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County honors Patton

Renamed road near Assateague Island

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL – The Worcester County Board of Commissioners were sworn in at a ceremony Tuesday morning and welcomed new commissioners Jim Bunting representing District 6 and Merrill W. Lockfaw Jr. representing District 1.

The commissioners approved a request to honor recently deceased civic leader Tom Patton by renaming the road that leads past the UMES Paul S. Sarbanes Coastal Ecology Center to the Rackliffe House Tom Patton Lane.

Joan Jenkins, co-vice president of the Rackliffe House Trust, wrote to the commissioners asking for the change citing Patton's devotion to the project.

"Tom had the vision to see what it could be and wanted so much to turn Rackliffe House into a Heritage Museum so that others could learn the history of life on our coastal bays," Jenkins wrote.

Public Works director John Tustin told the commissioners that

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

STARS COME OUT IN BERLIN – During the Berlin Christmas Parade last Thursday night Ocean City Elementary's OC Stars performed for the crowd.

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Noel Community Christmas dinner seeks donations

OCEAN CITY – The Noel Community is preparing for its 13th annual dinner on Christmas Day. The volunteers serve a free turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's by-the-Sea on 3rd and Baltimore Streets in Ocean City.

This event has become an important part of the Christmas celebration for many including the homeless, unemployed, underemployed, shut-in, and those who are alone. Noel provides gifts and toys to many who attend. All items are free and all are welcome.

Last year, the Noel Community volunteers served more than 1,500 meals including sit-down dinners and carry-outs. Meals were delivered to those who could not leave their homes and to the police, fire departments, and others who serve the community on Christmas Day.

Again this year, there is a need for monetary donations. Checks made payable to the Noel Community can be mailed to PO Box 1207 in Ocean City MD, 21843. Financial support to purchase items for the dinner is appreciated.

Donations of non-perishable food and toiletries from individuals or organizations will be collected on Dec. 23 and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m.-noon at St. Paul's by-the-Sea. If your business or organization is willing to sponsor a collection drive of non-perishable food or toiletries during the holiday season, call and the Noel Community will make arrangements to pick-up the items.

The Noel Community with the generosity from Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Fenwick, Bishopville, Selbyville, and the surrounding neighborhoods is able to make the Christmas celebration special for many in our community. The Noel Community appreciates the support and hopes you will consider their request again this year. If you have any questions, call 410-289-3453.

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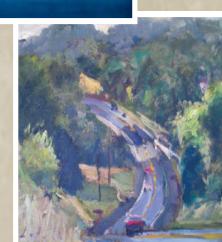


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Lower Shore Land Trust to hold Party for Preservation event

SALISBURY – Lower Shore Land Trust invites the public to celebrate the holiday season at Poplar Hill Mansion in Salisbury, for a Party for Preservation 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10.

Guests will enjoy a local, homegrown menu and heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by Cordon Bleu chef Angela Herbert Hodges. Food will be accompanied by local wine and Evolution craft beer.

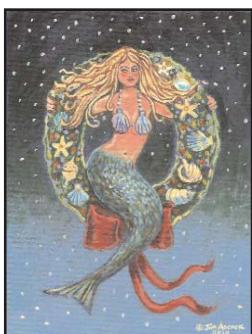
Music will be provided by The Folk Heroes while guests may participate in a 50/50 raffle, or bid on gifts in silent and Chinese auctions. Items up for

purchase include a framed, original watercolor painting by Ellen Lawler, handmade jewelry and accessories, and gift certificates for shopping, dining, and local activities, among many others.

Tickets may be purchased for \$45 per person by calling 410-641-4467. Gift and service donations are welcome. Tickets will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited space.

For information about this event, contact Christy Hallman, stewardship and volunteer coordinator of Lower Shore Land Trust, at 410-641-4467.

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CASA BENEFIT – Ocean Pines Marina Deck held a Holiday Open House on Dec. 6 to benefit Lower Shore CASA. Guests were asked to bring a child's gift to benefit the organization that works with children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Carol Spurrier, owner of the restaurant, has been a CASA volunteer for several years. Lower Shore CASA is advocating for 58 children aged from infant to 18. Brook Gemberling, volunteer coordinator of Lower Shore CASA, with the gifts.

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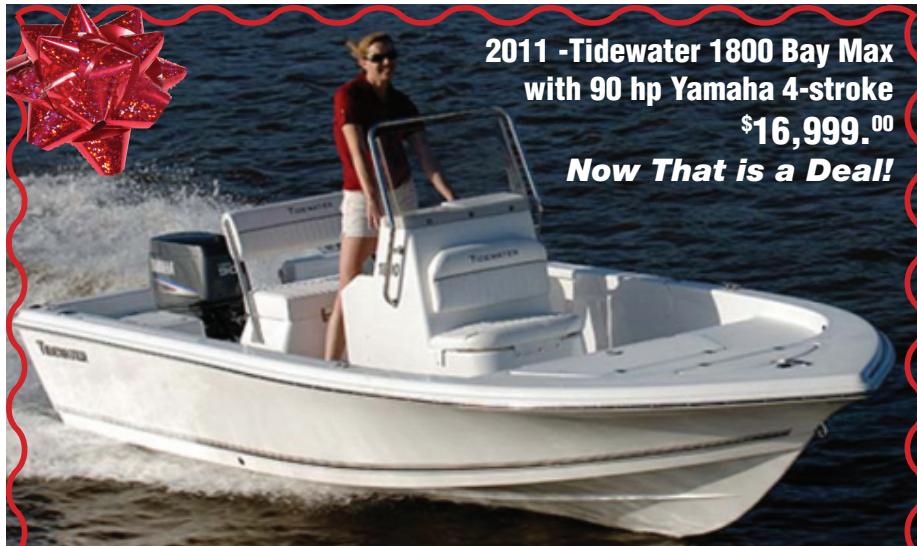
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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

VILLAGE INN CLOSED – The Village Inn at South Gate in Ocean Pines has closed. No word on whether it will reopen under new ownership or if something else will be slated in its space.

New options for moving violations in Maryland

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – Practical judicial innovation is pretty rare, and for good reasons. Unlike the private sector, government, and especially the judicial branch, have particular responsibilities that must be met regardless of cost. But a newly passed law enacted this week solves a fundamentally weak procedural problem while not significantly reducing a person's right to a fair and speedy trial.

Beginning Jan. 1 people receiving traffic summons will have the option of three options. As has always been the case, people can either pay the fine uncontested or have a court date set. The new wrinkle, however, allows defendants to "Request a hearing regarding sentencing and disposition in lieu of a trial," according to a Maryland State Police (MSP) release.

A day in traffic court has become a sentence unto itself. With the exception of the occasional challenge of the facts or actual criminal offenses – driving under the influence, driving without a license – traffic court consists mainly in people with pretty good driving records explaining to the judge why they should be given a second chance.

The expense of a moving violations ticket goes beyond whatever fine the state imposes. Drivers insurance rates are affected by the points associated with a traffic citation and are usually significantly more costly than state fines. Once your insurance rate is affected by a moving violation conviction, it can take years of perfect driving before your rate returns to normal.

