60 years, including being a sales manager for the for-

mer Manlove Automotive and retiring from Pasco, Inc. He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving during the Korean conflict from 1951-1955. He dearly loved his family and especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

J. Gismondi

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Agnes Cantlay Gismondi; four

children, Nancy Pagano and her husband, Ron of Delmar, Md., Beth M. Gismondi of Ocean Pines, Anne G. Savage and her husband, William, of Salisbury and Nicholas W. Gismondi of Parsonsburg; six grandchildren, Sarah E. Newhouse of Philadelphia, Pa., Tessa M. Cauley and her husband, Jeff of Parkville, Md., Joseph L. Newhouse of Collingswood, N.J., Kelly E. Wells and her husband, David of Mardela Springs, Nicholas W. Gismondi of Salisbury and Cole J. Gismondi of Parsonsburg; two great-grandchildren, Chloe Cauley and Connor Wells; a sister, Gloria Calvano of Salisbury and several beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a sister, Teresa Ferrara.

A memorial service was held on Friday, July 11, 2014 at Holloway Funeral Home in Salisbury. Rev. Dr. Mary Dennis officiated.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Holly Center Foundation, 926 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Md. 21804 and or Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, PA, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Visit www.hollowayfh.com to express condolences to the family.

Clymont John "Cly" Rankin

Selbyville–Clymont John "Cly" Rankin, 89, of Selbyville, Del. died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. He was born in Harrison, N.J. and was the son of the late David F. and Anna Mae (Hermann) Rankin.

He had been an assistant comptroller for ITT Avionics and was a member of The Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City and the Fenwick Island Lions Club. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Jean L. Rankin of Selbyville; two sons, Scott D. Rankin of Normal, Ill. and Wayne B. Rankin of Millsboro, Del.; a sister, Jane Wehner of Spring Lake Height, N.J. and a grandson, Lane Taylor Rankin. He is also survived by several nieces



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and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at The Church Of The Holy Spirit in Ocean City with Father Glenn Duffy officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Church of the Holy Spirit Memorial Fund, 10001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, Md. 21842. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.hastingsfuneralhome.net.

Alan James Ferguson

Ocean Pines–Alan James Ferguson, 92, passed away on July 11, 2014 at Genesis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Salisbury.



Born in Glasgow, Scotland, he was the son of the late Eric and Grace Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Geraldine Staley Ferguson. Surviving, is his wife,

Alan Ferguson

Barbara Ebert Ferguson, seven step-children, 14 stepgrandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are his nieces, Patrice Newby and Sheila Wellwood of Toronto, and numerous nieces and nephews of the Staley family. He leaves a host of lifelong friends in the Dundalk community.

Mr. Ferguson immigrated to Canada as a youngster. He served a tour of duty in the Canadian Air Force, then later worked for British Airlines. After being transferred to Maryland, he changed professions and worked for the former Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

He spent much of his spare time performing community service and playing golf. He was one of the original committee members to start the Dundalk Heritage Fair, serving every year on the planning committee. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Sparrow's Point Country Club, of the Lions Club, and named Dundalk "Man of the Year" by then Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Serving on several boards, his last assignment at Community College of Dundalk was one of the most rewarding. As a board member, and strong advocate for community college education, Alan used his executive and life skills to innovate many changes at the Community College level. Alan later retired to Ocean Pines where he enjoyed living close to the beach.

A Memorial Mass was held on Wednesday, July 16 2014, at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Dundalk. Rev. George Gannon officiated. A donation in his memory may be made to: St. Rita's Catholic Church, 2907 Dunleer Rd. Baltimore, Md. 21222, or Genesis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Activities Fund, 200 Civic Ave, Salisbury, Md. 21804.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Harry Dawson Schiff

Berlin/Federalsburg–Harry Dawson Schiff, 89, passed away on July 13, 2014, at Gull Creek Retirement Community in Berlin.

Born in Kent County, Del., he was the son of the late Walter and Lizzie Derth Schiff. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Ella Lee Griffith Schiff. He is survived by his son, Dr. David Schiff and his wife, Dayna of Berlin, and a brother Edward Schiff of Harmony, Md., and several nieces and nephews. Also preceding him in death was a brother, Walter and a sister, Elizabeth.

Mr. Schiff had served in the National Guard. He later settled his family in Federalsburg where he had worked as a pipe fitter for DuPont in Seaford. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church. Mr. Schiff was an avid gardener and liked his old time country music.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. A donation in his memory may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804.

Letters of condolence may be sent to www.burbagefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.



