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Solutions sought for Berlin's stormwater issue.

Stormwater fund suggested to fix drainage issues

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

BERLIN — In order to gain the estimated \$8.3 million needed to fix Berlin's stormwater drainage problems, representatives of the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center recommended to the mayor and Town Council on Monday the creation of a stormwater utility fund.

The recommendation came after the center's year-long stormwater management study.

"You have been my favorite community to work with in my region," center Director Joanne Throwe said.

Throwe, who was joined by Program Manager Monica Billig, showed a Power-Point compilation that explained how the center arrived at its conclusions.

The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland is one of 10 university-based centers in the country that performs studies to assist communities with environmental problems.

The study used extensive data gathering to identify the volume and quality of stormwater that floods the town.

Overall, the goal of any such study is to determine high-priority areas, allocate costs of stormwater management in a fair manner and institute education and outreach programs within the community.

In Berlin's case, the study concluded that a 10-year revenue stream is needed to cover costs of operations and maintenance, capital

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FOOD FIGHT



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Many gathered outside Berlin Town Hall on Monday with signs and shirts displaying the words "Save Your Local Downtown Berlin Farmers Market" before Monday's Mayor and Council meeting, in which the motion to move the market out of the town's center was discussed. Though town officials cite a need for additional parking, the council tabled the motion to move for two months.

Farmers market stays put for now

Town council tables motion two months at Monday meeting

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

BERLIN — The Berlin Farmers Market won't be moving any time soon or at least until the end of December, following a great outcry Monday night from supporters and vendors who opposed the town's attempt to relocate the market to the edge of town.

When the subject was broached at the Town Council meeting, it was

met by a huge gathering of farmers market supporters, who lambasted the Chamber of Commerce for, or so they thought, coming up with the idea of moving the market to Stephen Decatur Park and Dr. William Henry Park next to Route 113.

The chamber, however, was just the messenger in this affair, having been asked by the mayor and council to take the lead on what officials have determined is a downtown parking problem caused by the market's presence in the parking lot it

operates on, off North Main Street.

The market, which has existed in downtown Berlin for 19 years, occupies that lot every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the off-season, along with Wednesdays during the in-season.

"We started getting complaints about spaces last year."

MAYOR GEE WILLIAMS

According to Elaine Brady, president of the chamber's Board of Directors (and publisher of this newspaper) the mayor and council were concerned about parking availability in the downtown area, especially during the upcoming month-long Victorian Christmas

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Berlin market stays until at least Dec.

Town gives farmers two months to come up with efficient solution

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event.

"People are not able to find parking in town, so they end up leaving instead of shopping. The town wanted to make more spaces available," Brady said in an interview before Monday's meeting.

Because the lot used by the market is owned by the town, and officials have no authority over private lots such as the large parking area across the street from the market, space was approved by the town for members of the farmers market to set up at the two local parks. That would free 25 additional down-

town parking spaces during market days.

But public uproar began soon after the chamber sent a letter to members of the farmers market on Friday, Oct. 12, informing farmers of the plan to move.

"After a meeting with the town officials on Oct. 10, 2012, we have decided that the [Berlin] Farmers Market has outgrown their current location," said the letter from Aaren Collins, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. The letter said Nov. 16 would be the last day the market would operate at its current location.

In the letter, a meeting was scheduled on Friday in Town Hall to discuss the move. That meeting was cancelled

by the farmers.

In the meantime, market vendors set up a Facebook page called "Save Your Downtown Berlin Farmers Market" as part of a campaign to raise public awareness.

"We were never given any notice by anyone in town or consulted by the chamber," Paul Wood, owner of A & W Farms and longtime market participant, said in an interview last Thursday.

"They just aren't good locations for us to have a market. We would likely lose 50 percent of business, or more," he said.

Wood said the Stephen Decatur Park spot is not viable because it is not in the

"All members want to stay downtown."

PAUL WOOD
Owner of A & W Farms

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Many in support of the Berlin Farmers Market filled the council room at Berlin Town Hall on Monday to voice their opinion to the public about the town's request to move the farmers market away from the lot it has operated in for 19 years.

Supporters of market voice opinions at town meeting

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town's center, not clearly visible from the highway, and few cars generally travel through Tripoli Street, the road adjacent to the park.

Concerning Henry Park, Wood said it is too far away from the downtown area and unsafe to walk across Route 113.

Posters displaying the same title of the Facebook page were printed and prominently displayed during the market sale on Friday. Members also asked owners of numerous Berlin stores to display the sign in their window if they are in support of the market staying downtown. Many businesses have obliged the request.

Wood said a similar situation occurred in Salisbury years ago when a farmers market there was forced to move from the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center to a less populated location. After the move, Wood said sales were so poor, he had to leave that farmers market.

A pamphlet was also handed out to the public that asked market supporters to voice their opinions to Berlin officials at Monday's council meeting.

That they did, with many wearing T-shirts embroidered with the words "Save Your Downtown Berlin Farmers Market."

The standing-room-only crowd spilled outside the entrance to the

chambers, as audience members held forth on the topic for more than two hours.

When the motion to relocate the market came into discussion, Collins and Brady were called on to make the request.

"We felt once they [the farmers] met with us, they would feel the same enthusiasm," said Brady in her introduction.

Brady then explained why she believed the move is a positive change.

She said with the installation of the market at Henry Park on Flower Street, the farmers would be able to provide their fresh produce to residents east of Route 113. There is ample parking at both parks, she said, and because there is a playground area at both locations, each spot would be safer for consumers with children.

In addition, Brady said that because each park is directly off the highway, it would introduce the market to a new and larger customer base.

Brady said the chamber would erect signs at the previous location informing the public of the move as well as at both parks so people traveling on Route 113 could clearly see each market location.

Once Brady finished, Mayor Gee Williams explained to the audience why the town wants the move.

"We started getting complaints about

"People are not able to find parking in town, so they end up leaving instead of shopping. The town wanted to make more spaces available."

ELAINE BRADY

President of Berlin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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University recommends stormwater utility fund

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improvement and personnel. About \$5 million of the total proposed budget would be needed within its first two years.

After a steep decline to about \$1 million spent in year three, approximately \$300,000 would be used from the fund the remaining seven years.

Under the model the center suggested, about \$4.6 million of revenue would be generated from a tax applied to residential and non-residential properties' water and sewer bill. The tax rate would be determined by the average impervious surface area of the property.

To use two local properties as examples only, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, for instance, has 27,000 square feet of impervious surfacing. That would generate an annual fee of about \$600. Stephen Decatur High School's 550,000 square feet of impervious area, however, would require a \$12,000 yearly fee.

Because the \$4.6 million in tax revenue leaves a good portion of the \$8 million total bill unfunded, the center recommended other funding mechanisms such as grants.

Areas in Districts 1 and 2 would be

worked on in the first year, specifically the areas of Cedar Street, Pine Street, Nelson Street, Maple Drive, Franklin Avenue and Williams Street near the electrical plant.

Year two would include the Henry's Green and Henry's Mill area, as well as West Street near Abbey Lane.

In year three, the Hudson Branch stream at the intersection of Flower Street and Showell Street would be worked on, following the Decatur Farms development.

No projections were given for the following years.

Visibly intrigued at the end of the presentation, Mayor Gee Williams said, "I've heard 'stormwater' and 'flooding' more in the past five years than all 65 years of my life."

Throwe again complimented the town's efforts and reminded the mayor and council how unique of an opportunity this study and its finding is for Berlin.

"I believe it will be a model for other communities," she said.

As the Mayor and Council said this is a multi-layered project, they will spend much time reviewing the results before making a decision on implementing the proposed plan.

Farmers market takes up town-owned parking

Town officials worried about parking situation during holiday season

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spaces last year," Williams said.

Town Administrator Tony Carson added that there is no parking to be had downtown on Friday at noon, an assertion that drew howls from the crowd.

"The whole purpose of a market is to bring people into town," resident Bob McIntosh said. "I'm not going to drive to a remote location."

"I'm looking at it as an opportunity to grow the market," Councilwoman Lisa Hall said.

But Kim Holloway, who has been shopping at the farmers market for 10 years, countered that expansion is not necessarily a good thing.

"I don't want to see 200 varieties of tomatoes," Holloway said, to the audience's applause.

Patty Falck, owner of Ta Da, told the council that she routinely sees customers coming into her shop with bags of produce. Falck then read a letter written by her daughter, Blair Parsons.

"Many out-of-towners would not have found the market if it was not downtown," Parsons wrote.

Wood then reminded the mayor and council it was originally town officials who asked the farmers to come to the downtown area to revitalize it.

"All members want to stay downtown," he said.

