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Road funds drive feud

Pointed exchange at commissioners meeting

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL – The election snuck into the Worcester County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday as an incumbent commissioner, Judy Boggs, pointedly asked Delegate Jim Mathias, who is running for state senate, when the state would return the highway user tax appropriated to balance the budget last year.

Boggs' contention that the state's unilateral decision to take highway funds has been a rallying point for some time when she discusses state inefficiencies.

Mathias pointed out to Boggs, who represents Worcester on the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), that MACo pushed for the roads funding reduction rather than consider negotiating the so-called piggy back tax. A fact that, he said, has been missing from her anti-state rhetoric.

The two went back and forth debating the issue until Commission President Bud Church stepped in to redirect the line of questioning.

Mathias' short answer to Boggs' original question was that when the economy improves the funding will be restored.

Delegate Norm Conway said that neither MACo nor the state had a good idea at the time how deeply the deteriorating economy would affect state revenues.

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ONE SMART COOKIE – Worcester Prep senior Morgan Bissell receives encouragement from English teacher Megan Wallace during the school's pep rally last Friday. Bissell bested three other spirit week winners by getting an Oreo off his forehead and into his mouth with no hands.

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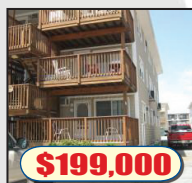
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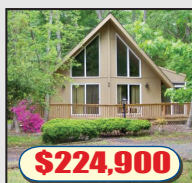
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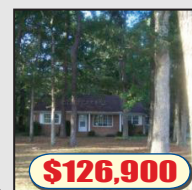
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FALL FESTIVAL — This group of sixth grade Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School's students showed their spirit during their school's Fall Festival. Pictured from back row to front and left to right are Max Bisaha, Jackson Wingert, Logan Gordy, Flynn Mullins and Claire Riley.



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Assateague wild horse gets a name: Aliyana Grace

BERLIN – One of the world famous Assateague wild horses was recently named by Danielle Barnard, the winner of the third annual “Name That Horse” contest conducted by the Assateague Island Alliance.

Barnard’s name was selected in a random drawing by Amelia and Oliva Cox, who were visiting Assateague Island National Seashore with their parents for the first time.

Every year from April through September, visitors to the National Seashore have the opportunity to enter the “Name that Horse” contest where the lucky winner gets to name one of the island’s wild horses.

Barnard was surprised and excited to have won. She named the mare Aliyana Grace. “I have researched the history of the ponies and was very intrigued by the Spanish galleon folklore so I would like to give her a Spanish name,” she said.

Aliyana means “beautiful girl” in

Spanish. Barnard’s mother, Penni, said the family was going to be visiting the seashore over Columbus Day weekend and Daneille would be searching the island for the mare.

There is only one other way to name an Assateague wild horse. Every November and December the right to name one of that year’s foals is auctioned off on eBay with the highest bidder getting to name a foal.

This year there will be three auctions, beginning Nov. 8, each auction lasting two weeks each, with the final auction ending on Dec. 20.

The “Name that Horse” and “Name that Foal” contests are conducted by the Assateague Island Alliance, a non-profit friends group for Assateague Island National Seashore. Proceeds are used for the benefit of the park.

More information about the Assateague Island Alliance and the contests is available at www.assateaguwildhorses.org.



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Amelia and Oliva Cox draw the name of Danielle Barnard in the Name that Contest.

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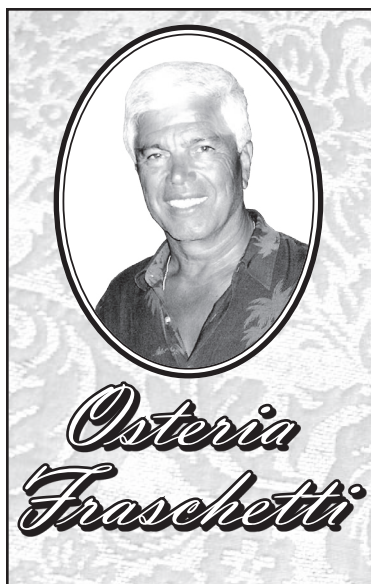
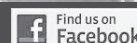
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Finding the right recipe for success at Burley Oak Brewery

New brewery should open in Berlin by February

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – Sometimes a business will push back its intended opening date because of too many hurdles but it is rare to see a date pushed back because of too few, but that's kind of what is happening with Burley Oak Brewery, which is now scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2011.

Owner and brewer Bryan Brushmiller discovered as he was preparing to begin construction that there were opportunities to improve upon the brewery's design and functions that would be easier to affect before opening. He's taking the attitude that anything worth doing is worth doing right and local beer drinkers will certainly thank him for it.

As Brushmiller spoke with his general contractor, trying to convey his vision for the brewery they decided

to visit Evolution Brewery in Delmar, Del., one of the region's fastest-growing breweries. As they were taking the tour the brewmaster there spoke to them at length about things he'd have done differently in the brewery's construction. Brushmiller took note and, while the tweaks might seem insignificant they can mean the difference between being kind of successful and very successful.

A major change he's making to the inside of the brewery is the allowance for significantly more production than he'd first intended. As it turned out there is a lot more demand for the kind of product he's expecting to offer than he'd originally anticipated. In talking about his intentions with distributors Brushmiller discovered both his intended brews and bottling are in incredible demand and rather than not be able to meet and capitalize upon it, he elected to set up the

brewery so he could satisfy the market.

Brushmiller's plan has more to do with personal taste than market savvy; it's just that they happened to coincide. Among the area breweries there's no lack of India Pale Ale choices but the market for Belgian-style brews isn't really that well represented.

As it stands now, Brushmiller will have his signature beer be a Belgian distributed not in six-packs but in the highly-sought after 750ml bottles. It's the same size as a small bottle of wine, the traditional container for Belgian beer.

He'll also be using the method accidentally discovered by Trappist monks nearly 500 years ago, wherein the yeast is cultivated naturally. In order to get the yeast just right it requires a separate room in which to develop.

Choosing a recipe has turned out to be a little more difficult that Brushmiller thought. As his brewing skill increases his take on many of the recipes have produced superior beer and he wants to be able to sell them all but will limit the regular production to only two of them.

When Burley Oak opens there will likely be four taps for sampling, two of his signature beers and two seasonal brews. It's likely he will debut two winter brews upon opening. The seasonals will change each year depending on how well they sell and the ease with which the ingredients can be obtained.

Getting the right grains is critical to brewing and this year Brushmiller took the first steps toward having a totally local produced beer available.

A friend of his, for lots of different reasons, was talking about diversifying his farm land in order to be less dependent on chicken production. Brushmiller supplied him with grain plants he purchased on the West Coast and they've been using them to develop several of the brewery's recipes.

Eventually Brushmiller said he hopes to get as much of his ingredients as possible from local farmers, another time-tested method for sustainable success. In Kentucky, grain trucks pull into bourbon and whiskey distilleries and unload their grains. They then pull forward and collect the grains used in the mash to feed their pigs. It's a zero-waste proposition.

Similarly, Brushmiller said as he begins to use enough of the local grain he hopes to develop a partnership of this kind with local farmers it would almost completely eliminate waste and allow both the brewery and participating farms to thrive financially and, and this is the most important part, almost completely within the local economy.

Still, Brushmiller is itching to open and trying his best to mitigate his desire to get it done immediately with his wish to get it done perfectly. With any luck, by the end of February the rest of the locals will be able to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and Public Works Director Mike Gibbons watch the installation of new crosswalks at Pitts and Main streets. The town was able to save over \$11,000 by doing the installation themselves and using thermo-plastic materials.

New crosswalks installed in downtown Berlin

BERLIN – The Berlin Public Works Department, under the leadership of director Mike Gibbons, has added a new skill to its resume.

The department recently bought a \$900 gas torch that enables them to lay down thermo-plastic pavement crosswalks at less than half the price it would cost to have the material installed by a private contractor.

The materials for the crosswalk at Pitts Street and Main Street cost the department \$8,646 and the gas to operate the torch was donated by Eastern Shore Gas Co. Gibbons had previously received bids for this project in the \$20,000 range.

The herringbone patterned crosswalk is a durable preformed thermoplastic pavement marking material used primarily for streetscape and traffic calming purposes on public roads and private properties. The supplier also supplied a technician for the project, at no addi-

tional cost to train the Public Works Department in the proper installation of the material.

“The original idea of installing patterned crosswalks was suggested by the late Tom Patton, who was a pioneer in Berlin’s revitalization,” said Mayor Gee Williams.

“The first patterned crosswalks in Berlin were installed about five years ago by the State Highway Administration as a demonstration project, but no funds are expected to be available from SHA for such work for several years, so the town’s Public Works Department found an affordable way to provide and maintain these traffic calming elements that enhance the appearance of downtown and also promote pedestrian safety.”

More crosswalks are slated to be added to Berlin’s historic downtown intersections in the future, as funds become available in the town’s public works budget.

Town Council works on its storm water management rules

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – The Town Council voted last week to better codify the storm water management waivers and clarify fees for the application process. The changes are the result of state legislation adopted earlier this year that makes local governments responsible for adopting and enforcing storm water management rules in accordance with state guidelines.

Because of some of the unique features of the land builders can seek waivers for multiple reasons, including that the rules have been met but in different ways. The problem for the town was to find a way to offset the cost of reviews that must be done by storm water engineers.

The town engaged EA Engineering as the company who would do the reviews that required in-depth review that could not be undertaken by staff. Darl Kolar, representing the company, explained the fee structure to the council.

Review fees will be \$10 for each 1,000 square feet and second reviews will be charged according to the amount of items the developer failed to perform.

“It’s really to protect if you’re moving

earth, disturbing or re-grading,” Kolar said.

If changes require additional reviews they will be reviewed separately. Or if the developer misses comments or doesn’t address them and it requires an additional review.

Kolar said that charges for second reviews would be unlikely if there were just minor objects missed but if the developer doesn’t compete or address EA Engineering’s plan comments a charge for a re-review will be necessary.

“The overall scope of this is to try and protect the town,” Council vice-president Elroy Brittingham said.

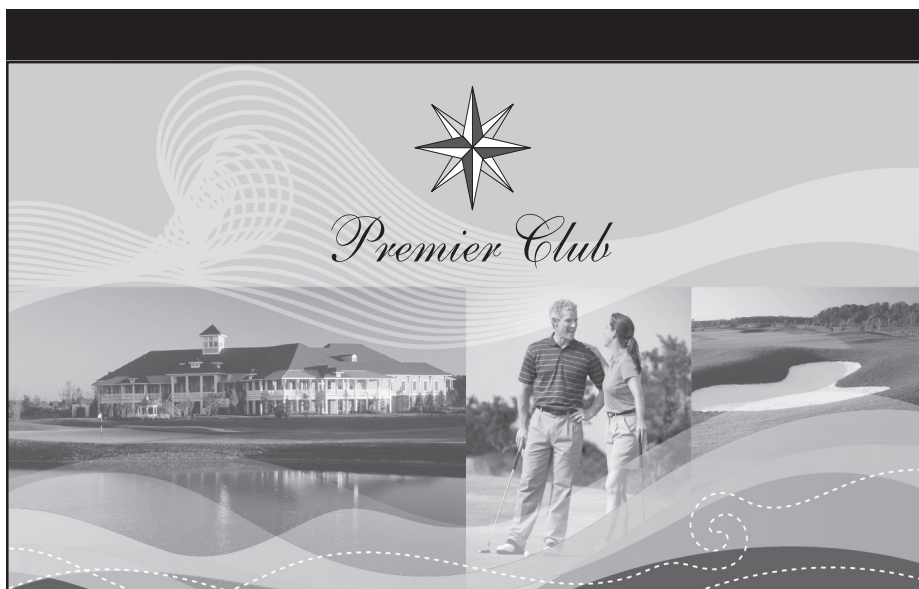
Kolar added that the point of the plan was that new development or significant changes to current development didn’t make the town’s current flooding problems worse.

UTILITY SOFTWARE

Finance director Lynn Musgrave told the council she’d just returned from Raleigh, N.C., with the staff being trained on new utility software, set to go live this week. So far, she said, her staff is still getting comfortable with the new program but their progress is encouraging.

“Everything so far has gone very

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Stephen Decatur building a foundation for success

New SDHS Alumni Association leading the way to get field house built

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – When Lou Taylor took the job as principal of Stephen Decatur High School 16 years ago one of the goals he'd set was to have a field house built at the far end of the football field.

While it's no secret that funds have been kind of tight in the school system – always tend to be tight to be fair – it was a hope that he kept in the back of his mind. Four years ago Michael Stortini, a builder whose son is now a SDHS alum, offered to get the ball rolling and donated the site plans and work along with laying the foundation to the school.

Taylor knew the school would have to do its part, though, to make the field house a reality. This fall he took what will not only be the final step toward getting the building completed but also the first step toward accomplishing other projects the school either needs or desires – he inaugurated the SDHS Alumni Association (SDHSAA).

The plan now is to raise \$500,000 for the construction of the field house and Taylor has been spend his spare time shaking hands and spreading his infectious enthusiasm about the possibility of growing the SDHSAA into a force for doing good for the school at which so



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur High School principal Lou Taylor knew the school would have to do its part to make a new field house a reality so he helped start the SDHS Alumni Association.

many members of the region spend their formative teen years.

Next week the school will hold a business breakfast to officially inaugurate the SDHSAA and hopefully motivate people to commit to making donations to the field house fund. Taylor said that Coca-Cola and the Athletic Boosters among dozens of others have already

made significant contributions to the fund and that he expects to announce another major donor soon.

But even with a lot of major contributors, Taylor knows the SDHSAA will have to be funded in small pieces as well as large. As a county employee as well as a civic leader, Taylor understands that times are tight and appreciates the diffi-

WANT TO JOIN?