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Daily 10-5	Gateway Grand – 48th Street	3 & 4BR, 3BA	Condo	From \$904,900	Condominium Realty/Fritschle Group
Daily 10-4	Villas, OC Inlet Isle	3BR/4BR	Condo	\$795,000	Condominium Realty/Fritschle Group
Daily 10-4	1111 Edgewater Ave	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	From \$595,000	Fritschle Group
MonSat. 10-5	Seaside Village, West Ocean City	3BR/2 Full/2Half BA	Townhome	From \$289,900	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Friday thru Sunday	Sunset Island		Condos, TH, SF From	n \$389K/\$509K/\$	900K Terry Riley/Vantage Resort
Saturday 4-6	Thunder Island – 3A	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$309,900	Susan Antigone/Long & Foster
Saturday 12-3	9 Juneway Lane, Ocean Pines	4BR/3.5BA	Single Family	\$364,900	Sandra Kimble/Shamrock Realty
Saturday 12-3	328 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines	2BR/1BA	Single Family	\$249,200	Jim & Leslie White/Prudential PenFed
Saturday 11-3	Yacht Club Drive, Marina Village – Ocean Pines	3BR/2.5BA	2 Waterfront Townhomes	Under \$400K	Jim & Leslie White/Prudential PenFed
Saturday 10-4	10300 Coastal Hwy. #1610, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$275,000	Josh Morimoto/Prudential PenFed
Saturday 10-2	10300 Coastal Hwy. #108, Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$329,000	Josh Morimoto/Prudential PenFed
Saturday 10-12	Caneel Cay – A4, 709 94th St.	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$328,600	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Saturday 11-2	111 Austin Crl., Berlin	4BR/2.5BA		\$319,000	Darryl Greer/Resort Real Estate
Saturday 10-1	11805 Wight St., Oceanwalk #404	1BR/1.5 BA	Condo	\$259,900	Terry Burrier/Hileman Real Estate
Saturdays 11-4 p.m.	Heron Harbour Sales Office, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	_	ERA Holiday/Nanette Pavier
Saturdays 12-3	Marigot Beach, 100th St.	1BR/2BR/3BR	Condos	From \$295,000	CBRB/Kathy Panco
Sat & Sun 11-2	Captain's Quarters 627A	3BR/3BA	Townhome	\$659,000	Condominium Realty/Fritschle Group
Sunday 4-6	14001 Fountain Rd., Ocean City	3BR/2BA	Condo	\$319,900	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Sunday 10:30-1:30	23 Camelot Crl., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$219,000	Dennis Escher/Long & Foster
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Sunday12-5	Seaside Village, West Ocean City	3BR/2 Full/2Half BA	Townhome	From \$289,900	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
Tuesday 3-5	21 Anchor Way, Mystic Harbour	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$139,900	Sandie Mattes/Long & Foster
Tuesday 3-5	4 Ensign Dr., Mystic Harbour	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$189,000	Sandie Mattes/Long & Foster
Wednesday 10-12	Caneel Cay – A4, 709 94th St.	3BR/2.5BA	Condo	\$328,600	Karen Oass/Long & Foster
Wednesday 10-1	23 Camelot Crl., Ocean Pines	3BR/2BA	Single Family	\$219,000	Dennis Escher/Long & Foster
Thurs 7/24 11-2	Salty Sands – 201C, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$279,900	Susan Antigone/Long & Foster
Fri 7/25 2-5	Salty Sands – 201C, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$279,900	Susan Antigone/Long & Foster

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Yes, it's summer, a time to rebuild a great school

So, we're well into summer, and perhaps our children would tell us it's way too early to have any thoughts about school.

Yet there are some positive vibes that came out of a recent tour of the Snow Hill High School renovation and addition construction site.

The building is in its first phase of construction covering areas that will turn into the cafeteria, gym and auditorium.

It's important to remember that during the next two vears of construction, Snow Hill High School will double in size to 121,000 square feet. This will eliminate the need for portable classrooms. Once the construction is completed, the school will educate its students in state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs, science wing and other amenities including a brand new athletic complex.

And what is equally exciting is the school's new geothermal heating and cooling system. This system is expected to bring the 50-year-high school's infrastructure well into the 21st century.

Yes, we are in the hot, sticky days of an Eastern Shore Summer. It's good to see the rain providing moisture for the growing corn. And it's good to see people at work, building what will certainly be a wonderful asset to the children, faculty and staff of the Worcester County Public School System.

The project is costing \$50 million, and its construction started last February. It's money well spent that will make an already well respected public school system that much better.

And we're only talking at this point about the first of three phases of construction. Yes, there's much more to do, but already there's a feeling among Snow Hill area students and faculty of excitement.

Even in the middle of the summer.

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"Tony is crushed. He just learned that the Corn Hole Game is not an Olympic Sport."

Emotional rollercoaster in four days

Beginning with a burial, ending at a wedding canopy

By Phil Jacobs

Editor

Last Thursday through Sunday proved to touch several aspects of life.



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During

а person comes through this to the other side, there's a dizzying almost vertigo-like feeling trying to figure out just what happened and what are the messages linked to these milestones.

