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NANCY POWELL/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

New farmers market manager David Bean, left, and David Joseph sell produce and more in White Horse Park in Ocean Pines on Saturday. The market will be open all year.

Pines market open year round

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today OCEAN PINES-The Ocean Pines

Farmers Market will continue to operate year round. Although it was originally ex-

pected to close at the end of August and then at the end of October, it will remain open, said David Bean, who will be the new market manager. The

change is being made because of the 'growth and success of the market,' he said.

Bean had been manning a table at the market selling produce from The Good Farm, a cooperative endeavor at Mariner's Country Down near Berlin. He will continue selling The Good Farm's produce, but the stand Continued on Page 5

State reps connect with Pines businesses in joint meeting

Owners query legislators on direction of General Assembly in '14 session

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES-If there was a theme for the legislative town hall meeting sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 22, it would have focused on increasing economic development by making Marvland a more business-friendly state through the legislative process in 2014. Chamber members discussed issues

with state Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38), and Delegates Michael McDermott (R-38B) and Charles Otto (R-38A). One study the legislators referenced during the meeting was a study by the tax research group Tax Foundation, "2014 State Business Tax Climate Index."

Maryland was ranked 41 in the index and was listed among the 10 lowest ranked states for business in the country. The foundation said its index "com-

pares the states in five areas of taxation Continued on Page 5

Berlin Lion's Club to honor Quick as 'Citizen of the Year'

This year marks first time award recipient notified prior to event

By Sheila R. Cherry Associate Editor

BERLIN-On Thursday, Oct. 24 the Berlin Lions Club will honor Jan Quick as Berlin's Citizen of the Year for 2012 during the 48th Annual Berlin Award celebration. The über multi-tasker was nominated by her husband Jim Ouick. who credited his wife with helping to start Berlin's Commercial District Management Authority, a town-sponsored entity that was the precursor to the merchant-run Chamber of Commerce.

The celebration, which will begin at 6 p.m. at 9039 Worcester Hwy. (Route

113), marks the first time the award recipient, has been notified ahead of time to allow family and friends to attend the event. Jack Ferry, program director for the Worcester County Development Center, which provides opportunities for adults who live with disabilities, will be the guest speaker.

Quick and her husband Jim have been the proprietors of the Holland House since 1986. The circa 1900 doctor's residence is now a family-operated bed and breakfast inn on 5 Bay Street. Jim Quick said he nominated his wife because of the many causes she is involved in.

In addition to being an innkeeper, Jan is also a dental hygienist in the West Ocean City office of Dr. Michele Brauning at 9936 Stephen Decatur Hwy.

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Quick juggles jobs as hygienist and innkeeper with civic causes

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Brauning commented that Quick was "a wonderful person who is easy to work with and is always doing for others."

Quick has just as many civic responsibilities as she has professional roles. She has served as president of the Women's Evening Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the past three years—and has been involved at the group in some capacity for the past 10 years and sings on the choir. The organization sponsors the Church Mouse Thrift Store on Main Street.

For the past few years, Quick has served on the board of directors for the Taylor House Museum and succeeded Edward Hammond as president after he died unexpectedly in a car accident in 2010.

Roxanne Williams, branch manager of the PNC Bank on Main Street, serves as the co-chairperson for the Berlin Award Committee. She said the annual award was presented to an individual who, through selfless effort and dedication, has made an outstanding contribution in community service.

Williams said the community chose to award Quick because of her "many, many hours away from her family to help Berlin become a success."

Jim, who is assistant general manager at the Dunes Manor Hotel on 28th Street in Ocean City, said when the couple purchased the inn 29 years ago there was no chamber. "Most of Main Street was boarded up and (stores) sat empty," he said.

With Tom Patton, Jan Quick was instrumental in getting the fledgling organization off the ground and members signed up, according to Jim Quick. They even served as the caretakers of the organization's phone line until it was transferred over the building that now houses the chamber's offices.

Quick showed up for the early morning photo shoot and interview having already finished her bicycle workout, showered, and greeted diners having breakfast. Asked about her ability to squeeze so many activities into an hour or two, she simply said "I have an abundant amount of energy." Of her work on her many multiple causes, Quick said "I always did things because I could."

Quick said she felt honored to be included in the list of past honorees for the award in the small town she and her husband moved to from Ohio nearly 29 years ago. Her goal at the time, she said, was to "to find a 'village' where people lived regular lives."

The couple found that village in the town of Berlin, according to Jan. "Berlin is a wonderful little town," she said.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Jan Quick will be the honoree for Berlin's Citizen of the Year Award for 2012 during the Berlin Lions Club's 48th Annual Berlin Award celebration on Oct. 24. Quick is credited with helping to start Berlin's Commercial District Management Authority, a town-sponsored entity that was the precursor to the current, merchant-run Chamber of Commerce. The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. at 9039 Worcester Hwy. (Route 113). Jack Ferry, program director for the Worcester County Development Center, which provides opportunities for adults who live with disabilities, will be the guest speaker.



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Lawmakers discuss taxes and PMT proposal, regulations

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that impact business: corporate taxes, individual income taxes, sales taxes, unemployment insurance taxes, and taxes on property, including residential and commercial property. The ranks of neighboring states are as follows: Delaware, 13th, Pennsylvania, 24th, West Virginia, 23rd, and Virginia, 26th."

The study also noted that comprehensive reforms passed by officials in 44th ranked North Carolina this year would allow the state to raise its ranking to as high as 17th next year, if the reforms take effect in coming years. The legislators used that caveat as an example that Maryland could also reverse it downward ranking.

In response to a question of what could be done to change the state's business climate ranking, Mathias suggested that lawmakers should continue to focus on proposals to reduce corporate taxes and streamline the regulatory process. He cited taxes as the number one reason for the low ranking and pointed out that as a senator he has not voted in favor of tax increases. He said he once voted for an income tax on millionaires as a delegate.

Several questions raised the issue of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's recent proposal to mandate a shift in the way chicken manure will be used on farmland. One commenter called the proposed rule, the phosphorus management tool, a tax that would kill the farming business on the Eastern Shore.

Mathias noted that the proposal was a tool not a tax and that he had been instrumental in getting it pulled when it was proposed as an emergency regulation in August, only to have department officials immediately restart the proposal process. Mathias said he had discussed the regulation with Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown, whom he said he told the proposal would be a farm business killer for the Eastern Shore.

A revised version of the earlier regulation, which proved to have a calculation error, was proposed on Oct. 18.

Otto, who said he had worked in conjunction with Mathias on several legislative issues during the 2013 legislative session, agreed with the senator's assessment, adding that a major push for the regulation was coming from large, well-funded environmental groups and campaign donors. But he also noted that the emergency regulations were pulled when the matter was scheduled for a hearing before the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administration, Executive and Legislative Review. MDA officials expected busloads of farmers to show up at that AELR hearing, he said.

Otto said the MDA had committed \$2.5 million for efforts to turn manure into energy.

On its Web site, the MDA has issued a Request for Information "to gather input from vendors, businesses, and individuals offering technologies, equipment, infrastructure, or services that can improve the management and utilization of manure and other agricultural resources. Maryland's nutrient management regulations govern the amount, timing, and placement of crop nutrients including manure and other organic nutrient sources."

Mathias added the science for that was going forward and that in the next session legislators would likely be proposing a bill to co-op a bio-digester that was being built with private funds on the site of the Lambertson Farms in Stockton.

McDermott criticized the PMT for being both unnecessary and incomplete. He said the science behind the proposal had not been completed and no study on the economic impact had been done when the regulation was proposed. The scientific study has not been peer reviewed, he added later, when he also noted that the proposal could also render chicken manure as prohibited for organic farming, which relies on natural fertilizers rather than commercial fertilizers with unknown substances.

Asked what they perceived as the most burdensome regulatory issues facing businesses in the state, Otto named stormwater management. While he did not dismiss the need for some form of flooding control, at issue he indicated was what level of regulation was needed to address the problem. He called some of the current requirement, "A bit of overkill."

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Market open Saturdays in park

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will be known as D.J. David & Company and his stock will include local honey, pickles, granola, jams, jellies and baked goods.

Other vendors at the market are expected to include Berlin area Dale Hastings who sells a wide variety of fresh produce, Chesapeake Bay Farms, Grateful Grains, Baywater Greens, Sovereign Soil Farms, Good Life Farms and Ami Reist, known as Little Miss Lovely, who will join the farmers market on a weekly basis to sell her fresh greenery and floral decorations.

Farmers Markets support familybased farming, farmers and food producers of the Eastern Shore. Cutting out the middleman allows for direct contact between customers and producers.

The Ocean Pines Farmers Market is open in White Horse Park near the administration building on Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon.





