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All three incumbent Berlin officials, from left, Councilmember Elroy Brittingham, Councilmember Lisa Hall and Mayor Gee Williams were re-elected to a new 4-year term at Tuesday's municipal election.

Secret election coup attempt fails

All incumbents voted back into respective town positions

BERLIN — An election day ploy to thwart the re-election bid of Mayor Gee Williams via a surprise write-in campaign failed on Tuesday, as Williams claimed a 335-122 victory in what was originally an uncontested race. What became known Tuesday morning, however, was that a quiet push to write-in former Councilwoman Ellen Lang for

mayor was under way and that the effort appeared to have been well planned. Meanwhile, other municipal races took place without much drama. Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen reported that District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall beat newcomer and former planning department intern Ronald Marney, 169-68, and District 3 Councilmember Elroy Brittingham received 38 votes of confidence as he ran unop-

"I'm grateful for the support I received"

GEE WILLIAMS

Mayor of Berlin

posed. The official District 2 battle was between Hall and Marney, but write-ins Kirk Burbage and Allen R. Mumford each received two votes, while Thomas Taylor Lynch and Thomas Sholtis each earned one vote. The winners will serve four-year terms and that includes Williams, who expressed some post-election relief. "I'm grateful for the support I received and that people came out to

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Berlin railroad tracks to undergo repairs this month

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

BERLIN — Some Berlin residents may have noticed the town has been a little quieter than usual and their suspicions are correct. Damage to the railroad track during August's major storm has prevented trains from moving through the town.

"When we have reports of high rain or wind, we immediately send an inspector out to the tracks to survey damage," said Eric Callaway, president of The Maryland & Delaware Railroad Company, the route operator.

According to Callaway, a 120-foot stretch of ballast under the track between Pitts Road and Peerless Road was washed out by the 13.5 inches of rain that dropped on the town within a 10-hour period.

Ballast, typically made of crushed stone, is placed under railroad tracks to hold the track in place.

The track will not reopen until the bal-

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Bishopville Pond to get ecological overhaul next year

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

BISHOPVILLE — After several years of planning by various county and state agencies, as well as private organizations, Bishopville Pond will undergo a major renovation to aid fish attempting to spawn upstream and to improve the headwaters of the St. Martin River.

The pond, which was created by a dam at the northern tip of what is known as Bunting's Branch, had suffered for years because of pollution filtering down from streams in Delaware.

"There needs to be constant flow up and down the river, and the dam has to be opened up for fish and other animals can pass through," said Roman Jensien, science coordinator of Maryland Coastal Bays.

The local organization that is working with the state Department of Natu-

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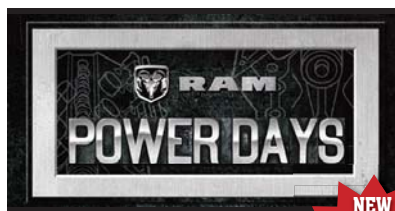


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Williams, Brittingham, Hall all retain positions

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vote on what I see is a referendum on Berlin's future," Williams said. Williams had initially thought his return as mayor was essentially guaranteed, since no one had stepped up to run against him, but the emergence of the write-in campaign prompted him and his supporters to increase their efforts to get people to the polls. Because of the running battle between town government and the Berlin Fire Company over how the company addressed charges of harassment in the workplace earlier this year, the assumption by many was that the fire company had orchestrated the mini-coup attempt. Fire company officials on Wednesday,

however, denied any role in the write-in effort.

"The Berlin Fire Company does not represent or support anything in the political arena," said fire company President David A. Fitzgerald.

Lang issued a similar statement.

"I have never been contacted by the Berlin Fire Company in regard to this issue. I never campaigned for the office and I never asked a single person to vote for me," Lang said.

But a person familiar with local politics and who wished to remain anonymous recalled meeting with Lang to see if she was aware that an effort was being

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MAYOR OF BERLIN:
WM. GEE WILLIAMS, III: 335
WRITE-IN: ELLEN LANG: 122

DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMEMBER:
ELIZABETH “LISA” HALL: 169
RONALD MARNEY: 68
WRITE-IN: KIRK BURBAGE: 2
WRITE-IN: THOMAS TAYLOR LYNCH: 1
WRITE-IN: ALLEN R. MUMFORD: 2
WRITE-IN: THOMAS SHOLTIS: 1

DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMEMBER:
ELROY BRITTINGHAM: 38

Write-in movement fails, Williams remains mayor

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made to launch a write-in movement. "When I play back our conversation in my head, all she kept talking about was the fire company," said the source, who added that Lang knew of the write-in campaign.

The fire company continues to maintain that it has done everything the town has asked of it, while town officials dispute that assertion, leaving the two sides at loggerheads. In the summer, the council officially cut its annual funding to the company, an estimated \$600,000, because of what officials said was the company's failure to comply with its requirements.

The company's denials of political

involvement notwithstanding, Williams put the blame on the fire company in a statement on Wednesday. "The company's actions were underhanded and did not demonstrate a positive way to choose leaders. It should be an open campaign so people can make informed decisions. I believe the outcome indicates that responsibility, respect and the truth are still very important in our community." After taking a moment to reflecting on everything that occurred on Tuesday, Mayor Williams stated "There is a lot of work ahead and I'm looking forward to work with the council on trying to fulfill as much of Berlin's potential as we can during the next four years," he said.

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"We are proud to participate with the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure to raise awareness of Breast Cancer in our community. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of such a successful project and to have our Cancer Center recognized as a significant landmark means a great deal to us", said Joan M. Daugherty, RN, MS, Executive Director of Cancer Services of the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute.



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Bishopville Pond to have major renovations done

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ral Resources, the Department of the Environment, the State Highway Administration and a number of other entities to complete a project that has been in discussion for about 10 years.

The main concern, according to Jensien, is that the design of the dam that was built more than 50 years ago in Bishopville Pond beside Route 367, just past Jarvis Road, did not take long-term sustainability into consideration.

Because Bishopville Pond empties into the Isle of Wright Bay through St. Martins River, this causes serious concern for the fish such as herring that travel up-stream to spawn. The dam not only keeps the water back, it also prevents these fish from reaching the most suitable areas for spawning.

"Fish, like herring, like to get to upper portions of streams where there is a lot of debris for eggs to attach to," said Kevin Smith, chief of restoration services for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Also other wildlife, such as turtles, is forced to find ways around the dam, a circumstance that inevitably leads to the road itself.

The old dam, however, will be replaced by a "fish ladder," or a stream

that rises in a series of pools that will allow fish to swim up the waterway with ease.

Known as weirs, a series of small drop-offs that create waterfall-like effects will also to improve the flow in that area.

"You will see a flowing stream traveling through the bridge that allows animals to easily pass through," Jensien said.

Along with the work to increase flow, two of the five acres of the pond will be eliminated to clean up the water.

Dredging will occur in one section of the pond to remove polluted sediment and sand berms will be placed to cover any contaminates the sediments could release into the pond.

"Once the berms are installed, the sediments will be locked in and unable to continue damaging the pond," said Jensien.

Vegetation will also be planted throughout the pond, which, as they absorb various chemicals, also will improve the water quality.

According to Smith, new vegetation will oxygenize the water, which results in more clear waterway and a less rotten odor.

"Once this is complete, more than a



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The dam located in Bishopville Pond off Route 367 between Jarvis Road and St. Martins Neck Road will be removed and replaced with a series of "step pools" that will allow fish to spawn in better location. Work will also be done to improve the water quality.

mile of stream networks will be provided with nutrients," Jensien said.

A group of Atlantic White cedar trees will be planted next to the pond, which will benefit the area functionally and aesthetically.

The trees' roots make the ground's foundation stable, which in turn quickens the process of removing water saturated in the ground.

Altogether, the project will cost more than \$1 million and will be paid

for by county funds, grants from Maryland Coastal Bays and a portion of the Chesapeake Bay stimulus grant.

With construction set to begin in the new year, the team hopes to receive some permits by the end of the month and will soon put the project up for bid to contractors.

When construction begins, the Bishopville Pond Restoration project is expected to be complete after three months of work.

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Kaczynski sentenced 15 years in Baby Ava case

Man punished after colliding into vehicle while on PCP

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today
SNOW HILL — Sobs could be heard in the courtroom last Friday as the man responsible for the December crash that left a toddler severely brain damaged was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Judge Thomas C. Groton III said he had thought André Kaczynski was remorseful for what he did to Ava DelRicco and her family, but then rescinded that idea when he took into account Kaczynski's history of drinking while under the influence of drugs or alcohol and crashing.

"You were an accident waiting to happen," Groton told the 48-year-old Ocean Pines man in Circuit Court in Snow Hill.

State's Attorney Beau Oglesby recounted what had happened on Coastal Highway in Ocean City on the afternoon of Dec. 16, 2011.

Ann Marie DelRicco of Selbyville, Del., was in Ocean City to buy stamps so she could mail Christmas cards. She was stopped in her Lexus at the red light at 142nd Street after buying French fries for 18-month-old Ava, who was in a child's car seat attached to the back seat. Kaczynski was in his pickup truck, but after smoking PCP while driving over the Route 90 bridge, he didn't really know where he was or what he was doing.

"He flew up Coastal Highway," Oglesby said.