So let's start with Thursday. It was a day that I dreaded, and I didn't even know the sadness would come with that day.

My wife Lisa and I have a small group of friends we worship with, we share angst over the Orioles with, and we exchange stories about our children and grandchildren with. Just about everyone in our group is a couple.

Bob and Karen were one of those couples. We lost Karen to cancer. She outlived the months she was given by her physicians, she saw both of her sons marry, and she became a grandmother twice. But last Thursday morning at 2:30, my phone rang to awaken me with the news, Karen was gone.

We buried her that same afternoon, and then we made sure that a full-schedule of meals and friends would be there for Bob during his seven-day mourning period.

I was honored to be a pallbearer, with five others who carried Karen's plain, wooden casket. I whispered to Karen inside that I loved her and thanked her for being my friend.

Saturday or the Jewish Sabbath took on an entirely different feeling. On that morning, Rabbi Shimon and Masha Miriam Grady held a bris (ritual circumcision upholding Judaism's covenant with God) for their eightday-old son. The Gradys, West Ocean City residents, made the trip to a Baltimore area synagogue with several Berlin and Ocean City residents to hold the ceremony.

Jewish tradition holds that a male baby is named at his bris. The Gradys' new son is named Uriel Eitan.

The spirited singing and soulful prayers welcoming a new little person to the community made me think that hardly 48 hours had passed since we were there to help complete a person's life. From out of the sadness of Karen's passing, we were now celebrating a new beginning.

Finally Sunday came around, and we were traveling from to Long Island, N.Y. In 1990 we met a family while we lived in Southfield, Mi. named Steve and Joanne Levine. They have since moved to New York. We were there to share in the blessing of their son David's wedding.

If you know of a young man or woman who have had to conquer many different obstacles to obtain success, then you know something about David. Without getting into specifics, this wedding day was richly deserved in the life of this young man and his parents. The dancing and singing at the reception was memorable. And the part of the wedding where David was lifted on high on a chair was something I'll always remember.

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LETTERS

History Lesson

Editor,

In the 11 years that I have owned property in Ocean Pines I don't think there has been a more important election for the OPA Board of Directors than this one, for the very future of our community is at stake. The question really comes down to whether or not you want to continue the progress that the current board and GM have begun or go back to the old plan of letting the community facilities deteriorate to the point of falling down before any action is taken? Or put into even clearer language, do you want your property values to continue to go up or do you

Corrections

An article about the District 4 and 5 Worcester County Commissioners race in the July 10 issue stated that Republican Chip Bertino would face incumbent Democrat Tom Wilson for the District 5 seat during the November general election. Bertino and Wilson are both vying for the seat currently held by retiring Commissioner Judy Boggs.

A sub-headline in the same article said Ted Elder won the District 4 primary by three votes over Kathryn Danko-Lord. Elder actually won by a five-vote margin, 7-2, in a Republican Central Committee vote.

Karen Rosenfelt, Uriel Eitan

Grady and David Levine. Four days.

Three different people, three vastly

different places in our collective jour-

I was given a quick memory of an

earlier setting while I was watching

David dance at his wedding. It was

Karen, dressed in a beautiful formal

dress, holding the hands of her dear

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neys.

How three people made

their marks on four days

want them to go back down? It is the desirability of our community that helps keep our home values up and to a large extent that has to do with the number of amenities offered, and their condition.

Let's consider some recent history. Shortly after we moved here the big topic was the new community center. After a referendum and positive vote by the OP community a new larger building that could accommodate the needs of our growing community was planned. Before construction could get past the very beginning stages however, one of the current board members and a small group of his supporters decided that we did not really need such a large facility and through their efforts the current small and inadequate building was erected instead.

That building is so small that some of our community clubs are not able to hold meetings there because the rooms are not big enough to accommodate all of their members. Let's also remember that the legal battle waged to block the planned larger building by that small group wound up costing OPA thousands of dollars in unnecessary legal and other fees. When the new Yacht Club was being planned that small group of people said the same thing. "We don't need anything that big and expensive" was the rallying cry and it was nicknamed "The Taj Mahal." Well fortunately the silent majority voted for the new

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building by an overwhelming 68 percent to 38 percent, and we now have a first class facility that has already been booked for weddings and banquets into mid winter. Each weekend since it opened, the facility has been packed with residents enjoying the view as well as the food and beverages. The patio is a big hit. But guess what? At least two of the non-incumbent candidates running for the board have said that the facility is too big and should not have been built.

When the casino down the street first opened, there was legislation pending that assigned local impact funds to the county's four municipalities but Ocean Pines was not included. A group of concerned residents organized to lobby for a change in the legislation to permit Ocean Pines to receive a portion of the local funds. Some of the old guard argued against it wanting the funds to go to the county instead. Fortunately, a majority of board members voted in favor of the proposal and the community benefits to the tune of about \$225,000 a year.