Anyone interested in more information about becoming a member of the Stephen Decatur High School Alumni Association may call 410-641-4410 or visit www.SDHSAlumni.com. The website offers an opportunity to donate to the building fund and to see photos of the building in progress.

culty in getting residents to pledge large amounts to the project. But in an effort to help people commit to the building he instituted three- and five-year pledge plans.

"If you ask someone to donate \$10,000 many people wouldn't be able to," he said. "But a lot of people can commit to \$2,000 per year for five years."

Taylor has taken up the challenge himself. As a former graduate, athlete, and coach he said he wanted to demonstrate his own personal commitment to the association. His passion for the project come through nearly as much when he talks about the future of the association and all it can accomplish as it does giving a tour of the to-be-completed field house.

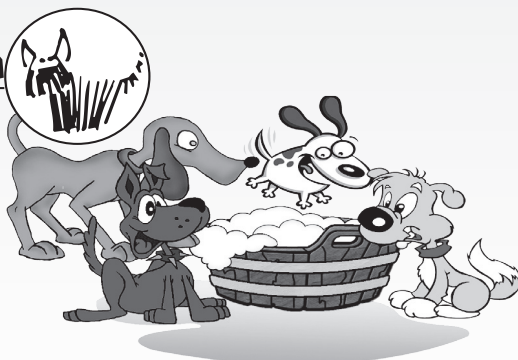
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HEALTH

BAYSIDE

Alzheimer's, my father and how to deal with this disease

I have written several articles covering various topics, but this article about Alzheimer's is the most difficult article that I ever had to write about.

My father, Jim Loftus has this dreaded and debilitating disease. I have just returned from one of my regular visits with my Dad who is in the final stages of Alzheimer's.

He no longer is that fun loving, story-telling, powerful salesman, life of the party kind of guy that I once knew and loved. Today, he is a man who aimlessly wanders around the halls of the facility that he resides in and currently has no idea that I am even his son.

I write this article in hopes that others can be better prepared, not from a personal standpoint (who of us really ever is mentally and emotionally prepared), but from a financial and legal standpoint.

My father is like so many of us who believed that it would never happen to him, despite my repeated insistence to invest in long term care or at least have a plan in place for that "What if moment" in life actually did occur. His response like many others especially of his generation was "That's why he had a family." In hindsight, this was both shortsighted and quite frankly selfish on his part.

I would like to offer a few ideas and thoughts that hopefully will better prepare you and your family if this terrible disease were to strike. Alzheimer's disease is unique from other slowly debilitating and ultimately fatal diseases by the fact that the major impact and final decision making falls solely on the family since the Alzheimer's patient is incapable of taking care of themselves or even being aware of their surroundings.

Legal, financial, and health care planning documents - There are good reasons to retain the services of a lawyer when preparing advance planning documents. For example, a lawyer can help interpret different State laws and suggest ways to ensure that the patient's and family's wishes are carried out.

It's important to understand that laws vary by state and changes in situation – for instance, a divorce, relocation, or death in the family – can influence how documents are prepared and subsequently maintained and executed.

When families begin the legal planning process, there are a number of strategies and



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Jim Loftus (center) Michael Loftus and son Padraig.

legal documents they need to discuss and fully understand. Depending on the family situation and the applicable State laws, some or all of the following terms and documents may be reviewed and possibly recommended by the lawyer hired to assist in the overall process.

■A Living Will records a person's wishes for medical treatment near the end of life.

■A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care designates a person, sometimes called an agent or proxy, to make health care decisions when the person with Alzheimer's disease no longer can do so.

■A Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Order instructs health care professionals not to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation if a person's heart stops or if he or she stops breathing. A DNR order is signed by a doctor and is made part of a person's medical chart.

■A Durable Power of Attorney for Finances names someone to make financial decisions when the person with Alzheimer's disease no longer is mentally capable of making such decisions.

It can help people with the disease and their families avoid court actions that may take

away control of their personal financial affairs.

■A Living Trust provides instructions about the person's estate and appoints someone, often referred to as the trustee, to hold title to property and funds for the beneficiaries. The trustee follows these instructions after the person no longer can manage his or her affairs.

The person with Alzheimer's disease also can name the trustee as the health care proxy through the durable power of attorney for health care.

Financial and estate management - When investing, we believe in a simple principle of true diversification and asset allocation. We would continue to manage based on various age and risk factors. Of course as we get older, we want to make sure that we have more liquidity and less risk in our investments.

But there are other strategies that can help prepare you and your family. Specifically, Life Insurance and Long Term Care. Consider the following facts:

•Odds of being in a car accident, 3 in 900 = 0.33%

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•Odds of being admitted to critical care facility, 21 in 900 = 2.3%

•Odds of needing long term care coverage, 630 in 900 = 70%

Today, the average cost for a semi-private room is \$183 per day, with a yearly cost of roughly \$65,000. The industry also projects an average annual increase of 4 percent. Today the average time spent in a long term facility is three years, so expect costs to be between \$180-\$200,000 in today's dollars.

When you look at the odds and the costs, which continue to soar, long term care could be a viable option for many. There are several good carriers and options and generally with a wide range of options. It is best to request help from a professional or do your own research to find the right strategy for you and your family.

Life insurance for many years has had a history of having a bad reputation in this field, because of past unsavory sales practices. But if utilized correctly, life insurance has the potential to help your family today and after you or a family member loses their battle with Alzheimer's.

The most important advice I can give is to prepare early. If you haven't been affected by this disease but perhaps know a family member who has Alzheimer's, do something about it today.

If you wait until you're diagnosed, you could possibly be limited in setting up a comprehensive protection plan. Because of a lack of planning, my father is in a county facility, surely not the type of facility I had expected my father to be receiving care for his disease.

I know the people who care for my father are hard working and caring healthcare providers, but he absolutely does not get the level of care and personal attention I feel he could have received if a plan was in place to deal with life's "What if moments."

With three young children, and my family's future to prepare for, we as a family can only do so much.

What I do, is continue to visit no matter the circumstances. I'll bring my kids, the dogs, take him outside to enjoy the weather and talk about how well our Phillies are doing.

Somewhere, deep down, I know that he is aware of me coming by to visit. For that I am blessed.

FITNESS ADVICE

New PowerHouse Gym to open



By David & Lisa Long

asked us, "Why?"

Our response is, why not? We have always wanted to maintain a relationship with a full facility gym. We have talked about the pitfalls of Globo gyms, but as with anything else there are also positives to take advantage of with a Globo gym. We have also said it

There's a new gym coming back to town and we could not be more excited! PowerHouse gym will be reopening in their old location on Route 611, plus some added space and exciting additions, in early December. We are honored to be involved with the brand new facility. Some people have

is up to the individual to make the most out of their time and money. Parents need childcare; financially strapped people need a better price point than what we currently offer at our personal training studio, and others need more available hours to fit their constantly changing schedules.

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that leave us? Open to possibilities.

We are continuing our work with OC Parks and Rec, SDHS athletics, Home School Sports, Special Olympics, OcTri Running, Autistic Support Group and all of the other people we have always worked with. Now, in addition to the 2,200 square feet we presently have, we will also have access to 10,000 square feet of brand new equipment! Thanks to Tony and Laura who have invited us to be a part of their rebirth in West OC.

We will be offering some specials through November, while the rest of PowerHouse is being renovated. Please feel free to give us a call or stop by our studio in West OC.

Lisa and David Long are trainers who own Live Long Fitness in West Ocean City. 410-213-1078, www.livelongfitness.com, livelongfitness@live.com



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CAR CRASH — Wednesday morning a vehicle crashed into the PNC Bank Building on Main Street in downtown Berlin. The building was recently repaired from damage caused by a previous accident at the intersection. The intersection has been problematic for drivers converging from William, Main and Bay streets. No determination has yet been made to the cause of this accident.

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NEWS BRIEFS

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS FOR SALE

One of the fundraisers that the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City does is to make, sell, and even re-paint the official approved Ocean Pines House Number Signs seen all over Ocean Pines. The signs are brown with large recessed orange numbers and are installed by Kiwanians at the purchasers home near the street.

This sign makes the job of identifying house addresses easier for anyone, especially the fire department and police when responding to the call for help. Often the house numbers on the house are not readily visible from the street, especially at night. It even makes it easier for visitors and family to identify the address.

Signs are ordered by filling out an application located in the front hallway of the OPA building at White Horse Park as shown in the picture. Simply follow the instructions on the forms, either for purchase at a cost of \$15 (includes installation) or for re-painting at a cost of \$10 done right at the home.

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You may register for this trip at the Ocean Pines Recreation Department at 235 Ocean Parkway in the North Gate of Ocean Pines. For information you may call the Ocean Pines Recreation Dept. at 410-641-7717 ext. 3050.

FLUSHING OF WATER MAINS

The town of Ocean City Water Department will conduct its fall flushing of water mains Sunday, Oct. 24 through Thursday, Oct. 28, between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m.

Should any discoloration of water occur during this period, residents are reminded to let the faucet run for several minutes until the water clears.

Storm water

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well," she said.

Although bill balances could be transferred, the new program was incompatible with the old as far as the ability to extract historical data but the information is still available, just not as part of the new system.

"I could still reprint it," Musgrave said. "It's just not integrated."

New utility bills will look a little different. For example, they will no longer have customer numbers and account numbers, only account numbers but the statements will look exactly the same.

In response to a question from Councilwoman Paula Lynch, Musgrave said the town could not print a bar graph on each bill showing 12 months' worth of usage, as is available on certain utility bills. She did say that interested parties could get printouts at town hall.

She also expected that payments could be made on line in the coming weeks with the launch of Berlin's redesigned website.

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CLASH OF THE TITANS



Jim Mathias and Michael James face off in the State Senate District 38 race

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Jim Mathias is married but not to the state tax increase. Although he has a lot to say about reducing taxes, he also has some ideas for reducing spending that he believes will help the state avert a budget crisis both now and well into the future.

Mathias proposes to change the state's benefit policy without just dumping it onto the counties, who can no more afford to carry these benefits than the state can. The state's pension liability, and those at the county and municipal

level have been identified as one of the most concerning financial crises waiting to happen.

Under Mathias' plan, the state would grandfather current benefits but make a substantive change to the retirement and health packages of new hires, as many corporations have seen fit to do over the last 20 or so years.

By replacing the package the state wouldn't merely save billions over the long term, but reduce its costs in the short term as part of a plan that would enable a tax reduction that doesn't rely on an immediate influx of new indus-

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BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Michael James' key perspective on the state economy generally and the local economy specifically is to bring both jobs and businesses through tax cuts.

"I've talked frequently about the increase in the unemployment tax rate, which was particularly bad for the shore because right as the fund was going broke they expanded [eligibility]," he said.

As the state unemployment fund dwindled, new rules aimed at main-

taining the fund cause businesses' unemployment insurance taxes in some cases to triple. The result, he said, was that many businesses won't hire new employees because the tax liability isn't worth the increase in production.

Rolling back that tax, he said, would encourage hiring and also loosen the pressures on small businesses that have unemployment insurance costs disproportionate to what it's reasonable to expect them to be able to pay.

"Too often the state treats business as an adversary," he said. "If they're

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Mathias

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try into the state.

It's part of a plan that would enable the state to make what he sees as needed corporate and unemployment tax cuts to help bolster the economy for a more complete recovery in the long term.

Mathias' concern about the unemployment tax was spurred by the incredible jump in the rate this year when unemployment benefits were extended beyond what was available in the state unemployment fund.

A company's unemployment tax rate is calculated by the regularity with which a given company unemploys people. By that light, Ocean City and other nine-month operations are charged as if they constantly lay off people for long stretches of time rather than for just the three months.

The plan wouldn't shift the burden of unemployment funding to other companies, he said, it would only make seasonal employers proportionately responsible. Mathias also said it wouldn't affect the benefits of people who were regular nine-month employees but would make it easier to identify people who were trying to game the system.

On the economic development front, Mathias chafed at the idea that little has been done at the state level to promote

"The workplace is different in 2010 than it was in 2000."

-James Mathias

business development in Worcester County. "There are elements of economic development I've worked on that are not as obvious," he said. "The workplace is different in 2010 than it was in 2000."

While he agreed that more industry was needed, he pointed to the pieces recently and currently being put in place by the state that would encourage development. The continuing initiative to bring broadband Internet service to the outlying areas of the county will make these areas more friendly, not only to people who work from home, but also to corporations who require broadband access as part of their business model.

In addition to the opportunity expansion seen in the southern end of the county with the new pharmacy school at UMES and the continuing expansion around Wallops Island, Mathias said that the cultivation of healthcare opportunities in Northern Worcester County would continue to be a priority. He also said he was continuing to seek funding for the lobbied for Performing Arts Center that fell victim to the economic turnaround.

James

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making it tougher to hire people that's counter productive."

James said part time and seasonal workers shouldn't be automatically added to the unemployment roles. The cases of nine-month employees, such as those who work in the local tourism industry, are different since many if not most of these people go back to work.

James' main concern is that the extensions in unemployment benefits act as a disincentive for people to go back to work. He said better enforcement is needed to make sure the unemployed are trying to get back to work rather than repeatedly changing their status to extend their time out of work.

There are two kinds of keeping the fund solvent. The first is to make sure that the funds are collected inappropriately but also that people who can move from unemployment to work have more of an incentive to do so.

James said the key to economic development state-wide is to change the way the state approaches both the businesses already here and perspective industry. As a businessman he feels he's uniquely qualified to bring business interests to the fore in Annapolis.

Part of making Maryland more appealing to businesses, he said, is

"Too often the state treats business as an adversary."

-Michael James

reducing the corporate tax as well as rolling back the state sales tax to five percent. Both are measures he believes he can find bi-partisan support on.

"When they see that the policies aren't working they're going to have to reevaluate them," he said.