A traffic reconstructionist would determine later that Kaczynski was driving at least 90 miles per hour and made no attempt to slow down before striking DelRicco's Lexus.

"In an instant, everything changed," Oglesby said.

DelRicco suffered a life-threatening carotid artery injury and a broken wrist. Her daughter was critically injured. She had a skull fracture and her brain

swelled.

Her father, George DelRicco, read from his written impact statement that he "felt helpless" after getting a 3 p.m. telephone call from Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, where his daughter was stabilized before being transferred to a hospital in Baltimore.

A surgeon told him that if her brain kept swelling, Ava would die. A part of her skull was removed as a result.

"For the next three days, she battled for her life," George DelRicco said.

One week later, an MRI revealed that Ava would never be able to see, eat or breathe on her own, he said.

"Ava's life will never be normal," DelRicco said.

Overcome with emotion, DelRicco was unable to continue so Oglesby finished reading his statement that said Ava will never have a best friend and will not see a sunset or a rainbow because of her severe brain damage.

Ann Marie DelRicco recalled how Ava had been a "true bright light," but no more.

"We miss our baby Ava as we once knew her," DelRicco said.

DelRicco described her life as lonely and said that the "special needs world is very demanding." She takes Ava to the hospital three times each week for therapy. She feeds her through a feeding tube, gets up during the night to check her breathing and to turn her because Ava is unable to turn her body on her own.

"I miss her so much," she said of the daughter she once had.

When it came to his turn to speak, Kaczynski said he "had no idea it was that bad" and "sorry is not gong to be good enough." He told the judge he was "done with drugs" and did not even want to drive anymore.

In August, Kaczynski pleaded guilty to two counts of causing life-threatening injuries by motor vehicle while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance, two counts of possession of PCP, driving while impaired by a controlled danger-



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Ballast, crushed stone under railroad tracks, that was washed away in August's storm have made Berlin's railroad tracks inoperable in recent months.

Berlin trains will run again after this month

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last is replaced and passes inspection. Callaway said if a train were to travel over the track in its current condition, it would derail.

From Berlin, trains travel south to Snow Hill to deliver corn and other products to those in the chicken industry, among others.

Companies have since used trucks to haul their supplies. Callaway could not give comparable numbers, but he said distribution through the truck routes could be more expensive and slower for companies.

He was able to confirm the project will cost an estimated \$120,000.

"Historically, we have always asked the state for assistance," Callaway said. "We have approached them already, but even if we don't get any state help, we'll try and find funding elsewhere."

Regardless of what entity pays for the construction, the railroad company is in the midst of looking for a business to fill in the washed-away ballast.

"We're just trying to get the right contractor in, and once we do, we'll have it fixed up right away," said Scott Harris, assistant general manager of The Maryland & Delaware Railroad Company.

Callaway estimates that the project will be complete by Oct. 27.

ous substance, aggressive driving, reckless driving, failing to control speed to avoid a collision, speeding and possession of marijuana.

Kaczynski had four prior convictions for driving under the influence and one prior conviction of driving while impaired. In 1994, he was involved in a crash after smoking marijuana and in 2005, he crashed into the rear of a tractor-trailer after smoking marijuana.

"He drinks, does drugs and drives and then crashes," said Oglesby, who asked for the maximum sentence of 21 years, noting the DelRiccoss were "sentenced to a life of hardship."

Groton told Kaczynski that his "wake-up call" should have been when he crashed into the rear of a tractor-trailer, "but you continued to have drug and alcohol problems and you continued to

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Pines playgrounds may be resurfaced for more safety

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — Amid safety concerns over the wood chip surface of Ocean Pines' playgrounds, members of the Ocean Pines Association Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee have come up with an idea that could result in the replacement of the wood with a safer and softer surface.

"This is one of the biggest projects we are talking about," said Ray Foreman, chairperson of the advisory committee.

Back from its first meeting since the summer, the advisory committee began discussing plans for the winter, specifically looking into projects that would improve the community in the long run.

"We don't think it's a safe surface to play on. Kids could fall and injure themselves through cuts or simply by hitting the hard surface."

The wood also is difficult to maintain because it is susceptible to weather damage, Foreman said. He added that a Delaware businessman visited the OPA last year to give a presentation about alternative safe playground surfaces.

"He made a suggestion to use a soft, rubberized mulch-like surface," he said.

Foreman also said many playgrounds in the area have changed to the same, or a similar surface, such as the one at Berlin Intermediate School.

The idea remains in the discussion stage, since nothing has been mentioned to General Manager Bob Thompson or most of the Board of Directors.

"This plan is in its early exploratory stage," Foreman said.

The next step is for the board's liaison to the Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee, OPA Treasurer Terri Mohr, to approach Thompson with the plan.

"I have not yet had an opportunity to talk with Bob [Thompson], but I hope to do so in the next few days," she said.

Man who struck Baby Ava will serve 15 years

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drive." He also told Kaczynski, who said he took PCP to relieve a back problem, that because of his addiction, he had turned the DelRicco's life upside down.

Their daughter had gone from being a vibrant toddler to a sightless child who had "the mind of a 4-month-old" and who could moan and make noises, but that was all.

"She will miss out on all the great memories of life," he read from George DelRicco's letter to the court.

Groton then sentenced Kaczynski to 15 years in prison, with all but 10 years suspended.

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Members of several area fire departments combined to fight the blaze that engulfed Waterman's Seafood Company on Route 50 in West Ocean City on Friday. Everyone inside the building when the fire began was evacuated before firefighters arrived and there were no injuries.

Watermans fire begins with patrons still inside

Faulty electrical circuit cited as reason for blaze

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WEST OCEAN CITY — A faulty electrical circuit was the cause of the fire at Waterman's Seafood Company last Friday, according to the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office.

The restaurant, located at 12505 Ocean Gateway, was crowded with people having steamed crabs and other meals for dinner when the fire started.

Co-owner Jay Bergey was among the diners. He noticed a smell and called for an electrician to determine the cause.

When the seriousness of the situation was realized, firefighters were called and all occupants of the restaurant were told to evacuate at about 6:45 p.m. Everyone had left the building before the firefighters arrived and there were no injuries.

Members of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company were joined by members of fire companies in Berlin, Showell, Ocean Pines and Bishopville.

When they arrived, the firefighters saw flames extending from the roof area of the two-and-a-half-story building. They remained on the scene for approximately four hours to suppress the fire.

Traffic on Ocean Gateway, in the area of the fire, was stopped in both di-

rections for several hours so the fire-fighters could set up a water supply.

Worcester County Commissioner Bud Church reached the scene before the highway was closed.

"It was amazing to see how four or five companies could work so well as a team," Church said. "It was as if it was a dress rehearsal. They did what had to be done and did it like the professionals they are. We are really lucky to have such a dedicated group of firemen/paramedics in our county."

The fire remains under investigation, but the Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office said the blaze originated in a second-floor attic area. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Matthew Owens at 410-632-5666 or by e-mail at nowens@wcfmo.org.

The restaurant's Facebook page posted a message for friends and well-wishers one day after the fire.

"Our staff and families would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to all of the local volunteers, fire departments, police and EMS teams who came to our aid last night," it read. "We would also like to let all of our friends and loyal customers know how much your overwhelming concern and willingness to help us in any way possible is appreciated. We have a long road a head of us and the damage is extensive. Everyone is safe and that's what is most important. We love all of you and thank you again so very much. We'll keep you posted on our progress."

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Md., and John Michael Dooley and his wife, Holly, of Chesapeake Beach; six grandchildren, Steven Brandon, Courtney, Kristin, Torey, Dylan and Brooke; and three great-grandchildren, Lucia, Ethan and Emma.

Mrs. Dooley was a beloved mother, grandmother and homemaker.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday Oct. 10, at Holy Savior Catholic Church on 17th Street in Ocean City. The Rev. Stanislaw Esposito officiated. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Md.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 415 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Thomas Steven Peterson

OCEAN PINES — Thomas Steven Peterson, 63, died Monday, Oct. 8, 2012, at his home in Ocean Pines. Born in Baltimore, he is the son of Jacob E. Peterson and Nancy Snyder Peterson of Queenstown, Md. He is survived by his beloved wife, Peggy Ellen Berkebile Peterson and daughters, Samantha Jane Peterson of Baltimore, Laura Minakowski and her husband, Adam, of Baltimore, and Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Knerr and her husband, Ron, of Ocean Pines. Also surviving are his three grandchildren, Owen Andrew Knerr, Julia Cameron Knerr and Carsen Thomas Knerr, and a sister, Susan Riley of Severn, Md.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Ellen Peterson.

Mr. Peterson was a self-employed entrepreneur. He was a graduate of Millersville University in Millersville, Pa., and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Ocean Pines.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Ocean Pines. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. at the Church prior to Mass. The Revs. Joseph Cocucci and Anthony Pileggi will officiate. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery in Berlin. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Thomas S. Peterson Memorial Fund, c/o Calvin B. Taylor Bank, P.O. Box 5, Berlin, Md. 21811.

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Bob the Monkey returns to Creative Day Spa

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY – After more than a year of being held captive by a mysterious kidnapper, Creative Day Spa's unofficial stuffed monkey mascot, Bob, was finally returned to spa owner Sandy James last month.

"We are just excited to have him back and relieved he is OK," James said after Bob was returned through a middleman to conceal the kidnapper's identity.