Over that time period our assessments were going up and OPA showed a loss of over \$137,000 one year and over \$160,000 the next. Do we really want to go back to a time when even one of the board members is not looking to the future of the community enough to take free money? Especially when OPA was incurring losses.

There has been a lot of talk recently by some people that OP should not be in the golf or restaurant business, and that the current board is going in the wrong direction.

So let's look at the progress by the current board "majority." The golf course, which was neglected for years has recently been upgraded and bookings are up for the current year. Drainage issues that were a result of neglect are now being addressed and the roads are being repaired thanks to free money from the casino.

In addition to a new YC pool, decking and furniture, all of the swimming pools are finally getting much-needed repairs. A new splash pad was installed at Swim & Racquet, aquatic programs have been added and memberships are up. The Beach Club now has heat and AC and the second floor bar is open. The tennis facility has been upgraded and a dog park added as well. With all of that, the current board was able to come in under budget for the year by about \$14,000.

Oh, and our assessments went down. If you want to keep the community progress going and your property values going up, consider the recent history and your choice should be clear.

> Gary Miller Ocean Pines

Craft Club to hold 37th annual fair in White Horse Park

OCEAN PINES–On Saturday, Aug. 2, the Pine'eer Craft Club will sponsor the 37th annual Arts & Craft Fair in White Horse Park in Ocean Pines.

The event will begin at 9 a.m and features more than 100 crafters, food vendors, bake sale table, farmers market, music and children's activities. The Pine'eer Crafters are partnering with the Ocean Pines Association to make this the biggest and best Arts & Craft Fair ever.

All crafters will display their handmade items, and music will be provided by the Honeycombs.

Children's activities will be ongoing throughout the day. The Farmer's Market will be open at 8 a.m. The bake sale table is noted for such items as pineapple upside down cakes and homemade breads.

In addition, the Craft Shop, sponsored by the Pine'eer Craft Club, will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This shop, located in front of the Ocean Pines Community Center, features handmade items created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club. Normal shop hours are Saturday and Sunday,10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For additional information about the Arts & Craft Fair, contact Barbara O'Connor at 410-726-8062.



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Wind farm developers and officials meet to finalize planning

Gov. Martin O'Malley's moratorium veto keeps project moving ahead

By Josh Davis *Staff Writer*

SOMERSET COUNTY– A major wind farm proposal is back on track, as developers met with County Commissioners in an attempt to finalize plans last week.

Following a heated legislative battle, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley vetoed a moratorium on the wind farm in May. The bill would have likely derailed the project.

Pioneer Green Energy asked the Commissioners to finalize a proposed county wind ordinance, a move that would have signified a green light for construction on the Great Bay Wind Energy Center project seeking to build 25 wind turbines in the county.

"The purpose of our meeting was really to re-engage with the county now that the veto has occurred and we have had some time in the month of June to really reorganize things," said Development Manager Paul Harris. "It was a pretty long and unnecessary delay for almost six months this year. During that time we were focused on fighting legislation and trying to protect the project's ability to move forward." Harris said the vetoed "fire up" the project, leading PGE to call for the July 8 meeting.

"One of those things we needed to do was to re-touch base with the county as we prepare to file our permits with the state and continue moving forward on the project," Harris said. "The meeting that we had was really to provide an update to them, summarizing the extent of support that the project is receiving.

"We had some really impressive support that came after the veto," Harris continued. "Locally there is a lot of support from environmental groups, historical groups, chambers of commerce, and we've got 200 landowners that are a part of the project and over 1,000 Facebook 'likes' on it. So there's a lot of local support and things are really starting to gain momentum here."

Harris said PGE used their time with Commissioners to outline that widespread support.

"I think the task that we tried to portray is that the time is now to begin working together," he said. "We really would like to take this momentum and begin working hand-in-hand with the county to ensure that this project is able to benefit them as much as possible."

County compensation for upgrades to roads surrounding the project

could be significant.

"We want to ensure that we are compensating the county and the county roads appropriately so that we may actually gain some additional revenues for their roads department, which the budget there has been slashed year-after-year for the last 10 years." Harris said.

"It's a pretty significant boon to a county that continues to see double-digit tax revenue decline"

PAUL HARRIS Great Bay Wind Energy Center Development Manager

The group was also working in anticipation of the project's permitting phase.

"The permitting process is much more effective if we're walking down that path as a team instead of as two separate silos," Harris said. "It's always nicer to have the county on your side; I think we have the citizens of the county, but we'd like the Commissioners who represent those citizens to also be working with us."

The project could potentially bring

hundreds of jobs to the county. According to a University of Baltimore economic impact study, the tricounty area – not just Somerset County – would be the beneficiary of those jobs.