Common Core raises concerns

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Mathias listed permitting, processing and over-enforcement of sometimes minor code and regulatory infractions. The legislators commented they had received many complaints from business owners with anecdotes of fines, fees and work stoppages that interrupted their operations over minor issues.

McDermott, who proposed a bill (HB-104) during the past session that would have given businesses a grace period to correct cited violations before a fine was imposed, said he had been told by state officials that businesses receive warnings prior to a fine being levied. Business owners, he said however, had told him otherwise.

On the issue of the education proposal known as Common Core, McDermott said that he opposed it because it represented yet another move away from local-level decision-making, which he said was increasing. "If Maryland continues on the path they are on," he said, "Whether you like it or not it won't matter." He added that government works best when it is closest to the people.

Mathias pointed that Common Core was not rigid curriculum, but an educational standard that could help the area's children have better educational opportunities and to be more competitive in the jobs market. Noting that former state Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Grasmick participated in the establishment of the Common Core standard, Mathias said "Maryland had a seat at the table."

On energy policy—they were specifically asked about nuclear energy— Mathias said that a deal to move a proposal forward on nuclear energy fell through after a tsunami caused major structural and environmental damage to a plant in Fukushima, Japan.

McDermott said the state should be moving forward in all aspects of energy production, but was not due to political correctness. He noted the jobs boon created in the Marcellus Shale region of Pennsylvania from the production of natural gas, and contrasted it with Maryland's push for developing wind farms off the coast of Ocean City, which he called "counterintuitive."

Mathias listed the core economic drivers for the Eastern shore as agriculture, tourism, small businesses, and the emerging medical industry. Otto said the state needed to promote a "sensible regulatory climate" for business and that shut-downs and regulatory fines were having a negative impact on development. McDermott said the state had lost seven fortune 50 companies and was also losing wealthy residents, which was triggering proposals for more taxes spread over a wider zone.

The lawmakers each stressed the im-



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

State representatives meet with business owners during an Oct. 22 legislative town hall meeting sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce. Topics included possible proposals to make Maryland a more business-friendly state during the General Assembly's '14 session.

portance of constant contact with the Worcester County Commissioners and local municipal leaders in directing their legislative efforts. Mathias noted that both he and McDermott were former mayors and said that his first responsibility was to be there (in Annapolis) for and with local government officials, along with communication with fellow legislators in Annapolis. He said it was important to have the ear of leaders in the General Assembly, even through adversity. But when the issues pass, he said, "We have to move on."

He cited state proposals to remove the liquor control board and resistance to gambling where he was able to work through the issue by building dialog and trust with his counterparts from other delegation—even if it was accomplished through annual samples of local favorites like salt water taffy and popcorn.

Otto challenged local business to talk to friends and relatives in other parts of the state as a way to raise awareness of the special concerns of citizens on the Eastern Shore, when asked for ideas on the best way to protect the values of the Eastern Shore way of life. "It's a sales job," he said. McDermott noted that members of

the General Assembly agree on roughly 85 percent of the legislation that is proposed. "You're only asking people to fight for that other 15 percent," he said.



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Twisters receives site plan approval from Commission

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN—The town Planning Commission, during its Oct. 9 meeting approved the final site plan for property located on Old Ocean City Boulevard that had been submitted by the owner of Twisters Gymnastics Academy, Planning Director David Engelhart said in an Oct. 15 interview.

The site plan, submitted by owner Carmella Solito included cosmetic changes and the construction of a new building that will eventually expand to a 52,000 square foot athletic and recreational facility on the new property. During an earlier interview she explained as the new site is developed, new amenities would be added to the company's existing site at 9028 Worcester Hwy. and at some point in the future the two locations would be merged into a recreation facility with attractions from a learning center for toddlers, activities for teenagers, such as glow golf, laser tag, and trampoline with a par core; and a fitness facility of adults. The proposed facility would feature key-card access to each facet of activities, she added.

With the site plan approved, Engelhart said Solito will now be able to begin the process to obtain stormwater and wastewater permits, electrical and water connections, and submit building plans.

Expect delays due to construction on King Richard Road

OCEAN PINES–Worcester County Public Works officials advise the public to expect traffic delays on King Richard Road in Ocean Pines now through late November, as construction crews make the following repairs:

Replacing water service lines over the next three weeks, to eliminate leaks that have caused excessive maintenance in other areas of the Ocean Pines system.

Installing a 6-inch diameter sewage force main to connect the Casino at Ocean Downs to the Ocean Pines Wastewater System. It is the intention of the contractor to maintain one active lane of traffic during the construction on King Richard Road. Complete road closures will be avoided during construction unless absolutely necessary. Reconstructing and repaving King Richard Road.

Public Works officials hope to limit disruptions to the public by performing these activities concurrently. Anyone with specific concerns may contact Public Works Deputy Director John Ross or Construction Technician Mike McCabe at the Department of Public Works Water and Wastewater Division at (410)-641-5251.



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CRAFT NIGHT SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE The Berlin Youth Club partnered with Life Crisis to provide "Hands are for Healing" craft night on Friday Oct. 11. Pictured are volunteer Craig Theobald and Devyn Harmon with their creation.



WORCESTER PREP CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PLANNING

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Worcester Prep's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 8. Bazaar chairpersons working on the project are, from left, row 1, Amy Tingle, Ann Bateman, Doreen Dennis and Betsy Hornung, row 2, Courtney Baeurle, Julie Cummings and Jennifer Humes, and row 3, Teri Poduval, Cheryl Einstein, Amy Maull, Tami Collins, Elise Mumford, Sophia Christian and Karen Payne. Not pictured are Nona Clubb, Marybeth Hebert, Jill Paquette, Cathy Shriver, Tonya Rayne, Tammy Bunting, Kelly Cook, Pam Merritt, Tami Oltman, Kathy Marshall, Valerie Gaskill, Nicole Miller, Jennifer Willing and Colleen Denston.





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Seaside Christian Academy students, Genevieve Hilbert and Ethan Hitchens, watch firefighter Josh Bunting as Ryan Whittington talks about the gear that a firefighter wears during Fire Prevention Day at the school on Oct. 10. Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 7-11.



MUSIC CLASSES

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Orchestra and band students at Berlin Intermediate School recently had the opportunity to participate in master classes taught by members of the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. In addition to the classes, the musicians performed an afternoon concert for the students. The visit to BIS was made possible by grants from The Community Foundation, American Legion, and Mike Jahnigen. Lunch was provided for the musicians by DeNovo's. Pictured, cellist Lukasz Szymer instructs students.

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State officials re-propose rule for measuring impact of manure

Revised proposal would give farmers additional year to make transition

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

MARYLAND—As expected, the Maryland Department of Agriculture on Oct. 18 issued a proposed amendment to its previously published regulation calculating the amount of phosphorus farmers are applying to their fields by using poultry litter.

The revised proposal would give farmers an additional year to transition from using an existing phosphorus site index, which is used to determine the level of phosphorus movement at a farm site, to a phosphorus management tool, which officials said analyzes areas where excess phosphorus is present in the soil and identifies where a high potential for phosphorus loss exists. During the phase in period, farmers affected by the proposed rule were directed to use both the PSI and PMT.

In Worcester County, 113 farm operations would be covered by the proposed rule, according to Renato Cuizon, a certification and licensing coordinator for the MDA. He defined a farm operation as one that either generates at least \$2,500 in crops or raises least 8,000 animals in a single vear.

But Cuizon said neither the number of animals nor the manner which manure was applied would singularly require use of the PMT. The proposed PMT, he said, was designed to be a more precise way to measure the application of phosphorus and that the level of phosphorus in the soil was what would determine whether or not the PMT would be required.

According to a briefing on the new calculation tool, officials indicated by having farmers use the new tool now, they will better understand the management changes they will be required to make when it is mandated in 2015. "All nutrient management plans developed after Oct. 1, 2014 will be required to use the new PMT. After Jan. 1, 2015, nutrient plan implementation will follow the PMT, regardless of when the plan was written," it said.

More than 400 people attended a local town hall meeting between state officials and the public at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center in Salisbury on Oct. 8, the Delmarva Poultry Industry reported on its Web site, which also included video of the meeting.

In an Oct. 21 letter, Bill Satterfield, executive director of the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc., encouraged members to contact officials to comment on the proposed regulations. "As much as possible, we encourage you to make the letter specific about your farm and the possible impact on you," he said. Satterfield was apparently responding to comments made by Secretary of Agriculture Earl F. Buddy Hance that the previous proposed rule had only generated a small number of comments, suggesting that the farming community did perceive the proposal has having a significant impact on operations.

Cuizon said when the comment period is over on Nov. 18 officials would compile the written comments and the comments received during the three town hall meetings on the proposal. After reviewing those comments, he said, officials would resubmit the proposal to the Maryland General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administration, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR). An emergency proposal to revise the PMT was sidelined after State Sen. Richard Colburn (R-37), who serves as a member of the

AELR, called for hearings on the matter after hearing from concerned local farmers.