Carrie Bennett, owner of Bennett Orchards and a member of the farmers market, said she has researched the best market strategies and only locations in town centers are viable.

She gave an example of one market in Delaware failing the year it was moved off the highway from the town center, while another market in a nearby town still flourishes next to its town hall.

"We are not in fear of change; we are in favor of tradition," she said.

Sue Wood, Paul's wife of A & W Farms, brought a letter written by Earl Hance, secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

His letter said that as there is a growing demand for these markets, it is key to place farmers markets near the town center.

When the discussion turned back to the town's parking issue, the audience requested parking on West Street and that the town put signs up to inform prospective customers of additional parking on Baker Street.

Market supporters also suggested that if the town is intent on moving the market off the parking lot that it allow it to occupy a side street closer to the middle of town.

Addressing another aspect of the operation, Farmers market member Terry Jordan of Longridge Gardens said that contrary to some rumors, that the market does not exclude some farm vendors because of favoritism.

Jordan said either a member of the chamber or the market or she will visit an applicant to see if it meets their standards.

Of the 15 farms selling at the market, five are located in Worcester County, with three of those farms in the immediate area. Seven farms operate in Maryland, but outside Worcester County, while three farms are in Delaware.

Despite a request from Sue Wood to rescind the motion to move the farmers market, the council agreed to table the discussion for two months, ensuring the market will stay at its current location until at least until the end of December.

Williams encouraged the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Berlin Farmers Market to work together to develop a plan, while Councilmember Dean Burrell asked both parties to produce "a plan that maximizes the lot."



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Walter Leon Hall Sr.

MILLSBORO, Del. — Walter Leon Hall Sr. of Millsboro, Del., passed away Monday, Oct. 15, 2012. He was 65 years old.



Mr. Hall began his journey on this earth on March 22, 1947, in Lewes, Del. He was the first born of twin sons (brother, Joseph) to Edna Hall Harmon and Joseph (Joby) Johnson. He and his brother were

raised by their maternal grandparents, Amos and Laura K. Hall.

Mr. Hall began his education at Harmon School and graduated from William C. Jason High School. He furthered his education by attending Delaware State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In addition, he served in the U.S. Army Artillery Division and completed a tour in Germany from 1966-1968; he was discharged honorably.

Mr. Hall's work experience began with National Cash Register, as a purchasing agent, Townsends Inc, as a master machinist and as a federal employee with the U.S. Postal Service, from which he retired.

On Feb. 25, 1973, Mr. Hall was joined in holy matrimony to Betty Jane Johnson, whom he lovingly referred to as "Babe." From that union of 33 years were two children, Walter Jr. and Tanya. Mr. Hall and his wife raised her nephew, Kenneth Joynes, and was a foster parent to numerous others. He had an easy-going, carefree spirit and was so easy to love.

Mr. Hall found great enjoyment traveling with his wife and spending time with his family members. He was very interested in his children and grandchildren's plans, goals and achievements, and he loved them unconditionally. He also enjoyed various outdoor activities such as farming and hunting with his twin brother, Joseph and son, Walt Jr. Mr. Hall was also a member of the All-In-One Hunting Club.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 33 years, Betty. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and he leaves a loving and devoted family to cherish his precious memories: mother, Edna Hall Harmon of Millsboro, Del.; sons, Walter L. Hall Jr. (Serena) of Millsboro, Del., Deon Brunskill (Brenda) and Raheim Brunskill of Laurel, Del., and Kenneth Joynes (Thayer) of Dover; and daughter, Tanya Gibbs (Kimwuan) of Lewes, Del. He had a special love for his grandchildren, Elisha, Jalen, Jonathan, K.J., Kristina, Jaslene and Allen.

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A funeral service was held Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Millsboro Seventh Day Adventist Church. Pastor Colby Matlock officiated. Burial followed at the adjoining church cemetery.

Mattie Mae Mathews

SNOW HILL — Mattie Mae Mathews, 91, of Fairfax, Va., died Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at Harrison Senior Living. Born in Arkansas, she was the daughter of the late James McCullough and Minnie Mae Ricketts. She is survived by three sons, Stephen Mathews and his spouse, Deborah, James Mathews and his spouse, Cheryl, and Michael Mathews and spouse, Susan; six grandchildren, Travis, Degan, Nina, Justin, Macarthur and Cooper; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, James McCullough and Andrew Hazelwood, as well as a sister, Eunice Ryan.

Mrs. Mathews was married a week and a half before Pearl Harbor. She rapidly became a war bride who supported the country during World War II and soon found herself traveling the world as an Army wife. Later in life,

she loved RV traveling with her older sister. She was known as "Mom," "Grandmom" and "Aunt Sis." She was fiercely independent, was a constant storyteller, and loved to laugh. Most of all, she loved her family, her birds and her squirrels.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 20, at Snow Hill Christian Church in Snow Hill. Pastor Dale Jacobs officiated. Interment will be private at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made to the CRICKET Center of Worcester County, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Mildred D. "Millie" Brown

SELBYVILLE, Del. — Mildred D. "Millie" Brown, 83, of Selbyville, Del., and formerly of Camp Springs, Md., died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012 at home. Born in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Carl F. and Lillian (Thompson) Young.

Mrs. Brown had been a school bus driver for Prince Georges County Board of Education for 28 years. She was a member of St. Matthews By-The-Sea United Methodist Church in Fenwick Island, Women of the Keenwicks and the She Shells Club in Ocean City.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, George V. Brown of Selbyville; two daughters, Pamela S. Brown of Arlington, Va., and Patricia "Trish" Brown (Joe) of Clinton, Md., as well as several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held Oct. 18, at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville with the Rev. Jim Penuel officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, Md. on Monday, Oct. 22.

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Anna Gemma Moschetto

OCEAN PINES — Anna Gemma Moschetto, 91, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, of Alzheimer's. Born in Newburg, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Nicola Sallèse and Anna Gracella Libertore Sallèse. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Anthony Moschetto, in 1999. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Mike Sallèse, Don Sallèse and Anthony Sallèse, and her sisters, Mary Silverman and Elaine Sallèse.

She is survived by her daughter, Victoria Wallace and her husband, Thomas, of Ocean Pines; and her sons, James Moschetto and his wife, Carolyn, of Azle, Texas, and Joseph Moschetto of Ocean Pines.

She will be missed by her four grandchildren, Nicole Wallace Donovan, Jennifer Johnson, Michael Anthony Mochetto and John Michael Wallace; and eight great-grandchildren, Grace Johnson, Logan Johnson, Luke Moschetto, Marissa Moschetto, Alexis Denham, Fiona Wallace, Hope Donovan, Reid Thomas Donovan and Trevor Cummings.

Mrs. Moschetto was a graduate of Fairmont University in Fairmont, W.Va. She taught school in Garrett County, Md., before moving to Washington, D.C., to marry and raise her family. She was a wonderful homemaker, always making something delicious for someone. Relatives and friends came from all over the metropolitan Washington area to enjoy her home-cooked Italian dinners.

Later, she was a volunteer teacher at the Kennedy Institute in Washington, D.C., where she taught home economics. She continued her association with Kennedy Institute and Bethlehem House throughout her life. She never forgot what they did for her son and

other disabled children.

She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and had attended the Berlin Senior Center.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Route 589 and Beauchamp Road near Ocean Pines. Interment will be at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Upper Marlboro, Md.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bethlehem House, 1401 Lawrence St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. Arrangements are in the care of Burbage Funeral Home.

Gerald D. Long

BERLIN — Gerald D. Long, 70, died Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, at his home in Berlin. Born in Frankford, Del., he was the son of the late Monroe William Long and Lottie Bunting Long. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Patricia Wainwright Long, and a son, Dean M. Long of Berlin. Also surviving is a sister, Loretta Hitchens and her husband, Robert, of Millsboro, and their son, JD, along with a brother, Curt Long and his wife, Charlene, of Berlin and their son, Curtis Long Jr. of Milford, Del.

Mr. Long had retired from the Maryland Department of Agriculture as a U.S. grader and supervisor for 27 years. He was a member of the Evergreen Masonic Lodge #153 AF & AM, Sons of the American Legion Post 123 in Berlin, past member of the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club, and retired member of the Berlin Fire Department and the United States Trotting Association. He coached Berlin Little League and had been a coach for Worcester County Slow Pitch Softball.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 20, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. The Rev. Linda Mariner officiated. Entombment followed in Granite Memorial Mausoleum in Bishopville. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to Berlin Volunteer Fire Company, 214 N. Main St., Berlin, Md. 21811.



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Dog attack leads to call for more penalties

By Nathan Brunet

Staff Writer

BISHOPVILLE — A Bishopville woman is mounting a campaign to elicit stronger punishments for dog owners who allow their pets trespass on private properties, after two great danes owned by a neighbor entered her property and killed her dog earlier this month.