James also pointed out the increase in sales tax was nullified by a reduction of consumer spending. He reasoned that volume from increased purchases would compensate for the revenue disparity tied to a tax rollback.

James said that Maryland is competing with other states and suggested the tax increase didn't take into account border areas like the Eastern Shore.

Another of his ideas is to remove a rule that prevents the governor from actively promoting the state. He said even though he doesn't agree with Gov. Martin O'Malley, whomever is the governor should be featured in ads promoting the state both for tourism and for economic development.

"One area you should cut during tough times is your marketing budget," he said.

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DELEGATE RACES

Incumbent Norm Conway and Gee Williams are the Democratic candidates

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Delegate Norm Conway, who currently chairs the House Ways and Means Committee was in a special position to see the upside of the tax increases initiated over the last four years but pointed out that the increases were a zero-sum effect for the state budget.



Norm Conway — “We’ve done as much in reductions as we did in the increases of those special sessions,” he said.

He expects that the taxes that have painted Maryland as less business friendly when compared to the surrounding states, West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware — including the corporate and sales tax rates — will have to be reduced in the coming session.

But Conway was clear that the tax increases were targeted for specific projects and used on those projects, many of which had a direct benefit in this district.

“The chamber of commerce wanted \$600 million for the transportation fund.

We were able to raise \$400 million,” he said. “Half of that \$400 million into the transportation fund. As a result we were able to maintain Route 113 in those two phases.”

In addition the funds helped build Pocomoke High School, the Technology and Education building and the Purdue School of Business at Salisbury University, the Allied Health Building at Wor-Wic Community College and the Engineering School at UMES.

“As a result of that we were able to continue jobs in construction and all of that have real economic impact in this district,” he said.

But it’s also part of a bigger plan to re-envision the district as a single entity for economic development rather than a confederation of competing ones. The plan includes not only make better tools available for producing the experts the region will need in the future, but also developing the infrastructure to carry it forward.

“Job creation is critical in this district,” Conway said. “We have to use the college resources, take a look at the comprehensive plan for economic development in the region to help with job attraction.”

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BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Gee Williams realizes that tax cuts have to be made if the local



Gee Williams

and state economy are to engage in the recovery with all possible vigor. He also realizes that there is nothing worse than a rash decision in the midst of a crisis. To that end he’s been looking at both sides of the government ledger to see how to best cut taxes and which taxes to cut as part of a plan for recovery.

“One of the highest priorities is reestablishing an economy that we can be certain about,” he said. “And that means we should approach cutting taxes like a surgeon and not like a butcher. Sweeping reductions of all taxes sounds simple but all it would do is take an already fragile situation and make it worse, it’s not reasonable or realistic.”

For Williams the first and most obvious choices are reductions to the corporate income tax and the personal income tax. Targeting them, he said, will help give incentives to people to get them to hire people while restoring the predictability and stability that all corporations,

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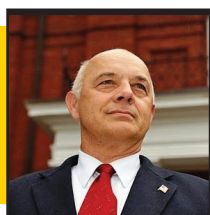
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DELEGATE RACES

Marty Pusey is a Republican candidate

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Marty Pusey is a big-picture thinker. The former chair of the Worcester County Republican Central Committee has plans to spur development though cutting taxes and paying for tax cuts by going after illegal aliens and the companies that hire them.



Marty Pusey

"I want to see Maryland move to the front of the line," she said. "I want to help make Maryland a more business friendly state."

Pusey said she would do that by making across the board tax cuts and regulatory cuts that would draw industry to the Eastern Shore.

Among her primary concerns is the scale by which employers who dismiss employees are taxed. She said that many employers, facing difficult times have been forced to reduce their staff sizes but by doing that they increase their unemployment tax liability. This greater pressure on the company's bottom line means they have trouble paying the employees they keep and also pre-

vents them from being able to hire new employees in what becomes a vicious circle of firings and increased penalties.

Pusey suggests leeway for employers who cut jobs. In her view firing just one employee shouldn't drive the company's unemployment insurance tax up dramatically.

She also said she would like to help roll back the state income tax minimally to five percent. "I'd eventually like to see it even lower," she said.

In addition to plans to cut the personal income tax rate, Pusey said more has to be done to make the state more millionaire-friendly. "We've lost hundreds of millionaires in the state because of the tax," she said.

By greatly reducing the millionaire tax, she said, millionaires will be drawn back into the state.

"We're not going to do it over night to get businesses back," Pusey said. In the interim she said she has a plan to cut costs by doing more to crack down on illegal aliens.

Pusey is calling for an Arizona-style "Papers Please" enforcement approach to ferreting out illegals in the schools, prisons, hospitals and the workplace. Under

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ELECTION 2010

DELEGATE RACES

Michael McDermott is a Republican candidate

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Michael McDermott said the investigation into his conduct by the Worcester County Sheriff's Department has ended and he is back on the streets doing his job. The District 38B House of Delegates candidate was recently under administrative suspension as the result of an incident in September wherein a Worcester County sheriff's weapon was found in McDermott's office.

Suspension lifted, McDermott was eager to talk about election issues and his plans to generate business through significant tax cuts, spending cuts and regulation reductions. "This is almost like telling you to have faith, if you build it they will come," he said.

But McDermott said it had worked before with Reganomics and can work again but that the problems he sees as needing addressing will have to be taken in small pieces.

In addition to calling for a rollback of the state sales tax increase, McDermott said it was critical to greatly reduce the personal income tax for high-earners and do even more for millionaires.

"The folks that had that kind of wealth realized [the increased millionaire tax] was coming and just moved," he said. "The revenue actually decreased in the other direction."

He said that merely reducing the tax to 2008 levels will only help keep the millionaires that are left. He said if the

"What can government farm out and give to the private sector they should contract it out and sub-contract it out."

-Michael McDermott

state worked to reduce it even further eventually millionaires might begin to return to the state.

The tax-cut principles McDermott espouses are part of a bigger culture-change plan that he said will also eventually draw more corporations into the state. He pointed to the Western Shore's loss of Lockheed-Martin last year as evidence Maryland wasn't business friendly.

"As you create an environment that is friendly, businesses that have left and have ties here might come back," he said. "It's something the general assembly has to be committed to, governors come and go."

In the meanwhile paying the bills might take a little creativity and that means the state will have to find ways to make appropriate cuts and run leaner.

McDermott said there's no single-bullet solution but suggested moving the burden of employee pensions from the state to the counties. That way, he said, the counties would decide whether they needed employees based on whether they could fund the benefit packages.

He said it would also give the counties the power to decide how to structure

the packages they would offer based on what they were willing to spend on their employees. The alternative, he said, was that the state could just dump the entire current burden and the counties, but that would likely break them all.

"If you put the burden on the counties, over the next 25 years you can take that money and reinvest it in education," he said.

Another way McDermott envisions paying for tax cuts is by transitioning overtime to more use of government contractors to provide services the state now employs people to do. He was clear that he wasn't talking about firing state employees but rather transitioning as they begin to retire or find other work.

"What can government farm out and give to the private sector they should contract it out and sub-contract it out," he said.

While these transitions will take time, McDermott said they will leave Maryland in a better financial position over the long term.

Another cost-cutting initiative McDermott suggested was to begin to rely more on technology where possible since it requires less benefit commitment from the state.

McDermott, who is mayor of Pocomoke, used a recent solution in that town as an example of how technology can help government cut costs.

He said rather than hiring additional policeman they elected to install video cameras around town that police could monitor from the station at a cost of about \$120,000.

"That's not even a cop-and-a-half for one year," he said.



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STATE'S ATTORNEY

Maryland State's Attorney race features Joel Todd vs. Beau Oglesby

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Worcester County State's Attorney Joel Todd is running on his experience and community involvement as much as on his accomplishments.

"I have been involved in prosecuting criminals in this county for 25 years," he said.



Joel Todd

"This isn't a place that I come and go, I'm part of the community."

Among the highlights of Todd's most recent term were the inauguration of the CRICKET Child-Advocacy Center, where victims of alleged child abuse can be treated and have their statements taken under as comfortable and safe conditions as possible, and the initiation of Take Pride in Berlin an enforcement measure aimed at the dissolution of the open air drug market in Berlin.

Over his next term, Todd hopes to see Take Pride in Berlin through and implement a similar program in Pocomoke. While the Berlin operation is working, Todd said it will require continual monitoring to prevent new drug dealers from cropping up in the places vacated by the programs multitude of arrests. But with its initial success, he said it was only appropriate to set the enforcement sights on Pocomoke.

"There's a lot of violence and drugs in Pocomoke," he said. "I'm not picking on Pocomoke, we had the same problem in Berlin."

Todd said that the Berlin effort cost very little, it was run by working with officers who were already on duty. "It was a reallocation of forces," he said.

Todd has already pitched the notion to the Pocomoke administration, taking a trip with the chief of police and the mayor to Nashville and meeting with

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-Joel Todd

officers who were having success. He said he also made presentations to the mayor and council as well as with the public, who have been supportive.

"We base this on objective data: Where are the crimes happening?" Todd said.

Pocomoke has been relying heavily on hidden camera's as a method of enforcement, which Todd said wasn't ineffective but noted many of the places with cameras have only made dealers relocate to unmonitored sections. If the enforcement program is to work, regular patrols are the best way to keep the streets clear of dealers.

Todd discounted the notion that the relationship between his office and that of the Worcester County Sheriff were in any way tense, though there have been election-year critiques to the contrary.

"Certainly we don't let that get in the way of what's in the best interests of justice," he said. "We never have and we never will."

Todd works closely with all of the area's officers and commanders.

Todd said that, although he's a strong administrator running the office is important but knowing how to try the tough cases is equally important. He said he was particularly proud of the more than 370 victims and their families and friends.

With four murder and six homicide cases pending Todd said it was important to understand there is little substitute for courtroom experience, particularly in cases involving violence, in making sure justice is administered.

the realistic solution from the perceived problem. As he sees it, there isn't so much a problem with the laws as with their execution. Many regulations that businesses tend to find objectionable are the natural end of adding regulations rather than taking on a comprehensive rewriting of them.

Williams said state regulations are highly overlapping and often contradictory and what makes them frustrating is that, especially when businesses try and comply there are often aspects that come up near the end of the project that weren't clear from the beginning.

The state exacerbates this frustration, he said, my being too quick to fine and or litigate which wastes both state and business money that could be used to address the problem.

"Regulations were often put in for an important reason at the time, but layer

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — The office of the States Attorney prosecutes everything from traffic citations to murders and, while the law doesn't change according to who is running the office, the approach to the relationship with law enforce-



Beau Oglesby

ment is a critical part of the punitive aspect of law enforcement. It's a relationship that Beau Oglesby said he believes he can strengthen as State's Attorney for Worcester County.

"There's a critical link between arrest and conviction," he said. "And a chain is only as strong as it's weakest link."

Working closely with law enforcement officials and resetting the tone for prosecutors are among Oglesby's top priorities. He said that it's important that each of the prosecutors act with consistency on every level.

He was clear that that didn't imply he had an agenda that included mass firings the day after he takes office.

"There have been rampant rumors that if Beau get's in he's going to clean house," Oglesby said. "It's not true. Why would I cut off my nose to spite my face?"

What he does have in mind is a thorough evaluation of policies and procedures in partnership with the current working attorneys and staff to make the prosecutor's office run as efficiently as possible.

The law enforcement side of the equation is a little trickier. Oglesby said he has the support of the law enforcement community. His claim is that those endorsements, given that many if not most of those officers have never worked with him professionally, suggests he brings the right attitude to the office.

Recent difficulties, especially in the

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-Beau Oglesby

Worcester County Sheriff's Department, have called into question law enforcement's commitment to fighting crime versus the status quo. From Oglesby's perspective this has little to do with the relationship between the departments. "I don't hire the sheriffs," he said.

He believes that the disconnect has more to do with the relationship between law enforcement more generally and the prosecutor's office. The plan is to repair what he sees as a damaged and sometimes combative relationship between the prosecutor's office and the sheriffs as a way of making the rest of law enforcement's credibility issues disappear.

"That's my hope is that repairing what I believe to be a problem between the law enforcement officers and the prosecutors office ... we shouldn't have problems," he said.

Open communication would allow sheriffs and other law enforcement personnel to offer critiques on the State's Attorneys and that office to do the same. Oglesby talked about his decade working with the police on the drug task force in Wicomico County, not only on active cases but on mutual education about how procedures affected the outcome of cases.

His hope is to build on the confidence he has cultivated with the different endorsing entities of law enforcement and demonstrate that those endorsements were well deserved.

"It's mine to lose, I suppose," he said.

"We cannot regulate ourselves into recovery. It's obvious to say but it's more complicated than it seems."

-Gee Williams

stewardship and economic opportunity are two sides of the same coin," he said citing Berlin as a model for how economic growth and environmental sustainability made better sense than any alternatives.

"Government doesn't give enough economic incentives to do the right thing," he said. "The days when people had to be forced to be environmentally responsible are behind us."

Williams

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but especially small business owners — who would also benefit from the personal income tax cut — require.

But drastic cuts with no plan for making them work is dangerous all the way down the line. "We can't bring government to its knees," Williams said. "In Berlin we're only getting 10 percent of what we used to get for public safety."

Reducing the size of government is a key component of being able to rationally cut taxes. Williams' plan is to combine and streamline departments, as was done in Berlin, to eliminate wasted salaries without affecting services.

While many of the candidates speak in broad terms about reducing regulation, Williams again tries to separate

upon layer of regulation makes it difficult for businesses that are honestly trying to comply," he said. "We cannot regulate ourselves into recovery. It's obvious to say but it's more complicated than it seems."

As an example, Williams pointed out that if a problem has a "million dollar fix" rather than fine the business until it spends the million, come up with an incremental plan that the business owner can afford and allow them to come into compliance as it make sense economically. Spending money on state lawyers to sue rather than negotiate is both wrongheaded and expensive.