According to a joint study by the University of Delaware's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Maryland Extension on Maryland Poultry, the average cost of clean-out chicken houses was \$3.67 per ton, while the average cost of removing crusted over manure was \$7.03 per ton. In addition, the cost to load litter for transport was estimated at approximately \$8.96 per ton.

The process has been affordable over the years because farmers had operated within a symbiotic system of transporting chicken litter from poultry farms as inexpensive fertilizer for grain farms, which in turn provided inexpensive grain as feed for the poultry farms. The farmers protested when they learned the new formula would lead to restrictions on using poultry litter, which became final in February. If grain farms are barred from receiving the manure in the future it would need to be stockpiled, they argued.

State officials said nutrient management consultants would be reporting key information to MDA about the use of the tool as well as excess litter and phosphorus levels and that while information collected on specific operations would be kept confidential, the data would be aggregated and made public annually. "This information will help farmers plan for future implementation while helping MDA enhance programs and other resources to help farmers address changes, especially as they relate to handling excess litter and livestock manure," officials said.

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Children's Halloween-themed events planned throughout area

By Clara Vaughn

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

MARYLAND-Children and families can celebrate Halloween with free activities in the area starting today, Oct. 25, and lasting into November.

From trick-or-treating to costume contests, pony rides, hayrides, games and more, these are some of the events taking place:

Berlin:

• Frontier Town's Haunted Trail through the Wicked Woods of the Western theme park is open to the public from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. The cost to walk through "FrontFear Town" is \$5 per person. The park is located off Route 611. Call 410-641-3325 for more information.

• The Berlin Branch of the Worcester County Public Library will host trick-ortreaters all day Thursday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. There will be cookies, candy and other snacks. Call 410-641-0650 for more information.

• The Town of Berlin's trick or treat hours will be from 5-7 p.m. on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31. The Berlin Police Department will have a candy checking station at Town Hall at 10 Williams Street during those hours. • The SonRise Church on Route 575 will host its annual Harvest Fair Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1-4 p.m. There will be hayrides, games, food and candy, music and prizes. Children may come dressed in costume, though scary attire is discouraged. The rain date for the fair is Saturday, Nov. 9.

Ocean Pines:

• The Ocean Pines Fall Halloween Celebration takes place at White Horse Park Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1-4 p.m. There will be costume contests, carnival games, face painting, pony rides, candy and refreshments.

Admission and games are free, although some attractions have a small fee attached. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks is accepting donations of individually wrapped Halloween candy for the event. Call 410-641-7052 for more information.

West Ocean City:

• Paws & Claws' annual Halloween "Pawrade" and Party takes place on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. The parade starts at noon for pet owners and their four-legged friends, who are all encouraged to come in costume. There will be prizes for the best costumes and vendors will sell food and art at the event.

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• The 19th Hole Bar & Grille on Route 611 will host its kids Halloween party Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 5-7 p.m. There will be food specials, cupcakes and candy and games with prizes. The winner of the best costume contest takes home a trophy. Call 410-213-9204 for more information.

• The White Marlin Mall on Route 50 will host trick-or-treaters on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 4-6 p.m. Kids must be under 12 years old and in costume to get a treat. Visit www.whitemarlinmall.com/events.asp for more information.

• The Tanger Outlets on Route 50 will host trick-or-treaters on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m. Kids 12 and under are invited to trick-or-treat from store to store.

Ocean City:

• The Ocean City Branch of the Worcester County Public Library will host a children's Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 10:30 a.m.. There will be crafts, refreshments and a costume parade at the free event sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean City Library. Call 410-524-1818 for more information.

• The TownCenter Midtown Boardwalk on 67th Street will host its first annual Boo-oardwalk Halloween Parade and Trick-or-Treat event on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 6-8 p.m.

Arrive by 6 p.m. to participate in the parade of costumes, followed by costume awards for the most creative and funniest costumes; trick-or-treating along the midtown boardwalk; and a taffy making demonstration at Dolle's Candyland at 7 p.m.

Playgroups, scout troops, children's organizations and families are encouraged to stop by Dolle's Candyland, SweetFrog, Olde English Fish, Chips & Chicken or Summer House Trading Co. to register a group. Call 443-880-7795 for more information. • Ocean City Recreation & Parks Department will host its annual Halloween Spook-Out party Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1-3 p.m. at Northside Park on 125th Street. There will be costume contests, hayrides, carnival-style games, arts and crafts and snacks.

There will be no charge for admission, although families are asked to bring one bag of individually wrapped candy per child. Call 410-250-0125 for more information.

Fenwick Island:

• Bayside Chapel brings back its Trunk or Treat event today, Friday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. Many decorated cars will be parked in the church parking lot, and kids will visit each for a treat. There will also be a costume parade, crafts including a make-your-own edible gummy worm station, face painting, a monster mash dance, drawings for prizes and hot chocolate and snacks. The event is free. Bayside Chapel is located two miles west of Harris Teeters, on Route 54. Call 302-436-7585 for more information.

Salisbury:

• The Salisbury Zoo will host an event for children age 10 and under on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 1-4 p.m. Kids will be able to trick or treat throughout the zoo, participate in Halloween games and compete in a costume contest. Food and some games will come at an additional charge. Tickets cost \$5 for children and \$2 for adults. Call 410-546-3440 for more information.

Pocomoke:

• The Delmarva Discovery Center turns into the House of Pocoween today, Friday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m. There will be a mermaid dive program at 6 p.m, Terrifying Tales story time at 7 p.m. and a Creepy Critters show at 7:10 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., kids participate in a costume contest with prizes.

There will also be candy, games and crafts. Children in costumes are admitted free. Regular admission costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 410-957-9933 for more information.



Art League and MSO sponsor fundraiser Sat.

'Artistry in Motion' gala at OC Center for the Arts

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and the Art League of Ocean City will co-sponsor "Artistry in Motion," a black-tie optional gala to raise funds for the upcoming season, on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The event will be held at the Ocean City Center for the Arts from 6-9 p.m. and proceeds will benefit both the MSO and Ocean City Center for the Arts. Attendance is limited and tickets are \$125 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and an open bar will be catered by Liquid Assets of Ocean City.

Guests will be entertained with chamber music performances by Daphne Benichou, on viola, accompanied by harpist Maria Harrison.

The evening's activities will include painting demonstrations and a silent auction of art and objects d'art, including hand blown glassworks, jewelry, accessories and gift certificates. *Continued on Page 12*



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Guest Musician Arnaud Sussmann joins the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Julien Benichou during a dress rehearsal before an Oct. 13 performance near Ocean Pines. The orchestra will perform Saturday at the OC Center for the Arts on 94th Street.

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Emily Cook, left, and Elizabeth Masters, violin students at Stephen Decatur High School, attend the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra's season premiere at the Community Church in Ocean Pines on Oct. 13.

Art League of Ocean City to celebrate 50th anniversary

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Parking will be available at 94th Street, with complimentary shuttle service provided for patrons to the Center for the Arts.

David Stevens, a former director of the Ocean Pines Association, is the MSO's area vice president and is coordinator of the fundraiser, which he said has a second purpose of broadening exposure of the symphony beyond its current core of music lovers in the area surrounding the Community Church. "Basically it is oriented towards enhancing Ocean City as a local cultural center," he said. "By combining our event with the Art League, we hope to accomplish that and to a certain extent, we already have," he said.

The fundraiser comes on the heels of the symphony's 17th season premiere performance before a sold out audience in Ocean Pines on Oct. 13, which was also coordinated by Stevens. French violinist Arnaud Sussmann was the featured guest musician in the symphony's performance of music by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Music Director Julien Benichou and Concertmaster Nicholas Currie then led the symphony in a performance of Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 9 in C Major, 944.

Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League of Ocean City, also said in an Oct. 22 interview, "Nothing like this has ever been done in Ocean City before" and described the event as an effort to help the town expand its artistic base. The Art League will also be celebrating its 50th anniversary that evening at its newly opened 94th Street location.

Thaler said representatives of the Art League were "delighted" to integrate their activities with those of the MSO for an evening that will comingle the musical, visual and literary arts.

In addition to the musical performances, attendees will be able to view artwork by some of the area's most talented artists, according to a written statement, including a photography competition in the Thaler Gallery, a special exhibit in the galleria of paintings by Pete Cosby and Randy Hofman, with written reflections on their artwork by the Ocean City Writers Group.

On Dec. 8, the MSO will also sponsor a holiday performance "Amazing Voices," at the Community Church in Ocean Pines. Season subscriptions are \$145 and individual tickets for the performance are \$35.