"The county itself would probably not be enough to supply a number of these jobs," Harris said. "For the lower shore the projection was over 500 local jobs being created during the year of construction, with over 700 jobs in the state of Maryland during construction. And then for the long-term life of the project Somerset County would see over \$44 million dollars in new tax revenues, which accounts for almost 10 percent of their annual property tax revenues every year.

"It's a pretty significant boon to a county that continues to see doubledigit tax revenue decline," Harris continued. "There's a lot of discussion about raising property taxes. Being one of the poorest counties in the state, it's really hard to see those conversations happening. A project like this could really turn that around."

PGE is not involved with Worcester County wind proposals, including one that would build several turbines off shore, but a green light of the project could have implications elsewhere in the state.





Governor's veto could garner further debate as election nears

"In the state of Maryland we are the most mature wind project to my knowledge," Harris said. "I do know there is some work in Worcester County, and it's certainly a good place to do development as well."

The ongoing debate is likely to come up in the November election, especially in the District 38 Maryland Senate race where incumbent Jim Mathias was a key supporter of O'-Malley's veto.

"With a business project that could ultimately produce \$40-45 million dollars in revenue to the county and create jobs and supplement agricultural property owners' tax flow and revenue – for the state to come in and shut the door in their face was absolutely wrong, particularly when there were already federal and state provisions in place," he said. "I voted against it; I argued it on the floor.

"I went against the president of the senate, the chairmen of my committee, two United States senators and the minority leader of the House of Representatives from the state that represents the district, and although we were unable to amass the number of votes we needed to defeat it on the floor, I was able to persuade the governor to veto it," Mathias continued. "I spoke to the governor a number of times; I was a very significant voice in that process." Mathias said he has spoken with County Commissioners on the issue.

"I encourage the County Commissioners to cause their due diligence in a timely fashion and work with an industry that wants to come to the area," he said. "Quite honestly the county knows where I stand. I invested a tremendous amount of effort and energy in it and worked very hard. The company came to the area, they did their research, they did their due diligence for the better part of three years, they've expended money, time, negotiated tentative leases, done their projection, caused economic impact statements, and I believe that what they put forward is relevant to what their plan is."

Mathias also supports the Worcester County wind plan.

"I put language in the bill that enables us within the limit of federal law to have the maximum amount of economic impact here on the Eastern Shore and Worcester County," he said. "I took the steps to provide us the maximum benefit here, and I was happy to see that it appears to be going forward and there appears to be real interest. I'm going to work hard to see both of (these projects) come to reality."

Mike McDermott, who currently represents District 38B in the Maryland House of Delegates, will oppose Mathias in the Maryland Senate race in November. The delegate expressed concern over the project.

"I do believe in alternative energy that's driven by the market," he said. "Unfortunately, this is being driven right now by a lot of subsidies that are coming from the federal government. Those subsidies have to be accounted for by the end of this year, and that's why there is such a strong desire on the part of Bay Wind to get the project basically locked in before the end of 2014."

McDermott questioned the longterm economic impact of the project.

"I always look at long-term jobs as being the most critical thing that we're looking at," he said. "The big influx of jobs obviously is for construction (and) they could probably have all of that done within 18 months, but the numbers that they've given us by comparison with other sites around the country that have these projects and have had them for a number of years - you're looking at only about half a dozen long-term jobs. Obviously any job on the lower shore right now is a gain, but it's not a gamechanger when it comes to your economy.

Handicapping the project, McDermott gave the Great Bay Wind Energy Center 50/50 odds of becoming a reality. "The biggest concern that I have, besides potential setbacks, is the longterm viability of the company," he said. "A lot of these companies tend to come and build the project and then they sell the project to somebody else to run. And so the people that you're dealing with down the road after the project is off the ground are not the same people that you were dealing with when they set it all up."

If the company fails, McDermott said the county could be stuck with massive unwanted infrastructure.

"It's not like you could walk up with your local public works department and dismantle a 60-story behemoth," he said. "Making sure that the money within the company is available by bond to make sure that that can be done in the event that there's a failure or those structures have to come down is essential. They've got a life expectancy of 20 years, and you've got to be able to recover if that becomes a problem.

"It's good for this project to be vetted out," McDermott continued. "It's proper for this kind of investment. The company is making a big investment, and the citizens themselves are making an investment themselves because they are going to be the ones that have to deal with the outfall."

For more information visit www.greatbaywind.com.



SNAPSHOTS



TOP ARTISTS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Winners of the Worcester County Arts Council's juried exhibit themed "Freedom," on display during July at the Berlin studio, from left, are Marcy Snyder, Karen Dimaio, Brigitte Bowden and Robert Johnson, with Josh Nobiling, judge of the show. Submitted entries reflected artist's individual expression of the word "freedom" in its broadest sense: artistic, social integration, national identity, or personal freedom.