In a similar vein, Williams calls for government as well as industry to balance environmental stewardship with the economic reality of both business and government.

"We have to realize that environmental

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COUNTY SHERIFF

County Sheriff's race has Reggie Mason against Bobby Brittingham

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Chief Deputy Reggie Mason, who came out of semi-retirement this January to replace Douglas Dodd as the second in command at the Worcester County Sheriff's Department is ambivalent about his position in the department. While he is responsible for the day-to-day running of the department in Sheriff Chuck Martin's absence, he hasn't been responsible for developing or changing policy.



Reggie Mason

"There are some things I want to do different, but I'm not the sheriff," he said.

Mason said that the suspensions in the department are just part and parcel of dealing with employee conduct and not at all related to the protracted sick-leave Martin has been forced to take over the last few years, from his view.

In fact, he said, Worcester is one of the best county sheriff's offices to work for. "Once we hire them, we're able to keep them, so I think we're doing something right," Mason said. He also disputed the suggestion that there is some sort of disconnect between the county prosecutors and sheriffs.

"Our job is to apprehend, their job is to prosecute. I'd like to see more people going to jail for their crimes but that's not my job, that's the State's Attorney and the judge," he said adding that the relationship between the departments has always been professional.

Mason said his biggest asset is the amount of schooling and management experience he's gained in his more than three decades in law enforcement.

One of his plans is to have supervisors take overnight patrols in order to better understand the problems and concerns that occur on that shift.

Another way he wants to have sheriffs

"I will do my best to make sure our budget isn't shrinking. I'll make sure we're not cut thin."

-Reggie Mason

reach out is by returning to the community policing model, where officers help prevent and deter crime by developing better relationships with community members.

He also wants to hold more community meetings with residents to keep the lines of communications between the sheriff and residents open and in good working order.

Mason said he was only tangentially involved in last year's budget process but looks forward to being more thoroughly involved in defending against cuts in the coming season.

"I will do my best to make sure our budget isn't shrinking," he said. "I'll make sure we're not cut thin."

He also said that he will do a reorganization that will allow more deputies to get on the road. "People who are in the office will be reassigned to boost up the road patrol," he said.

Mason also plans to replace retiring civil officers — those who deliver summons' and perform similar duties — with part time workers as a long-term money saving plan. He cited the move to part-time officers to cover the courts as having given the county significant savings.

One cut Mason said he's against making is the requiring deputies who live outside the county to use their own cars to get to work. Since once the deputies drive into the county they are on duty, the benefit is worth the cost, he said.

"It pays it back," he said. "When I need them, I need them."

He also pointed out that many of the deputies who live outside the county have parents who are Worcester County residents paying county taxes.

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Once it became clear the Sheriff Chuck Martin would not seek reelection, Bobby Brittingham went about planning to run for Worcester



Bobby Brittingham

County Sheriff. Not political strategies but rather, given Martin's sick leave and seeing what he viewed as a descent into disorganization in the interim, Brittingham began looking into the procedural and interdepartmental issues that he felt could be improved upon.

"They're allowing sergeants to write parking tickets and write press releases and they don't have them on patrol," he said. "It's a waste of the resources of Worcester County residents."

Brittingham said that the sheriffs don't lack the will or motivation but, drawing a parallel with the military, they lack the kind of leadership that expresses a professional disposition.

While he was clear that Martin wasn't at fault — the current sheriff has been on sick leave for extended periods of time over the last few years — he said the power vacuum hurt the department and its reputation.

"They've lost touch of the chain of command over there, everyone's doing whatever they want to do," he said.

One of his most novel ideas is to begin enforcing a particular law he referred to as First Strike, an anti-drug measure enacted in the late 1980s that bans drug offenders from public housing.

"We're letting drug dealers live there then there are families who need the housing," he said.

Brittingham's plan would reshape the sheriff's office into a organization, he said, more focussed on patrolling and community policing than administrative duties. He said he believed the sheriffs could do more to both lead and assist in

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-Bobby Brittingham

countywide protection.

Community policing recognizes that improving the relationship between the people in the community and the officers in the area is one of the greatest weapons any department has in crime detection and prevention, removing distrust of the police through personal relationships.

Another high priority Brittingham endorses is improving interdepartmental communication. He said he's concerned that too often egos prevent sheriffs from seeking outside help when they're stuck on a case and from being asked for help by other departments.

"Everybody wants credit themselves, there's a concern that if you call for help from another department they're going to want the credit," he said. "It's an ego problem."

Brittingham said it's not insurmountable and that better and more open communication between the respective department heads would make for better interdepartmental cooperation.

In addition to getting the sheriffs out of the office and onto the streets, a money saving proposal he's put forward would ban sheriffs who live outside of Worcester County from taking their cruisers home. He and his opponent, Deputy Sheriff Reggie Mason, have touted widely disparate amounts of the cost to the county for this privilege, but agree there is some cost. Given the prospect that there will be more significant cuts to services in the coming budget, Brittingham points out that it represents savings without a deterioration in services.

Conway

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The two-tiered plan involved bringing the universities and high schools together to develop a group strategy, not only for reducing the dropout rate, but also as part of an attitude that will bring better solidarity to the way the region attacks the education market.

On the industrial side of the coin, Conway wants to bring together the heads of economic development for

the districts towns and counties as well as business leaders to help them share resources and ideas and promote the region on a united front.

"We need to review all of our comprehensive plans for economic development," he said. "I don't see any reason that we could not be attractive to the technology and pharmaceutical industries."

Conway's plan to deal with the looming pension crisis takes its cues from the current task force working on the problem. He doesn't envision the counties taking the financial wallop that's been pre-

dicted and suggested a middle road that relieves and shifts the burden, not to either the state or the counties but rather equitably would likely be the best approach.

"I think there will be some participation by the counties. I don't think you can transfer the whole thing or even 50 percent of it," he said. "They couldn't afford to do it, the state can't do it."

Conway said the state should begin with new employees and work out a partnership between the state and the local to work out a cost sharing plan with significantly reduced benefits for

"We need to review all of our comprehensive plans for economic development."

-Norm Conway

new hires.

Conway also predicted that the retirement are would have to be raised to something more appropriate to the realities of longevity and keeping pension payments sustainable.

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COMMISSIONERS

Judy Boggs challenged by John Bodner in District 5 commissioner race

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — When Judy Boggs was elected the first Worcester County Commissioner to Ocean Pines it was a seat that had been established by redistricting. The districts are expected to be drawn during the next year or so and



Judy Boggs

Boggs said it's an important issue people don't know enough about.

A frustration for many county residents is that there may be two commissioners for a particular area and it's difficult to keep track of who is responsible to which areas of town. Boggs said that during the next redistricting she'll have the opportunity to help have the districts make more sense.

"I'd like to see more commonality [within each district]," she said. "It will take up a significant amount of time."

After last year's deep budget cuts, Boggs is hopeful that, depending on state funding, the county will finish with a surplus this year. But with mounting concerns over whether the state will require even more self-funding for the county, it's unlikely this next year's budget will be any less susceptible to cuts.

Boggs said that she'll continue to support maintenance of effort budgets for the schools but will never return to the days of funding more than is legally required. She said she does hope that eventually all county employees will be able to receive wage increases but also doesn't foresee that in the near-term.

Last year the commissioners had considered using the constant yield rate to adjust the property tax from .70 to .7348, a move Boggs said she would have opposed if the commissioners hadn't found a way to make the cuts.

The county has put many of the pieces in place to help boost economic devel-

"Our regulations I think are fair. We are now working more personally with the people in the county."

-Judy Boggs

opment, Boggs said.

In addition to the Wallops Island and related industrial potential for the Southern End of the county, Boggs said the commissioners this year contracted with Salisbury University to provide support for small business owners and potential start-ups free of charge at their Salisbury Offices.

The Small Business Development Center provides counseling as well as help putting together business plans and assessing an entrepreneur's strengths and weaknesses to help them better prepare to go into business.

Boggs said she's also working with the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce on a project and hopes to do more to provide intern opportunities for students and the Worcester County Technical High School.

Opportunities for the healthcare industry, especially in the northern end of the county are also not only a highlight but a growth industry likely to continue to bloom, creating both jobs and opportunity as well as improving the quality of life in the county.

"Economic development doesn't happen right away," she said.

Boggs also points to the recent reorganization of the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Planning that makes the department more business friendly by helping owners through the process.

"Our regulations I think are fair," she said. "We are now working more personally with the people in the county."

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — At last month's candidate forum, sponsored by the Assateague Coastal Trust, candidate John Bodner noticed that he and presumptive county commissioner to be Jim Bunting has a lot in common. Although they don't



John Bodner

share party affiliation, Bodner reached out to Bunting because so much of their thoughts on improving the way the county approaches business are the same.

That was how it happened that Bodner, Bunting, Worcester County director of economic development Jerry Redden, a financier and a few other civic leaders took a tour of a site Bodner is pushing for construction of a solar panel manufacturing plant.

"As I was talking to bankers and they were telling me about the kinds of projects and areas they're interested in, I thought [Northern Worcester] would be a great fit," Bodner said.

Incentives from the Federal stimulus package provide long-term enticements for green energy startup businesses and other incentives for bringing jobs to high-unemployment areas.

As a resident, Bodner was frustrated by the notion that nothing could be done to bring Northern Worcester County anything beyond tourism. Paying for superior schools only to see so many of the graduates go to find work in areas with diverse opportunities became a little much for him so he entered the Worcester County Commissioners race in hope of winning the District 5 seat.

"We need to be proactive," Bodner said. "Trucks run up and down Route 50 all the time, there's no reason they can't

"Trucks run up and down Route 50 all the time, there's no reason they can't have solar panels."

-John Bodner

have solar panels on them."

For Bodner it's not only about economic growth but also sustainable futures for middle-income earners. Although he holds a degree in finance, he's been in the hospitality business for 20 years and well knows the perils of the industry.

He said one of the best ways to accommodate the growing financial needs of the area is not only to increase the number of businesses but to bring higher-paying jobs that will expand the income tax base as well as improve local spending power and therefore support the year-round businesses as well.

Given that the economy is frankly not going to grow fast enough to meet the counties needs and that Bodner said there are no instances under which he would support a tax increase making additional cuts to the coming budget, should it be short next year, seems a likely option.

But another option, he said, is finding ways to streamline government. Discovering and accounting for inefficiencies could be a way to make the needed cuts without harming services.

While he said he would always fund schools at the maintenance of effort levels required by the state, Bodner wasn't hopeful that funding beyond that would be available until the economy improved. "Every department has its needs," he said. "We can address them as best we can."

Pusey

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her plan state services would be refused people who could not prove their citizenship or immigration status. She said more had to be done to dissuade illegal immigrants from come here to work and better action had to be taken to prevent employers from hiring them.

She pointed out that obtaining a work permit was a viable option for would-be immigrants and stronger enforcement of the laws would free up funds to compen-

sate for the tax cuts.

Another way Pusey proposes to save money is by significantly cutting Project Open Space grants. Pusey said the state shouldn't buy land for preservation when the funds are so low.

"I don't quite understand why the State of Maryland should be in the business of buying up land," she said. Adding she thinks the funds would be appropriate, "If there's a justifiable public need, for a park or if the government is going to put up a building."

On the economic development front, Pusey expressed concern that there were

no mentorship programs for small business owners available and said the state had to do more to facilitate this kind of program.

Another way to help struggling businesses, she said, was to provide state-backed loans to help free up the stingy loan market. While the small business administration has a program of this type, Pusey said her understanding of the qualifying regulations are a "fairly onerous process."

Under her plan the state wouldn't be able to impose rules about what qualifies as a state loan, they would only be

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-Marty Pusey

responsible to back the loans should they fail.

"I'm not talking about grants, I'm talking about loans," she said. "It's like the housing loans."

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COUNTY REGISTER

County Register of Wills has Charlotte Cathell vs. George Coleburn

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Worcester County Register of Wills Charlotte Cathell said her responsibilities are as much about customer service as they are about accurate record keeping.



Charlotte Cathell

“The Register of Wills has contact with citizens at one of the emotional and most important times of their lives,” she said. “And they need someone they can trust and who will help them and that they know will carry out the wishes of the deceased.”

Being the public representative of those who have died is a responsibility Cathell said she takes very seriously, even when the decedent in question has been more than 200 years gone.

“Whether someone had a lifespan of 25 years or 95 years we understand that this is what’s important to them and it’s important that it’s carried out,” she said.

As part of the move to modernize the offices as well as the process, Cathell initiated a move to scan all of the documents

in her charge so they were protected in perpetuity. The scanned documents are not only on file at the Worcester County Government Building but online with the Maryland Archives.

For people doing research as well as for interested parties, the scanned records not only provide an opportunity to to research but also protect the original documents from the kind of regular handling that tends to degrade them. Worcester County documents dating from 1850 onward are now available to the public electronically.

Cathell said in the coming years she hopes to make the office more interactive by taking part in an effort to allow for the electronic filing of records. For now, her offices has posted printable versions of the required forms online, which can be downloaded from the Register of Wills’ website.

She said that in addition to the experience and expertise she’s developed in the last 11 years as the county’s Register, the fact that she likes people, is interested in people, and enjoys helping people makes her want to improve both the services and the experiences in the office.

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

George Coleburn

BERLIN — George Coleburn chose to run for Worcester County Register of Wills because he believes people should have a choice of candidates and there hadn’t been one since Stephen

Hales left the office in 1998.

Coleburn said that the office is run by the book and that discussions about what, if anything ought to be changed in its running was not something to discuss in the media.

Coleburn has been a member of the bar association in both Pennsylvania and Maryland and served on the Orphan’s Court for years.

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COUNTY CLERK

Mary Burgess and Stephen Hales vie for County Clerk of the Court

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Mary Burgess decided to run for Worcester County Clerk of the Court because, she said, the office has been filled unopposed for too long.