Other venues for the MSO's performances during the 2013-2014 season will include the Avalon Theatre and Easton Church of God, in Easton; Cape Henlopen High School Auditorium in Lewes; and Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church in Ocean View.

For more information or to order subscription or individual concert tickets, call 1-888-846-8600 or visit the www.midatlanticsymphony.org to download the season brochure and ticket order form.

To get more information on the Art League of Ocean City, call 410-524-9433 or click onto the Art League of Ocean City Web site at www.artleagueofoceancity.org.



BUSINESS BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FINANCE

Several indicators when gauging health of economy

I'm often asked about what reports or news that I think are the most important when gauging the health of our econ-



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omy. Following are the 10 most important in my opinion.

Jobless Claims. The number of people who file for unemployment benefits in a given week. This data is collected by the Department of Labor, and published as a weekly report. The

number of jobless claims is used as a measure of the health of the job market.

Non-Farm Payroll. A statistic gathered by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which represents the payroll data for the bulk of the U.S. The employees that are not included in this report include government employees, nonprofit employees, individuals who work within a private household, and farm employees. This calculation represents roughly 80 percent of the U.S. work force.

Consumer Price Index (CPI). An inflation indicator that measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services, that include: housing, electricity, food, and transportation. The CPI is published monthly. It's also been called the cost-of-living index.

Producer Price Index (PPI). An inflationary indicator published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to evaluate wholesale price levels in the economy.

Beige Book. This report on current economic conditions is published by the Federal Reserve Board eight times each year. The Beige Book is part of the Federal Open Market Committee's planning for its meetings. The book is a summary of economic conditions in each of the Fed's regions and is primarily seen as an indicator of how the Fed might act at its upcoming meeting.

Housing Starts. The number of residential building construction projects begun during a specific period of time; usually a month.

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hunter, left, and Devon Bostic turn their love of the water into a retail venture with the opening of the trendy boutique Sea-La-Vie, which features nautical-themed gifts and home décor items. The shop opened Oct. 19 and is located off North Main Street, at 11 Artisans Way.

Water babies seek to capitalize on love of ocean

Sisters launch shop off Main Street in Berlin, offer sea-themed items

By Sheila R. Cherry Associate Editor

BERLIN—Hunter and Devon Bostic grew up on the water and their parents are entrepreneurs, so it is no big surprise that their first venture, Sea-La-Vie, would open with the type of atmosphere and seasoned polish that drew crowds into the repurposed North Main Street studio at 11 Artisans Way on Oct. 19.

Actually, the robust foot traffic on opening day coincided with Berlin's Octoberfest celebration. A common refrain of customer's entering the shop with its whitewashed walls and nautical-themed gifts and décor items was, "Wow, it smells so nice in here!" A common view as customers left the shop was the Tiffany's blue bags, with crisp white borders and string handles and pink tissue paper wrapped around newly-purchased goodies peeking out along the top, swinging from the arms of sated shoppers.

Inside, the shop bathed in light and with a nice balance of open space, included crystalized faux chandeliers, white paper lanterns and Capiz shell mobiles. It delivers on its marketing tag "Home Accessories and More."

The displayed products run the gamut from sea-themed cook's tools, potpourri and bath products, jewelry, notecards, children's gifts, and pet toys and collars.

The sisters had been talking about opening a store for about five years,

Devon 22, said during an Oct. 20 interview. She said Hunter, 25, was the one who came up with the name.

"She woke me up in the middle of the night," Devon said of her sibling's eureka moment. "I said 'Great. Can you tell me in the morning? I'm still sleeping."

According to Devon, Hunter brings years of clothing retail experience. Devon moved to Miami and developed business skills with a company that specializes in sea-life items and art.

A third sister, Kristen, 27 is also entrepreneurial and owns a day-care business, Devon said.

Their mom Angela was on hand for the opening and it was clear she was trying to keep her distance, as her daughters greeted visitors and customers. But that *Continued on Page 14*





Reports help spell out where economy heading

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Consumer Confidence Index. A measure of consumer optimism toward current economic conditions. The consumer confidence index was originally set at 100 and is adjusted monthly based on a survey of about 5,000 households. The index considers consumer opinion on both current conditions (40 percent of the index) and future expectations (the other percent).

Durable Goods Orders. A government report which measures consumer spending on long-term purchases that are expected to last more than three years. It is intended to act as a gauge for the future of the manufacturing industry.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The total market value of all final goods and services produced in a country in a given year. This is figured out by adding total consumer, investment and government spending; plus the value of exports, minus the value of imports.

Retail Sales Index. A monthly measurement of all goods sold by retailers based on a sampling of retail stores of different types and sizes. The retail sales index is often taken as an indicator of consumer confidence.

These 10 reports, when studied objectively, can help spell out where our current economy is heading.

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Sea-La-Vie features gifts and home accessories

proved difficult since the mom kept being mistaken for vet another sister.

All the sisters were born and raised in the Berlin area, Devon said. Their parents, dad Graham, who was stationed in Ocean City while in the Coast Guard, and mom Angela, who moved to the area as a child from Washington, are local fixtures. They own the Ocean City Searocket Adventures, Surfside Parasail and Ka-Motion Sailing Tours.

Devon said the daughters basically grew up on the water, which may explain why the shop looks like a sea-themed Pier-1 Imports store. She said the primary sales



items will be for gifts, such as house warming and wedding presents, and home accessories, which will include garden decor in the not too distant future. Eventually, she said, they wanted to add fashion items like purses, bracelets and clothing.

The long-term goal for the shop will be to keep a nice variety of items and for the most part to keep the product lines local and American-made, although they currently have a nice collection of Brazilianmade whimsical clocks.

Eventually the store will also go online, Devon said. Their Facebook page is currently under development and will soon launch as Sealavieberlin. For additional information about Sea-La-Vie, call 443-513-4768.

Commission re-approves plans

By Sheila R. Cherry Associate Editor

BERLIN-The Worcester County Technical Review Commission on Oct. 9 approved a proposal by the Farmers Bank of Willards to construct a new 2,192 square foot banking location at Route 589 (Racetrack Road) and Gray's Corner Road, just off of Route 50. Worcester County Zoning Administrator Jennifer Burke explained the site plan was actually a re-proposal of a plan approval that had lapsed in June, 2010.

According to its Web site, "The Farmers Bank remains under the same local ownership as when it opened its doors in 1925 in Willards."

Bank representatives said the entity had grown to eight branches in Wicomico and Worcester counties over the years and has remained independent. "We have not become a mega bank," they said on the company's Web site

Other branches of the Farmers Bank of Willards in Worcester County include White Marlin Mall, at 12641 Ocean Gateway in West Ocean City, and Montego Bay Shopping Center, at 12831 Coastal Highway, in north Ocean City.



OBITUARIES

Dr. Robert Thomas Adkins

OCEAN CITY- Dr. Robert Thomas Adkins, M.D., 83, of Ocean City passed away on Wednesday Oct. 16, 2013, with



his wife by his side, at the Peninsula Regional Medical Center from cardiac complications resulting from a recent fall Born on Feb. 19,

Dr. R. Adkins

was the son of the late Levin Isaac Adkins and

Louise Thomas Adkins.

Having graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (1952) and the University of Maryland School of Medicine (1956), he went on to Intern at Mercy Hospital before completing a two year obligation in the United States Army as a Post Surgeon in Indiantown Gap, Pa. Upon completion of his service obligation, he returned to Fruitland where he started a very successful private medical practice serving the families of Fruitland and surrounding areas.

In 1968 he expanded his medical services by joining what was then known as the Peninsula General Hospital and the "accident - ward", later to be called the Emergency Room. He, along with some fellow physicians, started a corporation that still exists to this day known as Emergency Service Associates (ESA) serving the Peninsula Regional Medical Center, the Atlantic General Hospital, and the McCready Memorial Hospital for medical services for Trauma, Cardiac, Adult and Pediatric emergencies.

In December 1994, after having helped guide the growth and decision making for emergency medical services on the lower Eastern Shore, from the days of the "accident-ward" in the 1960's to what is now a state-of- the-art

Trauma Center, he chose to retire from medical practice.

In honor of his years of tireless service to the community, the Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) showed honor to his career by naming the Emergency Room facility "The Robert T. Adkins, M.D. Emergency/Trauma Center." In addition to his medical career, both private and at PRMC, he was very active in the development of the local emergency medical services (EMS) system for the Eastern Shore, and was instrumental in the education and training of the medical personnel "in the field", our Paramedics. He served as Medical Director for Region IV for MIEMSS EMS for many years and was awarded "EMS Physician Of The Year in 1995".

On a more local basis, he was a very active member of the Ocean City Paramedics Foundation, acting not only as a liaison between the Foundation and the Ocean City Paramedics (OCFD), but also providing guidance to the fiscal operation of the Foundation. He served as the President of the Foundation in 2000-2001 and had only recently retired from the Foundation in September of this year.