If the judge, however, sees fit to grant a person probation before judgment or

to reduce the charges, that person can save hundreds or even thousands of dollars in insurance increases. As a result, the courts have become kind of clogged with people admitting to the violation and providing a reason, excuse or explanation in hopes of the judge offering a reduction.

In cases of probation before judgment the judge can hold the verdict for one year and if no other violations occur within that period of time, the case is not reported as a conviction to the insurance company.

In addition to the new rule streamline things for the public, the MSP is expected to experience significant savings both in overtime and due to increased productivity.

According to the MSP, the old rules often required massive and multiple schedule changes as officers were required to go to court for cases in which the facts weren't disputed because there was no way to tell if they would be beforehand.

Also, the previous automatic assignment of court dates meant that an officer's schedule might be altered several times over the course of one minor traffic citation, costing the state well more in overtime and productivity than it reaped with a guilty verdict.

The only new burden on the public is that a person issued a citation must choose one of the three options within 30 days of receiving the citation. The penalty to do so may result in having one's license suspended.

Reminders about the new procedure will be provided on the citations but the MSP encourages people with further questions to contact the District Court of Maryland 800-492-2656.

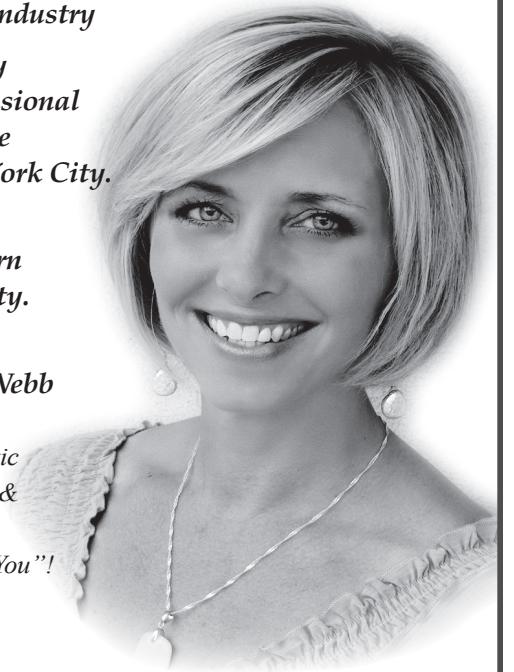
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FOOD DRIVE – Stephen Decatur High School more than doubled its food drive efforts from last year, bringing in more than 8,000 pounds of canned goods this past week. The school will donate its collections to the Worcester County Sheriff's Department for Santa House and Diakonia. Stephen Decatur seniors Sarah Wootten, Lauren Holloway, and Kelly Powell collect and weigh in canned goods during the annual food drive week.

NEWS BRIEFS

TOYS FOR TOTS BUFFETS

Dec. 11 The Cove at Bayside, Route 54 Selbyville, Del.; Dec. 12 Princes Royale, 91 St. Coastal Hwy, Ocean City; Dec. 18 VFW Post 8296, 66 Street, Ocean City; Dec. 19 Magnolia's, Central Ave., Ocean View, Del. Time: 1-4 p.m.; cost: \$10 donation per person or new unwrapped toy of equal value.

MEDIACOM MEETING IN OP

Ocean Pines will hold a town hall meeting with Mediacom representatives 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Ocean Pines Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive. David Kane, vice president of Mediacom, will be in attendance along with other members of the Mediacom team to respond to questions and concerns from cable subscribers.

Homeowners may ask questions from the floor; however residents are encouraged to submit questions in advance. Questions may be better researched and answers may be provided in more detail by Mediacom.

You may submit your questions and comments by emailing info@oceanpines.org or stop by the OPA Administration Building and submit your request or mail your comments to Ocean Pines Administration, Public Relations, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

If you are unable to send your question in advance, there will be time at the meeting for additional questions.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard Waste Curbside Collection will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15, for those residents who receive normal trash pickup on Thursdays.

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

Do: Place leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones, and garden waste in a paper bag, plastic bag, or (maximum) 30 gallon container. Cut brush into 4 foot lengths and bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

Don't: Mix in stones, rocks, metal, other inorganic matter, dirt, sod or other encumbrances.

The curbside pick up of yard waste is intended for occupied residentially improved properties only. Commercial and industrial properties are not included in the collection program.

WEATHER TRANSMITTER BENEFITS COUNTY

The weather forecast office in Wakefield, Va., will operate a new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio transmitter on Virginia's Eastern Shore starting Dec. 15 that benefits parts of Worcester County.

Though located in Accomack County near Mapps ville where its primary function will

be to serve the Eastern Shore of Virginia, the signal emitting from the station will also enhance coverage in Pocomoke, Stockton and Girdletree that were dependent upon sporadic reception from the next closest transmitter, located north of Salisbury.

Although the Salisbury transmitter site covers a wide area of the county, the signal can be lost inside homes without the use of an outside antenna.

The new transmitter will help Worcester County residents access weather-related information in a timely manner.

The new station will broadcast current forecast conditions 24 hours per day and issue immediate weather advisories, watches and warnings.

The call sign for the new transmitter is KJY-099 and will broadcast on a frequency of 162.525 MHz which is channel 6 on most NOAA weather radio receivers.

OC WINS MOBBIE AWARD

The town of Ocean City has been awarded the best Facebook page by readers of the Baltimore Sun in the publication's annual Mobbie Awards. The Ocean City page has a highly active community of fans who regularly post updates about memories and vacation plans, and share tips with other visitors.

"The fans of the page are what really make it special," said Mayor Rick Meehan. "It is great to see so many members of the community involved."

To spur conversation, the page is updated frequently with information regarding events in Ocean City, photos and videos and other timely information. Questions are also posed to fans on the Facebook page, and contests and giveaways are conducted.

The Mobbie Awards recognized the best social media accounts and blogs in Maryland. For information, visit <http://data.baltimoresun.com/mobbies/2010/voting/>.

OC OFFICES CLOSED

Town of Ocean City administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday on Friday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 27. Offices also will close for New Year's on Friday, Dec. 31.

Commercial trash pick-up only will occur on Dec. 24 and 31. The normal trash pick-up schedule will be in operation on Monday, Dec. 27.

TREE DROP-OFF SITE

The town of Ocean City is once again providing a Christmas tree drop-off site at the 100th Street Municipal Parking Lot. Trees can be placed in the northeast corner of the 100th Street lot Dec. 26 through Jan. 31.

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Recreational project in Bishopville receives state funding

ANNAPOLIS – Governor Martin O'Malley recently announced Board of Public Works (BPW) approval of recreational projects in Worcester and Carroll counties through local Program

Open Space.

"Maintaining and improving Maryland's outdoor recreational facilities is an important function of Program Open Space," said O'Malley. "We con-

tinue to evaluate these areas, making the necessary enhancements to keep our families safe while recreating outdoors."

Worcester County will receive \$3,000 to install playground edging and an engineered wood fiber safety surface for the existing swing set at Bishopville Park. Currently, the area below the swing set lacks adequate safety surfacing for the fall zone.