Mary Burgess

“To me, it’s not a career job,” she said. “It’s not something you should do forever.”

Burgess said that she is qualified to run the clerk’s office because she’s had 26 years of experience working in the courts in Prince Georges County where she held a variety of positions. During her time there she said she developed a real appreciation of how important the job of Clerk of the Court actually was.

“It’s a very responsible job, I think it has to be someone with experience [running the clerk’s officer], someone who knows the court system,” she said. “I’m very familiar with the court system.”

Burgess worked for 16 of her 26 years as the supervisor of the district court but also gained valuable experience in other aspects of the Prince Georges County court system including working for the grand jury and circuit court criminal trial division.

Because of the nature of the office, Burgess said it’s difficult to tell what procedures or policies require new blood to change. She said that legislative audits revealed some inconsistencies and that if they hadn’t yet been addressed they’re something that ought to be addressed.

“It’s hard to say until you get in there and see what’s being done,” she said.

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Stephen Hales was elected Clerk of the Court in 1998 when there was a different demand and different



Stephen Hales

expectations for access to court records. Hales said one of the primary strengths of the operational side of his job has been his willingness to volunteer Worcester County for pilot programs aimed at improving efficiency and access.

I’m one of the first people who raises their hands to participate in a pilot program,” he said. “I would always like to, honestly, expedite some of our programs.”

Over the next four years Hales said he hopes to be able to put court documents online because, he said, he understands that the world operates outside of the business hours kept by the court.

Making the trip to Snow Hill every time you want to review public documents isn’t only inconvenient because so many people work the same hours as the court, technology also makes it unnecessary.

The judiciary has made inroads along those lines and Hales said he hopes to get Worcester involved in the process early.

“We have been recognized by the Daily Record for access to records and public service,” he said.

While he said that access could be improved with the proper technology, Hales said he sees nothing that should be changed as regards his office’s customer service.

The Daily Record report, he said, was conducted in a secret shopper style and he had no idea his office was being reviewed until the review was published.

“We’ve always been one of the top courts with access to justice,” he said. “We’re evaluated daily every four years.”

BUSINESS

BAYSIDE

Victorian Charm taking donations of gently used coats

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – There's an intuitive aspect to running a business that requires entrepreneurs identify a need and fill it. It's what separates the successful business owner from the less successful one. The same can be said of the civic-minded. People identify needs in the community and do what they can to fill them. Debbie Frene, who owns Victorian Charm has been successful at both because she thinks more in terms of what people's needs and desires are and less in terms of how to reap the greatest profit from that.

Last year when her daughter-in-law, Kristin Parker, told her about the number of children at Ocean City Elementary, where Parker is an educational assistant, who couldn't take part in recess for lack of outdoor clothing Frene responded. She and her husband, Steve, when out and bought dozens of coats, hats and gloves and delivered them to two of the local elementary schools.

This year they've decided to up the ante. In an effort to keep more kids warm this winter, Victorian Charm is establishing a match program where for every new or gently-used coat



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Victorian Charm owner Debbie Frene in the "Baby Room," a section of the store she opened in response to customer demand for more infant and toddler products.

donated at the store between now and Dec. 19, they'll buy one as well thereby doubling the donation and the number of kids served.

On the business front, Frene made other changes last winter that some people may not have noticed. Last year during the blizzard "rather than stay

home an eat" Frene redid the back room of Victorian Charm converting into a specialty shop for baby products. It started, she said, when she began car-

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rying a tool belt-like diaper bag for dads.

"People kept asking why I didn't have more things like this," she said. "So I expanded."

It's one of the keys to success in a down market, responding to demand rather than trying to drive it. Victorian Charm stock represents such varying price-points that customers can always find something that's priced appropriate to the item.

"Customers want the best gift they can get for, for example, \$10," she said. "I make sure that we have something for any price range."

Going through the store Frene pointed out several items that have been selling well because of this tactic. There was a display of watches on rubber wristbands that have proven very popular. She said the distributors from whom she buys often point out that she's selling them for well below what people are willing to pay.

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

Should you sell your gold?



By Chip Gordy

There's been a lot of talk about gold and silver lately. These crowded trades have even my next door neighbor speculating as to what the price will be by the end of the year? Any ideas out there?

Anyway, as some of my most recent articles have been a little "dry" lately, I thought that I'd spice this week up a little bit and give you some financial definitions for

terms containing the word "gold."

Gold Bug: Someone that thinks the price of gold is going up. They think that gold is still a stable source of wealth, and invests in gold for what he or she senses as financial security in the event of currency devaluation.

Gold Standard: A monetary system where a country's government allows its currency unit to be freely exchanged into fixed amounts of gold. The exchange rate under the gold standard monetary system is computed by the economic difference for an ounce of gold between two currencies. (The

U.S. actually used a similar system after WWII, but President Nixon then shut the "gold window".)

Golden Hello: A signing bonus offered to someone (usually in the financial industry) from a rival company. The firm offering this hopes the executive of the competing company will be swayed to leave his or her existing employer for a large amount of money.

Golden Parachute: Well-paid benefits given to top executives in the event that a company is taken over by another firm, leading to the loss of their job. Some benefits could include bonuses, stock options, or severance pay. These were also sometimes used to discourage an unwanted or hostile takeover.

Golden Life Jacket: An extraordinary compensation package offered by the purchasing company to the top executives of the company being bought (if the golden parachute fails to open). This offer is meant to retain important executives interested in keeping their positions after a potential buy-out.

Goldbricker: Anything worthless that is passed off as valuable. A goldbricker is sometimes used to refer to someone that tries to avoid work. The term came from the dishonest practice of coating worthless metals with gold.

Goldilocks Economy: An economy that is not too hot that

it causes an inflationary environment, and not too cold that it causes a recession. The most recent time in U.S. economic history that would suggest this environment would be the mid- to late-1990s.

Golden Share: A type of share that gives the shareholder veto power over changes to the company's charter. We used to see this type of shares in the 1980's where European governments wanted to keep control over privatized companies.

Golden Rule: In financial terms, this rule means that the government will borrow to invest, not finance existing spending. This seeks to protect future generations from high debt by limiting the amount the current generations use.

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POTTY PROJECT — Norman Bunting, president of Berlin Little League, accepts a check for \$500 from Jill Hoshal and Robin Tomasello, owners of Baked Desserts Café. The money was donated from the proceeds of the Potty Project fundraiser done in conjunction with Baked Desserts Café's grand opening. The Potty Project kicked off fundraising efforts by Berlin Little League to rebuild the restroom and concessions at their Berlin facility.

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FASHION DISASTERS – A Kyle Joseph with Lyndsey Odachowski show off outfits during Worcester Prep's Fashion Disaster Day. (Above) Alyssa Alicea and Dominique Quinan show off their clashing outfits; (top, right) Megan O'Donnell, Sibel Tekman, Cole Phillips, Taylor Harman, Erin Royal, and Jim Engel.



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Victorian Charm

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"Why should I raise the prices? Because I can?" she said. "We're selling a lot of them and people like them and can afford them."

Even her Vera Bradley lines reflect a response to what the market wants. There are new colors and limited editions that come out quarterly, but now people can purchase bags with fewer or simpler patterns and more staid colors. Frene said that while many people like the Vera Bradley quality, they sometimes would prefer to be able to have a bag that's a little plainer looking. The new lines from Vera Bradley meet that need while continuing to offer new fun patterns for those who prefer them.

Items from Brighton, another of Victorian Charm's popular purveyors, are in step with the shop's wide price-point attitude. "You can spend \$16 on a pair of Brighton earrings or \$300 on a pocketbook," she said.

Making sure that when people come in they don't have to leave because they can't find something they both like and can afford has been a principle that's kept Victorian Charm successful for years. With any luck, the coat project they've decided to sponsor will make them socially relevant for years as well.



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BERLIN – Assateague Coastal Trust (ACT) will host a special workshop from 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 29 at the Ocean Pines library on the new Environmental Site Design (ESD) regulations for development sites in Maryland, conducted by Community and Environmental Defense Services (CEDS) and the Anacostia Watershed Society.

Kathy Phillips, Assateague Coastkeeper, and a member of the Maryland Stormwater Consortium, said, "The impact of ESD on the quality of our waterways and preservation of our natural resources on land is going to be very important within our Coastal Bays watershed.

"Indeed, throughout the state, ESD could save 20 miles of Maryland waterways a year from growth impacts and help restore 2,000 miles degraded by past development.

"All that is missing is a few dedicated clean water advocates to ensure that full use is made of ESD," Phillips added.

ESD is admittedly a major shift in the methodology of stormwater management for development and there is concern within the building community, while wanting to do their part to help water quality in their watershed, how ESD will impact their bottom line.

This important workshop will help explain how the implementation of the new standards will benefit both the environment and the bottom line.

Bruce Gilmore, of the Anacostia Watershed Society, and Richard Klein, of CEDS, will be making about a one-hour presentation each with the remainder of the morning devoted to your questions. Their presentations are posted on CEDS-ESD webpage (ceds.org) under ESD Resources.

To learn more about Environmental Site Design or to become one of these advocates then register for the lower Eastern Shore workshop in Ocean Pines. There is no cost to attend. To register send an e-mail to Help@ceds.org and put 'Coastal Bay ESD' in the subject line. The workshop is open to residents, land planners, developers and municipal/county employees.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ALOHA – Students in Mrs. Linda Brown's second grade students at Ocean City Elementary practice storytelling Hawaiian style. They studied the geography, history, and culture of Hawaii culminating with a luau to try Aloha foods and hula.

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Operation We Care starts gathering supplies for boxes of love

POWELLVILLE — Operation We Care will attempt to reach halfway around the world and touch the heart of community members. With all eyes focused on Nov. 14, the task begins today.

The community project, started by the Eastern Shore Harley-Davidson Owners Group (HOG) and spearheaded by its director, Jeff Merritt, has set a goal of 300 boxes of love from home to be delivered to service members serving in theaters of conflict.

The boxes will be packed the Sunday following Veterans Day and delivered before Christmas.

Last Veterans Day, the group placed and shipped more than 260 of the U.S. Postal Service boxes with products donated by residents of Delmarva's three states. The group did another 226 boxes in May, after Armed Forces Day.

The boxes are the equivalent of a warm hug from home, extended to those serving the country abroad. Each package contained at least one box of Girl Scout cookies, donated by the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout council. Members of Troop 688 decorated all 226 boxes with hand-drawn artwork and messages of support before they were packed.

The top ten items needed for the projected 200 boxes to be shipped include bars or bottles of body soap, small packs of baby wipes, pull-top cans of pasta, hot chocolate packets, cotton balls, playing cards, dental floss, deodorant (non aerosol), shampoo and tea bags. Zip-lock bags in the sandwich, quart and gallon size are also needed to separate items for shipping.

The donation list is also available at www.easternshorehog.com, Minuteman Press in Salisbury and most drop-off points. Donations can be dropped off at Minuteman Press and Clear Channel radio in Salisbury, BB&T Bank in North Salisbury, Dr. John Schneider in Easton, Mr. Baldy's Family Restaurant in Chincoteague and Harley-Davidson of Seaford.

Cash donations will be used for postage, as each box costs \$12.50 to ship to the troops. The Ocean City Post Office delivers most of the boxes to Iraq and Afghanistan in about a week to 10 days.

If you know a local member of the military who is deployed or is soon to be deployed, contact Jeff Merritt, coordinator of Operation We Care at 410-713-8940 or jemerritt314@yahoo.com.

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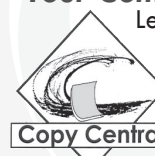
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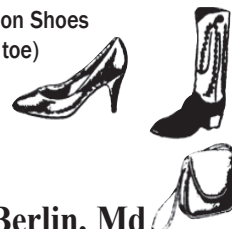
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EDITORIAL

Changes need to be made at tricky Berlin intersection

For the second time this year a car has barreled into the PNC Bank building at the corner of Bay, William, and Main streets in Berlin. This intersection has been a tricky one for drivers and it's time for the town to consider additional safety measures.

Everyone knows the convergence of streets at that corner is a little complicated to navigate in the best conditions, even for people familiar with the askew angles. Added to the confusion is many of the cars headed northbound into town do so at a greater rate of speed than they should. Those making a right at the bank can quickly find little time to react to another car entering the intersection from Bay Street or the bank's drive thru lane.

A legitimate consideration would be to transform that small section of Williams Street into one way, northbound only road. This would not only eliminate the possibility of southbound traffic careening into the bank, but reduce the possible number of oncoming drivers at the complicated corner.

Another consideration should be a traffic calming device along the northbound approach to the town center along Main Street. For drivers unfamiliar with the area the most complicated intersection in town is the first indication that additional caution, and less speed, is necessary.

Whatever solution that the town chooses in conjunction with the Maryland State Highway Administration, the only one that is totally unacceptable is to do nothing and hope for the best.

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LETTERS EDITOR

Harley-Davidson of OC closing

Editor:

It is with great sadness that I pass the following information along:

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fulfilling the needs of these customers and meeting the demands of our industry, our passion.

As we all know, three years ago, this country's economy started to undergo some huge challenges and the motorcycle industry has certainly not been spared from these economic impacts.

Due to the changes in the spending patterns of the public, which are changes driven by the current economy, it is unfortunate but necessary that we consolidate the Harley-Davidson of Ocean City location with the Harley-Davidson of Seaford store. This will take place beginning Nov. 1. This is, we hope, a temporary

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cination, written proof of the previous shot (rabies vaccination certificate) must be provided in order to receive a three-year booster shot. Otherwise, the vaccination will expire in one year.

■To receive a vaccination, dogs must be on a leash under the control of an adult, and cats and ferrets must be in a carrier or box with air holes.