"The attack just left us with such a loss," said Carla Canakis, who lost her 6-year-old papillion, Boo, on Oct. 1. "I'm hoping to get the laws changed so people take better care of the animals."

Canakis said that morning, she let Boo out to run in her Cedar Creek Road yard that is protected by an electric fence, as she routinely does every day. A man who was working at a property across the street later stopped by to inform the owner he saw her dog being attacked and dragged away by two dogs that entered her property.

"He asked if I had a furry dog. After I replied yes, the man told me he was gone."

"Did he escape out of the fence?" she asked.

"No," he replied, "he's gone."

While Canakis was having difficulty figuring out exactly what was going on, the man explained further.

"He got flustered, and then told me my dog is being eaten," she said.

Canakis, in shock, immediately called 911.

By the time local police and Worcester County Animal Control arrived, Boo had succumbed to its attack. The dog had been mauled so violently, officers told Canakis not to look at the body.

"Our sons are having such a hard time with the loss. The brutality of it all was just so unexpected," Canakis said. "There is a different aura in the house, now."

Lisa Lambricht, the owner of the two great danes that were deemed a potential threat by

Worcester County Animal Control after the attack, was forced to pay a \$200 fine — \$100 for each dog.

According to Susan Rantz, chief animal control officer of Worcester County Animal Control, the punishment is strictly for trespassing, and the charge

does not change whether an attack occurred or not.

The grieving family does not believe that is punishment enough.

Canakis has filed criminal charges against Lambricht with the Worcester County District Court. The trial is scheduled for Dec. 4.

"I'm afraid to get another dog," Canakis said.

She later met with Worcester County Commissioner Jim Bunting, where it was discussed that in Wicomico County, dogs are quarantined for 45 days after such an incident.

Canakis told Bunting she would be willing to attend the next county commissioners' meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7, to discuss the issue.

A representative from the county commissioners' office said the agenda is not prepared until a few days before the meeting, thus he could not confirm if the subject will be an official discussion during the November meeting.

Bunting was not available for comment.

Chief Rantz said that although her department cannot amend any laws, she is in support of a change.

"There should be a higher penalty for a dog that [has] been attacked and killed, versus a dog running at large," she said. "All of us at Animal Control are



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Bishopville resident Carla Canakis' dog, Boo.

certainly willing to have more enforceable laws."

While no laws have been changed, the public outcry may have been enough, as Rantz confirmed that Lambricht, who owned several dogs, recently removed the animals from her property.

"Our office has followed up on the incident, and she [Lambricht] no longer owns any dogs," Chief Rantz said.

"Our sons are having such a hard time with the loss. The brutality of it all was just so unexpected."

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POLICE BEAT

Animal bite

An 11-year-old boy was flown to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on Oct. 20, after being bitten by a dog.

According to the Berlin Police Department, the boy had been playing with the chained dog at a location on North Main Street when the a pit bull bit him in the face.

According to a police report, the boy suffered very severe facial injuries and was taken by ambulance to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, and then flown to Baltimore.

Worcester County Animal Control took possession of the animal.

Heroin

Two women were charged Oct. 16 with drug offenses after Ocean City police found heroin in a purse.

Police stopped a Toyota owned by Allison Lyn Levee, 25, of Street, Md., at 97th Street, after a vehicle check revealed a warrant for Levee for failure to appear in court. The warrant stated that Levee was known to abuse drugs.

Though the driver of the Toyota told police that Levee was not in the car, she and another woman were passengers in the vehicle. Levee gave consent for police to search her car and they found a switchblade knife in her purse. In another purse, police found several empty glassine bags, a hollow plastic tube, a hypodermic syringe and a spoon with white residue.

The man in the front passenger seat told police that they were going to Fenwick, Del., to pick up his cousin, a cocaine and heroin user. The police did not believe that because there was no room in the car for an additional passenger.

Levee said one of the purses belonged to her. She and another passenger, Nikole Louise Glass, 33, of Lutherville, denied owning the other purse.

During the booking process, police found a hypodermic syringe in Levee's breast area.

Police charged Levee and Glass with possession of heroin, possession of equipment to administer heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia. They also charged Levee with possession of a concealed dangerous weapon.

Alleged assault

Ocean City police charged Kenneth Edward Watts, 45, with disorderly conduct and second-degree assault after he was involved in an argument with a woman.

The woman told police that Watts threw a beer can at her and hit her in the back. She also said he pushed her, forcing her to the ground.

Both were yelling and refused to stop when police told them to be quiet.

Watts told officers to arrest him and lifted his arms in the air, which police stated was consistent with making an arrest easier. Then they arrested him.

Berlin fight

Approximately 20 people were involved in a fight at the Multi-purpose Building on Flower Street on the morning of Oct. 14. Because of the number of people involved, officers of the Berlin Police Department and Natural Resources Police, troopers with Maryland State Police, deputies with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office went to the scene.

Officers broke up the fight and people left the area. Shortly afterwards, police were called to a fight elsewhere on Flower Street. There, officers again encountered a large number of people fighting outside one of the apartments. They used pepper spray to stop that fight and to disperse the crowd.

Lavar J. Ayres, 33, of Berlin, was charged with disorderly conduct.

School programs connect education to career field

SNOW HILL – After participating in an interest inventory, Snow Hill Middle School (SHMS) fifth grader Cy'yan Anderson began researching engineering careers on the internet as part of his After School Academy (ASA) offering, called Young Men United. Facilitated by SHMS fifth grade teacher Robert Gordy and fourth grade teacher Joshua Ham-borsky, the Young Men United ASA curriculum will include a field trip to Salisbury University, where participating students will strengthen their understanding of the connection between their career dreams and post-secondary education.

Fifteen miles north, Stephen Decatur Middle School seventh grader Jessica Bennett was honing her baking skills while applying reading, mathematics, and science concepts during one of her school's ASA offerings, titled Sweet Baking – taught by Linda Roth, an educational assistant by day and an after-school teacher by evening. "Baking is fun, and I am thinking about becoming a chef," said Jessica, while making Surprise Inside cookies. "For baking, you need to be able to read and follow directions, measure ingredients, and understand temperatures and timing."

After the regular school day and some 30 miles south of Berlin, Pocomoke Middle School (PMS) sixth grader Colby Northam was using a laptop to select four different rectangles, before coloring and animating them through an online activity called Mondrian in Motion. Prior to Colby beginning this after-school activity, PMS seventh grade Pre-Algebra teacher Lynda Hinton projected an image on a dry board to demonstrate the technique which melds geometry concepts with technology. The ASA offering is called Geometer's Sketchpad Place and uses the mathematics resource website bearing its name.

Cy'yan, Jessica, and Colby, like other middle school students in the Worcester County Public School System, understand that they will need a high-quality education in order to successfully pursue the careers of their dreams. In addition to exposing students to enriching activities and possible career pathways, ASA programs embed necessary academic skills – such as reading, mathematics, science, writing, social studies, and technology – into their curriculums.

"I can see the results of these after school programs through my own

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After school programs help students

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grandchildren," said Worcester County Commissioner Merrill Lockfaw.

The majority of middle school students in the Worcester County Public School System are realizing these positive results. "Last year, 85 percent of our student body participated in at least one of the four ASA sessions offered throughout the school year," explained Jane Chisholm, Extended School Program Administrator at Pocomoke Middle School. ASA participation was high at the other middle schools as well, with 73 percent of the student body participating in at least one ASA session at Snow Hill Middle School and 60 percent at Stephen Decatur Middle School.

"Ongoing participation is proof-positive that our ASA programs are meeting the needs of our students," said Board of Education President Robert

Rothermel, Jr., who visited the ASA program at Stephen Decatur Middle School recently. "The offerings are of high interest to our students and embed academic concepts, critical thinking, and problem-solving within the curriculum. Our students are having fun while applying academic concepts to meaningful activities."

ASA offerings, providing academic support and enrichment, are developed at each middle school and reflect the needs and interests of the school's student body. At Snow Hill Middle School, for example, there are courses such as Lego Robotics, Podcasting (website creation), and National History Day. Author, Author (creative writing); News You Can Use; and Aviation School are course offerings at Pocomoke Middle School, while Wired Up (online mathematics), Science Olympiads (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathe-

matics – or STEM), and Woodworking are course offerings at Stephen Decatur Middle School.

"The middle school years are pivotal years for helping students connect personal interests and their passion for learning with possible career pathways," said Superintendent Dr. Jerry Wilson. "Our job as educators is to provide meaningful and rigorous coursework to prepare our students for post-secondary education, thus advancing their inevitable pursuit of a successful career in a global workforce. This is what is meant by a world-class education, and our ASA programs significantly contribute to that mission."