KIWANIS SUPPORT CASA SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President, Dick Clagett presents a \$500 check to Worcester Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Director Brigitte Southworth. CASA is a volunteer driven program that advocates for abused and neglected children who are caught up in the court and child welfare system because they are unable to live safely at home. Since its inception in 2003, CASA has successfully advocated for more than 150 local children.



WINNER SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Craig Birckhead-Morton a rising seventh grader at Snow Hill Middle School, was named a 2014 winner of the 5th annual Preston Mitchum, Jr. Foundation Essay Contest. He received a laptop computer for first prize. Additionally, he was a local winner in the 2014 Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program. He received a certificate and a Kohl's Gift Card.



MUSEUM ADDITIONS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Calvin B. Taylor House Museum features two new additions-an 1800 Georgian mahogany knife box and an 1820-1840 red flame mahogany tall case clock-courtesy of Arcadia Questers, Pictured, from left, are Arcadia Questers' Judy Reeser, Ione Salzman, Sally Smith, Liz Sharpless, Ann Fowler, Sandy Reifsnyder, Berlin Heritage Foundation president Jan Quick, BHF vice president Susan Rencher, BHF board member Patricia Dufendach and museum curator Susan Taylor.



SCHOLARSHIPS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Katherine and Anna Pavlos, graduates of Worcester Preparatory School, each received Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's John Stephanos AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) scholarships. The Katherine and Anna attend Gettysburg and University of Maryland College Park. Pictured, from left, are Spyros Papadopoulos, fund representative; Katherine and Anna Pavlos, The Very Reverend Archimandrite Vasilios Penderidis and John Stephanos.



GUEST SPEAKER

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Bill Badger, director of Worcester County Economic Development, center, is pictured with Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City Chair of Speakers and Programs, J. Graham Caldwell, left, and President Dick Clagett during the group's weekly meeting on July 9. Badger was the guest speaker.

CUISINE BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Inspired to create simple, summer snack

As voices echo through our little street, a feeling of summer, fun and family runs through me like an electric current. It's a wonderful thing as a



parent to have a flash of memory back to the days of my own childhood; a prevailing feeling of worth as I remember the emotions that I attached to certain events in my life and that I now share with my children.

By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

Years ago as we played at the water's edge, I was teaching my kids how to dig deep enough to reach the tide line, in essence making your own pool at the ocean. Something that my father taught me in the early 1970s, it was a laughable concept to my friend who was visiting from out of town. He brushed it off as nonsense, but as I taught my kids, you could see bewilderment in his eyes as the bottom of the hole began to fill with water.

Move forward a few years and our next scene is our home. I took my kids outside at dusk to teach them how to summon the bats, those ethereal creatures of the night about who has been written enough negative and cruel passages as to fill the scrolls of Alexandria.

Granted, I do not care to keep bats as pets, but as of today I have yet to be overly pestered or bothered by one. The trick, you see, is to take advantage of their lack of sight and their astounding sonar skills.

At dusk, simply go outside and throw tiny pebbles as high as you can straight up in the air. VERY IMPOR-TANT:

Be in the middle of the street and

tell everyone to pay attention.

Do this at your own risk. I assume no liability if you throw like a New York Yankee and break a window.

Teach your kids how to not catch one of these with their eyes. I suggest safety glasses, although I've never worn them. There, you are warned.

As the tiny projectiles fly up and down, eventually the bats will ping off of them with their impressive sonar system. They will mistake them for bugs and begin going after them. This is not foolproof; there have been a few evenings when we cannot get a single bat to come out. But more often than not, we find about 6 bats dive-bombing the rocks (and in essence, us) to the squeals, screams and laughs of the children. Fear and humor; hardly a better suited set of bedfellows.

Getting outside seems to be one of the greatest challenges for kids these days. The electronic distractions that we have allowed to consume the day make it tricky to get the children interested in things that fascinated us when we were kids. But I have found that simple exercises such as bat-calling work wonders.

Summer is a beautiful time of year in which we get to understand how things grow, the source of our food if you are like us and at least grow a few things, and of course there is no school; well, for the kids there is no school. Taking advantage of this, we can get the kids involved in the tasks of gardening and the wonderment of natural foods.

In our garden we have two tomato plants that are doing a fair job at producing some fruit, and after a trip to Paul Carlotta's Berlin Organics on 611, I was inspired to create a simple, summer snack that was enjoyed by not only me but our 9-year old as well. Had he not helped with the planting in



our own garden, I hardly think he would have even sampled the goods.

Get outside and dig a hole; summon the bats. Grow some basil and tomatoes. Do whatever makes you happy. And make sure that you share it with a child, yours or not. It's the best way for them to learn.