In April of last year, Bob was taken from the premise after the kidnapper received a pedicure from a spa worker.

"The woman working on my nails was complaining about how Bob drives her crazy every day by staring at her," said the kidnapper, who requested to remain anonymous on the basis that his or her identity will remain a secret.

"I looked up at him, and what I saw was not the look of someone being rude, but the look of desperation and neglect. There were spiderwebs all over him. I thought he could use a vacation."

Almost immediately after discovering Bob was missing, James went to the press and offered a \$10,000 reward (in Monopoly money) for the return of her mascot.

In response, the kidnapper began sending what would soon become a se-

ries of emails telling James what Bob has been up to.

The first email included pictures of Bob in bandages and taking heavy medication, indicating he was clearly roughed up a bit after the story went to press.

"Shame on your, since you should be the one being punished [for] promoting your business at his expense," said the kidnapper in the email.

Since going to the press yielded no results, James had no option but to sit back and watch, to her dismay, as the kidnapper routinely sent emails about Bob's whereabouts.

Most initial messages included pictures set in recognizable Ocean City locales, but James soon realized the locations were beginning to look foreign.

In all, Bob visited Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Florida, Wyoming, West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia throughout the entire time he was under duress.

The kidnapper said that although Bob was technically under custody by them, the main purpose was to allow him to experience some luxuries he would not have had the chance to enjoy while hanging in the dusty tree back at Creative Day Spa.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Bob, Creative Day Spa's unofficial stuffed mascot, was taken from the business last year and just returned after travelling through 12 states. The anonymous thief said Bob was taken because it looked as if he was neglected in his tree located inside the establishment.

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NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sandy James, owner of Creative Day Spa in Ocean City, was ecstatic to finally see the unofficial mascot's return after an anonymous thief took him on a cross country trip more than a year ago.

Creative Day Spa resident monkey returns to store

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As evidenced by a scrapbook given to James by the kidnapper, Bob met a multitude of new people, and also learned how to jet ski and play keno while taking part in a lot of social activities in which he was the monkey of the evening.

He even met the likes of cook and television personality Paula Deen...even if her stature was a bit wooden and flat. The kidnapper said Bob was so enthusiastic about the meeting, he or she didn't have the heart to let it known the monkey was sitting with a cardboard cutout.

Bob was also able to secretly send his own emails to James about his adventure, without the kidnapper's knowledge until earlier this year.

"I didn't expect him to be able to send messages, but then again, he does have pretty large thumbs," the kidnapper said.

When Bob sent a letter this summer

that he was homesick, the kidnapper decided it was time to bring him home.

"We realize he needs to be back with his family," said the kidnapper in a letter addressed to James that came along with the scrapbook.

"He deserves the attention from someone and I hope this helps you appreciate him more. Hopefully you will treat him right, and I will not have to do this again."

When Bob was finally returned to Creative Day Spa, his reunion with James clearly brought pleasure to all who have missed the stuffed monkey.

James briefly viewed the scrapbook before hanging Bob up in the tree he can call home once again.

After placing him, James had one announcement for everyone in attendance.

"Banana daiquiris for everyone," she said.

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By Chip Gordy
MBA, CRPC

If and when you leave your current job, either to retire or to take a new position, understanding the options for your retirement savings may help you make decisions that serve your interests and not those of a former employer.

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BIZ BRIEFS

Brushmiller named ASC&D top producer

Nicole Brushmiller, an account executive with Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley, has been named the company's top producer for the month of September.



Nicole Brushmiller

With seven years of experience, Brushmiller is an expert when it comes to commercial and transportation insurance. By taking a series of courses, she has earned the designation of CIC (Certified Insurance Counselor).

She is vice president of Maple Shade Youth & Family Services, on the board of directors for the Eastern Shore Ballet Theatre, and is a member of the

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KYLE PHILLIPS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Co-owner of The Trading Post at Ocean Pines, Joe Laque, displays the multitude of items available at his store that his opening Saturday. Along with his wife, Donna, the two sell any items they can get a hand on and promise to feature unique items at a steep discount on a regular basis.

New store items, thrift store prices

The Trading Post at Ocean Pines opens Sat. off Cathell Road

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — Offering items “half off its lowest price” is the motto of Joe Laque, co-owner of The Trading Post at Ocean Pines, a new shop off Cathell Road. The Trading Post will open Saturday, allowing customers to buy, sell or trade for anything in the building.

The idea is to feature a multitude of contractor tools and materials in the back, while the front carries products for the home and leisure. Laque, who shares ownership with his wife, Donna, ensures that everything available at the

store will be at least 40-50 percent off the average price of the same thing at other retail stores.

“If I can buy it and sell it, I will,” he said, explaining that his approach is to buy in bulk from businesses around the area.

Because the bulk purchase lowers the price per unit, he applies that discount to his own prices. The result has been a variety of items from musical instruments, to sporting equipment and even rare and unique items such as the double-decker oven that will be for sale immediately after the shop's opening.

“When people come in, we want them to see something new each time,” Joe said. “You never know what you'll find.

“We will have products for children, parents and grandparents,” he said.

“We have enough stock to fill this place for a year.”

Gearing up for the holiday season, a large selection of Christmas sweaters and Halloween costumes hang on the wall. At the moment, only children's costumes are available and consist of characters such as Winnie the Pooh, Thomas the Tank Engine and Spider-man.

A large assortment of hunting and fishing gear are examples of products the Laques expect to stock all year long.

Other items such as tents, lamp-posts and NFL licensed products — including large Ravens flags — will be stored in the front.

As evidence of the claim that shoppers will be able to find just about anything, Laque revealed a collection of soda machines for sale.

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Steep discounts at new Ocean Pines thrift store

Customers can buy, trade or sell at new store off Cathell Rd.

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"These are perfect for the man cave," Joe said.

In the back section, not only will construction tools be for sale, but the Laques will also offer larger products such as windows and doors.

Custom sheds built by Joe will be available for purchase at any time. Since the Ocean Pines Association has strict rules regulating a shed's specifications, the Laques customize them to meet the standards. All sheds will be delivered to each property.

While items will already be offered at a steep discount, they could be available at an even cheaper price, since the Laques will allow customers to trade-in or sell used items that are still of good quality.

Most items sold or traded-in will give people store credit, but higher-caliber such as high definition televisions could earn the seller cash.

"If the item is right, I will buy it," Laque said.

Hanging on the wall is a "Barter

Board" on which any person can purchase a spot to put his or her business card up on display for \$1 per month or \$10 for the whole year.

This is not the only community service planned, as an outdoor flea market with items sold by area residents is planned to be held in the parking lot behind The Trading Post at Ocean Pines every month, starting in the spring.

For \$10, anyone can rent a table for the soon-to-be monthly event.

The Laques will also write a monthly newsletter showcasing new items, unique products and goods about to go out of stock for anyone who wishes to sign up to their mailing list.

Hailing from Anne Arundel County, the family moved to Ocean Pines 12 years ago.

While continuing to run Developmental Day Care Center in their home town, as they have done since 1989, the Laques wanted to open a new business for additional income and to bring more consumers to the shops off Cathell Road.

On deciding what kind of venture the family wanted to open, Joe felt his experience selling goods at flea markets was more than enough to create a thrift store.



KYLE PHILLIPS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Christmas clothing will be among the first products featured at The Trading Post at Ocean Pines. Owned by Joe and Donna Laque, items sold at the store are always at a discount of 40-50 percent off regular retail price.

"For years, I have set up tables around town selling items from lingerie to power tools," he said.

The store's layout has been finalized this week, as Laque built every display with the help of one of his four children, Joe Jr.

The Trading Post at Ocean Pines will be open every Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All hours are subject to change.

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■ **Investment options.** The investment options in an employer plan tend to be limited by the plan administrator. The investment options available in IRAs are numerous.

■ **Early withdrawals.** If you think you might withdraw your retirement assets early, you may want to leave them in the employer plan. Normally, a 10 percent federal income tax penalty applies to distributions from traditional IRAs and employer retirement plans before age 59 1/2. But you may be able to avoid this penalty with an employer plan if you sever employment during or after the year in which you turn 55. The age 55 exception does not apply to IRAs or annuity contracts.

You may also be able to withdraw money from a former employer's plan or an IRA and avoid the early withdrawal penalty by taking a series of substantially equal periodic payments (based on life ex-

pectancy) that continue for at least five years or until age 59 1/2, whichever happens later.

Early withdrawals may be penalty-free in the event of death or disability. IRA exceptions to the penalty also include a first-time home purchase (\$10,000 lifetime maximum), non-reimbursed medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income, and qualifying higher-education expenses. Withdrawals from traditional IRAs and employer-sponsored retirement plans are subject to ordinary income tax.

■ **Keeping track of multiple accounts.** Over the course of your career, you could accumulate several retirement accounts. Rolling them all into a single IRA may give you a better perspective of your retirement portfolio and help reduce the potential for losing track of your money.

There usually is no common solution because each situation is unique. A careful assessment of your circumstances could help you decide what to do with your retirement assets when you change jobs or retire. A good way to decide what your options are would be to talk to your financial or tax advisor.

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Wicomico Rotary Club. She lives in Berlin with her husband and children.

ResortQuest names top September agents

ResortQuest Real Estate has announced the September top producers for its southeast Sussex County, Del. locations.