Doc, as he was known by many friends, found enjoyment thru his membership, and role, in numerous organizations. He was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a long term member of Centennial Masonic Lodge 221, AF & AM, the Salisbury Scottish Rite (2002 Mason Of The Year, a Past President, and "Director Of Works" for the past 12 years), the Eastern Shore Scottish Rite (a Past President), the Baltimore Scottish Rite, the Boumi Temple Of The Shrine, and the Ocean City Shrine Club (Past President).

He was also an active member of the Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City and he, along with his wife, Continued on Page 16





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established a Christian Education Endowment Fund for the youth of AUMC.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 vears, Nancy Jackson Adkins, four children, Catherine Adkins Suraci and husband F. Skip, ESQ., of Belle Haven, Va., Laura Kramer and husband Fred. of Fruitland, James Adkins and wife Catherine, of Berlin, and Hal Adkins and wife Alison, of Ocean City and 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Dr. Robert Thomas (Tom) Adkins, Jr. D.O.

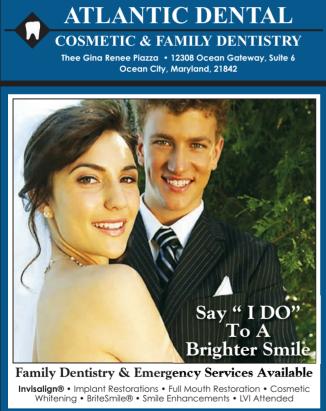
Prior to his death he had chosen to have his body donated to The Anatomy Board Of Maryland for medical education and research. Therefore, there will be a Memorial Service held at the Atlantic United Methodist Church, located on Fourth Street in Ocean City, on Saturday Nov. 2, 2013 at 11 a.m. with a visitation to meet the family commencing one hour prior to the Service. Reverend George Patterson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers to the family, Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Ocean City Paramedics Foundation, P.O. Box 3099, Ocean City, Md. 21843 and/or the Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105-4th Street, Ocean City, Md. 21842.

Edward George Merrill

OCEAN CITY- Edward George Merrill, age 77, died on Thursday Oct. 17, 2013 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Edward V. Merrill and Theresa McCans. He is survived by his wife Teresa B. Merrill. Also surviving











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are two sons, Edward G. Merrill and Joseph M. Merrill and his wife Sharon, four daughters, Teresa M. Merrill, Anne Marie Love, Elizabeth M. Merrill and Rita M. Martinenza and her husband Eric, as well as 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren with one on the way. Edward was preceded in death by two sons James A. Merrill and Vincent D. Merrill.

Mr. Merrill had worked at Chilton's Printing for many years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday Oct. 22, 2013 at St. Luke Catholic Church in Ocean City. Father Richard Smith officiated. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Germantown, Pa. at a later date.

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

Robert James Werner

BERLIN-Robert James Werner, age 83, died at home on Saturday Oct. 19, 2013. Born in Boston Mass. he was the

son of the late Harold Werner and Margaret Rvan Werner.

He is survived by his Joanne wife M. Werner. He was preceded in death by a son Robert J. Werner Jr., and a brother Harold E. Werner

Also surviving are two sons, Richard C. Werner and William R. Werner and his wife Debbie, three daughters, Mary V. Kelly and her husband Timothy, Elizabeth A. Martin and her husband Robert and Janet M. Powers and her husband Todd, one sister, Mary V. Gay, 10 grandchildren, Daniel Miles, Kristina Hetrick and her husband Michael, Kaitlyn Humphries and her husband Lucas, Nicole Posinski and her husband Richard, Chelsea Martin, Sarah Kelly, Brandon Werner and his wife Mari, Madelyn Powers, Christopher Kelly and Colton Powers and two great grandchildren, Kylee and Samuel.

Bob joined the U.S. Navy in 1947,

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soon after he graduated from East Boston High School. He served as an Aerographer's Mate until 1953. He began his career in Meteorology in 1955 at the lowest government service level and progressed to the highest grade level obtainable in Meteorological Operations before he retired in 1985.

He and his wife, Joanne, married in 1954 and had six children, 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was a loving husband and father, who was devoted to his family.

His other great love was sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. In his later years, he enjoyed building model sailboats.

A memorial service was held on Thursday Oct. 24, 2013 at noon at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802-1733.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Todd Alfred Kappel

BERLIN-Todd Alfred Kappel, 49, departed his mortal life on Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, in his home, surrounded by friends and family. Todd was born and raised in North Merrick, N.Y. and later lived in Ocean Pines and shared a home with his wife in Ellendale, Del.

Todd was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Fritz Kappel and Gladys Walker Kappel.

He was a man dedicated to the wellbeing of others and his community.

He began volunteer service as a teenager, as a junior firefighter cadet with the North Merrick Volunteer Fire Company, of North Merrick, N.Y. He continued to serve in the fire service and as an EMT with North Merrick and later with the Ocean Pines Fire Company in Ocean Pines, having served there as assistant chief in 2000.

He was also an integral part of the Gee... You Will Project, a women's mentoring program founded by his wife. Todd worked with the Marriot Corporation in his years in New York, and then







as a contractor in government service.

He moved to Maryland to care for his parents and formed Todd's Enterprises, owning Resort Plaza Laundromat in Ocean City for several years. He later went to work for the State of Delaware, Court of Common Pleas, as a court officer until his retirement in May. 2012.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 12 years Rosemary Joseph-Kappel. He is also survived by siblings, Brett Kappel and wife Cindy, and their children Ethan and Nina, of Reston, Va.; and Linda Goodwin and husband Robert, and their children Jenna and Douglas of St. James, N.Y.

Additionally, he is loved greatly by his family of aunts, cousins, in-laws and many nieces, nephews, godchildren, and family-by-heart he earned through his genuine affection for others.

A visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. in the chapel of Short Funeral Services, 609 E. Market St., Georgetown, Del. and also Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Ellendale United Methodist Church, Main St., Ellendale with funeral services to begin at 2:30 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in Ellendale Cemetery, Ellendale.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Wounded Warrior Project or Wreaths Across America or make a donation to a charity close to your heart in his memory.

Maryland Health Connection tour bus to visit Shore

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The dates and locations of the events are as follows:

Thursday Oct. 24- North Salisbury Walmart 1-5 p.m.

Friday Oct. 25- Somerset County District Court 1-5 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 26- Berlin Home Depot 1-5 p.m.

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EDITORIAL Dumping personal property tax good start

The political season is certainly under way, as was evidenced Tuesday by the gathering of candidates for the General Assembly in Ocean Pines, where the consensus among these hopefuls is that Maryland is not as business-friendly as it ought to be.

And, by golly, candidates will say that something ought to be done about it.

Here's a suggestion: eliminate the most illogical and unfair business tax in this state: the personal property tax.

For those who don't know, the personal property tax is essentially an inventory tax, which is to say it's a charge against the value of a business's furniture and equipment, among other things.

Never mind that this same furniture and equipment was taxed the year before, the year before that and the year before that. It is a never-ending cycle that really amounts to a use fee that businesses must pay for the right to use the equipment they bought and on which they also paid sales tax.

This is in addition to business license fees and other charges that most enterprises face every year.

There is no real defense of this financing scheme other than governments have come to depend on the revenue it generates. It's as if a person bought a sport coat and then had to pay an annual charge for the right to wear it.

Want to take a small step to make Maryland more business-friendly? Dumping this tax would be a good start.

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"Dad says you're just like the Tea Party. You want things you can't have and when you don't get them you make everyone suffer."

COMMENTARY

Md. Health Connection enrollment

As of Friday, nearly 2,400 households signed up for plan

By Alissa Gulin

The Daily Record Newswire

BALTIMORE — Maryland Health Connection is chugging along, despite continued reports of technical difficulties on the state-run health insurance exchange. As of Friday, there were twice as many households enrolled in one of those plans as a week ago, bringing the total number of enrollees to 2,393 according to figures released Friday by Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, the entity that operates the online marketplace.

Here are the other highlights from MHBE's weekly report on enrollment and usage (as of Oct. 18 at 12 a.m.):

Since the exchange opened on Oct. 1, there have been:

261,139 unique web visitors 25,149 calls to the call center 34,862 accounts created 23,141 households that learned their eligibility status

So, about 35,000 people have so far shown an interest in signing up. Not to be a sour grape, but that leaves a long way to go until reaching 150,000 (which is the low estimate for the number of people state officials hope to sign up within the first year).

But people procrastinate, and open enrollment runs through March 31. Plus, I'm sure plenty are waiting to check it out until they stop hearing about all those technical glitches.