Carroll County - Hampstead will receive \$10,339 to rebuild two tennis courts and one basketball court at Melvin Miller Community Park. In addition, fencing, ADA picnic tables, nets, and poles for the courts will be installed.

Among the advantageous projects that have benefited from Program Open Space funding is the YMCA at Stadium

Place in Baltimore, which includes a playground and baseball field.

Under the leadership of O'Malley, the Board of Public Works has approved funding for 936 recreational projects, including Community Parks & Playgrounds, totaling over \$281 million through local-side Program Open Space since 2007. This is about 16 percent of the more than 5,800 total projects funded since the program's inception in 1969.

The three-member Board of Public Works is composed of O'Malley (chair), Treasurer Nancy Kopp and Comptroller Peter Franchot. The BPW is authorized by the General Assembly to approve major construction and consultant contracts, equipment purchases, property transactions and other procurement actions.

Community Emergency Response Training in Pocomoke begins in January

POCOMOKE – Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) officials invite area residents to train to help in times of disaster.

WCES in cooperation with Worcester County Volunteer Services and Lower Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the seven-week course Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) at the YMCA in Pocomoke on Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. beginning Jan. 12.

CERT is federally funded through the Citizen Corps Program, and classes are free to all residents. The program is designed to train community members to assist in the event of a catastrophic disaster while awaiting Emergency Service personnel.

Training includes basic lifesaving skills such as CPR/AED, First Aid and fire suppression. It also prepares participants to recognize both natural and manmade hazards. Upon completion of this program, students will be able to create disaster plans and supply kits and aid in responding to hazardous material emergencies.

CERT is a hands-on, educational program packed with information to equip residents, who have no prior emergency medical training, with the decision-making and practical skills necessary to effectively and efficiently offer immediate assistance to those in need until further help can arrive.

Those who successfully complete the training will receive CPR and First Aid certification through the American Red Cross along with CERT certification.

During the course instructors will provide information on hazards typical to Worcester County, hazardous materials in the home and the National Incident Management System. Instruction is geared to help residents better prepare and survive the first 36 to 72 hours following a catastrophe when local first responder resources are stretched to their limits.

Space is limited to 25 individuals and is available on a first come, first served basis. For more info or to register, contact Volunteer Services Manager Cyndy Howell at 410-632-5656 or register online at www.redcrosslowershore.org.

New Year's Day tradition returns with Open House at City Hall

OCEAN CITY – Start off the New Year with a visit to the Ocean City Mayor and City Council's 15th annual Open House, scheduled to be held from 1-3 p.m. on New Year's Day at City Hall, located at 3rd Street and Baltimore Avenue.

The Mayor and City Council's Open House has become a community tradition. Each year offers a different theme. This year's theme focuses on the Ocean City Development Corporation (OCDC), a non-profit organization that was established in 2000 to lead the revitalization efforts in downtown Ocean City.

"The Open House has become a great tradition for our citizens and visitors to gather on New Year's Day," Mayor Rick Meehan said. "We invite everyone to stop by City Hall and take part in this tradition. As we begin the New Year, this is a great opportunity for the Ocean City Development Corporation to showcase all the accomplishments made to revitalize the downtown."

The Mayor and City Council Open House always offers storytelling sessions and this year there will again be two areas in City Hall for the sessions that will run throughout the event. Members of the OCDC will recount the beginnings of the OCDC organization, discuss the formulation and importance of

the Downtown Design Standards, discuss its Public Art Program, and talk about successful Façade Improvement Program.

The Open House also will feature pictorial displays of the downtown, including before and after photos of the OCDC Façade Improvement Program, in which OCDC has initiated the renovation of almost 100 buildings.

Also featured will be exhibits from town departments and community organizations. Mayor Meehan and City Council members will be on hand to greet visitors to the Open House, where City Hall is beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Light refreshments will be served.

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BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES – Looking around the recently-opened Java Bay Cafe at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club it is immediately apparent that Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson is right to be proud of his team's accomplishment in the facility's new concept and operation.

The experience is improved just inside the Yacht Club entrance where visitors are treated to the aroma of fresh-brewed coffee even before coming upon the various breads and pastries in the clear service case.

Thompson said the plan, from the beginning, was to make sure the cafe was unique to Ocean Pines but also to make it more complimentary than competitive. The notion was to do a few things really well and fill a niche in the community.

Although the extensive menu includes fresh pastries and salads, the master



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Java Bay Cafe floor manager Laura Schankel steams milk at the Java Bay Cafe's state of the art coffee maker.

stroke was contracting with "A Bagel And..." in Manklin Station to provide the shop's bagels rather than compete with them.

The other critical and difficult part of putting together the coffee shop menu was finding the right coffee to serve. Thompson and food and beverage manager Joe Reinhart elected to go with Chesapeake Bay Roasting Co. coffees as much for quality reasons as because of the regional company's support of environmental programs.

To go with the superior coffee, the OPA invested in a state of the art coffee maker that grinds the beans just prior to brewing them, making the coffee as fresh as possible.

While the menu improvements inherent with the change are significant, the changes to the interior represent the best opportunity to tap into the market that have proven elusive to association management for years. While providing better service is obviously a critical part of the revamp, the new look is a critical outward sign that things at the Yacht

Club are changing.

What used to be the right hand side of the dining room has a fresh coat of paint and the lighting has been adjusted to fit a warmer, more personal atmosphere, but the walls might be the least of the aesthetic improvements.

The plan is to establish the Java Bay Cafe as a gathering place in Ocean Pines. To that end, in addition to having fast, free WiFi throughout the Java Bay Cafe, the OPA invested in comfortable chairs and sofas to make the place more inviting and encourage dawdling.

The comfort factor is to be the cafe's biggest selling point. By making sure the food is not only good but also consistent the staff is able to concentrate more on making people feel as if they're welcome, which is something Thompson said will go a long way to getting returning cus-

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GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS – More than a dozen boxes of gifts were donated by citizens of Worcester County for soldiers overseas and gathered at the American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City. The program was started by Carl Foultz five years ago and is being continued by Anna Foultz in coordination with the American Legion Post. Front: Rosie Garlitz, president, American Legion Auxiliary and Anna Foultz; standing are Teresa Travatello, PR director, Ocean Pines; Mike Howell, Recreations and Parks director, Ocean Pines; and Sarge Garlitz, commander, American Legion Post 166.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

MEALS ON WHEELS TREATS – Barb Peletier, 2009-2010 Kiwanian of the Year, and her husband Dan, who is the immediate past president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City loading holiday gift packages of bread, cookies and candy for the Northern Worcester County Maryland Berlin Senior Center to distribute to the Meals on Wheels recipients for Christmas.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HELPING THE CLAUSES – The Ocean Pines Department of Parks and Recreation held its annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 4 at the Community Center. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City volunteers for kitchen duty preparing the pancake and sausage breakfast. Kiwanian Al Kastner and his wife Carol were "instrumental" in arranging for the Clauses to visit.