Steve Alexander of the Edgewater Lobby at Sea Colony office received top honors for listing volume for the month of September. Top listing volume awards for individual agents by office are Alexander of the Edgewater/Sea Colony office, Colleen Windrow of the Marketplace at Sea Colony office, Cindy Spieczny of the West Fenwick office, Dayna Feher of the Bethany Beach office and Marc Grimes of

the Bear Trap Dunes office.

"All of our agents are continually attending classes and seminars throughout the year," said Brigit Taylor, broker of record for the firm. "Their commitment to education and professional improvement is an asset to the company and our clients and customers."

Bill Hand of the Marketplace at Sea Colony office received top honors for sales volume for the month of September. Top sales volume awards for individual agents by office are Hand of the Marketplace at Sea Colony office; Jen Smith of the Edgewater/Sea Colony lobby; Anne Powell and Jen Hughes of the West Fenwick office; and Feher of the Bethany Beach office.

For more information, contact Brigit Taylor at 302-541-8780 or Brigit.Taylor@ResortQuest.com, or visit www.ResortQuestDE.com.

Berlin 2nd Friday Art Stroll

BERLIN — Here is what will be going on during tomorrow's 2nd Friday Art Stroll. On the second Friday of each month, area businesses give local artists a section of the establishment to display or perform their art from 5-8 p.m.

The Berlin Visitors Center Studios, 14 South Main Street, will feature resident artists Don Grafer, Jim Coltellino and Jim Adcock, along with guest artist Matthew Amey.

The Maryland Wine Bar, 103 North Main Street, will host an Opening Reception of "Wine, Women and Art", an exhibit by Jim Adcock inspired by the wines of Maryland.

The Berlin Coffee House, 17 Jefferson Street, will feature photography and art by Mark Huey.

The Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson Street, will feature photography by local artists and Arts Council member Ron Michaels.

Jeffrey Auxer Designs, 19 Jefferson Street, will feature the works of Jeffrey Auxer.

Baked Desert Cafe & Gallery, 4C Bay Street, will feature live music from Berlin artist Dan Caton and a wine tasting of Cono Sur Vineyards & Winery's organic varieties.

The Globe, 12 Broad Street, will feature the 2nd annual Local's Favorite Art. The artist with the most votes at the end of the show wins a solo show opportunity at The Globe's Balcony Art Gallery & Lounge. To enter, send images of work to jen@globetheater.com.

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County health department earns natl. recognition

SNOW HILL— The National Public Health Information Coalition announced the Worcester County Health Department has been recognized in a national competition honoring excellence in public health communication.

"We are extremely proud that the top nationwide voice of public health communication has recognized our work," said Health Officer Debbie Goeller. "Public health is about preventing illness and injury, and that means educating people to help them understand and reduce their individual health risks."

Worcester County Health Department Public Information Officer Katherine Gunby received the Bronze Award in the In-House Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Category — thinking on your feet for public information efforts during Hurricane Irene. The submission included internal staff and external public messages such as fact sheets, news releases, web postings, tweets, and Facebook posts released during the emergency hurricane activation.

NPHIC is the leading national organization for public health communication professionals. NPHIC's ranks include public information officers, risk communicators and health educators at state, tribal and local health departments across the country. As the recognized voice of public health communication, NPHIC's award program offers gold, silver and bronze awards in 17 public health communication categories.

As a recipient of the NPHIC award, the Worcester County Health Department has been designated by an independent panel of judges as among the year's best in public health communication.



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EDITORIAL

Dirty politics strike close to home

Going into the election in Berlin this week, Mayor Gee Williams looked like a sure bet to win re-election, as he was running unopposed. But all is not what it seems when emotions run high.

Just as everyone was waiting for the other shoe to drop in the brouhaha with the fire company, it finally did Tuesday when members of the fire company mounted a stealth write-in campaign to un-seat Williams as mayor.

Williams is being targeted, even though the council voted unanimously to cease department funding. The fact is, the mayor can't vote on council matters unless it is to break a tie.

With only a handful of votes able to tilt an election, voter turnout is key. Those looking to replace Williams kept their plans well under wraps until election day, when supporters of the fire company hit the phones, urging voters to head to the polls and write-in their candidate.

Anticipating a low turnout with what many figured to be a set outcome, fire company members and their supporters were there to write-in former Berlin Councilwoman Ellen Lang.

What is disturbing about this is that those behind this effort to oust Williams did not wish to allow all citizens of Berlin to have their voices heard. Rather than get behind a public candidate and make their case to the people of Berlin, they chose instead to essentially try to fix the election.

An ugly day for the political process and those behind this stunt should be ashamed.

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LETTERS

Fireman's Appreciation Month

Editor,

It is Fireman's Appreciation Month, when we lower our flags in respect, and pray for and honor our firemen who are always there for us, and their paramedics, whom I have had to call on for so many years for my husband's Parkinson's disease and heart problems. Most importantly, [it is a time] to respect those within the fire department who have lost their lives doing their jobs.

God bless them for all they do for our community here at The Parke at Ocean Pines and everywhere.

Our fire departments all over the country don't just limit their callings to community responses to local neighborhoods, but they go all over the country in need, such as Sept. 11 in New York or forest fires in other states to try to prevent people from losing their homes.

Previously, in Prince

Georges County, as a volunteer with the American Red Cross Disaster Team, and even now in Worcester County going on 20 years, at many fires and other incidents I have watched these courageous men and women fight fires and other emergencies since the Red Cross is called to emergencies at the same time.

At one meeting in Prince Georges County when I was on the Fire Chief's Advisory Council and when we were asked to go around the table and say what we did, I said, "I follow the fire trucks." It brought a laugh, but basically, that is what I did to be there for people who needed Red Cross aid. What guts it takes to do what they do.

Mary Jane Cook
The Parke at Ocean Pines

ACSCAN applauds state bill

Editor,

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network applauds the work of the

Maryland General Assembly in the passage of the Kathleen Mathias Oral Chemotherapy Act of 2012. The provisions of the bill went into effect Oct. 1, 2012, resulting in increased quality of life benefits for many cancer patients. In addition to bringing the cost of oral chemotherapy in line with intravenous chemotherapy, patients who will be able to opt for oral chemotherapy will be able to save the time and travel involved in daily or weekly trips to a treatment center, which can go on for months for intravenous chemotherapy.

How fitting that the oral chemotherapy parity law began on the first day of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The American Cancer Society asked Sen. James Mathias of Ocean City if the bill could be named in honor of his wife, Kathleen Mathias, who died of breast cancer last year. He looked upward toward heaven when asked, and responded, "We would be honored."

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Kathy was a long-time American Cancer Society volunteer in Worcester County who was all about hope. That's why this bill, which provides financial parity between the cost of intravenous and oral chemotherapies, is so appropriately named after her. Cancer patients and their oncologists can now access a greater range of the best possible cancer treatments without worry about the financial burden.

The late Mathias passed away in August 2011, after a courageous struggle against breast cancer. Known for her dedication and work in Ocean City, she also volunteered countless hours with the American Cancer Society for more than 15 years, dedicating her time, compassion and energy to helping the organization provide day-to-day help, information and emotional support to cancer patients on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Mathias led and helped organize several annual fundraising events, including the Society's Relay for Life, Pink Ribbon Classic, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and Holiday Wrappings Fashion Show. An advocate for public health, she tirelessly campaigned for the Society's successful efforts for a Smoke-Free Maryland in 2004 and 2005, and spoke publicly about the need for access to lifesaving clinical trials for cancer patients.

Fifteen states, including Maryland, New York, Texas, Illinois and, earlier in 2012, New Jersey, have passed oral chemotherapy parity legislation. The District of Columbia passed a measure in 2009.

Oral chemotherapy is the result of many years of research significantly increasing the treatment options and improving outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients. Approximately 25 percent of chemotherapy medications in the pipeline are oral chemotherapy. Many patients generally experience milder side effects and fewer complications with oral chemotherapy than with intravenous treatment.

"Each cancer is as different and unique as the patient. Over the course of cancer treatment, a patient could experience setbacks, respond negatively to one treatment regimen, or not be able to tolerate certain treatments, resulting in the need for more therapeutic options. Thanks to the Kathleen Mathias Chemotherapy Act, oncologists can now consider oral chemotherapy in the continuum of cancer treatment without concern about increased cost to the patient.

Bonita Pennino, MS, Maryland State Government Relations Director
Government Relations, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc.



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Weekend full of Oktoberfest celebrations

Events scheduled in both Ocean Pines and Berlin

BERLIN/OCEAN PINES — Although the regularly held Oktoberfest at Ocean City's R.E. Powell Convention Center will not be held this year, there will be plenty of activities going on throughout the weekend on the other side of the Assawoman Bay in celebration of German tradition, food and of course, beer.

FRIDAY, Oct. 12
RockTober
North Main Street, Berlin
Time: 5:30-9:15 p.m.
Admission: Free
Under 21 Allowed: Yes

In an extension of Berlin's normally one-day German-inspired extravaganza, the inaugural RockTober will feature four area rock bands to kick the weekend off with a more Americanized influence.

"The whole weekend is all about bands, beer, food and fun," said Michael Day, economic and community development director of Berlin.