Lockfaw agrees. "Our job as County Commissioners is to make sure that a variety of career opportunities exist in Worcester County so that our students, after college, can come back and apply those skills right here in our county."

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NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Chett Bland, the new executive chef of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, displays his offbeat personality while posing with two fresh herb plants he had recently purchased at the Berlin Farmers Market.

New direction for Pines Yacht Club

Chef Bland has expert background, recreated restaurant menu

By Nathan Brunet
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — Despite what his name implies, Chef Bland creates recipes that are far from tasteless. As executive chef of the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, Chett Bland has made some significant changes to the menu that are fresh, creative and full of flavor.

"Our menu changes constantly," said Bland, who joined the Yacht Club in early September.

Gone is every item from the original menu, save for its crab cake sandwich.

Now, the menu is full of mouth-

watering entrees such as herb crusted tuna, caramelized rockfish, chicken Chesapeake and farm vegetable risotto.

Each dish features fresh ingredients made from local products. Chef Bland routinely visits farmers markets in Ocean Pines, Berlin, Salisbury and even lower Delaware to buy fruits, vegetables and herbs.

His creativity with every concoction is impeccable; he can instantly transform a dish by adding just a few extra ingredients.

A rich and creamy potato soup changed texture and taste when he added in a sprinkle of cheese and battered onions. Further experimentation with unconventional cooking herbs such as lavender and dark opal basil, a purple variety of the common leaf, create an entirely different flavor.

When adding herbs, Bland simply picked what he needed from a plant he purchased that morning from the farmers market that still sat in its soiled pot.

"Anything that comes out of the ground is cool with me," the chef said, while explaining he has no specific influences other than the teachings of nationally renowned chefs he has worked with, such as David Kinch and Alaine Chapple.

"I can find influence anywhere," he said.

Bland said he does not want to stereotype the Yacht Club as serving a certain type of cuisine, as it diminishes the possibilities of items featured on the routinely-changing menu.

"Food is a thing of flavor and beauty. When you chastise food, no

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FINANCE

Necessary decisions for marriage assets

The most common estate "plan" is to leave everything to your spouse, who then leaves everything to your children after his/her death. However, if this is other than a first marriage,



By Chip Gordy
MBA, CRPC

you and your spouse may also have children from prior marriages. If this is the case, you may need to make the necessary decisions about how to treat assets each spouse brings to the marriage, how to distribute assets acquired after marriage, and how to provide for children from prior marriages.

Some things that you may want to consider:

- Title your property carefully. Property owned jointly will automatically pass to the survivor. You typically can't change this distribution through estate planning documents.

- Review beneficiary designations and life insurance amounts. It's not unusual to forget to update beneficiary designations for retirement accounts, individual retirement accounts, and life insurance policies. These assets will be distributed to the named beneficiaries, regardless of the terms of your estate planning documents. When review your life insurance amounts, you may find you need more to help ensure all heirs are treated fairly (if that's your wish).

- Prepare formal estate planning documents to carry out your desires. Without a will or other estate planning documents, the state will determine how your estate is distributed through probate. This means your spouse will receive a legal percentage of your assets. Even with a will, your spouse can typically reverse its terms and elect to receive the statutory percentage. To prevent this, you usually need a prenuptial or post-nuptial agreement, detailing how assets will be divided after death.

- Consider a qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) trust to protect your children's inheritance. When assets are left outright to your spouse, he/she controls their ultimate disposition. With a QTIP trust, your property is placed in a trust after your death to be used by your spouse during his/her lifetime, with the principal distributed after your spouse's death to beneficiaries you designate. Since this quali-

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NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

This pork dish is just one example of the improved presentation and quality of the new food at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club off Mumford Landing Road.

Ocean Pines Yacht Club's new head chef buys fresh and local

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one suffers, except for the guest," he said.

A native of Baltimore County, Bland said his grandmother turned him onto culinary arts at an early age. Their relationship was strong, as the chef still uses one his grandmother's knives to prepare dishes.

After being accepted into Baltimore International College at the age of 19, Bland began working with German Certified Master Chef Rudoulph Speckamp, who would become the young chef's mentor. The rank of Certified Master Chef is the highest achievement possible from the American Culinary Federation.

At the age of 22, Bland was named Speckamp's Sous Chef; he was the youngest chef to achieve such an honor to date. From there, he worked as a chef for AAA Four-Diamond rated Charles Court at The Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The chef then worked at highly respected restaurants in cities such as San Francisco and New York City before returning home to Maryland after being

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Wine tastings, cooking classes planned at YC

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offered the job at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Since Bland began working at the Yacht Club, he has not only improved the menu, but efficiency as well by building a rapport between his fellow workers.

"The staff here looks up to [Chef Bland] and respects his background and skills," said David McLaughlin, food and beverage manager of the Yacht Club.

"We all love Chef Bland," said expeditor Amanda Fox.

Bland expresses the same feelings, as he said the positive influences of kitchen workers such as Vin Cortez and Ryan "Spanky" Ruarke have allowed the kitchen to flourish.

"We're trying to get a new direction selling quality food with quality service," McLaughlin said. "Our reputation is a having a tapas menu, and we want to get away from that."

McLaughlin, Bland and the rest of the kitchen staff are all looking forward to the new building that will begin its construction process once the plan is approved by Worcester County officials.

Cook Donald Usher said he is

looking forward to working in a larger, improved kitchen.

"The more kitchen space we have, the more efficient it is for guests," he said.

Once Bland gets settled in, he plans to organize wine tasting sessions. The chef, who is also a level 1 sommelier, will lead the events.

Also on tap are cooking classes. These classes will not only teach cooking techniques, but also preparation techniques such as knife skills.

The Ocean Pines Yacht Club has now transitioned into its off-season schedule, in which it is open Thursday through Sunday, from 8 a.m. until close.

Its lunch menu is served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and its dinner menu is served from thereafter, until closing time. A brunch menu is served every Saturday.

On Sundays, its traditional second-floor brunch buffet is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Java Bay Cafe, featuring coffee, frappes, smoothies and more, is open at 8 a.m.

For more information, visit www.oceanpines.org.

FINANCE

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fies for the unlimited marital deduction, no estate taxes will be paid when you die (assuming no changes in estate law). This may not be a suitable strategy if your spouse and children are approximately the same age, since your spouse could potentially outlive your children.

■ Discuss your plans with your spouse and children. Openly discussing your plans before death may hopefully prevent disagreements among heirs after your death. This can be especially important in situations involving stepparents and stepchildren. Any major changes or updates to your plan should also be openly discussed so there are no surprises for everyone involved.

And as always, speak to an attorney and seek professional advice when using this or any financial strategy.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Berlin fall bulk pickup

BERLIN – Fall bulk pickup in Berlin will be held on Wednesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 14.

Regular household garbage is not part of this collection. A Yard Waste Collection is scheduled for early December. Commercial and Industrial properties are not included in the collection program.

Residents must have items for collection set out by 7 a.m. Materials placed for pickup at any other time will not be collected.

Items to be collected are bulky items such as furniture, toilets, sinks, carpet mattresses, tables, chairs, refrigerators, washers and dryers.

Small items must be placed in a container at the curb and weigh no more than 100 lbs.

Collection is for residential properties only. Items not collected include hazardous waste, construction materials, paint, yard waste and brush, propane tanks and tires. For further information

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Daily	Assateague Pointe	—	Mobile	From \$120,000	Resort Homes/Tony Matrona
Daily 11-4pm	Belmont Towers, Boardwalk & Dorchester #506	2 & 3BR/3BA	Condo, Townhome	From \$499,000	The Fritschle Group/Condo Realty
Daily 10-5pm	Bay Point Plantation, Rt. 589 to Gum Pt. Rd.		Estate Size Lots	From \$199,900	The Fritschle Group/Condo Realty
Saturday 1-4pm	117th St., Carousel, Unit #605, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$299,900	Carousel Beach RE/Patricia Rowe
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Saturdays 11-4pm	Harbour Island Sales Office, 14th St. & Bayside	2 & 3BR/2 & 3.5BA	Condo, Town, Slips	From \$300,000	ERA Holiday RE /Nanette Pavier
Saturdays 10-4pm	Eleven 11 Edgewater	3BR/2.5BA	16 Bayfront Condos	From \$595,000	Coldwell Banker/Bobby Jester
Saturdays 11-4pm	Heron Harbour Sales Office, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF		ERA Holiday/Nanette Pavier
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BIZ BRIEFS

Wadler becomes Realtor's Assoc. president

Shamrock Realty Group has announced the installation of Pam Wadler as president of the Coastal Association of REALTORS®. The association, based in Berlin, supports more than 900 member Realtors from Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore.