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BUSINESS

BAYSIDE

Short-selling may be best alternative to foreclosure

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SALISBURY – While it's not quite time to start popping Champagne corks over the real estate market, it is good to know that cooler heads are starting to prevail, especially as the foreclosure market is apparently beginning to heat up again.

While the record spate of foreclosures, and horror stories about accidental foreclosures are beginning to fade another group of borrowers is becoming prominent because of their increasing numbers of defaults – people who took out those now-infamous mortgages with balloon rate increases.

“A lot of those rates are about to increase,” said Brandon Brittingham a Realtor with Long and Foster. “And for a lot of different reasons these people aren't ready to make the increased payments.”

Toward the precipitous end of the housing boom, people took out mortgages with the intention of turning over the house, refinancing or extricating themselves from the payments well before the payments ballooned into amounts they couldn't hope to afford.

With the housing market crash, this is no longer possible for many. Worse, a significant number of these and other homes are “upside down”



meaning that the mortgages are for an amount in excess of what the house will fetch on the open market.

Although banks were, for a period, given incentive to renegotiate high rates and even in some cases principal amounts the disappearance of the incentives coupled with the continuing sluggish economy have made refinancing impossible in some cases and impractical in others.

Brittingham said that the banks were primarily con-

cerned in protecting their own interests and that, as the recovery continues, that didn't always extend to helping people out from under their debts.

“For some reason some banks are still willing to take possession of a property even though it might not make the best financial sense,” he said.

Vacant bank-owned properties can deteriorate quickly, driving down surrounding property values. But what's worse for the former owners is that in some cases not only will

they have to pay the bank the difference if the house is sold at auction, they may also have to pay tax on whatever their “profit” on the house was.

As an example, Brittingham said, if a \$200,000 house was sold at auction for \$100,000 the mortgagees would still owe the bank the remainder of the debt and might get a IRS bill for the \$100,000 the bank did sell it for.

One of the newest real estate alternatives to bankruptcy or foreclosure is something called short-selling. Shore selling

involves a qualified real estate agent negotiation a sale price with the mortgage holder that is often somewhat less than the outstanding bill. If the bank agrees to a short sale not only is the homeowner off the hook for the difference but they are in some cases eligible to remain in the home until the sale is completed.

Brittingham said that he's seen this work to the benefit of many families who are able to save and rebuild both their credit and their bank accounts rather than lose both in addition to their home.

Unlike foreclosures – which are part of your financial history even if they're not always, strictly speaking, part of your credit history – and bankruptcies, short sales don't by definition have a negative affect on a person's credit.

Brittingham said he'd seen a lot of cases of people who began dipping into their 401k and other savings in an effort to stave off foreclosure and end up losing their homes anyway.

Even when people do that and don't lose their homes it's not uncommon for people to spend their entire savings to stay in a home that isn't worth what they've spent to keep it. Sometimes the smartest solution is just to get out with as little damage done as possible and start again fresh.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Offsetting stock gains



By Chip Gordy

If you have some gains from the sale of stocks this year and no losses to offset the gains, you may be in for a heavy tax bill. Before selling a stock for a loss, it is wise to have a plan.

The first thing that you need to understand is called the wash rule. The wash sale rule prevents you from claiming a tax loss on a sale

of stock if you buy the same replacement stock within the 30 days before or after the sale. If you buy the same stock or security 31 days before or after your loss transaction, then the wash rule is not in effect and you can possibly deduct the loss. It's important to take advantage of this rule, for the current tax year, by the middle of November. This way you don't make a mistake when counting the necessary days to pass.

Following are a couple of strategies that you can use to help offset some of those capital gains:

1. Evaluate whether the stock is still attractive. Why is the stock a loser? If it is because something has changed with the company since you purchased the stock, you may not want to re-buy at all. Evaluate other investments. If there are more attractive stocks that you do not own, then taking the loss and reinvesting in the more attractive stocks may be the best option.

When evaluating this option, keep in mind your original investment objectives and consider your level of diversification. While stocks in some sectors may not seem as attractive as those in the other areas, it's sometimes wise to hold both out-of-favor and in-favor stocks in order to lower your risk. Again, this depends on your investment policy.

2. Plan to repurchase the same stock in 31 days. By doing this, you have a realized loss and potentially saved on your tax bill. Furthermore, after a month you will still own the stock. The risk here is that the stock will rally during that month and it will cost you much more to re-buy the stock.

3. To help mitigate the risk in your portfolio from missing

out in a potential rally, you could buy a similar stock during the waiting period. So, if you are selling a stock for a loss, look for an attractive competing stock in possibly the same sector. When the waiting period is over, you can choose to sell the competitor stock and re-buy your original stock, or hold on to it and still repurchase your original position. This way, if the sector rallies you're less likely to miss out on gains from the rally.

There are of course special circumstances and exceptions that affect the application of the wash sale rule. To see how the wash sale rule applies to your unique situation, talk to your tax advisor.

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Community Foundation announces new membership to board of directors

SALISBURY – The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore welcomes three new members to its board of directors following formal announcement at the Foundation's Annual Meeting, Awards and Report to the Community at The Fountains Conference Center in Salisbury.

The following three new board mem-

Annual 'Gift of Energy' program through January

SALISBURY – Some Delmarva Power customers may have difficulty paying their monthly energy bills this holiday season because of the sluggish economy. To help those less-fortunate customers, Delmarva Power offers a Gift of Energy program.

Gift of Energy payments can be made in person, by check or credit card, at one of the company's participating Delaware walk-in offices. Additionally, the company offers a mail-in payment option on fliers it is distributing to social service agencies and community-based shelters located throughout its service territory.

The program, which is available to both Maryland and Delaware customers, launches today and runs through Jan. 15.

The program works like this:

- Visit a Delmarva Power walk-in office in Delaware;
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Coffee

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tomers.

Java Bay Cafe barista Kelly McMullen said she was particularly excited about the new opportunities the coffee house setting will provide for both employees and the general public. McMullen was already a food and beverage employee but had extensive barista experience, which is how she became an integral part of running the new cafe.

The rest of the staff is equally enthusiastic about running the new facility, which is already starting to draw people from the community in to see what the fuss is all about.

bers were elected to serve a three-year term:

Stephanie Willey, a native of Salisbury, is the local sales manager for Comcast Spotlight in Salisbury. Actively involved in the community, Stephanie is a 2004 Past President of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce.

She served as the Champion for Habitat's Women Build Project in 2007. In addition, she serves on advisory boards for the Wicomico Mentoring Project, Wicomico County Tourism, and Salisbury University Town/Gown Council, the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, the Drug Free Wicomico Committee and the Board of Trustees of the Salisbury Award.

Stephanie was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by The Daily Record in

2008 and also the 2008 Comcast Spotlight President's Club winner. Most recently, she completed Comcast Spotlight's Women in Leadership Program.

Dwight Marshall Jr., "Duke" is a native of Smith Island and is the Nationwide Insurance and financial services representative and president of Marshall's Insurance and Financial Services in Pocomoke.

He is a member of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council (LESCH), immediate past president of Salisbury University Alumni Association and is an active charter member of the Salisbury-Sunrise Rotary Club.