North Main Street will be closed to traffic from Jefferson to West Street and numerous tables and chairs will be set up in the center of downtown Berlin. This setting will give visitors the opportunity to walk around the downtown area and to visit vendors on the streets as well as the shops that expand their hours for the event. There is no admission charge.

Each band will play a 45-minute set on a stage at the intersection of North Main and Broad Street. The opening act, Parental Guidance, will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Consisting of three students from Sussex Technical High School — Zoe Collins, Garrett LaCurts and Justin Fisher — the band plays classic covers from bands such as Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and The Who. The group also plays hits from modern bands such as the White Stripes and some of its own material.

Parental Guidance is no stranger to Berlin's main events, as it performed at the town's Mayday Playday event earlier



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Just as last year, many will pack North Main Street in Berlin to celebrate the town's OctoberFest weekend. Two events will be held in Berlin on Friday and Saturday, with an event taking place at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Sunday.

this year.

At 6:30 p.m., Ocean City mainstay, The Galaxy Collective, will play its funk and blues-inspired tunes. Local musicians Phil Knight, Otto Grundman, Sage Kane and Matt "Smitty" Smith play original songs along with covers of jam bands such as The Grateful Dead.

Monkee Paw from Bethany Beach, Del. will then take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Givens, Adam Ask, Rick Smith and Scott Bloodsworth play a variety of covers featuring artists of entirely different genres, from rocker Tom Petty to the alternative music of Citizen Cope and on to the rapping of Biggie Smalls.

Finishing the night will be an acoustic solo performance of musician Aaron Howell at 8:30 p.m. Hailing from the Eastern Shore, Howell wields his

acoustic guitar with authority through a large repertoire of songs.

Area businesses and organizations such as Buxy's Salty Dog Saloon and Abundant Life Apostolic Church will sell Oktoberfest-inspired foods on the street, but there will be plenty of beer available, as well.

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce has called on Burley Oak Brewing Company to distribute its Oktoberfest beer on Main Street.

"It's a traditional German-style beer that has a slight toasty flavor and a clean, dry finish. The beer is great to have on a nice fall night and it's only a 5 percent alcohol content," said Sean Sasscer, a brewmaster at Burley Oak Brewing Company.

Oktoberfest from Burley Oak will cost \$5 a beer. The chamber will be selling cups inked with "Berlin, MD" text on the front for \$5, as well. Using that cup, beers from that stand will be \$1 off.

The Atlantic Hotel will also sell beer in front and in a beer garden area on the side of the building will give Oktoberfest

fans an additional area in town to sit and relax.

The Globe will not serve beer, as it normally does during town events, but there will be another area in front of the restaurant providing more seating.

SATURDAY, Oct. 13
OctoberFest
North Main Street, Berlin
Time: Noon-6 p.m.
Admission: Free
Under 21 Allowed: Yes

Emcees Brendan Kashuba, also known as DJ BK and Alphonse Renucaridi, better known as DJ Big Al Reno of Irie Radio 98.1 will take the stage for the second annual Octoberfest.

This is also the day when many people just might take to the streets dressed in traditional German garb while two polka bands take the stage throughout the day.

The Continentals from Washington D.C. will play two two-hour sets starting

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Three large Oktoberfest events over the weekend

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at noon and 4 p.m.

In between those sets will be a two-hour performance from local musician Frank Nanna's band, Frank Nanna and the Cow Polkas at 2 p.m.

Although entertainment will differ from the previous day's event, food and drink options will remain the same.

SUNDAY, Oct. 14
Oktoberfest
Ocean Pines Yacht Club (1 Mumfords Landing Road), Ocean Pines
Time: 5-7 p.m.
Admission: \$40 per person
Under 21 Allowed: No

In conclusion of the weekend full of German-inspired festivities, the Ocean Pines Yacht Club will set up a buffet of custom holiday cuisine and feature an appearance from the owner of Burley Oak Brewing Company, Bryan Brushmiller from 5-7 p.m.

Taking place on the club's second floor, the event has been planned as something of a beer and food pairing.

"It's going to be an educational event to give Bryan [Brushmiller] the opportunity to talk about his craft and meet

the locals," said David McLaughlin, general manager of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Brushmiller will discuss how brewmasters develop their beers, while new executive head chef of the Yacht Club, Chett Bland, will discuss how he created his menu around the flavor of Burley Oak's brews.

The brewery's seasonal Oktoberfest beer will be available, along with three of its other brews, Just the Tip, Rude Boy and Bunker C varieties.

At the end of the night, members of the audience will be able to vote on which of the three non-seasonal beers they would like on tap at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. Once the vote is calculated, a new tap featuring the highest-voted beer will be installed in the facility's bar.

Advanced reservations are recommended, but the \$40 admission can be paid at the door. Including food and three Burley Oak beers, only those 21 years old and older may purchase a ticket.

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Democratic Women of Worcester County meets 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m., the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members welcome.

SHRINE CLUB
The Ocean City Shrine Club holds regular monthly dinner meeting the last Friday of every month except June and December at the Elks Hall, second floor, at 137th Street and Sinepuxent Drive. Information: Bud, 410-208-6951.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturdays
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, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

SANCTIONED BRIDGE
Mondays: noon
Tuesdays: 10 a.m.
Weekly open duplicate Bridge games. Ocean Pines Community Center. Cost is \$5, special games \$6. 1 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month is Swiss Teams. Partners guaranteed. Info: Felicia Daly, 410-208-1272, Pat Kanz, 410-641-8071.

BINGO
Fridays
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.

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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, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays
Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or www.beachsingles.org.

BERLIN FARMERS’ MARKET
Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
On the corner of West and Main streets. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

TACO NIGHT
Thursdays
VFW Post 8296, 66th Street, Ocean City. Benefits veterans. Three tacos and a Corona plus dessert, \$8 per person.

BREAKFAST
Knights of Columbus #9053, every second and fourth Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon
\$8 per person, half price for 12 and younger. 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, rear St. Luke’s Church. Info: 410-524-7994.

SI BOC
Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines 6 p.m. dinner social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Info: President Marty Cropper, 410-213-1592.

LIFE AFTER LOSS
Non-denominational support group will meet 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at The Community Church at Ocean Pines, room 38 in the Thomas McKelvey Family Life Center. Info: 410-641-5433.

AARP
Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 meets at the Elks Lodge, 138th

Street and Sinexpuent Avenue, 9:30 a.m., on the second Thursday of the month (January, June, October and November).

SWEET ADELINES
Mondays
The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE
Meets the third Wednesday of everymonth 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jesses-paddle.org

WEEKLY SALE
Fridays
Stevenson United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 5 Stevenson Lane, Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

O.P. PLANT CLINIC
Tuesdays
Ocean Pines library, lobby, 11107 Cathell Road, every Tuesday, 1-4 p.m., May 1 through Sept. 25. Got plant problems or bugs? Take bagged samples by and let the expert Master Gardeners find solutions to your questions. Info: Penny McGrath, 410-641-5570 or plantladyop@aol.com.

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

HOME CARE SOLUTION
Berlin Senior Center, 10129 Old Ocean City Boulevard, 11 a.m. Designed to educate older adults on red flags which might signal the need for home care and explain the different kinds of home care. Info: 410-641-0515 or Claude or Leslie Lewis, 410-641-0901.

WRITING WITH RUTH
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. Local writers help each other hone individual strategies of effective writing and improve the

quality and comfort of oral presentation. All writers welcome. Info: 410-524-1818.

YOUR CUP OF TEA!
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of tea, treats, parlor games, poetry and more. Hostess Kelley Rouse helps bring to life the manners, customs, etiquette and rituals of Victorian Society. Take your favorite tea cup and saucer. Victorian dress is suggested but optional. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-208-4014.

WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL
Seacrets, Morley Hall, 49th Street, Ocean City. Showings from 1-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Door prizes and raffles awarded at intermission. Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Hosted by the Asateague Coastal Trust and Asateague Coastkeeper. Tickets: www.ActforBays.org or 410-629-1538. Info: outreach@act-forbays.org.

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY
Bayside Resort Golf Club, Fenwick Island, Del. Registration starts at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$100 for adult players and \$50 for youth golfers. Registration: 410-250-0300. Accepting auction items and hole sponsors.

PRE-OPERATIVE CLASS FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT
Location varies, 10 a.m. Prepares all total joint patients for surgery by discussing what to expect the night before surgery, the day of surgery, recovery and leaving the hospital. Register: 410-641-9055.

CELIAC SUPPORT
Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 3, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

BEACH SINGLES
Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Lighthouse Sound, 12723 St. Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-957

or Kate, 410-524-0649.
BINGO
American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY MEETING
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7 p.m. All interested citizens are welcome. Info: 410-430-7282, WorTea-Party@gmail.com or WorcesterCountyTeaParty.com.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

AUTUMN HOME AND CONDO SHOW, ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR
Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, noon to 6 p.m. Designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating. Merchandise, product demonstrations and interior and exterior displays. Art and Craft Fair offers assortment of creative and unique gifts and accessories made by artists and quality crafts people. Admission costs \$5 at the door. Friday is Senior Citizen Discount Admission \$2 off for ages 55 and older. Admission is free for kids 13 and younger. Info: 410-213-8090, 1-800-626-2326 or www.ocean-promotions.info.