Wadler's 12-month term began Oct. 3, during the CAR general membership meeting. The installation of officers was conducted by Carlton Boujai, president of the Maryland Association of Realtors.

Prior to becoming president, Wadler had held the office of president-elect for the past year, and previously had served as vice president, treasurer, and member of the CAR board of directors. In 2010, Wadler completed a 10-month professional development program at the M.A.R. Leadership Academy in Annapolis. She was recognized as Realtor of the Year in 2008 by the Women's Council of Realtors Delmarva Chapter.

Wadler has been a real estate professional for more than 12 years. She holds real estate licenses in Maryland and Delaware. In 2006, she joined with broker/owner Gary James to start Shamrock Realty Group, Inc., a locally owned and operated real estate brokerage in Berlin.

In addition to being a co-founder, she is the sales manager, designated Realtor, and associate broker at the company.

Before beginning her real estate career, Wadler held a series of managerial and executive positions in the telecommunications industry, specializing in customer financial services. She lives in Ocean Pines with her husband and their two dogs.

Berlin Chamber to host Papa Johns ribbon-cutting

On Monday, Oct. 29, the Berlin Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting for Papa Johns of Berlin at noon. Papa Johns will have refreshments such as pizza, bread sticks, Cinnapie and sodas for attendees.

Papa Johns is located at 10132 Old Ocean City Blvd. Morad Ramadan, a 2001 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, owns and operates the franchise that opened June 1, 2011. It offers carry-out and delivery service, or customers may order online at www.papajohns.com.

Papa Johns of Berlin delivers to Berlin, Ocean Pines, West Ocean City and parts of Newark. Its hours of operation are from Sunday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to midnight. For information, call 410-641-3434.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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regarding acceptable types of debris, please call the department of public works at 410-641-4001.

Ocean Pines leaf pickup

OCEAN PINES – All bagged leaves will be picked up by Ocean Pines Public Works from November 26 through December 21 on the opposite days of each property's regularly scheduled trash pickup. The north side will be picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the south side will be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Public Works yard will be open to

bring leaves and refuse from November 26 through December 29 between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Please note, the leaf vacuum program is for leaves in the ditch only. Do not rake yard leaves out to the ditch. There is no set schedule on what section is being done on what days.

The Ocean Pines Association will be making a few passes throughout each section during the months of November through December, pending upon the weather.

The Public Works yard, located behind the south side fire station, will be open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. For questions, call 410-641-7425 or send an email to info@oceanpines.org

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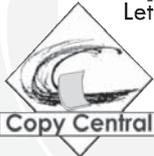
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"I'll be glad when this election is over and we can have our friends over for cocktails again."

LETTERS

Publisher's note: as Publisher, I would have planned this week to write an editorial on the Berlin Farmer's Market issue, however due to my other role as President of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce I feel it inappropriate to do so. Instead I think it is more fitting to make the space available for Letters to the Editor on the issue.

Mayor Williams clears up confusion about market

Editor,
In the two-hour plus discussion at Monday's Berlin Council Meeting about the possibility of moving the Berlin Farmer's Market from downtown to the Town's parks many people spoke passionately and thoughtfully about their

views on this issue. Ironically, it was something that was not said that needs to be stated now to set the record straight.

The President and Executive Director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce made their request to move the Farmer's Market to the town parks in Berlin at the urging of myself and the town council. Their straightforward request for consideration was made in an effort to accommodate the Mayor and Council's concern that motor vehicle parking is becoming steadily less available throughout the downtown area with each passing year.

I and the Council not only supported the request, but asked the Chamber to make it in order to begin a process to provide more parking for the downtown area. I did not take the opportunity at Monday's meeting to make it clear that the Chamber representatives were requesting the move at the urging of myself and other officials of the Town of Berlin.

No member of the farming commu-

nity or any Berlin business should in any way condemn or criticize the motives of the Chamber of Commerce when they were simply seeking to accommodate the Town's effort to create more parking for downtown merchants and businesses. The Chamber, as it has for several years, was once again being a good partner in promoting the Town of Berlin. Any animosity or dissatisfaction with the Chamber's request should be solely directed at myself, as the Mayor of Berlin. Not making this clear at the meeting is something that I bear full responsibility for.

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce has diligently and effectively represented and promoted the businesses of our town and greater Berlin. Working

hand-in-hand with the Berlin Main Street Program, the Chamber has played a critical role in Berlin's economic renaissance and will continue to be a leading force in the economic growth and vitality of our community.

My concern for the less than adequate parking in downtown as Berlin attracts more guests, workers and residents to the commercial core of our town, ultimately led to the confrontation between the supporters of the Berlin Farmer's Market and the Berlin Chamber. I should have foreseen the consequences of the town's efforts to encourage the relocation of the Berlin Farmer's Market and I alone am responsible for any discord or

"... the Chamber representatives were requesting the move at the urging of myself and other officials of the Town of Berlin."

GEE WILLIAMS
Mayor of Berlin

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misunderstanding in this public debate.

I trust the businesses and the community at large and particularly the participants and supporters of the Berlin Farmer's Market will strive to strengthen their ties to Berlin in general and the Berlin Chamber of Commerce in particular. From this confrontation there is great opportunity for those who wish to embrace it.

As for myself, I offer my most sincere apology to the officers, board and staff of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and all those who continue to make the Berlin Farmer's Market a success for any ill will or misunderstandings created by this well-intended effort that led to this unfortunate confrontation.

Gee Williams
Mayor of Berlin

Farmers market should stay at present location

Dear Editor,

As a local orchard grower I feel compelled to alert the citizens of the town of Berlin that their successful downtown farmers market with more than 20 years of operation will cease to exist after November 16. For reasons not made evident to the many farmers affected by such a decision, both the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and the Berlin Town Council have apparently decided that this popular destination for locals and visitors alike (as depicted on the Chamber and Town websites) is to be discontinued at its present location within a month. In a town with a rich local history steeped in agriculture, The Berlin Farmers' Market links our past with our present, showcasing all that the Delmarva region represents by offering locally grown fruits, vegetables, flowers, bedding plants, herbs, eggs and seafood. The present downtown location is critical to the success of the market, just as it is in farmers' markets located in town centers throughout Delmarva. The town of Berlin has the proud distinction of being designated

"The present downtown location is critical to the success of the market..."

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"What if our involvement... ultimately leads to the elimination of cancer as a major health problem for this and future generations?"

JAMES MATHIAS
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Enrollment for cancer research study sought

Editor,

What if we could personally participate in research that might help determine factors that cause or prevent cancer?

What if our involvement, and that research, ultimately leads to the elimination of cancer as a major health problem for this and future generations?

What if we could make it so just one family never has to hear the words, "you have cancer?"

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If you aren't eligible to participate, you can still make a difference by telling everyone you know about Cancer Prevention Study-3. In this area, our goal is to have 450 participants.

CPS1 established the link between smoking and lung cancer. CPS2 established the link between obesity and cancer. Through CPS3, we will find out the next thing that is effecting our population in regard to cancer. For anyone who has donated to the American Cancer Society, this is your donation at work through research.

I hope you will consider joining me and participating in this study as we work toward a cancer-free tomorrow.

Sen. James Mathias

Stricter punishment for dog attacks needed

Editor,

Recently, I have read and heard on TV about the fatal wounding of a small dog in its own yard in Bishopville. This little dog on Cedar Creek Road was viciously attacked by two dogs from across the street. The neighbors have had previous difficulties with these animals and have been cited and taken to court. As an owner of two little dogs, it is frightening to think this can and does happen. It is equally difficult to understand how the law would allow these two dogs to remain with their owner in the same community that it happened. It must be terrifying to the neighbors who have dogs or small children that

"It may be time for the commissioners to revisit the laws that are in existence..."

PENNY LARGAY
of Berlin

their safety is in constant jeopardy.

I have been attacked with my two little dogs walking around the south gate of Ocean Pines near the pool area. If I had not had someone to help me with getting these three loose dogs away from mine, it could have ended the same as Mrs. Canakis' little dog. I live in an area that is not densely developed outside of Ocean Pines, on Spring Branch Lane, which used to be farm land, but now is sub-divided and has many homes. This area of the county, like Bishopville, has grown significantly and is no longer a totally rural community. It may be time for the commissioners to revisit the laws that are in existence and give them some strengthening before another dog or worse yet a child is harmed.

Most pet owners are careful with their pets and understand the unpredictable nature of animals. I would like the commissioners to consider when something as blatant as what happened on Cedar Creek Road to quarantine the animals, at the owner's expense, until a suit can be filed, or levy a severe penalty that fits this assault, or have a lease law for the entire county. I think it is an insult to the Canakis' or to any other victims of dog attack, to have the dogs remain in the house across the road from neighbors who have experienced this kind of devastation.