Dwight is a member of the Delmarva Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and is active on the Tylerton Community Council (TCC), the Smith

Island Cultural Alliance Center and Tylerton United Methodist Church.

Dr. Julius Zant is a physician with Peninsula Neurological Associates in Salisbury. He graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

He serves on the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Board of Visitors and is affiliated with New Life Apostolic Church and the Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

The Community Foundation makes grants and provides leadership in five key areas: arts and culture, health and human services, education, historical preservation, and the environment. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.cfes.org.

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BBB warns job seekers of employment ad scam

BALTIMORE – Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to be on the alert for an employment ad scam targeting residents in the Greater Baltimore area. An investigation identified phony employment ads in the Baltimore Sun, Simplyhired.com and CNNMoney.com.

"This time of year sometimes triggers the search for a new job for the New Year," said Angie Barnett, president/CEO, BBB | Greater Maryland. "Job seekers need to exercise caution when communicating over the phone or via email with persons identifying themselves as hiring agents. Otherwise, you could end up a victim of identity theft or fraud."

Upon investigation by BBB, the following ad copy was found to be a fake:

"Managers-for Negotiations and contracts department of large natural gas drilling corp. Manager will lead a large staff which will negotiate with land owners the mineral rights for our gas drilling. Must have strong leadership and/or organizational skills...Excellent Salary and Benefit Package..."

An applicant who responded to the ad, and later contacted BBB serving Central Virginia, was told by the "company" that he had the job. The prospective employee was instructed that in order for the company to be assured his appearance at the interview, he would have to wire them the price of the plane ticket.

Growing suspicious, the applicant did not wire the money or call the Beverly Hills landline he had been provided by the

phony employer and phoned BBB instead.

BBB's investigation found the phone number was linked to ads for different positions including a travel agent, restaurant manager, and other restaurant-related opportunities in Baltimore and Hunt Valley.

PHONY EMPLOYMENT RED FLAGS

Employer requests money upfront. Valid employers do not ask for money upfront to cover administrative costs or to ensure the applicant's presence at an interview, or require you to wire money through Western Union or MoneyGram.

Grammatical and spelling errors. Since the source of many of these online scams are outside of the U.S., the scammers'

first language is not English, as is evident in their poor grasp of the language.

Personal information. The "employer" asks you to provide personal information, such as a bank account or social security number.

Hired without an interview. Applicants shouldn't expect to be hired without an interview, especially right after contacting the company.

When searching for employment opportunities online, your BBB wants to help you avoid employment scams by offering the following tips.

Seek employment only on reputable sites. But beware that even legitimate sites may not screen advertisers, so scams can get through.

Research the business - Google the phone number, the address and any other details about the company or the job that you might find. If you find unrelated industries connected to the same phone number, like ads for restaurant managers and energy company contract negotiators, be cautious.

Go to bbb.org and check for information on the company.

IRS announces 2011 standard mileage rates

BALTIMORE – The Internal Revenue Service recently issued the 2011 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2011, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 51 cents per mile for business miles driven
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs as determined by the same study. Independent contractor Runzheimer International conducted the study.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after using any depreciation method under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS) or after claiming a Section 179 deduction for that vehicle. In addition, the business standard mileage rate cannot be used for any vehicle used for hire or for more than four vehicles used simultaneously.

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SCHOOLS

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Gilman winners Cherita Richards (far left) and Brittany Foutz (third from right) with classmates at the Incan ruins at Inga Pirca, nestled in the Southern Andes.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

ACT DEADLINE

Area residents have until Friday, Jan. 7, to register for the American College Testing (ACT) examination, which is being offered by Wor-Wic Community College on Saturday, Feb. 12, 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 Feb. 12 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 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, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Student Center at Wor-Wic Community College 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 more information, contact Terry Thompson at 410-572-8722 or tthompson@worwic.edu.

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Area students studying abroad

Earn prestigious Gilman Scholarships

SALISBURY — Three Salisbury University students have been awarded prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships for study abroad: Junior Daniel McElwain of Easton, senior Cherita Richards of Hebron, and sophomore Brittany Foutz of Salisbury.

An international studies major, McElwain is one of two SU students studying at Anqing Teachers College as part of the new Salisbury Abroad: China program. He said, "The scholarship allowed me to go to China without

a major financial burden on myself and my family. I have learned a lot about Chinese language and culture."

Richards, a psychology major, and Foutz, a Spanish major, are both enrolled in the Salisbury Abroad: Ecuador program. "I've improved my Spanish language skills, skills that are valuable in any field of work," Richards said.

"We live in a world where being bilingual opens an individual to so many more opportunities."

"I am among an abundance of natural beauty, fine weather, fresh

food and rich culture," Foutz said.

"One day you can be in a rainforest and the next hiking in Incan ruins at the breathtaking El Cajas national park. My time in one of South America's smallest and most diverse countries will make me a better student and person."

Eight SU students have earned Gilman Scholarships in the past three years. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education, the award aims to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the places they travel.

"The rate of success

Salisbury University students have had in winning Gilman Scholarships is a tremendous accomplishment," said Dr. Brian Stiegler, Center for International Education director.

To be eligible for the Gilman, students must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant during that semester. Programs must be at least four weeks and not summer-only. Preference is given to students who are minorities, first-time travelers, studying outside Western Europe and Australia, or enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.



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ORNAMENTS – Students at Buckingham Elementary School used recycled materials to create holiday ornaments for the trees.



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COASTAL BAYS DONATION – The fourth graders (Terrapin Team) at Berlin Intermediate School raised over \$160 through a penny drive to donate to the Maryland Coastal Bays. Students culminated their fund raising efforts by creating terrapin shells in art class. Carrie Samis, for Maryland Coastal Bays and Bill Mahoney of Chesapeake Conservation Corp with Hailey Ehatt, Isabella Yeager, Kevin George, Shelby Evans, Randi Mae Brooke, Julia Miller, and BIS Vice Principal, Tamara Mills.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HANUKKAH LESSONS – Aisha Choudery, Leia Donaway and Charles Townsend, students in Ms. Janet Nicholson's second grade class, display Hanukkah gelt and a dreidel that were given to the students by Mrs. Becky Brunet of the Judy Center, as she read a story and talked to the class about the meaning of Hanukkah.

Naval JROTC unit to be inspected next week

BERLIN – Stephen Decatur High School's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Unit will hold its annual inspection on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Stephen Decatur High School gymnasium. The inspection ceremony is open to the public.

The purpose of an annual inspection is to provide NJROTC students with an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. The ceremony will include a formal uniform inspection, a drill demonstration, presentation of awards, and a military pass in review.

In addition, members of the cadet

staff will make a presentation to the inspecting officer, Captain John Keegan, United States Navy, about Stephen Decatur High School's NJROTC program. CAPT Keegan is the Commanding Officer at the Surface Combat Systems Center in Wallops Island.

Based on a variety of indicators presented during the annual inspection, CAPT Keegan will submit a final report on the NJROTC unit's performance to the Chief of Naval Education and Training, who sponsors NJROTC units in over 650 high schools throughout the United States.