Speaking of which, the report also said IT workers are "continuing to make changes every day to address technical issues" with marylandhealthconnection.gov. They are implementing "a number of additional steps to improve performance," the report said, and they plan to update the system's software "in the near future."

MHBE officials also used the

report as an excuse to promote the state's expansion of Medicaid. Under the Affordable Care Act, states were given the option of expanding the federally subsidized program to cover more people. So far, 24 states and Washington, D.C. have opted to do so. The federal government will cover 100 percent of the costs of expanding the program through 2016. After that, Uncle Sam will cover 90 percent of the costs of expanding.

The expansion means up to 251,000 more Marylanders will be eligible for the program, according to advocacy organization Families USA.

Additionally, according to the MHBE's report, 82,473 Maryland residents currently enrolled in the Primary Adult Care program (a limited-benefit option offered through Medicaid since 2006) will be automatically switched over to receive more comprehensive Medicaid coverage, which will take effect Jan. 1.





BUSINESS OF THE YEAR PHOTO COURTESY OF TED PAGE Longtime friend Hal Chernoff, left, congratulates Atlantic Physical Therapy founder Bob Hammond for being awarded Business of the Year by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce for

his many contributions to the community.



NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR PHOTO COURTESY OF TED PAGE B.J. Summers of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, left, presents Todd Ferrante, vice chair of the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, with the Non-Profit of the Year Award during a ceremony sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 18.

LETTERS

OP Chamber of Commerce presents awards

Editor,

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce presented the annual Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards at a "roaring twenties" themed event catered by Galaxy 66 Restaurant which was held at the Ocean City Lions Club on October 18. Owner Bob Hammond of Atlantic Physical Therapy accepted the Business of the Year award and Kathy Jacobs of Brandywine Assisted Living was named Citizen of the Year.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore sponsored the NonProfit of the Year award which was presented to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation and accepted on its behalf by Todd Ferrante.

The positive impact of the efforts and achievements of these individuals, businesses and organizations has been a blessing to thousands, if not tens of thousands, in our local community and far beyond. As many have pointed out before, we are truly blessed to be a part of this community which includes so many truly inspirational role models.

Please join us at the Ocean Pines Chamber in expressing our gratitude to these heroes among us.

> Sincerely, Gwen Cordner



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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Former Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce President Terri Mahoney, left, Citizen of the Year honoree Kathy Jacobs, community relations director for the Brandywine Senior Living at Fenwick Island, and Incoming OP Chamber of Commerce President Gwen Cordner, are all smiles during an Oct. 18 awards dinner, where the new board of directors was also inducted.

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Feast of St. Martin to take place on grounds of historic church

Event features local food from land and sea, wines, spirits and jazz music

BERLIN-The Fall Feast of St. Martin, a time to celebrate nature's bounty at the end of the agrarian year, will be held on the grounds of historic St. Martin's Church on Friday, Nov. 1. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. and features local foods from land and sea, wines and spirits and live music. Jazz musician Dave Hollister from Annapolis will entertain.

The church will be open so visitors can see the progress being made in the continuing preservation and restoration both on the interior and exterior of the building. The Worcester County Garden Club will decorate the church in the style of the period.

Construction on the brick building was begun in 1756 and finished in 1763, three years before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. The brick exterior still appears today much as it did when construction was completed. Records from 1703 indicate there was an earlier frame building, a chapel of ease, at this location. St. Martin's Church is listed on The National Register of Historic Places.

During October tickets are being sold for a sterling silver and black diamond pendant called "The Key to St. Martin's", an exact replica of the key to St. Martin's Church. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on Nov. 1 at festival. The pendant was designed by Sherrie Beckstead, president of the Board of Directors of the Historic St. Martin's Church Foundation, and cast by master goldsmith, Steven Clarke. Only 150 raffle tickets will be sold. The cost is \$50. All proceeds from the raffle and event will go to the Historic St. Martin's Church Foundation to be used for the ongoing restoration of the historic property and for the new public facilities to be constructed at the site

Tickets to "The Fall Feast of St. Martin" cost \$125 per person. Call 410-251-2849. The property is located at 11413 Worcester Highway, at the intersection of Route 113 and Racetrack Road.





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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Rotary Club installs new member

The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club recently installed new member Carl Smith. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk

MBS Family Fall Festival Oct. 25

Get ready to fall into fun when the annual Family Fall Festival returns to Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Berlin on Friday, Oct. 25, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Home School Association, this admission-free, family-friendly event on Racetrack Road features something for everyone. There will be hot food and baked sale items, arts and crafts tables as well as face painting for children, inflatable bounce houses, children's Chinese auction and other family fun to benefit the HSA of Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School

Games, rides and other activities require tickets. Cost is \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 30. The festival also offers free parking.

Children-friendly vendors are being sought. The cost is a \$50 tax deductible donation. Vendors who donate two or more items to the Kid's Chinese Auction, the rental fee is only \$25.

For more information, contact Colleen Rutzler at 443-614-0903 or rutzler.macsmom@gmail.com or Nichole Behornar at 302-530-6730 or n.behornar@verizon net

AGH offers six-week program

Atlantic General Hospital's Community Education Department is offering the Chronic Pain Self-Management Program beginning in October.

It is for those suffering from chronic pain that lasts for more than three to six months, varies in intensity, affects one or more areas and creates stress in a person's life. Those who successfully complete the program have more vitality. less pain, less dependence on others. improved mental health and are more involved in everyday activities.

The workshop is six classes and will meet each Thursday, Oct. 31 through Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

There is no charge for the workshop and space is limited. For additional information or to register, call Laura Small at 410-629-6820.

Visit America's national parks

The Worcester County Library Foundation invites members on a journey through some of America's most spectacular national treasures by visiting the USA's Northern National Parks. Enjoy the fresh sparkling air and rugged beauty of Jackson, Wyoming, the "Crown Jewel" of the Northern Rockies; Yellowstone National Park, its famous attraction "Old Faithful"; the grandeur of the Grand Teton National Park. The exclusive eight day journey departs Aug. 29, and includes round-trip air flights from the mid-Atlantic, motor coach transfers from the Ocean Pines area, all baggage handling at hotels, moderate first-class accommodations with private bath, all sightseeing on the itinerary, breakfast and some dinners

Accent On Travel, locally owned cruise and tour designers and Collette Vacations, nationally recognized leaders in escorted vacations, together will be offering more information on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Library in Ocean Pines. RSVP not required by appreciated by calling 302-703-6154

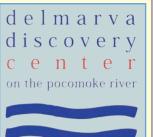
Ocean City Clean Sweep Nov. 2

On Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon the Ocean City Development Corporation and its Clean-Up Committee is sponsoring its first ever "Ocean City Clean Sweep" to pick up litter and debris scattered around downtown Ocean City between the inlet and 17th Street. This activity will occur from the Boardwalk to the bay and is intended to compliment the Town's end of year clean up efforts. Volunteers will be walking the streets of downtown Ocean City picking up trash, litter, and cigarette butts left over from this summer. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Businesses and property owners are being asked to clean up their properties as well.

The OCDC is looking for volunteers to help clean up. The first 50 registered volunteers will receive free shirts. Lunch will be provided to volunteers. The base for the clean-up will be at the OCDC office at 108 Dorchester Street in downtown Ocean City.

If interested in volunteering, contact the OCDC at 410-289-7739 or e-mail at OCDC at kds@ocdc.org.





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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

 Berlin Octoberfest
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 Bryan Brushmiller, owner of Burley Oak Brewery, pours a special "Octoberfest" craft beer during
 the Octoberfest celebration last Saturday, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

Despite some rain, guests take part in Octoberfest activities last Saturday in downtown Berlin. The annual event featured locally-brewed craft beers, musical performances, German food and shopping.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Local musician Frank Nanna and his band, the Cow Polkas, perform for the crowd attending Berlin's annual Octoberfest celebration last Saturday in the downtown area.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

An assortment of tasty treats were available during Berlin's annual Octoberfest event last Saturday.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sophia Christian takes the opportunity to do some shopping for gifts. She is all smiles, pictured with Victorian Charm owner Steve Frene, during last Saturday's Octoberfest event.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

An Orange Crush bar and beer garden are set up near Berlin's Historic Atlantic Hotel during the town's Octoberfest festival last Saturday.



THURSDAY, OCT. 24

HISTORIC TOURS OF ALL HALLOWS EPISCO-

PAL CHURCH CEMETERY — All Hallows Episcopal Church, 109 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Guided walking tour and discussion highlighting the styles and materials used in headstones. Why were they chosen? What did these styles represent and how did they change over time? Who are some of the notable and interesting people interred there? What do their headstones tell about them, and how did people view death and dying centuries ago? Comfortable walking shoes advised. Autumn refreshments provided. Info: 707-951-0341.