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BAYSIDE LIFE

Family-friendly Halloween events all weekend long

By Nathan Brunet

Staff Writer

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From 1-4 p.m., a multitude of free, family friendly activities will be on premise while Doug Rupple, better known as DJ Rupe, provides musical entertainment throughout the day.

Among the free activities are carnival games, face painting, arts & crafts and a children's costume contest.

Categories are separated into ages of 0-2, 3-5, 6-9 and 10 and older.

While there is no specific maximum cut-off age, Eric Armstrong, recreation supervisor of the Recreation and Parks Department, asks for adult costume-wearers to watch the contest from the sidelines.

"While we don't have a cut-off age, the contest is for the children," Armstrong said.

Prizes will be a giveaway bag filled with candy bars, games, stickers and more.

Also at no cost, a hay ride will travel through the spooky forests of Ocean Pines.

New this year, Armstrong said story tellers will accompany guests throughout the ride.

At a small price, moon bounces and pony rides will also give children plenty of entertainment all day.

Donations of individually-wrapped candy will be accepted during the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Monday through Saturday.

For more information, or to volunteer for the event, call 410-641-7052.

BERLIN — A coalition of 10 local congregations under a group called Berlin Area Ministries United have volunteered to offer children the opportunity to wear costumes and enjoy the Halloween spirit a little early this month. The eighth annual Harvest Fair, a free and family-friendly affair, will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, at the SonRise Church property off Route 575.

"We want this to be a blessing for the community while giving children a safe place to celebrate Halloween," said Pastor Bryan Pagner of The Worship Center.

From 5-8 p.m., families are invited

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Kenny Bliss, owner of Create Early Bliss, poses with his custom-made pumpkin designed for The Globe on Broad Street in Berlin.

'Create Early Bliss' through pumpkins

Artist creates unique pumpkin designs for many local businesses

By Nathan Brunet

Staff Writer

BERLIN — With Halloween approaching, local artist Kenny Bliss of Create Early Bliss has been busy constructing his custom-made pumpkins for businesses and private homes alike.

"I have always kept that motto in my art and work," Bliss said of his company's name, which that is meant to conjure thoughts of euphoria and peacefulness. "Those kind of feelings can also come from my art."

While Bliss is a multi-medium artist, he has spent a lot of time recently working on his pumpkin products that take a little more effort and skill to design than the typical, run of

the mill Jack-o-lanterns.

When a design is submitted to Bliss, he photocopies it and enlarges the layout to an appropriate size. A straight blade is then used to cut through the pumpkin, but not to create holes. The lines make indents into the pumpkin, and gives the image a unique texture.

When all indents are made, Bliss lets the pumpkin dry overnight.

The next day, he uses a variety of colors to paint the image, and then applies a spray on it to let the pumpkin shine as if it were made of ceramic.

"A lot of people ask if it's a real pumpkin," Bliss said.

In all, the pumpkin-making process is pretty quick. It only takes an average of four hours over the period of two days for Bliss to complete a pumpkin.

Bliss' works can be viewed throughout the area, including The Globe and Oh My Hair! in downtown Berlin, as

well as BJ's on the Water and Princess Royale in Ocean City.

"I purchase a pumpkin every year," said Jennifer Dawiki David, owner of The Globe. "There is nothing better than getting a custom-designed piece to display that's made by a local resident."

Bliss, who also works as a chef at The Atlantic Hotel while still devoting time to his arts, said the gourds often end up being conversation pieces when displayed in private homes.

Even when pumpkins are out of season, Bliss will use watermelons to make his creations throughout the year.

Before officially starting his business in 1997, Bliss first got the idea of his unique pumpkin creations while making Jack-o-lanterns with his children.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Carnival rides, such as this frog hopper that was featured in will be one of many attractions for families during multiple weekend Halloween events scheduled this weekend. Events will feature, games, inflatable rides, musical entertainment and more.

Games and more at Halloween events

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to dress in costume, as long as it's nothing too startling for the children, while enjoying a number of activities such as carnival rides, live music, pony and hay rides, inflatable courses, and more.

A few large carnival rides will be provided by both Jolly Rodger Amusement Park and Trimper's Rides and Amusements.

Live music will be performed throughout the day by three local religious groups.

The band from SonRise Church will

"Last year, we had 6,000 people come and we are planning for more than 7,000 this year."

PASTOR JERRY WADE
of SonRise Church

play classic-rock inspired tunes. Local gospel rapper Chris Fawley will also perform, as well as the duo S.A.I.N.T. and MYK of Dover, Del.

Several area businesses will provide food, and door prizes to be given out at the end of the night. Anyone registering for door prizes must be present for the drawings.

The Harvest Fair used to be celebrated on every Halloween, but the event has become so large, organizers do not want to interfere with childrens' trick-or-treat-

ing plans this year.

"Last year, we had 6,000 people come and we are planning for more than 7,000 this year," said Pastor Jerry Wade of SonRise Church.

Members of BAMU include Holy Trinity Cathedral, Berlin First Baptist Church, Refreshing Fountains Ministries, Buckingham Presbyterian Church, SonRise Church, Coastal Sanctuary Church, the River Church of the Nazarene, CrossWay Church, The Worship Center and St. Paul United Methodist Church.

The SonRise Church property is located at 10959 Worcester Highway, also known as Route 575.

For more information, visit <http://berlinchurches.com>.

Local artist sells unique pumpkin compositions

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"When they were little, I thought it would be nice to have them paint the pumpkin," he said.

After that pumpkin was made, Bliss decided to put a little more emphasis into future projects.

"I then carved a pumpkin for our family reunion with our family name inscribed on it. Before I knew it, I was making 30 pumpkins a year," he said.

While pumpkins will encompass the majority of Bliss' projects in time, he does not ignore other artistic passions. In November, Bliss will teach classes for the creation of earthy-looking stationary. Mixing dried flowers and potpourri with a paper pulp puree, results in a sheet of paper that looks as if it came directly from tree bark.

His classes are offered year round, and at some 2nd Friday Art Strolls held monthly in downtown Berlin, Bliss assists children in making their own earthy stationary.

To contact Bliss for a custom-made pumpkin, call 443-365-0716 or email createearlybliss@gmail.com. He can also be reached via his Facebook page, Ken Bliss, where he posts pictures of his creations.



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SNAPSHOTS



PINES PUMPKIN PAINTING

KYLE PHILLIPS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Last Friday evening at the family-oriented pumpkin painting night at the Ocean Pines Community Center, from left, Tom Davis, Madison Witemer, Susan O'Reilly, Jackson and Denise Witemer, all from Ocean Pines, came out to have a family night of family bonding.



KIWANIS OUTREACH PROGRAMS

SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

In a discussion by members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City about community outreach programs are speakers, from left, Chairperson J. Graham Caldwell, Community Church's "Sarah's Pantry" Director Charlene Mertz, Community Church's "The Sheppard's Nook" Director Judy Stineviser and Kiwanis President Barb Peletier.



A NIGHT IN WONDERLAND

NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Elegantly dressed and sporting their "mad hats," from left, Carol Terry, Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors President Tom Terry, OPA General Manager Bob Thompson, OPA Board Parliamentarian Sharyn O'Hare, OPA Board Vice President Ray Unger and OPA Marketing and Public Relations Director Teresa Travatello pose during this year's Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Awards & Installation Banquet on Friday at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Maryland Senator Jim Mathias, right, presents Dr. Rick Handelman, 2012 Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, with a letter of congratulations on Friday during the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce 2012 Awards and Installation Banquet held at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The Courier, run by Chip Bertino, won Business of the Year.



FOUR MORE YEARS

NATHAN BRUNET/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

At Monday's Berlin Mayor and Council meeting, Mayor Gee Williams is sworn in by Steve Hales, clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County. Mayor Williams will serve another four-year term after surviving a write-in campaign in support of former councilmember Ellen Lang.



MOM LENDS A HELPING HAND

KYLE PHILLIPS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Participating in the pumpkin decorating contest during the family pumpkin painting night at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Friday are Addisyn and her mother, Liz Fluckey of Ocean Pines. The event was a large gathering for families getting into the holiday spirit.

CALENDAR

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

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ONGOING EVENTS

BINGO NIGHT

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.

SQUARE DANCING

Wednesdays
Ocean Pines Community Center, 7:15-9:15 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call 410-208-6777.

SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
Shepherd's Nook Thrift Shop open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community Church, Rt. 589, Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

PINE'ER CRAFT & GIFT SHOP

Saturdays and Sundays
Pine'er Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by members.