Peach Salsa

- makes about 3 cups
- 3 ea. fresh peaches, diced
- 1 ea. red bell pepper, diced
- 1 ea. serrano, diced
- 1/4 ea. fresh white onion, diced 1 ea. fresh, very ripe tomato, diced
- 1/4 c. cilantro, minced
- salt and pepper to taste
- lemon juice, to taste

Combine all of the ingredients and

season to taste. Allow to sit under refrigeration for

at least two hours. Taste again, and adjust the flavor.

Serve cold or at room temperature. Serve with freshly fried tortilla

chips, on seafood, pork or chicken dishes from the grill.

Fresh Fried Tortilla Chips

- makes 60 chips
- 10 soft corn tortillas
- oil for frying
- seasoning blend of your choosing

Stack tortillas in a neat pile, and cut into 6 equal wedges yielding you 60 soft chips.

Heat oil to 350, being incredibly careful not to overheat if you are using a pan on the stovetop. I recommend a fryer.

When the oil has reached temperature, add the chips in batches and cook until golden brown. If you use whole wheat like I did for some of mine, don't be too upset if they come out dark. That's the nature of the beast.

When the bubbles have mostly subsided and the chips are crispy, remove to a stack of paper towels and season immediately.

Allow to cool and serve.

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



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CALENDAR BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

THURS. July 17

SUNSET PARK PARTY NIGHTS – Sunset Park, S. Division Street, bayside, Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Featuring Folk Heroes (Irish). Admission is free, while beverages, including beer, are available for purchase. It is recommended to take own seating. Info: 800-626-2326, 410-289-7739 or www.ocdc.org.

FREE MOVIE ON THE BEACH – Princess Royale, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "The Lone Ranger." Take a chair or blanket. Info: 800-626-2326.

FREE CONCERT — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Featuring "229th Ceremonial Army Band." Info: 410-641-7052.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING – Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Refreshments at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. Craft following meeting. Create a fish from CDs and colored foam for \$3. Guests welcome. RSVP: 410-641-7101.

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

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

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

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY SPEAKER SERIES AND GENERAL MEET-

ING – Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Chad R. Lingenfelder, Esq. Topic is Maryland Gun Laws, Gun Trusts and Estate Planning for Your Family. Admission is free. Info: WCTPPatriots@gmail.com, www.worcestercountyteaparty.com or 443-614-7214.

2014 DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN HEAD-QUARTERS RIBBON CUTTING – The ribbon cutting will be held at 5 p.m. to mark the grand opening of the 2014 Democratic Campaign Headquarters at 123 N. Main St., Berlin. Located behind the Stevenson United Methodist Church. Info: Ted Page, 410-352-3749.

FRI. July 18

TROUT FISH FRY – Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Platters cost \$10 and include fish, mac & cheese, green beans, roll, beverage and dessert. Info: Sue Henman, 410-632-1874.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH – Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Despicable Me 2." Take a chair or blanket. Info: 800-626-2326.

STEPPING ON FALLS PREVENTION WORK-SHOP – Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. A well-researched falls prevention program for seniors. The workshop is free and meets for two hours a week for seven weeks, July 11-Aug. 22.

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

SAT. July 19

COFFEE, TEA AND HARMONY TO THE MAX – Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. Delmarva Chorus presents an evening of laughter and song and free homemade desserts and beverages. Donation is \$10. Tickets: 410-641-5091.

ART HANSEN MEMORIAL YOUTH FISHING CONTEST — Ocean Pines South Gate Pond, near the Sports Core Pool. Participants, ages 4-16, will be divided into age groups, prizes awarded. Info: 410-641-7052.

INTERMEDIATE MEDITATION CLASS – Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department. This 2-hour session will focus on how meditation has been shown to promote relaxation and to help manage stress. Cost is \$20. Register: 410-641-7052.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – Decatur Farm Club House, 419 Dueling Way, Berlin, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring Pampered Chef, thirty-one, Scentsy, Origami Owl, Mary Kay, Stieped Tea and Barefoot Books. This is not a cash and carry event. While some items may be available for cash and carry, all vendors are prepared to place immediate orders for direct delivery. Light refreshments provided. Free admission and door prizes. Every adult receives one door prize ticket. Additional tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Bring a new unwrapped toy (valued at \$5) and receive 3 additional door prize tickets. Need not be present to win.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11

a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

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

SUN. July 20

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

SUNDAES IN THE PARK - Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, 7-9 p.m. Take picnic baskets and chairs to the park for ice cream sundaes and live entertainment. For a small fee, build your own ice cream sundae. Entertainment provided by Robert Eric's Tribute to "The Piano Man Billy Joel" and Lollipop the Clown "Fun & Games." Also, a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Info: http://town.oceancity.md.us/sep.html.

STARPOWER NATIONAL TALENT COMPETI-TION - Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. World competition for all dancers who qualified at regionals held across the United States. Info: www.starpowertalent.com.