MAH-JONGG TOURNEY — Golden Sands, 109th Street, Ocean City. Registration for reserved seats only begins at 9 a.m. Play begins at 10 a.m. Registration fee is \$30. Prizes, door prizes, light breakfast fare and lunch are included. Raffle tickets for a Pink Ribbon Mah-Jongg set cost \$10. All levels of players are welcome. Reservations: Darlene Botts, dbkatt47@veizon.net or 410-409-7528. Pink Ribbon Classic 2013 event.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the Bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

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.

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REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH-

EON — Brick House Pub, Holiday Inn, 6600 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m., lunch served at noon, followed by speakers at 12:30 p.m. Speaker will be Larry Hogan, "Change Maryland" Founder and Chairman. Also, a representative from Choptank Electric Cooperative will talk about the current happenings. Reservations: Beverly Bigler, 410-208-6018 or cwcandlewood@mchsi.com, by Oct. 21.

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY MEETING

– Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m. Speaker will be William H. Campbell, Candidate for MD State Comptroller. All interested citizens welcome. Info: 443-614-7214, WCTPPatriots@gmail.com or www.WorceseterCountyTeaParty.com.

SDMS NIGHT AT POPEYE'S – Popeye's, West Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. A portion of sales will benefit the Stephen Decatur Middle School Technology Fund. Mention SDMS when you order.

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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.

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AUTUMN HOME & CONDO EXPO AND ART AND CRAFT FAIR — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. With a combination of new products and advice from the pros, the Home & Condo Expo inspires homeowners with ideas on enhancing their homes. The Art and Craft Fair will offer a wide assortment of creative and unique gifts and accessories made by artists and crafts people. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to children 13 and younger and military. Info: www.oceanpromotions.info or 410-213-8090.

OCTOBERFEST ON THE BEACH — Ocean City beach at N. Division Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring a free Beach Maze. Great Pumpkin Race, featuring tricked out pumpkin race cars, 2 p.m. (rain date is Nov. 27). Info: www.specialeventpro.com/octoberfest.php or 443-971-1184.

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SWING FOR YOUTH GOLF OPEN — Eagles Landing, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, shotgun start at 10 a.m. Four-person Florida scramble. All-inclusive price of \$125 per player, \$500 per team. Includes greens fees and cart, two mulligans per person, putting contest, "Tame the Beast" and raffle tickets. Proceeds benefit the youth programs of Ocean City's Recreation and Parks. Info: 410-213-7277.

SEASIDE 10-MILE AND 5K RUN – Ocean City Inlet lot, 9 a.m., rain or shine. Registration fees for participants. Info: Chris Klebe, 443-497-4324 or www.octrirunning.com.

HAUNTED FOREST — Roxana Volunteer Fire Company, 35943 Zion Church Road, Frankford, Del., dusk to 10 p.m. Cost is \$10. Info: Facebook.com/TheHauntedForestAtRoxana or Roxana90.com.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE – Ocean City Presbyterian Church, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FALL/HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 1-4 p.m. Costume contests, carnival games, face painting, pony rides, refreshments and candy goodies. Admission and games are free, however, some attractions require a small fee. Info: 410-641-7052. Volunteers needed. Candy donations accepted at the Recreation Department.

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> 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 in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 26. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods, honey and more.

> A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY IN SEAFORD' – Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 528 E. Stein Highway, Seaford, Del., 6 p.m. (after 5 p.m. Mass). Traditional German food and music. German beer and wine available. Tickets cost \$20 and are available from any of the Knights of Columbus or call Tony Lowe, 302-629-9374; Chuck Swartout, 302-956-0496; Ed Boardman, 302-629-4855; or Bob Gay, 302-956-0039 by Oct. 23. No tickets sold at the door.

10TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING – Roots Landscaping and Garden Center, 36226 DuPont Boulevard, Selbyville, Del., Event is free. Pumpkins available or BYOP. Info: 302-732-0866.

INDOOR YARD SALE – Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road. Breakfast sandwiches available. Table rental costs \$15 each or two for \$25. Rentals: 410-352-3101.

ZOMBIE JAMBOREE – Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the Bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 5-9 p.m. Costume and door prizes, 50/50, silent auction, DJ, happy hour drink prices and special discounted appetizer menu, with a \$10 donation at the door. Benefits Relay for Life, Team Refuge. Info: Joann, 215-828-5521.

CHURCH LUNCHEON — Bowen United Methodist Church, 8426 Newark Road, Newark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oyster sandwiches, chicken salad, sweet potato biscuits, various soups and chili, a bake table and beverages for sale. Info: 410-632-1134.

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HALLOWEEN SPOOK-OUT PARTY — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, 1-3 p.m. Carnival games, arts and crafts, hayrides, snacks and more. Costume contests scheduled throughout the day. Admission is one single-wrapped bag of candy per child. Info: OC Recreation and Parks, 410-250-0125 or www.oceancitymd.gov.

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

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER – Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 8 a.m. to noon. Two pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon, 2 sausage links and two eggs. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 7 and younger. Children's breakfast includes one pancake, one bacon and one sausage. Eat in or carryout. Benefits the youth. Info: Kathy, 443-235-6761.

FALL ADOPTION DAY — Worcester County Humane Society, 12330 Eagles Nest Road, West Ocean City, noon to 4 p.m. Family fun activities, face painting, clown magic and balloons, bake sale, snacks. Meet furry friends ready for adoption. Info: 410-213-0146.

'MEET THE CANDIDATE' OLD FASHION FAM-

ILY PICNIC — Francis Scott Key, West Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Meet Mary Beth Carozza, an Ocean City local who is running for Maryland State Delegate District 38C (representing parts of Worcester and Wicomico counties). Food, music, games and swimming. Public is invited. A donation of \$38 for families of two or more and \$20 for individuals is suggested for those interested in supporting Carozza's campaign. RSVP:

friendsofmb.carozza@yahoo.com or 443-978-0742.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

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: 410-208-4171.

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

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS TRIP SEMI-

NAR – Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6 p.m. Discussion and light refreshments. The eight-day journey departs Aug. 29, 2014 and includes round-trip air flights from the Mid Atlantic, motor coach transfers from the Ocean Pines area, all baggage handling at hotels, moderate first-class accommodations with private bath, all sightseeing on the itinerary, breakfast and some dinners. Light refreshments. RSVP appreciated: 443-798-2464.

LUNCHEON BINGO — American Legion Post #166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by 18 games of bingo. Raffles and door prizes. Tickets cost \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Info: The Post, 410-289-3166; Chris Hawkins, 410-289-5223; or Bonnie Hansen, 410-286-6764.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

SIMPLE SUPPER — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, last Wednesday of each month, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 11 and younger. Reservations: 410-524-7994.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Best payouts and Jackpots. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. 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, chacha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

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

302-436-3682.





SDHS STUDENTS TO PERFORM 'MOONBRIDES'

Students from Stephen Decatur High School's Introduction to Theatre and Theatre Production classes, rehearse for their Halloween performance, "MoonBrides," at the school's Gladys C. Burbage Courtyard Theatre on Thursday, and Friday, Oct. 24-25. The play is about friends who find a mysterious trunk of old wedding dresses in a run-down chapel on a Virginia estate and their dress-up party takes a tragic turn. It was written and directed by Gwendolyn Freeman, and will be performed at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

ONGOING EVENTS

OCEAN CITY RESTAURANT WEEK — Participating restaurants will offer special, fixed-priced menu items, through Oct. 27. No tickets or coupons required. Just visit a participating restaurant. Info: www.oceancityrestaurantweek.c om; inquire@ocvisitor.com; or Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, 800-626-2326, Ext. 2.

FOURTH ANNUAL LOCAL'S WEEK CELEBRA-

TION — Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., Oct. 24-31. Free admission for "locals" and fun activities. Share favorite memories or stories of Ocean City for their archives. Complete a scavenger hunt and win a complimentary one-year museum membership. Museum open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 410-289-4991 or www.ocmuseum.org.

SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

'PRESIDENTS AND THEIR FIRST LADIES'

PERFORMANCES – OC Jamboree Theater, 12600 Marjan Lane, West Ocean City, Oct. 29 through Nov. 2. Experience the stories of 33 U.S. Presidential couples and more than 250 years of Amerian history. The five-day event consist of a morning, afternoon and evening session each day, during which time two or three Presidential couples' life stories will be presented. Cost is \$20 for individual session; \$40 for each day; or \$150 for all performances. Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets: 443-366-3429 or www.presidentsproject.com.

Prescription Take-Back Day

WORCESTER COUNTY–Worcester County citizens are invited to participate in the Drug Enforcement Agency National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, at a variety of locations in the county.

Operation Medicine Drop is conducted in cooperation with officials from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Worcester County Health Department, Berlin Police Department and Maryland State Police.