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

Every first & third Saturday
Habitat for Humanity, 310 E. Market St., Snow Hill, 8 a.m. to noon. Building materials, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets, vanities, fixtures, furniture and more. Selection and prices vary depending on inventory. Proceeds fund the Flower Street, Berlin house construction.

STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-208-4014.

KIWANIS CLUB

Wednesdays
Meeting 7:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for third Wednesday which meets at The Woodlands in Ocean Pines. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

DELMARVA CHORUS

Mondays
The Delmarva Chorus under the direction of Carol Ludwig meets 7-9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. For more information call 410-208-4171.

SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS

Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month except for July, August and December at

the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturdays
VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bay-side 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT 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.

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

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

Second Tuesday of every month, 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).

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Meets the third Wednesday of every month 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.jessespaddle.org

WEEKLY SALE

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, chapel, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmsnell@atlanticgeneral.org.

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

Mondays
Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

ELKS BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start

6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Monthly book discussion. Take a book you've enjoyed or one that you want to discuss. Get ideas for new authors to try. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-0650.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-208-4014.

PRE-OPERATIVE CLASS FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT PATIENTS

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.

FREE MEET AND GREET WITH DAN BONGINO

Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 4-6 p.m., rain or shine. Free appetizers. Cash bar. Everyone welcome. Donations encouraged. Info: Steve Ellis, 301-455-6880.

ACRYLIC/MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP

Sponsored by the Worcester County Arts Council, Oct. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 27, 1-6 p.m. Adult participants will be equipped to respond to the natural world around them — not through merely copying what they see — but responding actively to the forever changing light, moodiness, texture, patterns and rhythms of nature. No special art skills or equipment is needed. Cost is \$75 for both days. Pre-registration required: 410-

641-0809.

DEM. CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. After a brief social mixer, the Marylanders for Marriage Equality will speak on the Civil Marriage Protection Act. A presentation of all seven referendum issues will be made by Tom Wilson, member of The Worcester County Democratic Central Committee. Open to all Democrats and interested Independents.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

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.

ANNUAL FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, 3:30-6:30 p.m. There will be hot food and bake sale items, arts and crafts tables, face painting, cake walk, inflatable bounce houses, a giant double slide and children's Chinese auction. Games, rides and other activities require tickets. Cost is \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 30 tickets, day of the festival. General and vendor info: Colleen Rutzler, rutzler,macsmom@gmail.com or Jody Hallman, jody.hallman@cole-mannatural.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL'S OUT - ART'S IN

The Worcester County Arts Council will offer an Art Day for students in grades 3-8 on Monday, Nov. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants will create hands-on projects inspired by professional artwork and explore works of art by local artists featured on the exhibit at the Arts Council's Gallery.

Registration free is \$45 and includes cost of supplies. Students should take their own lunch and beverage. Register: 410-641-0809 by Oct. 26.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Bayside Chapel, 38288 London Ave., Selbyville, Del., 6-8 p.m. No cost to attend. Children can safely trick or treat from trunk to trunk followed by a costume parade. Then inside will be face painting, pumpkin painting, coloring contest, snacks and tons of door prizes. Info: 302-436-7585.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

HALLOWEEN BEACH MAZE

Ocean City beach near North Division Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A giant beach maze with Halloween displays Wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. Free for the whole family. Info: 410-798-6304 or www.Octoberfestmd.com.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN RACE

Registration begins at 1 p.m. on the Ocean City Boardwalk at North Division Street. Race begins at 2 p.m. Rain date is Oct. 28. This is a side-by-side race featuring wild and tricked out pumpkin racecars. Join the free fun by creating your own pumpkin racecar and enjoy a fun-spirited good ole fashion bump and bang pumpkin race. Prizes awarded for creativity and winner of the race. Rules: www.octoberfestmd.com. Info: 410-798-6304.

OC COIN & CURRENCY SHOW

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Professional coin and currency dealers will be buying and selling U.S. and World Coins and Currency, plus free appraisals and free admission. Info: Carl Ostiguy, 443-623-7025;

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CALENDAR



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Preparatory School's Homecoming Court, from left, Junior Prince, Daniel Rosa, Junior Princess, Libby Truitt, Senior Prince, Gordon Abercrombie, Senior Princess, Elise Harmon, Homecoming King, Harrison Brennan, Homecoming Queen Tierney Loeser, Sophomore Prince, Jarad Godwin, Sophomore Princess, Rylie Doyle, Freshman Princess, Hannah Arrington and Freshman Prince, Wyatt Richins.

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www.coinshows.com; or ceocoins@comcast.net.

SEASIDE 10

Ten mile and 5k races, both starting at the Ocean City Inlet, 9 a.m., rain or shine. Registration fees for participants, www.oc-trirunning.com. Info: 443-497-4324.

11TH ANNUAL OC CLASSICS KARATE TOURNAMENT

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. 11th Annual Ocean City Classics Karate & Jiu Jitsu Championships. Admission for spectators. Registration fee for participants. Info: www.OceanCityClassics.com.

HALLOWEEN FALL FESTIVAL

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 1-4 p.m. Costume contests, carnival games, face painting, scarecrow making, arts & crafts, pony rides, moon bounces, a haunted trail, refreshments and candy goodies. Admission is free. Small fee for some activities. Volunteers needed. Donations of individually wrapped candy accepted at the Recreation Department. Info: 410-641-7052.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the holiday with crafts, refreshments and costume parade. Fun for the whole family. Info: 410-524-1818.

FLEA MARKET

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table rentals costs are \$15 for first table and \$10 for additional tables. Food available. RSVP: 410-524-7994, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SHOREBILLY SHOOTOUT

Sinepuxent Rod and Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Road, Berlin. Registration and practice begins at 11 a.m., competition begins at noon. Rain date is Oct. 28. Skeet shooting competition. Silent and Chinese auctions, bake sale, 50/50 and basket of cheer raffles. Draft beer, sodas, water and a shorebilly cookout provided after the shoot. Entertainment by DJ Bigler. Cost per five man team is \$350 (\$70 per person). All fees are to be paid in full by Oct. 20. Benefits Ravens Roost #58 charities. Info: Danny, 443-497-2040; Maria, 443-944-4763; ravensroost58@gmail.com; or pearseryan@comcast.net.

NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS AT THE ZOO

Salisbury Zoo, 755 South Park Drive, 1-4 p.m. Children, ages 10 and younger, will be able to Trick or Treat throughout the zoo, participate in Halloween games and compete in a costume contest. Tickets cost \$5 for children and \$2 for adults and can be purchased at the Salisbury Zoo's gift shop or education center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additional charges for food and some games. Info: 410-546-3440.

LUNCHEON

Bowen United Methodist Church, 8421 Newark Road, Newark, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featuring oyster sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, chili, sweet potato biscuits, chicken salad, clam chowder, navy bean soup, beverages and bake table.

FREE ADMISSION TO MUSEUM

Julia A. Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To commemorate the birthday of the museum's namesake, Julia Purnell, who was born on Oct. 27, 1843 and lived in Snow Hill until her death at 100 years of

age. Attendees will receive free admission and birthday cake. The award winning needle art of Julia Purnell will be on display, along with the annual Delmarva Needle Art Show and Competition. Also view the exhibit of Negro League Baseball Memorabilia. Info: 410-632-0515 or www.purnellmuseum.com. Friend the museum on Facebook to receive updates on museum programs.

FALL FESTIVAL

Showell Elementary School, 13318 Showell School Road, Berlin, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring a variety of activities such as a petting zoo, cake walk, moon bounce, bake sale, fire truck and hay rides. Carnival-like games include Frankenstein football toss, sack races, milk bottle toss and lollipop tree. with prizes awarded to winners. Tickets sold on site for activities, rides, games and a raffle. Raffle tickets cost \$5 for a book of 6 and can be purchased prior to or on the day of the festival. Need not be present to win. Costumes optional. Info: 410-632-5350. Proceeds benefit the school's PTA.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bay-side 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.

TRI-COUNTY BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIP

Meet at the Ward Museum parking lot at the corner of Beaglin Drive and South Schumaker Drive in Salisbury at 7:30 a.m. or meet at the Chincoteague NWR visitors' center at 9 a.m. The club will visit Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge to search for migrating shorebirds, waterfowl and raptors. Take lunch, drinks, snacks and binoculars. Dress for

the weather. Info: 410-208-4269.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

HALLOWEEN BEACH MAZE

Ocean City beach near North Division Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A giant beach maze with Halloween displays Wicked witches, pirates of the sand, scary scarecrows, ghouls in the graveyard, zombies and more. Free for the whole family. Info: 410-798-6304 or www.Octoberfestmd.com.