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

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

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SHARING SUNDAY – South Fire Station, Ocean Parkway (South Gate), Ocean Pines. The Democratic Women's Club will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper products to be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

MON. July 21

BEACH FIREWORKS – Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 10 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays during July and August. Each show is approximately 8 minutes long and visible along the Boardwalk. Info: 800-626-2326 or www.ococean.com.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH – Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Escape from Planet Earth." Take a chair or blanket. Info: 800-626-2326.

FREE MOVIE MONDAY – White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Featuring "Soul Surfer." Info: 410-641-7052.

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TION - Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. World competition for all dancers who qualified at regionals held across the United States. Info: www.starpowertalent.com.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING -

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

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

MEETS WEEKLY – The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

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

TUES. July 22

BEACH FIREWORKS – Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 10 p.m., Mondays *Continued on Page 34*

CALENDAR

Continued from Page 33 and Tuesdays during July and August. Each show is approximately 8 minutes long and visible along the Boardwalk. Info: 800-626-2326 or www.ococean.com.

FAMILY BEACH OLYMPICS – Ocean City beach at 27th Street, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Featuring a variety of contests for all ages. Events may include sand castle contest, tug-of-war, relay races and more. All activities are free. Info: 410-250-0125 or 800-626-2326.

STARPOWER NATIONAL TALENT COMPETI-TION - Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. World competition for all dancers who qualified at regionals held across the United States. Info: www.starpowertalent.com.

CRAB NIGHT – Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 5-7 p.m., every Tuesday through Sept. 2. Menu is choice of steamed crabs (if available), crab cakes (broiled or fried), fried or baked flounder and fried calamari. Also available are corn on the cob, French fries, hot dogs, pizza and various sides. Cash bar. Crab and shrimp orders must be made in advance: 410-524-7994, Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

WED. July 23

CONCERTS ON THE BEACH – Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 8 p.m. Featuring Rising Sun Reggae Band. Take a blanket or chair. Info: 800-626-2326.

MOVIES ON THE BEACH – Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 118th Street and oceanfront, Ocean City, 8:30 p.m. Featuring "Saving Mr. Banks." Take beach chairs or a blanket. Info: 800-626-2326.

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org. **BINGO** – Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB – Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

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

0.C. BOARDWALK LABYRINTH OPEN – St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, inside Dewees Hall, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays through Sept. 24. Replica of the 12th century original is available for walking with candlelight and sacred music; wheelchair accessible. Info: 410-289-3453 or 443-880-7608.

ONGOING EVENTS

ANNUAL DUCK RACE FUNDRAISER-

Frontier Town Water Park, 8428 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, Aug. 22, 6 p.m. Cash prizes for first place is \$1,000; second, \$300; and third, \$200, as well as many more prizes. Tickets are now on sale: \$5 per duck or 3 for \$10. Call 410-208-4108. Need not be present to win. Benefits the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City's scholarship fund.

'HAIRSPRAY: THE MUSICAL' BUS TRIP -

Buses will leave from the parking lot behind the Post Office in Snow Hill on Sept. 18 at 6:30 a.m. and from the Ocean Pines Library at 7 a.m. Attendees will enjoy lunch and the show at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. Tickets cost \$90 and may be purchased at the Ocean Pines Library or by calling Lisa Outten Stant, 410-632-3970.

OCEAN CITY LIFE-SAVING STATION MU-

SEUM – Located at the south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave. Museum offers daily summer programs beginning at 10 a.m., through Aug. 30. Topics include beach safety, aquarium feeding, knot tying, history and all about sharks. Info: Sandy, 410-289-4991, sandy@ocmuseum.org or www.ocmuseum.org.

SUMMER PROGRAMS – Delmarva Dis-

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covery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke, through Aug. 31. Daily summer programs include "Dive Dialogue," "Fish Feeding," "A Walk to Remember," "Discovery Program," "Mommy & Me; Daddy too!," "Beaver Story Time & Craft," "Squeaky Clean!," "Fishing Fun," and "Awesome Animals & Craft." Info: delmarvadiscoverycenter.org or 410-957-9933.

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

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

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

BOOKS BY THE BAG SALE – Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, during regular hours through Labor Day. Gently used books for \$5 a bag. Info: 410-524-1818.

WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON'S DIS-EASE SUPPORT GROUP — Meets the second Tuesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Info: 410-208-3132.

AUMC THRIFT SHOP – Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 410-289-4458.

OCVFC LADIES AUXILIARY – The group meets monthly on the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the West Ocean City Fire Station, second floor, Keyser Point Road. New members welcome. Info: Denise, 443-359-2014 or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP – Group meets the second Tuesday of

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11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Speakers, discussions, exercise, etc. No reservations, no fees. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to stop by. Info: 410-208-3132.

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302-988-1056.

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.



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