Maryland law requires that cats, dogs and ferrets are adequately vaccinated against rabies after 4 months of age and vaccinations are kept current. Rabies continues to be a threat in Worcester County with laboratory confirmed cases in raccoons, foxes and cats in 2010.

To date this year, Worcester County had 24 confirmed cases of rabid animals. Last year the county had 52 confirmed cases of rabid animals. For more information about protecting against rabies, the scheduled clinics in Worcester County or World Rabies Day, visit www.worcesterhealth.org or you may call 410-641-9559.

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KIWANIS INSTALLATION BANQUET – Every year in October the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City holds its installation banquet to honor outgoing officers, install new officers after a year of service and recognize members for their achievements during the year. Special recognition was given for the Kiwanian of the Year, which was awarded to Barbara Peletier. Barbara is with her husband Dan as she received the award.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Richard D. "Dick" Feeser, accepts a special award from President Peletier in recognition of his over 40 years as a member of Kiwanis International.



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Outgoing President Dan Peletier (left) with incoming President Roy Foreman.

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Stephen Decatur drama teach Gwen Lehman was recently honored by Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services for her years of service.

Lehman honored for service to the community

Stephen Decatur High drama teacher has served WYFCS board for 20 years

BERLIN – Gwen Lehman was honored during Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services 35th Anniversary and Annual Review for her many years of dedication and service to the non-profit.

Her outstanding contributions to the agency, which serves the residents of Worcester County, were recognized with a commemorative sun. Lehman has a long history of dedicated community service as both a "teacher/drama director" at Stephen Decatur High School and as a member of Worcester

Youth and Family Counseling Service (WYFCS) board of directors.

She has served on the board for more than 20 years. This is her 43rd year of teaching.

Lehman began teaching and began the Drama Department at Stephen Decatur High School shortly after she began teaching in the early 1970s. Lehman initiated an outdoor theatre project and original adaptations of classic fairy tale children's theatre.

A number of Mrs. Lehman's students have graduated into successful careers within the

industry. Her former students include Jennifer Wills who recently completed a run as the lead in "Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway; Erica Cramer Messer an executive producer and writer for the show "Criminal Minds"; John Chester producer of a new documentary about to be aired on PBS called "Rock Prophecies" and the A&E series "Random One."

Lehman's goal is for Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services to become a primary resource within the clinical and local community.

Her focus is to increase awareness about the important work provided by WYFCS.

The non-profit works with families who have intensive mental health needs, serves at risk adolescent girls, helps impoverished families find needed financial support and resources, provides comprehensive counseling services, and advocates for neglected and abused children who have been removed from their homes due to physical abuse, sexual abuse or neglect.

For information about WYFCS, visit www.gowoyo.org.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

ACT DEADLINE NOV. 5

Area residents have until Friday, Nov. 5, to register for the American College Testing (ACT) examination, which is being offered by Wor-Wic Community College on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 a.m., at the college campus in Salisbury.

Anyone who takes the ACT can have their scores sent directly to any college or university that requires the ACT assessment. Test results are used by educational institutions for admission decisions, course placement, academic advising or to identify candidates qualified for scholarships and loans.

Scores are available within three weeks after the test date, and they are mailed to the student's home within four to seven weeks.

Students interested in Wor-Wic's nursing and radiologic technology programs can use their scores from this examination as one of the criteria for admission. Those who take the Dec. 11 test will be eligible for admission consideration for the full-time radiologic technology program beginning in July of 2011 or the college's nursing program beginning in September of 2011.

To obtain an ACT registration packet, call the admissions office at (410) 334-2895.

SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

A scrabble tournament will be held on Friday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Student Center at Wor-Wic Community College on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

The tournament, which is sponsored by the Alpha Nu Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Wor-Wic, will include three timed games.

Prizes will be awarded to the highest scorers. The cost is \$10 per player at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. Snacks will be available for purchase. For information, contact Terry Thompson at 410-572-8722 or tthompson@worwic.edu.

DALLAM APPOINTED DEAN

Colleen C. Dallam of Salisbury was appointed dean of general education at Wor-Wic Community College. Dallam has been at the college for the past 11 years. She was human services department head and associate professor of history. Prior to joining Wor-Wic, she taught for the Wicomico County Board of Education for 24 years. Dallam received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur senior LeighAnne Flounlacker with varsity soccer coach Misty Bunting.

Stephen Decatur senior Flounlacker named Scholar Athlete of the Month

BERLIN – WBOC and Mountaire Farms recently announced that LeighAnne Flounlacker, of Stephen Decatur High School, as the WBOC/Mountaire Scholar Athlete of the Month Award winner for October.

For her efforts on the field, in the classroom and in her community, Flounlacker will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a crystal engraved trophy and a commemorative banner to hang in her school.

Flounlacker, a three sport varsity standout since her freshman year, is very serious when she says sports are her life. Lucky for her, the same drive and dedication that make her a standout on the field has carried over to the classroom as well. With strong support from her parents, who have taken a grades come first attitude with their daughter, Flounlacker is excelling in her honors classes at Stephen Decatur.

Entering her senior year she is maintaining a 4.5 cumulative GPA. Couple that with numerous team MVP awards and Bayside Conference honors in soccer, basketball and lacrosse, and it's no wonder her coaches can't say enough about their star student athlete.

"LeighAnne is the type of athlete that doesn't need to be pushed. She pushes herself beyond the limits and literally gives 120 percent everyday," said Misty Bunting, SDHS soccer coach and physi-

cal education teacher.

"She is a leader who leads by example, and in doing so, makes all of the athletes around her better players," Bunting said. "She is by far one of the toughest athletes that I have ever had the pleasure of coaching."

Dedicated to improving every day, Flounlacker is a self-described gym rat, whose goal is to outwork everyone around her in order to be the best. Spending countless hours at practice and then heading to the gym has made time management a key component to her success, and is something she freely admits wasn't always her strong suit.

"Time management is something I've had to get better at since my freshman year. Being a varsity athlete as a freshman helped, and as I've gotten older I've learned how to better manage my schedule," she said. "I know when I need to get things done and I don't procrastinate."

When she is not studying, practicing or playing a game, Flounlacker is probably at a Student Government meeting, planning her senior prom on the Prom Committee, or collecting canned goods for the annual SDHS Canned Food Drive.

She is also a member of the Junior Lifesavers (Red Cross) Club, volunteers for the Osprey Sprint Triathlon, and has been a Vacation Bible School leader for the past three years.

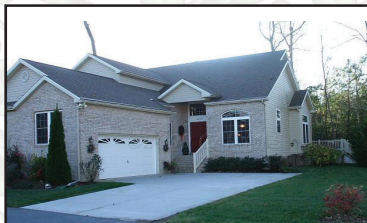


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SPORTS

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur sisters Anne and Catherin Winters team up to block a Parkside shot during Tuesday's senior night win over the Rams. (Below) Emlyn Hammer dives for a dig attempt in the third set of the match against Parkside. For more Stephen Decatur volleyball photos, visit www.melvillemediaphotos.com.

Decatur stays undefeated with win over Rams

BERLIN – Stephen Decatur remained undefeated with a straight set victory (25-11, 25-21, 25-19) over Parkside on senior night Tuesday evening.

“Being 12-0 feels good,” said SDHS coach Bertha Ortiz. “I hope we can finish out the next three games and finish the regular season unbeaten.”

Decatur (12-0 overall, 9-0 Bayside) plays at Easton on Oct. 21, at Kent Island on Oct. 26, and at Parkside on Oct. 28 to finish out the regular season. The Bayside Championship match is scheduled for Nov. 3.

On Tuesday Decatur rolled in the first set with a stingy defense and powerful service game. The

Seahawks rattled off a run of 15-1 to finish the set with senior Holly Melson serving seven straight points.

But the second and third sets were more of a struggle at the Seahawks seemed to lose a little focus and let the Rams back in the match. The second set was tied at 21 until Lauren Rolleston got hot and served four straight points to close it out. The third set was close until Hallee Carr served out the last six points with precision.

“This late in the season we want to get better and not regress,” Ortiz said. “We have to play with more energy like we did against Bennett.”



SPORTS BRIEFS

MILESTONE FOR KNOX

The Stephen Decatur High School Athletic Department recently announced that varsity football head coach Bob Knox reached 200 football wins with last week's victory over Easton. Knox has coached 27 years at Stephen Decatur. The Seahawks return to action 6:30 p.m. on Friday against Parkside at Wicomico County Stadium.



Bob Knox

PINK RIBBON GOLF CLASSIC

Swing in to Ocean City for the 14th annual Pink Ribbon Golf Classic sponsored by the Eastern Shore Chapter of the Executive Women's Golf Association. This year's Pink Ribbon Golf Classic will be held at the Ocean City Golf Club in Berlin on Friday, Oct. 22.

As in past years, it is a women's only event to support the American Cancer Society's breast cancer awareness and research programs. Last year's Pink Ribbon Golf Classic event raised over \$20,000. The tournament is a scramble format with a noon shotgun start. To register or sponsor, contact Nancy Dofflemyer at 410-251-6555 or Judy Johnson-Schoelkopf at 443-235-4341.


The Pink Ribbon Classic at the Beach is a series of 10 events held in and around Ocean City and lower Delaware that raise funds for the American Cancer Society's programs for Breast Cancer Research and Development. The Classic has raised almost \$900,000 since its founding.

LACROSSE CLINIC

The Coastal Lacrosse Club will be offering a free Instructional Lax Clinic at the Hudson Fields on Route 611 on Oct. 24 from 12:30-2 p.m. Boys and girls of all ages are welcome from any and all clubs. Come out and have some fun. For information, check www.coastallacrosseclub.com.

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Berlin Dolphin Juniors improve to 4-0 with win over Salisbury

BERLIN – Berlin Dolphins got a big 20-7 win at home against the Salisbury Terps. The Terps opened up the scoring with a nine play drive 85 yard drive that ended with a three yard TD run and extra point to go up 7-0.

During this drive the Terps were able to convert a third and 20. Dolphins answered back in the second quarter with a 25 yard pass from “B” team quarterback T.J. Scarfone to Tripp Orteaga, but failed on extra point to make score 7-6.

The score remained 7-6 at the half. Berlin opened up third quarter with a three play drive by the “B” team ending with an 18 yard run by Colton Lohnas. Scarfone added the extra point to make

it 13-7 Dolphins.

Berlin added another score early in fourth quarter on a eight yard run by “B” team’s Lohnas and added the extra point to close the scoring at 20-7. The coaches praised the defense for stepping up holding the Terps scoreless after their opening drive score including goal line stands in the fourth quarter.

The Junior Dolphins now 4-0 on the season and play Saturday at Buckingham Elementary against Princess Anne at noon.

The younger Cadet Dolphins, 4-0, had a bye this week but will put their undefeated record on the line 10 a.m. at home this Saturday at Buckingham Elementary School.

Adult programs at county Recreation & Parks

SNOW HILL – The Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) offers more than just youth programs. The WCRC home to a variety of exciting adult programs, ranging from fitness to drop-in basketball, volleyball, and soccer, that encourage healthy lifestyles. Many new fitness sessions start in October.

■Early Bird Fitness classes run each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-9:40 a.m. This class includes walking, strength training, and exercises that focus on increasing flexibility and coordination.

■Lunch Time Fitness classes take place at the WCRC each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon-12:30 p.m. in partnership

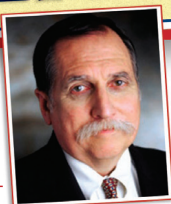
with the Worcester County Health Department. This is a moderate level fitness class that includes step, strength and flexibility exercises.

■Core Training classes take place each Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. This is an intense work out that will get your heart pumping and abs burning. Through the use of dumbbells and stability balls, participants will soon see results. All fitness classes at the WCRC cost \$25 per person, per class for each 12-week session.

he cost for drop-in programs is \$3 per person, per night or \$25 for 12-weeks per person, per program.

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

MALLARDS WIN – Worcester Prep boys soccer (11-1) dominated Gunston Day on the school's spirit day last Friday. Worcester's Billy Tyler battles for the ball at midfield during the 5-1 win.

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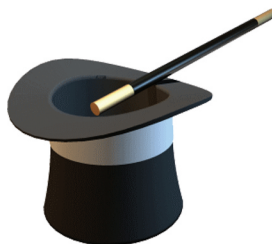


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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LADY MALLARDS DOMINATE – Worcester Prep girls soccer (7-3) routed Gunston Day, 8-0, last Friday. Worcester Prep's Frankie Willing brings the ball up the sideline during the first half of their win.




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Senior Dance Contest winners (from left) Tom and Yvonne Christie, John and Sandy Kwiatkowski, Doug and Joanne Corbett, Joe and Carolyn Dorris.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Adult Dance Contest winners (from left) Steve and Monica Beuko, Walt and Cathi Smith, Dean and Bernie Vilseek.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Kids Dance Contest winners (from left) Lauren and Jackie Jacobs, Trish, Ashley, and Julliana Willards, and Aaron Meyers; (front) Sarah and Juan Parypa.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

A couple enjoys some beverages and dances during Oktoberfest. (Below) Fun with the chicken dance.

Dance, and stein holding contest winners from Oktoberfest

OCEAN CITY – Thousands of visitors enjoyed the 29th annual Oktoberfest at Ocean City's convention center.

Oktoberfest featured non-stop entertainment including; oom-pah bands, authentic Bavarian dancers, arts and crafts, German food, plenty of bier and a variety of fun filled contests.

Contest winners were:

Seniors Dance Contest:

- 1st Place - Tom and Yvonne Christie of Berlin
- 2nd Place - John and Sandy Kwiatkowski of Berlin
- 3rd Place - Joe and Carolyn Dorris of Ocean City
- 4th Place - Doug and Jeanne Corbett

Kids Dance Contest:

- 1st Place - Lauren and Jackie Jacobs of McHenry
- 2nd Place - Sarah and Juan Parypa of Ocean City
- 3rd Place - Trish, Ashley, and Juliana Willards of Manning
- 4th Place - Aaron and Amy Meyers of Bethany Beach, Del.