In addition to drug take-back day, the commitment to get unwanted, unused and expired prescription medication out of citizens' cabinets and off the streets continues each day through a 24-hour drop box, donated by the Ocean City Elks Lodge. This drop box is located at the Public Safety Building on 65th Street in Ocean City. Prescriptions may be taken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to the Berlin Police Department, the Ocean Pines Fire Department's South Station, Keyser Point Road Firehouse in West Ocean City, Snow Hill Health Department and Pocomoke Health Department.

Citizens are urged to not flush their medication or throw them away. Disposing of medication properly prevents the medication from entering our waterways and landfills.

Saturday's Drug Take-Back Initiative is sponsored by the Ocean City Police Department, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, the Berlin Police Department, Maryland State Police, the Worcester County Health Department and Assateague Coastal Trust.

For more information, contact the the Berlin Police Department at 410-641-1333.

OPA to discuss budget guidance

OCEAN PINES—The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 9 a.m., at the Country Club, to discuss budget guidance, be briefed on compliance, permits and inspections actions, and vote on advisory committee appointments.

Reese Cropper will present the asso-

ciation with a donation of historical documents. The board will hear the second reading on proposed revisions to the OPA's Search Committee rules, and a first reading on a motion to approve changes to sign regulations proposed by the Architectural Review Committee, according to an OPA notice of its meeting agenda.



LIVE MUSIC



Funk-o-licious @ BJ's on the Water

BJ's on the Water 75th St. Bayside, Ocean City FRIDAY – Moodswingers SATURDAY – Funk-o-licious WEDNESDAY – Thin Ice



On The Edge @ Clarion

Clarion Resort 101st St. Oceanside, Ocean City OCEAN CLUB – FRIDAY & SATURDAY – On The Edge



Jumper @ Fager's Island

Fager's Island
 60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City
 FRIDAY – Jumper
 SATURDAY – Kevin Poole /
 Animal House
 SUNDAY – Everett Spells

Galaxy 66
 G6th St. Bayside, Ocean City
 FRIDAY – Philly George



Simple Truth @ Harborside

Harborside Bar & Grill
 12841 S. Harbor Rd., West Ocean City
 THURSDAY – Opposite Directions
 FRIDAY – DJ Billy T
 SATURDAY – Simple Truth
 SUNDAY – Opposite Directions

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MD Wine Bar
 103 N. Main St., Historic Berlin
 FRIDAY – Troy Mawyer



Johnny Bling @ M.R. Ducks

M.R. Ducks
 311 Talbot St., Ocean City
 SATURDAY – Johnny Bling

Schooners/Princess Royale 91st St., Ocean City FRIDAY – Harry O SATURDAY – Harry O

Shooters Sports Pub
 10514H Racetrack Rd, Ocean Pines
 FRIDAY – Nikki Watson

Skye Bar 66th St. Bayside, Ocean City FRIDAY – Test Kitchen

Sunset Grille
 12933 Sunset Ave., West OC
 THURSDAY – Doug Segree
 FRIDAY – Opposite Directions
 SUNDAY – Community Groove



Blue Label @ Seacrets

Seacrets
 49th & the Bay, Ocean City
 FRIDAY– Blue Label
 SATURDAY – Full Circle / Element K /
 Gypsy Wisdom

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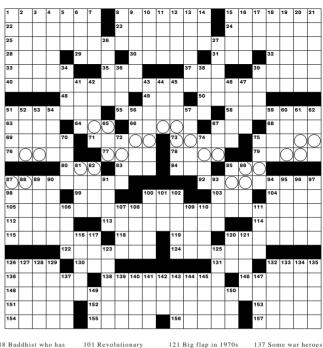
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COUNTRY ROAD By Elizabeth C. Gorski / Edited by Will Shortz

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HARD – 88

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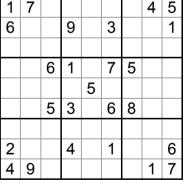
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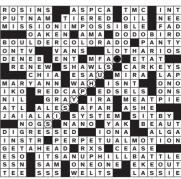
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CUISINE BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Shrimp tacos with Tex-Mex slaw, guacamole

Another week has passed us by as we trudge through the murky waters of Autumn. As the temperature drops, there



are only a few more weeks to get in the fresh and vibrant 'summery' dishes that remind us of vacations in Mexico or elsewhere in the world. In our Ameri-

can Regional Cui-

sine class this

week, we visited

Texas and cooked

By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

our way through Tex-Mex cuisine. We saw foods varying from chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes and black eye peas to pork flautas and caldo de res. Finishing the meal off with coffee flan and Mexican wedding cookies, it was easy to sate the body and soul with food from the Lone Star State.

It was easy to fall in love with the food on the table and quite frankly this class has exceeded my expectations as they can produce a monstrous amount of food in less than three hours, and do every week.

As I walked up to the buffet for final inspection, the first platter stood out for its color and simple design. The Shrimp Tacos, a build-it-yourself symphony of annatto-laced shrimp, fresh Tex-Mex slaw, guacamole, crema fresca, Texasstyle pico de gallo with partially cooked components and salsa verde spoke to me.

Rob and Stephanie were the students responsible for this family-style treat, and the only thing missing was a tall Golden Margarita on the rocks, or perhaps a Pacifico Cerveza.

As an instructor, it is my job to taste every single dish that goes on the buffet, something that can get quite challenging when you hit 45 and want to stay somewhat healthy for the kids. But, it's my job, and someone must bear the brunt.

Raising my first taco to my face, I smell the aromas mingling together. The various sauces and slaw add annazing character to the taco. Then I taste the combination of ingredients and realize that I must have some Latin blood in me somewhere; for some reason it is a food that brings me great joy.

In the Spring semester, "Foods of the Americas" is offered and it is my favorite class to teach. It makes me proud to see students discovering more authentic Mexican food than we may perceive as such in the dtates. And no, Taco Bell is not indicative of foods you would buy in restaurants in Oaxaca, Mazatlan or Cabo San Lucas.

On this day of Tex-Mex cuisine, I have to take a step back and enjoy the diversity that Texas has to offer. With its proximity



to Mexico, ideal location on the Gulf and influences from many cultures including the cattle culture, it is no wonder that these three tables full of food were so satisfying.

I'm especially glad that I was able to eat another round of shrimp tacos before the impending winter. It's going to be a cold one.

Shrimp Tacos

Serves 6; 3 tacos per person 36 each 16/20 shrimp, whole 4 cloves fresh garlic juice and zest of 2 limes 3 tbsp. EV olive oil 1 packet Goya Sazón Salt and pepper to taste Tex-Mex Slaw (recipe follows) Crema fresca, as needed Guacamole (recipe follows) Salsa Verde

Pico de Gallo (recipe follows) Lime wedges, as needed 18 ea. corn tortillas

Peel and devein the shrimp

Toss them in juice, zest, oil and Goya seasoning packet, which includes achiote. Be careful here since achiote (annatto) stains everything!

Let marinate for 1-2 hours

Make remaining dishes (recipes below) and just before service get a cast iron pan smoking hot and cook the shrimp very quickly with a small amount of the marinade

Serve hot with corn tortillas and side dishes and let your guests make tacos as they wish

Guacamole

Pulp from 3 avocados Juice and zest of 1 lime 1/2 tsp. ground cumin 1/2 tsp. cayenne 1/4 red onion, finely diced 1 Tbsp. cilantro, minced

 clove fresh garlic, minced
 ea. jalapeno, seeded and minced
 Roma tomatoes, peeled, seeded and finely diced

S&P to taste

Combine scooped avocado pulp with lime juice to keep the avocado from

browning Drain, and reserve the lime juice Mash avocado and add spices

Add onions, jalapeno, tomatoes,

cilantro, and garlic Adjust flavor with reserved lime juice, salt and pepper

Tex-Mex Slaw

3 cups green cabbage, shredded 1 carrot, shredded c. red cabbage, shredded
 Juice and zest of 2 limes
 Cilantro to taste
 1/4 ea. White onion
 a. Clove fresh garlic
 2 tomatillo, husked
 Sherry vinegar, to taste
 Sugar, to taste
 1 Tbsp. Light oil, such as grape seed Place the cabbages and carrots in a bowl In a blender, puree the remaining ingredients and adjust the taste of the dressing to your taste

Pour the dressing over the slaw 30 minutes before service Serve chilled

Tex-Mex style Pico de Gallo

EV olive oil, as needed 2 ea. Garlic cloves, minced 1 c. Red onion, finely diced 1 ea. Jalapeno, finely minced Cilantro, to taste, minced Juice and zest of 1 lime S&P to taste Heat the oil and add onion

Heat the oil and add onion, cooking for 1 minute

Add the garlic and jalapeno and cook for another minute and remove from heat Let this mixture cool and add remain-

ing ingredients. Serve chilled or at room temperature

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