FREE STATE CORVETTE WEEKEND
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Largest Corvette Club sponsored event on the East Coast. Car shows, road rallies, a parade and other related activities raise money for charity. Staging for the parade begins at 1 p.m. Parade will start at approximately 4 p.m. Staging area and parade route TBA. General registration costs \$30 per person. Spectators admitted free. Info: pr@freestatecorvette.com, 443-295-3722 or www.freestate-corvette.com.

BOOK OF THE MONTH
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Featuring “The Cellist of Sarajevo” by *Continued on Page 27*

CALENDAR

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Steven Galloway. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-208-4014.

LIVING WELL WORKSHOP

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free, six-week workshop that teaches how to live a quality life with chronic disease. Chronic conditions include diabetes, arthritis, migraine headaches, back pain, heart disease or any condition that hinders you. Pre-registration required: Laura Small, 410-629-6820.

NIGHT OF THE LIVING ZOO

Salisbury Zoological Park, 755 South Park Drive, 6-9 p.m. Spooky hike through the Zoo that will entertain and educate participants about creepy, crawly, nocturnal inhabitants. Take own bag or purchase a re-usable trick-or-treat bag for \$2. Admission costs \$6 for child and \$8 for adult in advance. Advanced tickets for sale in the Zoo's Ocelot Spot Gift Shop, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, and at PNC Civic Avenue Branch until Oct. 12. Tickets at the gate cost \$8 for child and \$10 for adult. Info: 410-548-3188 or www.salisburyzoo.org.

RUBY RED CELEBRATION

The Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound, 12723 St. Martin's Neck Road. Diakonia is celebrating 40th anniversary of providing help and hope to those in need in Worcester County and the lower Eastern Shore. Tickets cost \$60. Silent and live auctions. Dress is smart casual. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Info: 410-250-0315, phyllis@diakoniaoc.org, Debbie@diakonia.org or lighthouserestaurant.com.

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

Deer's Head Hospital Center, 351 Deers Head Hospital Road, Salisbury. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 6 p.m. There will be 21 bingo games and other raffle items. Baskets contain prizes and giveaways. Food available for purchase. Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets: Ruth Potvin, 410-543-4010.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

AUTUMN HOME AND CONDO SHOW, ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, noon to

6 p.m. Designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating. Merchandise, product demonstrations and interior and exterior displays. Art and Craft Fair offers assortment of creative and unique gifts and accessories made by artists and quality crafts people. Admission costs \$5 at the door. Admission is free for kids 13 and younger. Info: 410-213-8090, 1-800-626-2326 or www.oceanpromotions.info.

FREE STATE CORVETTE WEEKEND

Ocean City inlet parking lot, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Largest Corvette Club sponsored event on the East Coast. Car shows, road rallies, a parade and other related activities raise money for charity. Staging for the parade begins at 1 p.m. The parade will start at approximately 4 p.m. Staging area and parade route TBA. General registration costs \$30 per person. Spectators admitted free. Info: pr@freestatecorvette.com, 443-295-3722 or www.freestatecorvette.com.

BERLIN 2ND ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST

Main Street, Berlin, noon to 6 p.m. Enjoy German food, Polka bands, beer garden and more. Free admission. Info: 410-641-4775 or BerlinChamber.org.

INTRODUCTION TO COASTAL HOSPICE

Coastal Hospice Volunteer Services, PhilMore Commons, Salisbury, Oct. 13 and 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those interested in patient care should plan to attend both sessions. Office volunteers need only attend Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to noon, but are invited to participate in both sessions. Register: 410-543-2590, Ext. 507 or 522.

KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8-11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, coffee and tea. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 11 and younger and kids 4 and younger eat free. Advance tickets and carryout available. Proceeds benefit local youth. Tickets: 410-208-6719.

FIBERFEST

Julia A. Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Area fiber artists, including knitters, crocheters and spinners will find a wide array of specialty supplies. Many vendors will be selling wearables, home decor and accessories. There will be a

free children's fiber craft table, demonstrations of sheep shearing and spinning. Guests can witness the process of raw fiber being transformed into usable cloth. Festival and museum admission is free. "Delmarva Needle Art Show & Competition" will also be on display. Info: 410-632-0515 or mail@purnellmuseum.com.

SAVE FARM FAMILIES & WORCESTER COUNTY FARM BUREAU FUNDRAISER

Hooper's Crab House, West Ocean City, noon to 4 p.m. All-you-can-eat steamed crabs, shrimp, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, soda, coffee and a dessert. Tickets cost \$50 and can be purchased by calling the Worcester County Farm Bureau, 410-632-3329 or by visiting Coasta Ventosa, Chesapeake Bay Farms, Poultry Supply LLC, Staples Nationwide Agency, and the Worcester County Extension Office. Support local farming families with legal fees they are facing due to a lawsuit.

NIGHT OF THE LIVING ZOO

Salisbury Zoological Park, 755 South Park Drive, 6-9 p.m. Spooky hike through the zoo that will entertain and educate participants about creepy, crawly, nocturnal inhabitants. Take own bag or purchase a re-usable trick-or-treat bag for \$2. Tickets at the gate cost \$8 for child and \$10 for adult. Info: 410-548-3188 or www.salisburyzoo.org.

SPROUTING UP SALE

Roxana Fire Hall, 39453 Zion Church Road, Frankford, Del., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids-only consignment sale sponsored by Sprouting Up Sale. Preview sale is available Friday night; visit sproutingupsale.com for details. Looking for gently used toys, clothing, books, videos and baby gear. All unsold items have the option of being donated to "Clothing Our Kids."

CHURCH RUMMAGE

Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OP ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Bob Head, an experienced fisherman, will discuss "All About Bass," explore fishing for large mouth bass in and around Ocean Pines. Tom Nelson will provide secrets of fishing for striped bass in the surf.

All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

AUTUMN HOME AND CONDO SHOW, ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Designed for homeowners in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating their homes. Merchandise, product demonstrations and interior and exterior displays. Art and Craft Fair offers assortment of creative and unique gifts and accessories made by artists and quality crafts people. Admission costs \$5 at the door. Admission is free for kids 13 and younger. Info: 410-213-8090, 1-800-626-2326 or www.oceanpromotions.info.

POKER PADDLE PANDEMONIUM RUN

Maryland Coastal Bays Program, with help of Ayers Creek Adventures and Super Fun Eco-Tours, will hold a kayak poker run to benefit the coastal bays. Paddling stations include Seacrets, 45th Street Taphouse, Finnegan's at the Princess Bayside, Fager's Island and a committee boat stationed between venues. Light fare and happy hour prices at each venue. Poker run consists of teams of four per hand. Form a team or come solo and MCBP will partner you. Entry fee is \$50 per person or \$200 for a team. Kayaks and proper equipment provided. Those who prefer to use their own kayak, canoe or paddle board, entry fee is \$45. Open to anyone 21 years of age and older. There are no prizes for speed — just prizes for creativity or a lucky poker hand. Raffle for a Wilderness Systems kayak, Pungo 120, held at end of the events. Raffle tickets can be purchased at mdcoastalbays.org. Registration must be made in advance at mdcoastalbays.org or by calling Sandi, 410-213-2297, Ext. 107.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9

a.m. to noon. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, children 11 years and younger eat at half price. Info: 410-524-7994.

47TH ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER FUNDRAISER

Phillips Crab House, 2004 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, noon to 6 p.m. Dinner includes large platter of crab imperial, baked ham, fried chicken and salads, cup of vegetable crab soup, beverage and ice cream for dessert. Cost is \$22 for adults, \$8 for ages 6-14 (no crab imperial) and free to those ages 5 and younger (reduced portion). Carryout available: 410-289-7747. Proceeds benefit Atlantic United Methodist Church. Info: 410-289-7430.

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCH. SEASON PREMIERE

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. Pre-concert lecture at 2 p.m. "Romantic Mood" showcasing superb Cello Dariusz Skoraczewski. Tickets cost \$36 for adults, \$15 for students and \$5 for children 11 and younger. Tickets: 410-289-3440 or 1-888-846-8600. Info: www.midatlanticsymphony.org.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN AND HAM BUFFET

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, 1-6 p.m. Fried chicken, ham, homemade potato salad and coleslaw, country seasoned green beans, candied sweet potatoes, rolls and ice cream sundae dessert. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and those 5 and younger eat free. Eat in or carryout.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

BASIC COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1 p.m. Two-part class to learn basics of working with computers and software. Learn how to set-up and access e-mail accounts and navigate the Web. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-957-0878.

AH ... THE SWEET MYSTERY OF LIFE

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Explore the Golden Age of the Mystery Novel as it pertains to works published between the World Wars. Writers discussed are Agatha Christie, Margery

Allingham, Dorothy Sayers, Rex Stout, Dashiell Hammett and others. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-524-1818.

CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin. Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Additional clinic offered for those who are apprehensive about the idea of using CPAP. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

DEM. WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m. Dr. John LaFerla, Congressional candidate for Maryland's District 1, will discuss all pertinent issues pertaining to the campaign. Democratic Party endorses a write-in vote for LaFerla on the November ballot. All women welcome. Info: 410-641-6683.

HAND DANCING

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

YOGA

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

CANDIDATES' FORUM

Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., 5-7 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. Meet and hear from candidates for the upcoming Ocean City Council and mayoral elections. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions. Open to all voters registered for the Ocean City elections. Hosted by Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917. Info: 410-250-4533.