Adult Dance Contest:

- 1st Place - Steve and Monica Beuko of Mullica Hill, N.J.
- 2nd Place - Walt and Cathi

- Smith of Westchester, Pa.
- 3rd Place - Dean and Bernie Vilseek of Ocean Pines

Stein Holding Contest

- 1st Place - Heather Heiland of Lansdale, Pa. She outlasted 20 foes, holding her Stein high for over 19 minutes.

- Coming in a close 2nd was Ocean City's own Laura Schnur
- And holding 3rd place is Joseph Spack from Palmerton, Pa.



SNAP SHOTS



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CRAFTER OF THE MONTH — Vic Beard is honored as the October Crafter of the Month by the Pine'er Craft Club of Ocean Pines. Vic is noted for his wood crafted items and for his creative painting on saw blades and crab shells. His items are on display and available for purchase at the Pine'er Craft and Gift Shop, located in White Horse Park, Ocean Pines, every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OPVFD RECEIVES PROCLAMATION — On Oct. 9 the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department held an Open House to celebrate its Silver Anniversary of its Emergency Medical Services Department. Pictured (L to R) are OPVFD Vice President Steve Rosen, Congressman Kratovil's Community Liaison Officer Tamara Lee-Brooks, OPVFD Fire Chief Tom Meadows, OPVFD President Ron Thorwart, and OPVFD Captain Bill Bounds as the proclamation was presented.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

JEWELS OF THE COUNTY — The Worcester County Commission for Women honored four ladies from Worcester County for being selected as "Jewels of Worcester County" at a tea.

Shown standing: Germaine Garner, Friends of the Commission, Pocomoke; Judy Boggs, County Commissioner, Ocean Pines; Louise Gulyas, County Commissioner, Ocean City; and Sharone Grant, President, Women's Commission, Snow Hill. Ladies honored are seated left to right: Marie Gilmore, Ocean Pines; Dr. M. Elizabeth Paterra, Ocean Pines; and, Mary Waters, Snow Hill. Not present was Pearl Layton from Pocomoke.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SEAHAWKS MVP — Broadcast announcer Rick Charles, SDHS football coach Bob Knox, Week 5 MVP D.J. Kee and Earl Conley of Bank of Ocean City. Each week BOC donates \$50 to SDHS Athletic Boosters for varsity football in the MVP's name.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

COMMENDED SCHOLARS — Dr. Barry W. Tull, headmaster of Worcester Preparatory School, awards commendations from the College Board to seniors Ali Schwartz (left) and Anna Pavlos. The girls' scores on PSAT-NMSQT were among the best in the nation.



RACKLIFFE HOUSE TRUST DONATION — Barry Laws (second from right), president of the Worcester County Historical Society, presents a check for \$1,000 to Judy Patton (center) whose late husband Tom was founding president of Rackliffe House Trust. Also pictured are Delegate Norm Conway (far right), Delegate Jim Mathias (far left), and Joan Jenkins, vice-president of Rackliffe House Trust.

Ocean City Museum to hold 'Locals & Membership Appreciation Week'

Scavenger hunt, free admission, special events on tap next week

OCEAN CITY – Ocean City residents can take advantage of some fun, free activities and learn more about the town's history during the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum's "Locals and Membership Appreciation Week" set for Sunday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Oct. 31.

During that week, anyone with a local zip code of 21842 or 21843 will receive free admission to the museum and enjoy some great activities.

Each day at 10 a.m. local historian and former City Council Member George Hurley will present a reading from a book he and his wife, Suzanne, wrote entitled "Shipwrecks and Rescues." Also daily will be an opportunity to see the "Storms" exhibit on the Boardwalk and a photographic movie inside the museum that focuses on the storms of 1933 and 1962. At 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday of that week, take in the daily fish feedings in the museum's aquarium room.

Be sure to pick up a form for the museum's scavenger hunt and the chance to win a grand prize of a museum goody basket worth over \$150. Answers to all the questions on the scavenger form can be found at the museum, the historic displays at City Hall or on the website

www.ocmuseum.org.

Each correctly entered form will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the museum. As a member you receive a newsletter and a 10 percent discount in the museum's gift shop as well as free admission into the museum for one year.

The grand prize drawing for the gift basket will be Nov. 1 and you need not be present to win.

During the Locals and Membership Appreciation Week, other museums in Worcester County will offer reciprocal membership including the Discovery Center in Pocomoke, Taylor House in Berlin, St. Martin's Church (Saturday 1-4 p.m.) and the Julia Purnell Museum.

The special appreciation week concludes with a book signing by Andy Nunez, author of "Treasures of the Eastern Shore," "Mysteries of the Eastern Shore" and "Ghosts of the Eastern Shore," on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 2-4 p.m.

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is located on the southern end of the Boardwalk. Museum hours are currently 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Parking is conveniently located in the adjacent Inlet Lot. For more information, call the museum at 410-289-4991.



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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE

Thursday, Oct. 21

AQUARIUM DEDICATION

The Delmarva Discovery Center will hold The Fulton/Owen Foundation Aquarium Dedication 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$20 per ticket, \$18 for members, \$35 for couples.

CRAFT CLUB MEETING

The Pine'eer Craft Club, Ocean Pines, will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center. The project for the month will be the creation of a turkey centerpiece, for the cost of \$5. To reserve your craft kit, call Louise at 410-430-0284.

Friday, Oct. 22

HAUNTED PADDLE

Join Ayers Creek Adventures for a creepy crawly good time and paddle Ayers Creek in search of the Marsh Monster to benefit the Maryland Coastal Bays from 5-8 p.m. on Oct. 22 and Oct. 23.

ROCK THE '80S PARTY

Rock the '80s party to benefit The Wellness Community-Delmarva 6-9 p.m. at Seacrets. Come out and dress up '80s style with legwarmers and parachute pants, or whatever your style. The cost of \$65 per

person includes open bar, buffet, raffle ticket, silent, Chinese and live auction.

BINGO

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. Doors open 6 p.m., games begin 7 p.m. Refreshments available. 410-524-7994.

Saturday, Oct. 23

AIRPLANE POKER RUN

Pittsville, 8975 David Rd. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancake breakfast and see the planes from Potomac Antique Aero Squadron. 410-310-0159.

SOUP, SANDWICH, AUCTION
Sound United Methodist Church, Route 54, Williamsville, Del. Bake sale. Soups - \$8 quart, \$4 pint.

Sunday, Oct. 24

CARNIVAL RELAY

Food, games, moon bounce, fire truck rides and more noon-3 p.m. at Community Church at Ocean Pines. All proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

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a.m. to noon. 410-524-7994.

Thursday, Oct. 28

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

The Republican Women of Worcester County will meet at the Captain's Table in the Marriott Hotel, third floor, at 15th Street and Baltimore. The speaker will be Michael James. For details, contact Ann Lutz, at Annlutz@verizon.net.

Saturday, Oct. 30

GRAND OPENING

Home of the Brave will be having its grand opening from 3-6 p.m. Guest may tour the home and have hors d'oeuvres. Home of the Brave offers combat veterans and their families a getaway where they can spend quality time together, reconnecting.

Info: thehomeofthebrave.us. or 443-926-9962. Donations for the home are welcomed.

SEASIDE 10

Join in the 10 mile or 5k race with both starting at the Ocean City inlet. The 10 mile race begins at 9 a.m. with 5k at 9:15 a.m. The race course includes the Ocean City Boardwalk and then heads out to Coastal

Highway.

Post-race events include music and awards ceremony. Registration fees for participants. This event will take place rain or shine. Info: www.octrirunning.com.

SES FALL FESTIVAL

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; rain or shine at the school. Games, food, cake walk, fire truck rides, face painting, hay rides, baked goods. Lollipop the Clown will be on hand. Public welcome.

PRAYER FOR SALISBURY

Living Stones Church, Winterplace Pkwy., Salisbury. 9:15 a.m. Gather for a short briefing and corporate prayer and then deploy in groups to locations to pray.

HALLOWEEN AT ZOO

Not so Scary Halloween Happenings 1-4 p.m. for children 10 and under at the Salisbury Zoo. Children will be able to Trick or Treat throughout the Zoo, participate in Halloween games, decorate pumpkins or compete in a costume contest. Info: 410-548-3188.

Sunday, Oct. 31

HAUNTED HALLWAY

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services is transforming the offices at 124 N. Main St., Suite C into a Haunted Hallway from 5-7 p.m. on Halloween night.

Victims can choose from one of two routes: scary (recommended for the faint or young at heart) or horrifying (for those who enjoy a good fright). This event is free to all who dare to enter.

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-OUT

At Northside Park, 125th Street, Ocean City 1-3 p.m. Events will include carnival games, arts and crafts, hayrides. Costume contests scheduled throughout the event.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

SEAFOOD DINNER

Knights of Columbus, rear St. Lukes, 9901 Coastal Hwy. \$15 per person. Includes crab cake, flounder, oysters, shrimp, cup of soup. Reservations, 401-524-7994.

STORY TIME AT ZOO

Salisbury Zoo Education Building, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. For children 3 to 5 years old, must be accompanied by an adult. Song, stories, games, craft projects.

Thursday, Nov. 4

HOLIDAY AUCTION

Women's Club of Ocean Pines auction will be 10 a.m. at the Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. This is an annual fundraiser to support the college scholarship program and community donations. For information or if you have new

items that you would like to donate, call 410-208-9790 or 410-208-6708. Checks are the preferred method of payment.

Friday, Nov. 5

FRITTER CARRY OUT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department's Fritter Carry Out Night from 5-7 p.m. Single fried oysters and sandwiches, chicken wings regular and hot, steamed shrimp. Also, \$10 special half pound of steamed shrimp with a pitcher of beer.

Saturday, Nov. 6

HARVEST BAZAAR

Bethany United Methodist Church, Route 611 and Snug Harbor Road, near Frontier Town. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast & lunch, homemade soups, jams, relishes, fall vegetables, baked goods. Fall & Christmas decorations, quilts, art work & limited crafts. Christmas White Elephant Sale.

FALLFEST OF FINE ART

Ocean City convention center. Juried show features fine art painters, sculptors and high craft artisans. Admission. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: Donald A. Hastings, 410-524-9177.

Sunday, Nov. 7

BREAKFAST BENEFIT

Breakfast at Community Church at Ocean Pines 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$6 per person at the door. All proceeds benefit Volunteers In Missions trip to Nashville in March to aid recent flood victims.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

STORY TIME AT ZOO

Salisbury Zoo Education Building, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. For children 3 to 5 years old, must be accompanied by an adult. Song, stories, games, craft projects.

Thursday, Nov. 11

BENEFIT DINNER

Captain's Galley II Restaurant, West Ocean City, to benefit the Worcester County Animal Shelter. 6:30 p.m. Cash bar, appetizers, dinner. \$55 per person. For reservations call 410-213-2201 or 410-202-6769.

Sunday, Nov. 14

OYSTER FRITTER DINNER

Stevenson United Methodist Church, Main St., Berlin. Noon to 5 p.m. Chicken, dumplings, Oyster Fritters and all the trimmings. All you can eat. \$13 adults, children under 10 free. Carry outs available.

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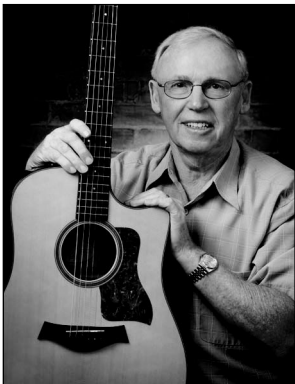
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SATURDAY – Patrick McAllorum



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SATURDAY – Bryan Clark

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WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010

Date	MIDDAY		EVENING		BONUS MATCH 5	Bonus Ball
	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4		
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10/15/10	601	8062	015	3113	05.09.11.35.38	30
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- Across
- 1 Alaska senator Murkowski

5 Sean who played the title role in "Rudy," 1993

10 Start to frost?

15 Pan handler

19 El océano, por ejemplo

20 Shakespeare's Lennox, Angus or Ross

21 Bitter

22 Aries or Taurus

23 Hoop grp.

24 They may be split

25 Singer with the #1 country hit "Hello Darlin'"

27 When repeated, a calming phrase

28 A whole lot

29 Debate side

30 Cartographic extra

31 Egg protector

32 Easy as falling off ---

33 Salon, for example

35 Listens, old-style

37 Suspenseful 1966 Broadway hit

43 Grp. that conducts many tests

46 Biblical liar

48 See 39-Down
- 49 Actress ___ Chong

51 Least welcoming

52 Wait upon

53 Gathered

54 ___ Coty, French president before de Gaulle

55 Stick in the mud

57 Subtracting

59 Cassandra, for one

60 Repeatedly raised the bar?

63 Long piece of glassware

67 N.F.C. South player

70 Noggin

71 Still product: Abbr.

72 On the safe side

73 Wave function symbol in quantum mechanics

74 Items of short-lived use

76 Racy best-selling novel of 1956

79 Take ___ (rest)

80 Hindu titles

82 Speed-skating champ Johann ___ Koss

83 Out of

87 Like an egocentric's attitude

91 Flammable fuel

93 Part of a postal address for Gannon University

95 Carry out

96 Moon of Saturn

97 Barbecue cook
- 98 Football linemen: Abbr.

99 Fast-talking salesman's tactic

102 Itsy-bitsy

103 Explorer ___ da Gama

104 Shout from one who's on a roll?

106 ___ loss

107 One to a customer, e.g.

110 Prime

113 Camping treats

115 B.M.O.C.'s, often

116 X Games competitor

118 Rikki-___-tavi

119 Tanned

120 Zoom

121 Florida univ. affiliated with the Catholic Church

122 ___ the hole

123 "... and ___ it again!"