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HEALTH

BAYSIDE

Quitting nicotine is a battle between your conscious and unconscious

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – During a recent Worcester County Smoking Cessation Support Group meeting, Jack Galbraith, another participant and I were speaking about our experiences quitting with Chantix. Both Jack and the other person had already tried quitting once on Chantix and were commiserating about the difficulties trying the drug a second time.

Chantix turns off the part of your brain that gets anything from smoking. It doesn't relieve the cravings so much as making the act of smoking pointless. Or, I guess, more pointless. The drug boasts a better-than 40 percent success rate for people who use the drug for three months. The percentage goes up significantly with longer use.

Galbraith was talking about how the pill felt as if it was less effective than it was the last time, so we decided to check into it. The drug can have side effects and we considered the possibility that some minor change had been made that would have reduced its efficacy.

Our group leader Linda E. Green, R.N., M. Ed., C.D.E. was skeptical about changes in the drug make-up. She said she was pretty sure something like that would have come to her atten-



tion. As it turned out she was right.

"We have not changed the formulation of Chantix," said Pfizer spokesperson Victoria Davis without thinking about it. Then, because she's an official spokesperson, she said she'd better double check. Within the hour she confirmed the drug was the same as it had ever been.

I can't imagine what heroin addiction and withdrawal

must be like, but the problem Galbraith, some others and I are facing are just the facts of addiction. There are two "yous" who have to quit and they don't cooperate easily.

Getting off of nicotine is a battle between your conscious and unconscious mind and your conscious mind isn't only smarter than you, it's more vicious. Or at least mine is. When I first started taking the pills I was in a blind panic.

Though I'd like to quit smoking, the prospect of actually stopping was a little frightening. I realized that I was trying to frighten myself into bailing on the quitting plan. I took this a little personally.

Once I started taking the pills and the cigarettes stopped working for me – you continue to smoke the first week you take Chantix, then you stop smoking – I started smoking more often as much out of curi-

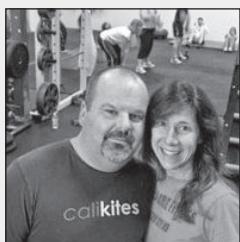
osity as out of drive. I'd quit for a little more than a day before I found a few cigarettes tucked away in my car. I didn't think about whether or if I should smoke one, I just grabbed it and started, the cravings were pretty severe at the time.

The best analogy I can concoct is this: It was like stepping off a building and not falling. After not smoking for a day or so, cigarettes get you high. There's a rush that lasts for several minutes once you resume smoking. When I lit the cigarette and that rush didn't come it only served to disorient me. This disorientation was the only thing that prevented me from buying another pack of cigarettes, but I still have the drugs on my side.

For people like Galbraith, who've already quit using Chantix but occupy the 60 percent of those who fall back into it, the struggle must be all the harder. If the real battle is between the smoking you and the non-smoking you and the non-smoking you is the cagier, less honorable of the two, it's not hard to imagine the second attempt being more difficult.

FITNESS ADVICE

Be patient. You'll get there



By David & Lisa Long

OK, it's time for the wake-up call! Stand up and hop out of that food and couch coma and look into the mirror. Not just the glass on the wall, but the one in your mind as well. Where have you been? It's the right time to make a change. Let's ditch this mindless way of living and choose to really

"Life is all about choices. Whatever we choose, we look like, feel like, and live like. Choose to move more, nourish yourself with whole foods, and chill out to de-stress. Every moment, we alter our destiny by making better choices."

live life to the fullest. Dump the baggy hide-it clothes and celebrate new found fitness and energy.

But wait. I know what you're thinking. "I've been down this road before." And then within a few weeks or months, your good intentions are circling the drain. Staying focused is the key to sustaining the momentum to keep the healthy living plan going. Remember how I asked you to look in your mind's mirror not just the glass one in your bedroom.

It's a mind-body thing. That means to start you need to get your head straight about why you want to do this. Yea, the cool clothes are a great motivator. But go deeper.

You can't wear the clothes if you're not here. Being here, and enjoying the experience, is where it's at. Don't worry. Fitness should be about a lifestyle change, not a chore.

As a first step, write down no more than five reasons why you want to change, listing them by priority. Study them and make sure these are powerful enough to combat the tendency to self destruct. If they are, your head's in gear for change. If not, keep working it until you do find the focus.

Talk to a trainer, friend or co-worker about what they do. Try to get some ideas that way. Remember, no trainer, gym, plan, or fitness tool can do it for you. A professional trainer can help you stay motivated, but you need to take some ownership of your lifestyle.

Be patient. You'll get there.

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

WCHD recognizes National Influenza Vaccination Week

SNOW HILL – The Worcester County Health Department recognizes Dec. 5-11 as National Influenza Vaccination Week.

National Influenza Vaccination Week is a national observance established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination. The campaign is launched by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Worcester County Health Department continues to offer walk-in flu vaccination clinics at each of its sites. Clinics are held on Tuesdays in Snow Hill, Wednesdays in Pocomoke and Thursdays in Berlin. Flu vaccinations are also available by appointment at each site.

For uninsured or self-pay patients, the fee for the flu vaccine is \$15. Medicare will be billed when cards are presented. No one will be denied service due to inability to pay.

“Getting vaccinated not only protects you from getting the flu, but it can prevent you from spreading it to friends and family as well,” said Debbie Goeller, Worcester County Health Officer. “This is especially important during the holiday season.”

An annual flu vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu and flu-related complications that could lead to hospitalization or death.

This season, health experts across the country recommend everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine. This year’s vaccine provides protection against the H1N1 virus as well as two other influenza viruses expected to circulate this flu season.

People age 65 years and older who visit the Worcester County Health Department have the choice of receiving a high dose flu vaccine which will result in a stronger immune response against the flu.

For more information visit the Worcester County Health Department’s website at www.worcesterhealth.org, email WorcesterHealth@dhmh.state.md.us, or call the information line at 410-632-4321.

County Recreation Center to close in December

SNOW HILL – The Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) gymnasium will be closed to the public Monday, Dec. 27, through Saturday, Jan. 1, while safety netting is installed.

During this time, the WCRC Administrative Offices will remain open to the public Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Staff will be available to assist the public with information regarding the many upcoming fitness and recreation programs to start in January.

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HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE – The Student Government Association at Berlin Intermediate School recently sponsored a holiday food drive. At the culmination of the food drive over 1,700 cans of food were collected and donated to the Sheriff's Department. Ethan Call, guidance counselor Aaron Call and Amy Lizas help organize the many donated food items.