DEMOCRATS GATHER FOR SECOND DEBATE

Worcester County Democratic Headquarters, 11033 Cathell Road, Berlin, 8-11 p.m. All are *Continued on Page 29*

SNAPSHOTS



PINES HEALTH FAIR HAS GOT YOUR BACK
NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Dr. Thomas Kappes of the Kappes Wellness Center in Ocean Pines electronically surveys the back of Ocean Pines resident Dave Paquet at the Ocean Pines Health Fair on Saturday. Many are businesses combined with Atlantic General Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center to offer their health-related services.



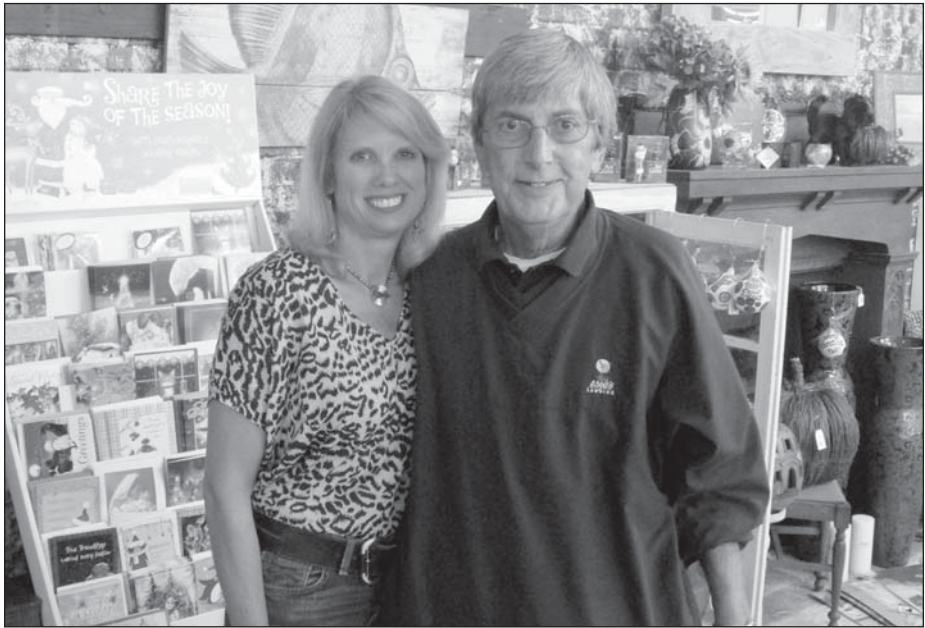
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AT SISTERS
NATHAN BRUNET / BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Serving drinks at the monthly guest bartender event at Sister on North Main Street on Friday are, from left, Maryland Senator Jim Mathias, Sisters co-owner Donna Compher, guest bartenders Rachel Burwell and Bean, Sisters co-owner Michael Ann Phillips and Frank DeLucco, who gave a tasting of wine samples from Bordeleau Vineyards & Wineries.



MAIN STREET CRUISERS
NATHAN BRUNET / BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Bob Waid of Ocean Pines poses in front of his 1950 Ford Business Coup at Saturday's Berlin Fall Cruisers event. Cruiser enthusiasts filled North Main Street and adjacent parking lots with decades-old, yet new condition cars and trucks.



WINE AND DINE
NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Tasting samples of wine from St. Michaels Winery in the tasting room of Maryland Wine Bar last Thursday are, from left, Alan and Cindy Langrall, Ric Pallia, Sally Whittington of St. Michaels Winery, Joshua and Donna Nordstrom and Steven Kossman.



GIVING CANCER A TRUE FIGHT
NATHAN BRUNET / BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Supporting breast cancer awareness at Sisters' guest bartending event on Friday are Diane and Jay Stulz. Friday's guest bartenders were Bean, Rachel Burwell and Maryland Senator Jim Mathias and the night also featured a wine tasting from Bordelau Vineyards & Wineries.



CRUISING IN BERLIN
NATHAN BRUNET / BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Prepared to gun it in his 1929 Ford Phantom is Larry Ulm from Compton, Md. during Saturday's Berlin Fall Cruiser event. The event that brought hundreds to the streets of downtown Berlin culminated in an awards ceremony for cars entered in several different categories.

CALENDAR

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welcome. Refreshments served and attendees can bring own beverage. Info: 410-629-9107.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

O.P. BOAT CLUB MEMBER MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway. Social at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:15 p.m. Guests welcome.

EMERGENCY KIT

Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 10:30 a.m. The kit is an information management tool and website to help seniors and their family mem-

bers track medications and other important medical, legal and financial information. Includes checklists and worksheets for medications, conditions, allergies, doctors, health advisors and a place to store other vital records. Info: 410-632-1277 or Claude or Leslie Lewis, 410-641-0901.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Walgreen's, Bethany Beach, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreen's, Selbyville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-

641-9268.

ACUPUNCTURE AND HERBAL MEDICINE

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, noon. Learn the theories and practices of acupuncture and herbal medicines. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-208-4014.

WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY SEMINAR

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

STEPPING ON

WORKSHOP

Charles and Martha Fulton Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Stepping On is a well-researched falls prevention program. This free workshop meets for seven weeks, through Oct. 24. Pre-registration is necessary by calling Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

HOLLY CENTER BOUTIQUE OPEN

Holly Center Canteen Building, 926 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Home accents, purses, pocket-books, scarves, watches, bracelets, earrings, botanical fragrance oils, men's, women's

and children's apparel. Benefiting the Holly Center people. Info: Marlina Belote, 410-572-6204.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Skyline Bar & Grille at The Fenwick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing until 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 4:45-6 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE VICTIMS SUPPORT GROUP

Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or love one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jessesaddle.org.

Ocean Pines Yacht Club presents

Oktoberfest

Sunday • October 14th • 5-7pm

A Celebration of Traditional German Fare, Showcasing Local Craft Brewing

Menu

Braised Pork Shank, with Bunker C Porter Sauce
Kasseler Ham with Grain Mustard Cream
Knackwurst
Bratwurst
Weisswurst
Nüern Berger
Braised Red Cabbage
Caraway Scented Sauerkraut
Spatzle
Traditional Potato Salad

\$40 Per Person
includes tax, gratuity, menu & (3) 12 oz. of Burley Oak Crafts

Advanced Reservations required, Must be 21 and Over, Reserve @ 410-641-7501 or email dining@oceanpines.org

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LIVE MUSIC

■ **19th Hole**
9636 Stephen Decatur Hwy.
410-213-9204
FRIDAY – Chris Button
SATURDAY – Walt Farozic

■ **BJ's on the Water**
75th St. Bayside, Ocean City
410-524-7575
FRIDAY – Funkalicious
SATURDAY – North Point
WEDNESDAY – Sir Rod

■ **Burley Oak Brewery**
10016 Old Ocean City Blvd, Berlin
443-513-4647
FRIDAY – Broad Street / Hot Meals
SATURDAY – The Joshes
TUESDAY – Open Mic w/ Josh Pryor

■ **Clarion Resort**
101st St., Ocean City
410-524-3535
FRIDAY – Full Circle
SATURDAY – Full Circle

■ **DeNovo's**
South Gate – Ocean Pines
410-208-2782
THURSDAY – Al Prescott
SATURDAY – Al Prescott
TUESDAY – Al Prescott
WEDNESDAY – Al Prescott

■ **Fager's Island**
60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City
410-524-5500
FRIDAY – DJ Hook / Tranzfusion
SATURDAY – DJ Groove / Scotts New Band

■ **The Globe**
12 Broad St. Berlin
410-213-1846
FRIDAY – Aaron Howell Band
SATURDAY – Lovin Cup
SUNDAY – Patrick McAllorum



Phil Knight

■ **Harborside Bar & Grill**
12841 S. Harbor Rd., West OC
410-213-1846
THURSDAY – Opposite Directions
FRIDAY – DJ Billy T
SATURDAY – Simple Truth / DJ Jeremy
SUNDAY – Opposite Directions
MONDAY – Blake Haley / DJ Billy T
TUESDAY – DJ Rupe
WEDNESDAY – John LaMere or The Stims

■ **Harpoon Hannas**
142nd St., Fenwick Island
800-227-0525
FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins
SATURDAY – Dave Sherman
WEDNESDAY – Bobby Burns

■ **M.R. Ducks**
Talbot St., Ocean City
410-289-9125
FRIDAY – Blake Haley
SATURDAY – Kenny Jones

■ **Seacrets**
49th & the Bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900
FRIDAY – Gypsy Wisdom / Freddie Long Band
SATURDAY – Goodman Fiske / Second Majesty

PUZZLES

SPACE INVASION By Zoe Wheeler / Edited by Will Shortz

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22 Namibia neighbor

23 Old AMC car that came fully loaded?

25 Belgian river to the North Sea

26 Minnesota Fats’s player in “The Hustler”

28 Writer Ernie

29 Before, in brief

30 Good locale for adoptions?

32 Play to ___

33 Mysterious figure

34 Windy City trains

35 Berlin article

36 Scrape

37 Highlanders

38 Trim

39 Ammo that’s still on the store shelf?

43 ___ Khan (villain in “The Jungle Book”)

45 Getting on the board

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46 Root word?