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HALLOWEEN SPOOK-OUT PARTY

Northside Park gym, 200 125th St. in Ocean City. Carnival games, arts and crafts, hayrides, snacks and more Costume contests scheduled throughout the event. Info: Kim Kinsey, 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, 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.

8TH ANNUAL HARVEST FAIR

SonRise Church property, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 5-8 p.m. Food, live music, games, prizes, candy, pony rides, hay rides inflatables, obstacle course and face painting. Please no scary costumes. Adult supervision re-

quired. It's completely free. Come early to join the fun this year. Info: 410-641-3325 or www.BerlinChuches.com.

BULL AND OYSTER ROAST

Greene Turtle West, 9616 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City. Tickets cost \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and includes food and draft beer. Silent auction and 50/50. Tickets can be purchased at the Greene Turtle West. Info: 410-213-1500.

FAMILY COSTUMED BIKE RIDE

Lower Shore YMCA, 1900 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City. Registration begins at noon and the event lasts until 3 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5 per bike to contribute to the YMCA. Participants are welcome to use indoor pool and locker room after the bike ride with donation. Bicyclists can enjoy a paved road as well as open trails. Participants must wear a helmet. All children 11 and younger need to be accompanied by an adult. For those in need of a bike or helmet or those who want to volunteer, contact Tres Denk at 410-430-4992 or tres@esimba.org prior to the bike ride. Take a water bottle and pack a lunch. Two bikes will be raffled off. Tickets cost \$2 each, proceeds support ESIMBA. Info: www.esimba.org or "like" the Eastern Shore IMBA Facebook page.

MONDAY, OCT. 29

NAME THAT GHOST

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2 p.m. Historian Mike Dixon shares techniques he uses to probe occurrences from the past. Generally his archives based studies involve digging through dusty, long untouched records such as coroner's inquests, death notices, police and criminal records, obituaries, yellowing newspaper accounts of crimes and much more. Dixon will share some case studies of how he helped paranormal investigators leverage the stories from the past. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-0650.

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.

PRMC FLU SHOTS

Peninsula Regional's Drive-Thru Flu Clinic, October 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Frank B. Hanna Outpatient Center on the PRMC campus. Participants may park in Garage B, which is just a short distance from the Hanna Outpatient Center. PRMC is requesting a \$10.00 donation per vaccination, cash only please, and a physician's order is not necessary. Advance

registration is not required. Please wear a short sleeved shirt for easier access to the upper arm. All walk ups are welcomed. If you have questions, please call 410-543-7139.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, music and crafts. Info: 410-641-0650.

LAP TIME FOR CHILDREN 2 YEARS AND YOUNGER

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children introduced to songs, games, finger plays and movement activities. Parents and caregivers learn new and fun ways to communicate with their toddlers. Registration is necessary by calling 410-208-4014.

SIMPLE SUPPER

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FLICK NIGHT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 5 p.m. Drop in for treats and a movie for the whole family. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-0650.

TRICK OR TREATING AT THE MALL

White Marlin Mall, corner of routes 50 and 611, West Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. The mall offers a safe, secure, family-oriented location for Trick or Treaters. Children must be in costume when they visit participating merchants to receive treats. Many of the shop will held special sales for the Halloween celebration. Preview the Halloween activities at www.whitemarlinmall.com/events.asp.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

DECOY CARVING DEMONSTRATION

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 2 p.m. A resident carver of the Ward Museum demonstrates the skill and art of decoy carving. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-0650.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY AUCTION

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 239 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Baskets, baked goods, raffles, and new or like-new gift items will be available for sale or auction. Benefits the Women's Club of Ocean Pines' college scholarship program and community donations. Donations of new items accepted. Donations and info: 443-465-2400 or 410-208-0171.

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 TUESDAY - Open Mic w/ Josh Pryor

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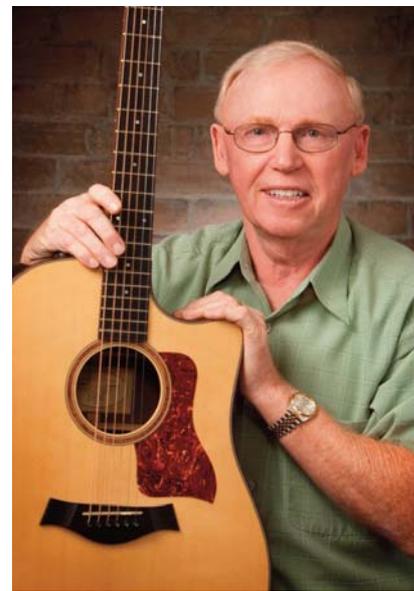
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FRIDAY - Full Circle



Patrick McAllorum at The Globe

SATURDAY - TBD
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

This is the meal that never ends. Yes, it goes on...

Oh, rapturous joy, a sunny and eighty degree day here on the Shore. I imagine it is one of the very last we shall

see on our doorstep until May, but I will take it without an ounce of remorse.

When the weather is warmer, we tend to think of cooling foods, and now that the days are getting a tad bit chillier as time goes on, our

thoughts sway to the hardy foods — foods that satiate and placate our hunger while giving us fuel to perform whatever duties may lay ahead of us.

I, for one, am glad that one of my favorite foods is also one that lends itself well to the cooler month menus: lamb.

With a taste that is a touch gamier or richer than beef, it is not a sought after choice by many a carnivore. Personally, I am glad I'm the only one in the house who enjoys lamb. That simply means that on "lamb day," there is more for me.

The lamb holds a special place in many cultures around the globe, and I am still surprised that so many Americans don't care for it; a sentiment I share with tongue-in-cheek.

I have sat at many a table in restaurants where the lamb is served tasting as though it had soured the day before. I have personally prepared leg of lamb of which I am still ashamed.

Lamb is fickle meat and it must be treated gingerly and lovingly.

As I sat down to write this, I mused at the thought of me grilling through the winter, even with a foot of snow on the porch. That's why I built the porch, so I wouldn't be tracking through mud. Ergo, I grill all winter long and don't have the luxury to make comments such as, "I guess this is the last time that I fire up the grill until next spring."

Of course, with the "end of the world" just under two months away, I don't have to worry too much about grills or porches, or lamb for that matter.

So for now, I will relish at the thought of grilling some beautiful lamb chops that I picked up from Doug at Minit Market on the island.

The grill was fired about 10 minutes ago, and the wood chunks that reside in the back right corner are starting to smolder. I can already smell it. With the lid closed, the large chunks will not catch on fire, so there's no need to soak.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII



In fact, if you read this column in the last six months, you know that I never soak my wood for smoking.

Watch any barbecue challenge on TV and tell me which one of those big players is using wet wood. They don't.

So the grill is ready to go, and the lamb has been marinating for about four hours, which makes it just ready enough to go.

I open the bag and can immediately smell the fresh thyme quickly overruled by the fresh rosemary. Followed by the lemon, onion and olive oil, this is going to be fantastic.

And now that I am finished writing, I have to figure out something else that will keep me in the sun for one of the last sunny, warm days of 2012.

Lamb Chops

Serves 4

2 racks of lamb
1 cups EV Olive oil
Juice and zest of 1 lemon
1/2 cups dry red wine
2 sprigs fresh rosemary

3 sprigs fresh thyme
5 garlic cloves, crushed
1 medium shallot, roughly chopped
1/2 onion, roughly chopped
1 tsp. smoked Spanish paprika
2 Tbsp. Kosher salt
1 Tbsp. fresh coarse ground pepper

Step 1: Before you do anything else, decide on how much fat you want in the finished dish.

Step 2: If you want fat, which is ideal, as it will provide copious amounts of flavor, simply remove the silver skin from the rack (that iridescent white skin under the fat) as much as possible without damaging the meat.

Step 3: For the fatty version (pictured and soon after devoured), you are ready to go to Step 5. For fancy-schmancy lollipops proceed to Step 4.

Step 4: Proceed with the first two steps and then examine the eye of the rack of lamb

Step 5: Imagine a neat circle and cut off the excess fat in a curving fashion until you get to the rib bone

Step 6: Remove fat and feed it to dog
Step 7: For this fashion of lamb, I cut

the rack into 4 equal pieces. Most racks will have seven long bones and one short, so just cut them evenly by thickness and you will be fine

Step 8: Combine remaining ingredients and toss lamb in

Step 9: Place in a container and allow to marinate for at least 4 hours if time permits. If you are hungry, no one will call the food police on you

Step 10: Fire up the wood grill, or if you are a grill cheater like me just throw some dry chunks of quality smoking wood on the grill

Step 11: Remove the lamb from the marinade and grill until it has reached the temperature of your liking

Step 12: Remove from grill and allow to slack out for 10 minutes to let the meat "relax" a little bit

Step 13: Serve with a red wine demi or other sauce of your choice

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