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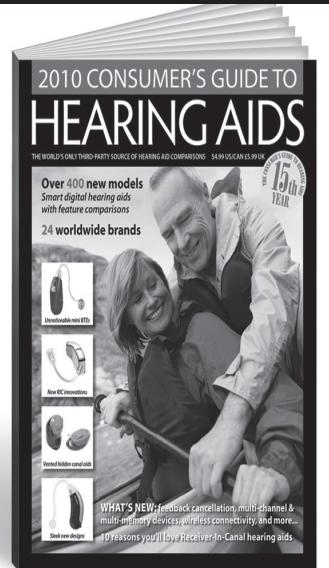
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SPORTS

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur's Teron Tyre drives the base line against Col. Richardson in the first half on Tuesday evening. (Below) Decatur senior Tre Foreman goes in for a layup in the second half of the Seahawks win over Col. Richardson. For more Stephen Decatur basketball photos, visit www.melvillemediaphotos.com.

Stephen Decatur wins its season opener

BERLIN – Stephen Decatur started off its season with a solid win over Colonel Richardson on Tuesday night, 50-41.

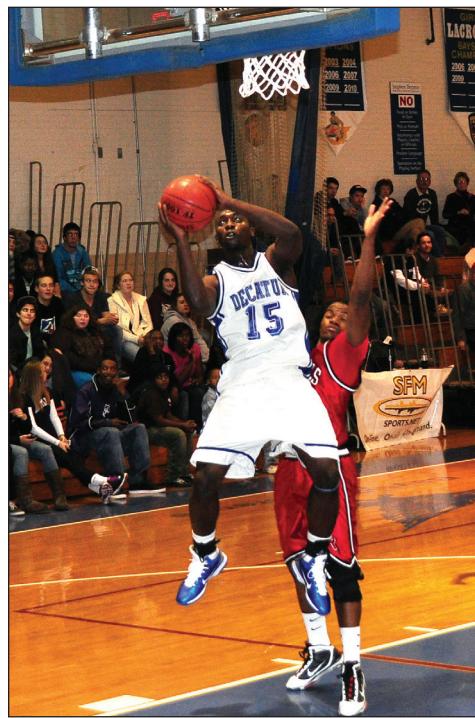
The Seahawks, which went 21-5 last season and won its first East Region title since 1992, lost not only a bunch of seniors from that team but also the head coach. Travis Lloyd stepped down after four seasons and his assistant coach Mark Engle has taken over this year.

With a new coach, the Seahawks have a little different approach to game management. "We value every possession," Engle said. "We will run when we have a chance but it's more of a possession

game for us now. Limit the turnovers and make sure to rebound are the principles of our game plan."

The players have embraced the new style and even though things got a little sloppy in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's win, the Seahawks showed a balanced and disciplined attack to methodically beat Col. Richardson.

"First games are always a little nerve-wrecking no matter how long you've been doing this," Engle said. "The kids were a little rough in the first half but settled down in the second half. I was really proud of the way the kids played."



SPORTS BRIEFS

REINDEER RUN DEC. 11

The third annual Reindeer Run 5K will begin 9 a.m. on Dec. 11 at The Atlantic Hotel on Main Street, the course runs south along Main Street through the neighborhoods of Berlin and then back to Main Street for a festive holiday finish in front of The Atlantic Hotel.

T-Shirts for participants (day of registration – no guarantee), jingle bells and other festive holiday wear is encouraged, awards for top finishers. Friendly dogs and baby strollers are welcome. Santa and carriage rides begin shortly after post race award ceremony.

Cost for race is \$20. Register at www.active.com, www.livelongfitness.com, or www.octrirunning.com.

AVIATION BUFFS DINNER

The Ocean City Aviation Association offers a presentation by Tom Range Sr., author and aviation historian, at the annual holiday dinner at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, at the Carousel Hotel, Ocean City.

Range's unique review of aviation past and present is titled "Aircraft Subjects on Picture Postcards." Cost is \$20 per person for the dinner and presentation. Call Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207, for registration and additional information. Proceeds will go to OCAA's Memorial Fund.

ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Ocean Pines library. The awards for the largest fish caught in each category during the 2010 year will be presented. Members are also reminded to bring in an item to be donated to the Diakonia homeless shelter. All welcome.

FALL ROCKFISH TOURNEY

Anglers from Maine to North Carolina made their way to Maryland this past weekend to test their skills and promote recreational fishing on the Chesapeake Bay as the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association, Icom, Alltackle, and Lateral Line hosted the 18th annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic, MSSA's Fall Rockfish Tournament.

Bud Cratty and son Mitch, of Severn, took first place with a 47.9 pound rockfish securing him \$17,000 for their efforts.

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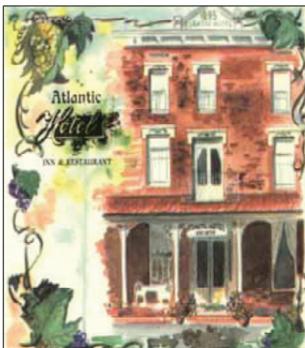
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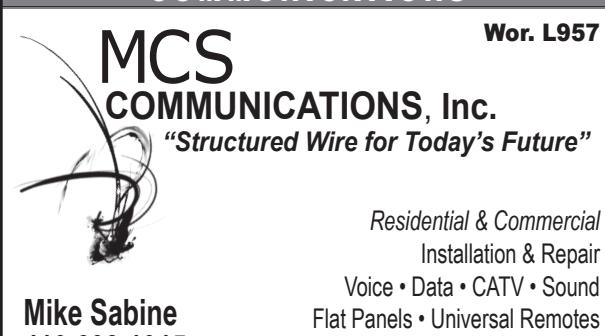
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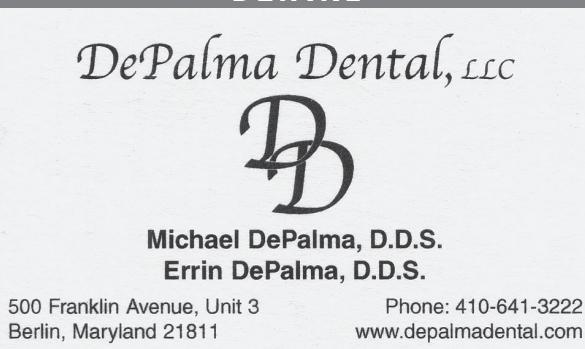


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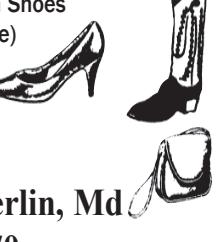


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EDITORIAL

Java Bay Cafe is a move in the right direction for OPA

The approach a person or group takes regarding a solution is as important as the solution itself because without a general positive will toward success the best plans become dicey at best. The disposition the OPA Yacht Club staff has in relation to the Java Bay Cafe is genuine enthusiasm. And that is at least as impressive as the new decor and menu.

When OPA general manager Bob Thompson spoke about the project he used few if any financial terms. It was about providing a gathering place; having people become comfortable with coming in, reading the paper cover to cover or just chatting with friends over a cup of coffee or tea and thinking well of the experience. It was all about adjusting people's perception of the Yacht Club and letting their participation follow.

The new direction is a further step toward the community-building attitude management has embraced. Added to the Community Center as a gathering place, the Java Bay Cafe embodies the attitude and feeling that the membership is more than a market to be tapped, it is a community to be served.