124 "Twilight," e.g.

125 ___ manual

126 Gull relatives

127 Spat
- 7 Follow too closely

8 Dictator's phrase

9 Dread loch?

10 Spotted cavy

11 H.S. class

12 Didn't buy, perhaps

13 Don Herbert's moniker on 1950s-'60s TV

14 Lessen

15 "Educating Rita" star

16 Sheds

17 Novel conclusion?

18 Track star A. J.

26 Gave a sly signal

28 Good spot for a date?

34 "Dies ___" (hymn)

36 Prepare for a dubbing

38 Yucatán "you"

39 With 48-Across, mediocre

40 Insomniac's TV viewing

41 "The Chairs" playwright

42 Former Fords

43 Showing, as a deck member

44 Square sorts

45 Peace Nobelist Sakharov

47 Cost for getting money, maybe

50 Common settler

52 Bowls

56 ___-Tass news agency

58 Bread, milk or eggs

61 Tech stock

62 Elk

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- 64 Folk singer Jenkins

65 Miracle Mets pitcher, 1969

66 Shamus

67 Person who's visibly happy

68 On deck

69 Rubs

75 Sweeping story

77 Schubert's "Eine kleine Trauermusik," e.g.

78 Use TurboTax, say

81 Comedian Foxx

84 Movie producer's time of stress

85 Tariffs hinder it

86 Oscar-winning actress for "The Great Lie," 1941

88 With freedom of tempo

89 Conditions

90 Some service stations

92 Black bird

94 Devotional ceremonies

97 Pickle type

100 Noggin

101 Ring around the collar

103 Lead-in to harp or phone

105 Dancer's controls?

107 W.W. II craft

108 Furniture giant

109 Largest employer in Newton, Iowa, until 2006

111 Not e'en once

112 Winged Greek god

113 Ballpark figure

114 Cheese lovers

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The answers to last week's puzzles

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Roads

FROM PAGE 1

He also pointed out that so far this year it looks as if revenues will exceed projections and the plan is to begin returning funds to the fund as they become available.

Both men were asked to speak at the end of a presentation by Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) aimed at bringing the commissioners up to date on the SHA's progress over the last year and their plans for the coming year.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

SHA administrator Neil J. Pedersen said the U.S. Route 113 Phase 2B between Goody Hill Road and Massey Branch, a section connecting Berlin and Snow Hill, will be completed. Engineering for Phase 2B should be finished soon but the project still lacks still lacks \$60 million in funding.

The rest of the project, including the final phase and an interchange at Snow Hill Road requires approximately \$100 million in still-unfunded work to be completed.

In response to questions by the commissioners, Pedersen said work on the access lane to Ocean Downs continues on schedule. He confirmed that the slots parlor would not be able to open until the road was completed but expected they would have the necessary work done by the end of November. His only qualification was that the work was highly weather dependent.

Route 589 continues in the planning stages with the state hoping to secure the necessary right-of-ways to get the project completed.

Pedersen said the Route 50 bridge project will continue forward with a parallel draw span with a 30-foot clearance to the north of the current bridge. He said the estimated cost is about \$500 million but that the current bridge is expected to last another 25 years.

Earlier in the meeting, Maryland Transportation Secretary Bartlett made his annual presentation to the Worcester County Commissioners this week during which he did his best to paint a picture of improved economic conditions.

Bartlett talked about positive economic indicators including an increase of both commercial truck traffic and increased shipping activity at the Port of Baltimore. He said both indicators started to taper off just before the downturn began.

Bartlett also said that the fact that the state's revenue has stabilized bodes well for the future of SHA funding.

"Flat is the new up," he said.

In an effort to make the SHA more business friendly, Bartlett said, the state will provide the county better guidelines for developers who need to perform roadwork such as development streets and turn lanes.

Although the standards haven't changed, Bartlett said by making them clearer developers will hopefully be saved some of the red tape that can often accompany SHA related projects.



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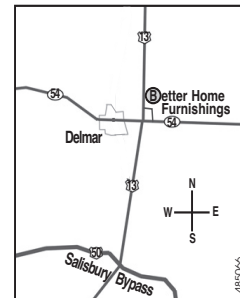


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CUISINE

BAYSIDE

Piadina dough on the grill with aioli mayonnaise

In our house, we muse every year at the strangeness of autumn weather. One morning you can see your breath, and the next you need to get your shorts back out of the attic. It's the same thing every year, but it still amazes us.



By Paul Suplee,
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Today is a beautiful 70-degree day and I could not help but to fire up the grill. With nothing in mind to really grill, I still have the proclivity to turn up the gas and get things going. It just makes me feel better, I guess.

Who am I kidding? I fired up the grill when we had two feet of snow on the ground last year.

So, armed with a fresh bag of King Arthur all-purpose flour, it was time to make some pizza dough, albeit not for pizza. No, I would use the flour to make a great little sandwich from pizza dough called a Piadina.

I prefer King Arthur, although I don't always buy it. I think, though, that I will start some brand loyalty now as I couldn't be any happier with how it turned out.

Compared to other brands in the local larder, King Arthur's all purpose has more protein. Protein, or technically gluten, is the magic bean of this substance that makes the dough stretchy and sturdy. Without it, you'll just be making biscuits or pie dough.

That may be a bit of an exaggeration, but you can't throw the dough like you can when using proper levels of gluten.

If you read the packaging, per cup of flour, our hero has 4 grams of protein as opposed to 3 but think about it. As minor as that may seem, it is a staggering 33 percent increase. Now that's a stretch.

I had a chef-instructor tell me about a no-knead bread recipe in which you combine everything in a bowl and let it sit for 24 hours. As the gluten hydrates, it conditions it without kneading. Then you pour



it into a Dutch oven, bake and serve.

The key from what I understand is that it is the hydration of the proteins and starches, not the actual physical manipulation that strengthens the gluten. And that's where the short-circuit takes place. After years of learning one way and one way only, a 'new' age-old technique comes along and makes me wonder where my former knowledge came from.

But for today's recipe, we'll stick with the traditional method of bread making. It's more hands-on and will put you more in touch with the finished product. Plus, you'll be done in two hours including the proofing time. So if you want this for lunch, you can start it mid-morning and be ready to go.

Once the dough was made, proofed, rested, cut, rolled and carefully carried to the grill, it

was time to place it on the hot irons to cook it.

This cooks very quickly so keep an eye on it. Heat the first side for 45 seconds to a minute and then flip it and cook until thoroughly heated.

Once completed, just assemble with whatever your little heart desires. If it goes well on your regular bread, it will go here. If it goes with your Wonder Bread, it will go here. And if it goes well on pizza, you have a winner.

Only your imagination will limit what you can do with this sandwich. Just imagine the BLT you can make with it; you know, with the fresh bacon you made after reading my article a few weeks ago?

So as you enjoy the autumn weather, remember to keep a pair of shorts or two handy for these off days, and enjoy a hand crafted sandwich, an easy and

enjoyably affordable treat.

PIADINA DOUGH

Enough dough for about 10 piadini

- 1 – 1 ½ c. warm water (around 100F)
- 2 tsp. instant yeast
- 3 c. King Arthur Bread Flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. EV olive oil

1. Combine the yeast, a pinch of sugar and the water and let the yeast bloom. This is important as you want the yeast to begin to eat the sugar and activate. This then commences the process by which the yeast eats the sugar and other carbs in the flour, converting them into carbon dioxide and alcohol (the latter a byproduct that will dissipate upon cooking)
2. When the yeast has bloomed, add the flour, salt and olive oil and form a dough ball
3. Knead for at least 5 minutes and then let rest, covered for about an hour, or until doubled
4. punch it down and knead again for a few minutes and then let rest for at least ten
5. You can either refrigerate at this

point or cut, roll very thin and grill

6. You will also have pizza dough from this recipe. Double it and you'll have both

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- 2 fresh garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 2 Tbsp. Egg beaters egg yolk
- Juice of half a lemon
- 2/3 c. Virgin or Light olive oil
- 3 dashes Tabasco hot sauce
- S&P to taste

1. Puree or mash the garlic with the egg yolk and lemon juice
 2. Slowly drizzle in the oil as you whisk, thus emulsifying the ingredients
 3. Season to taste
- *By the way, you just made mayonnaise

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Former NFL Star Bo Eason bringing one-man show to area schools

SELBYVILLE, Del. – “Runt of the Litter,” a one-man play performed by former NFL star turned actor/writer Bo Eason, will be presented to local high schools by the Joshua M. Freeman Foundation and The Freeman Stage at Bayside on Nov. 3 and 5. A public performance will be held at the Indian River High School on the evening of Nov. 6.

The play reveals what happen to two brothers in a family of over-achievers. Parents assure their oldest son that he is destined for football stardom, while their youngest son appears too small to compete. A line in the family sand is drawn that colors the rest of their lives.

“Runt of the Litter” is, in fact, a semi-autobiographical account of Eason's life and career as a safety for the Houston Oilers in the 1980s. It is an unapologetic look at the violence of the game, but more than that, it is the story of an undersized underdog who did everything it took to beat the odds and play in the NFL.

His determination and killer instincts on the playing field remain the stuff of legends. The show cuts across all demographics and has an across-the-board appeal for everyone, from sports enthusiasts to hardcore theater lovers.

“Runt of the Litter” will be present-

ed to students at Sussex Central High School on Wednesday, Nov. 3, as well as at Indian River High School at Friday, Nov. 5. Eason will be making an appearance at Sussex Central's Homecoming football game on Friday night as well.

The public performance of “Runt of the Litter” will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Indian River High School. Tickets for the performance are \$10 each and may be purchased online at www.freemanstage.org. The Joshua M. Freeman Foundation is extending performances beyond its outdoor venue at The Freeman Stage.

“Although this season at The Freeman

Stage has come to a close, the Joshua M. Freeman Foundation will continue to present performances in local venues during the off season,” said Patti Grimes, VP outreach and programming.

“We are committed to bringing exceptional arts experiences to the community on a year round basis. Bo Eason's ‘Runt of the Litter’ is a performance perfectly suited for students, families and residents in our local community.”

After retiring from football, Eason pursued his lifelong interest in becoming an actor, appearing in several productions including “Pride and Glory,” “A Bright Shining Lie,” “ER.”

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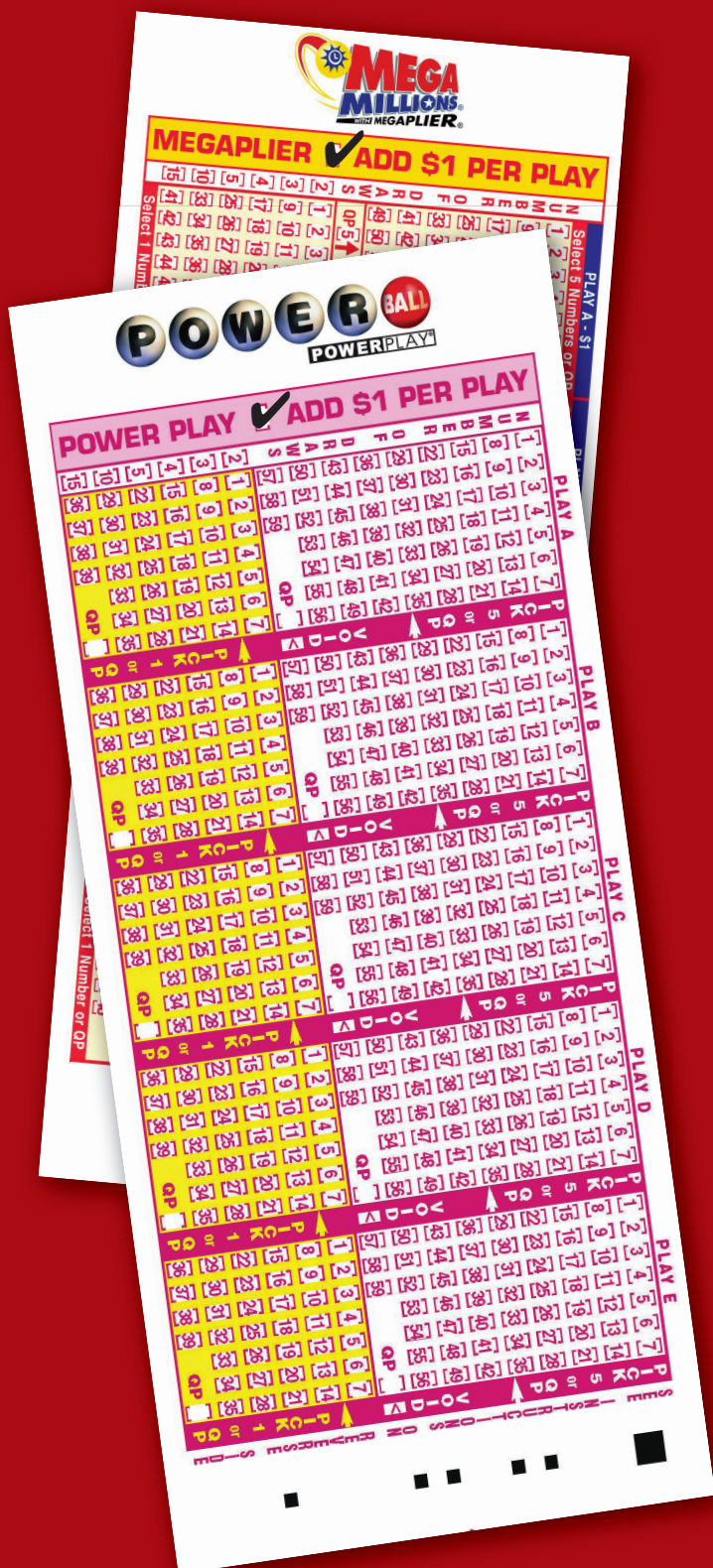
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