47 Pitchers

48 Nuts

49 Director Jean-___ Godard

50 Orch. section

53 Some bleating?

55 Little victory celebration

57 Dying words, in Shakespeare

58 “Put ___ on it!”

59 It may be drawn at night

60 For fear that

61 Salsa ingredient

63 Excitement over some presidential selections?

67 Gumshoe

68 Gold units: Abbr.

69 Many-banded displays?

70 Have a loan from

71 “Shallow ___” (Jack Black film)

72 He-man’s nickname

73 Bind tightly

74 Avoid a scalping?

78 Sackcloth material

79 “Grease” singer

80 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit

81 Alone, as a female on stage

82 A/C meas.

85 Fort ____, Ontario

86 Feds

87 ID for a certain band member?

91 Go out for a while?

92 Show, quickly

93 Jump on the ice

94 “___ Child” (Margaret Atwood poem)

95 Earth, in “Independence Day”?

98 ___ hours

100 Kind of exercise

101 Infant’s shoe

102 One rummaging

103 Take a fresh look at

104 “... Baby One More Time” singer

105 Lock

14 Runner’s unit

15 Good “Wheel” buy for WHERE’S THE BEEF

16 Refined

17 Authorize

18 Salon worker

19 Third of three choices

24 Going (for)

27 “Penny ___”

31 Last ride?

32 Actor Claude of “Lobo”

33 Alma mater of presidents #41, 42 and 43

36 Moundsman Dave

37 Deep ravine

38 Get excited

39 Shrew

40 College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

41 Barber’s job

42 Accepted as true

43 Wrap up

44 Rushed

45 1992 Liv Ullmann film

47 Be constructive?

48 Hangs out

49 Some Millers

50 Strainers

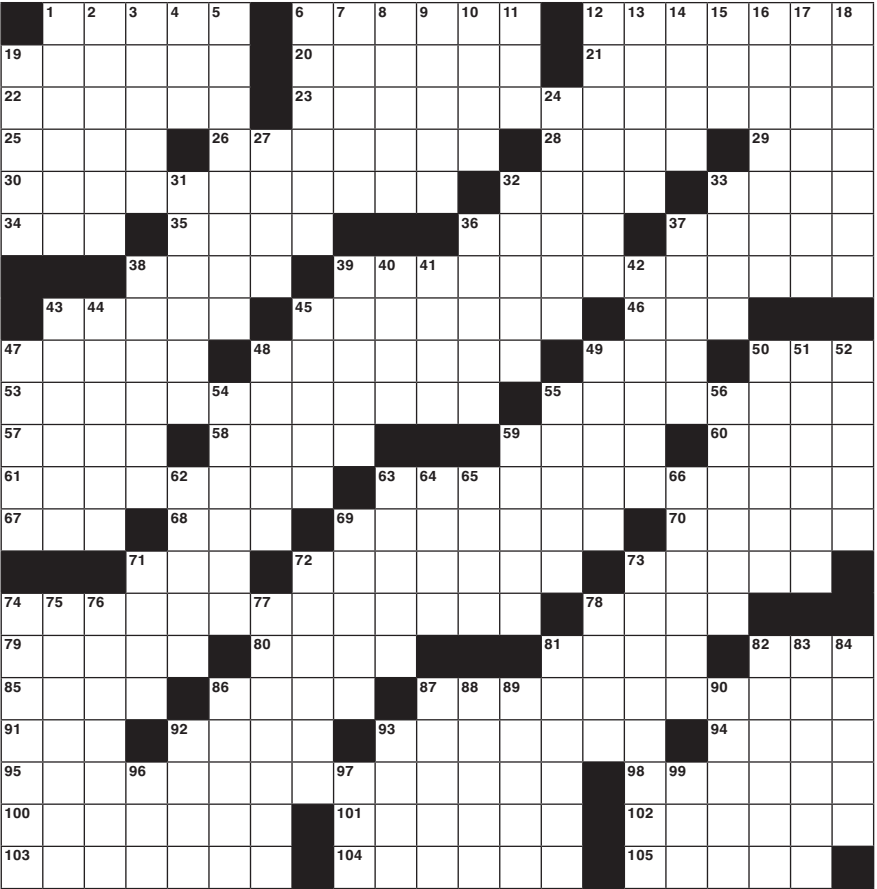
51 Tellies

52 Like wide belts, fashionwise

54 Rat

55 Brand name on a waistband

56 Took off, as a bird



- 59 Bathroom fixture

62 Striped safari sight

63 Brutus abettor

64 Move up, as an eyebrow

65 Christian of “The Dark Knight Rises”

66 Providing of questions for answers on
- 69 Vladimir of Russia

71 Fit

72 Comprising

73 Use a futuristic mode of transit

74 Golf round result

75 Frozen food brand

76 Illustrator’s shortcut

77 Good place to 91-Across
- 78 ___-my-thumb

81 Lights up

82 Some herbs

83 Remnants

84 Something to milk for all its worth?

86 Be admitted

87 Head-___

88 Rodeo rope
- 89 Bad feeling in the pit of one’s stomach?

90 ___ latte

92 Actress Mazar

93 Sports car option

96 Eastern drama

97 Things used during crunch time?

99 Christmas purchase

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MEDIUM - 88

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

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Answers to last week’s puzzles

4	6	7	9	1	8	3	2	5
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Deter shellfish-loving vampires, with this dish

King Ken recently reproached me at the hardware store for not writing enough about German food. I immediately started thinking about German food and then thought to myself, "Ken, I'm not going to do it."



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

True, he remains the unchallenged champion of the fruitcake championship, but today is not a good day for me to write about Wiener schnitzel (written about it), sauerbraten (written about it), German soft pretzels (written about it) or bratwurst. Come to think of it, I don't believe I have written about brats in more than 400 articles. How did that happen?

I cannot worry about that today. I am focused (inner-chortle) on being well-planted into the months that end in an "r."

We have all heard the saying that you should only eat oysters in months that own an "r," but let me ask you one question: did you by any chance notice any oysters on the menu around town this summer? I bet you did.

As it is difficult to pronounce Mayr, Juner, Julyr and Augustr, we need to set them aside and clarify the months in which we are supposed to eat the bivalve beauties.

That would be the remaining months of the year.

For years it was thought that it was to avoid things such as red tide, which while not guaranteed in the hot months, might be exacerbated by the heat. In reality though, the mighty oyster is spawning in the summertime, and as such, all of its energy is focused on the reproductive process.

The resulting oysters tend to be mushier and less savory than at other times of the year. That's all. There's no greatly increased threat of toxins. If there were an increased threat to the tune of an endangered public, you could rest assured the FDA would forbid them from being sold.

So that brings me to today's lesson: the great and ubiquitous roasted oyster.

Now, I am here to neither acknowledge that I know how the watermen roast their oysters nor to reveal their secrets, if I even knew. That is not my place upon this earth as a mere Nap Town boy who moved to the Shore later in life.

No, I am just going to share a simple way to roast some oysters, making them



a splendid addition to your chilly night barbecues. It is that time of year, after all.

I guess now that this is done, I need to focus on the real reason that October exists in the first place: beer.

And now that I think about it, Ken, next week would be well served by me writing about some German food paired with a lovely bier Deutsche. You win; I will write about Germany at least one more time.

Correction to earlier article — I realized after looking at my mother's flat-tering, albeit obsessive, collection of my articles that I had omitted a rather important fact. As I give credit where credit is due, I realize that I had forgone credit to Mitch Cook, a student at the college and sous chef at Fager's Island for the yucca balls with cilantro aioli.

Roasted Oysters

serves 4

24 Chincoteague oysters
roasted garlic and oil (recipe follows)
fresh thyme, as needed

1 lemon, zested and quartered

splash dry white wine

3 Tbsp. EV Olive Oil

• Look for my oyster-shucking video

online. It's not there yet, but it may be some day. The important thing is this: don't hold the oyster in a stalwart fashion and wrench the beast open with your wrist. Simply turn one wrist one way while twisting the other in the other direction, and you will be amazed at how much easier shucking oysters will be

• Assuming you haven't found my shucking video (since it's not online yet), just shuck the oysters, reserving as much of the oyster liquor as possible

• Make sure that the shell bits and other debris are removed from each oyster

• Slather the oyster with the rest of the ingredients and place on a smoking-hot grill (a wood grill is better. If you don't have one, throw a chunk of wood to smolder)

• Cook just until the liquor starts to sizzle. The carryover cooking time will take care of the rest

• These don't need to be served with a sauce since the sauce is in the shell. However, should you have a stark desire to slather some extra flavor on top of the, make some kind of beurre blanc and have a blast

Roasted Garlic (v 1.0)

makes enough to last a while

5 heads fresh garlic

• Wrap garlic in foil and place in a 350-degree oven

• Roast for 30-40 minutes, or until the garlic is very tender

• Squeeze the garlic from the garlic "paper" and use as needed

Roasted Garlic (v 1.1)

makes enough to last a while

5 heads fresh garlic

1 c. Olive oil

• Place the garlic and the oil in a pan on top of the stove on medium heat

• When the garlic hits what looks like a low boil, turn down the heat and simmer until the garlic is soft.

• At this point, not only is the garlic delicious (in fact, it eats like candy), the oil is fantastic to use as well.

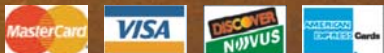
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