That's not to say it isn't and shouldn't be run as a business. But following the model the Berlin Coffee House uses — focus on community building and business success will surely follow — the Java Bay Cafe has a real opportunity to meet most, if not all, things to most people.

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Oh no! Thanks to WikiLeaks, we now know what the Ocean Pines Board REALLY thought of Tom Olsen.

GUEST COLUMN

Outgoing tide of eels connects mid-Atlantic to the sea

BY TOM HORTON

It's a miracle of nature, a wondrous and deeply mysterious voyage, and it gets underway every autumn on the dark of the moon, when the air gets chill and the creeks run full.

It happens here in downtown Centreville on Maryland's upper Eastern Shore, a few yards off busy highway 213, where Gravel Run rushes between the Dunkin' Donuts and a parking lot.

Actually it happens throughout countless rivers and streams and trickles of Chesapeake Bay's 64,000 square mile watershed and all the Atlantic coastlines of the Americas.

Here in little Centreville is just where Maryland state biologist Keith Whiteford sets his trap that alerts him to when the hour of the silver eel has come 'round again.

Most of us are more focused on fall's arrivals around the Bay of wild swans and geese, loons and ducks. The exodus of eels, the Chesapeake's only catadromous species—one that

runs downstream to spawn—goes unheralded, appreciated only by fishermen.

In fact the American eel is one of the bay's high dollar fisheries, with catches in the hundreds of thousands of pounds annually, fetching some years a dollar twenty five a pound, dockside, to supply foreign markets that prize them as seafood.

Ecologically, they are an important top predator, the dominant species in terms of biomass in most streams. Perhaps only humans exploit every crease and corner of the Bay's six-state watershed as comprehensively as eels.

Once they escape the coasts on their spawning run and slip off the continental shelves into depths reaching thousands of feet, no one will ever again see the eels Whiteford seeks.

Thigh-deep in the stream, he hoists the mesh bag attached to the end of his home-made trap. It looks as if he has caught only a few bushels of leaves. Then—a quiver of flesh shows through the meshes, but it's a big bullfrog.

Then, a wriggle, a bulge, a

gleam: "Silver eels," the biologist proclaims, extracting two fat, glistening 25-inch females and a skinny little male. "Cool."

Cool indeed. For weeks, on the bottom of Gravel Run they have been girding themselves for a one-way journey to the Sargasso, the great, languid gyre of seaweed in the heart of the Bermuda Triangle.

Their eyes are twice normal size, their swim fins have enlarged, their swim bladders have toughened and their stomach has shriveled as their sex organs enlarged—all adaptations for the months-long mission of more than a thousand miles.

And the color! Muddy yellow and dully green no more, these eels of autumn are simply glorious, shiny dark backs shading to lustrous bronze, with tints of iridescent green and pink, transitioning to bellies of purest white—all covered by a glossy coat of slime to protect against dehydration in the super-saline ocean depths.

Whiteford estimates their

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ages, six to eight years. Not every mature eel makes the fall run in a given year, and no one knows what makes any eel decide it's time. Some won't leave for 20 years, and some never do—a 41 year old found by New York's George Washington Bridge had never left freshwater.

Their actual spawning in the miles-deep Sargasso has never been witnessed. Danish researchers in the early 1900's dragged fine mesh nets through the Atlantic, collecting ever smaller Leptocephali, the eel larvae, until they reached the Sargasso.

We know eels can detect earth's magnetic fields, and smell chemicals in water diluted to about the level of an ounce in the whole volume of the Chesapeake Bay. But how the spawners navigate to the Sargasso is a mystery. But we just don't know.

Clockwise ocean currents slowly distribute the non-swimming larval eels, shaped like willow leaves, back to Atlantic coastlines. But what urges them from there as far inland as the Blue Ridge Mountains of the Potomac basin, surmounting multiple dams and the rocky barrier of Great Falls above Washington, D.C.?

We just don't know.

Maybe some things are best left to the imagination. It's a certainty the silver eels have only enough energy to make it to the Sargasso, not to return, but what a way to go.

Just think: billions of silvery projectiles, all converging on the dark Sargassan womb—also their tomb, flesh and bones depleted, disintegrating in a blast of superfecundation, sinking into the abyss even as a whole new galaxy of tiny, transparent willow leaves begins its slow drift back to repopulate every rivulet of the continent.

A Postscript:

One day when she was little, my daughter Abigail and I were tramping in woods on the Eastern Shore near where I grew up, and we noticed a stream of tiny, dark wriggles moving up a creek no more than two feet wide.

They are elvers, baby eels, and they

have traveled all the way from out in the ocean, I explained.

And where are they headed, she asked?

Why, they must be headed for Hurlock, I said. I find that both amusing and deeply satisfying.

Tom Horton covered the bay for 33 years for The Sun in Baltimore, and is author of six books about the Chesapeake. He is currently a freelance writer. Distributed by Bay Journal News Service.

Black Friday Rock Fish Tournament rocks

Editor:

My name is Mark Di Buo. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, The Ocean City Fishing Center held their Annual Black Friday Rock Fish Tournament. The money they raised went to The Autistic Children's Support Group of Worcester County.

I was invited to come to the awards dinner on Sunday to make a speech. This was the first year that I went to the awards dinner. It was held at the Marlin Club. I really liked it there. The place had huge fish on the walls and the best thing was the great food! There was also a silent auction there. Businesses donated cool stuff to be auctioned off. My Mom and Dad won a few things.

When it came time for my speech I was a little nervous, but I knew I was prepared, because I practiced. It is important for you to know that I am beating Autism. I am in the eighth grade at Stephen Decatur Middle School. My favorite subject is science and I currently have a 4.0 grade point average.

For me to be able to tell you this today, I needed a lot of help. When I was 3 years old I could not talk and my senses were out of sync. My parents searched everywhere for help. I started school at age 3 and spent most of my childhood at hospitals. Easter Seals was like my second home. There were so many long car rides too and from my

therapies.

As you see, I had a lot of help to get me ready for the speech that I gave at the dinner. Since it is the end of the year I want to thank all of the local businesses and volunteers that support the Autistic Children's Support Group all year long. They help kids just like me. My hope is that these kids can beat Autism too.

Thank you for printing my letter.

Mark A. Di Buo
Berlin

ALOC's Puttin on the Ritz a success

Editor:

The Art League of Ocean City and the Puttin on the Ritz committee would like to thank the community for making the inaugural gala which was held Nov. 27 at the Ocean City Convention Center a success. Approximately 200 people attended the premiere event in support of the visual and performing arts in Ocean City, which kicked off the holiday season in our town. Funds raised from the event will go towards the Convention Center art program which will commission large scale works of art to be installed at the Convention Center in order to beautify the facility; and to support the programs of the Art League of Ocean City, a Non profit art organization.

A special thank you is extended to Centerplate and executive chef Chef Gary Leach for their generous donation of exquisite cuisine and services. The committee would also like to thank Jim Gray of City Florist in Salisbury for the amazing decorations and Dave Travis of D.R. Travis events for his help.

Thanks also goes to: Bryan Russo and "The Main Event!" and John Martin for fabulous entertainment, and Lura Hamilton and the staff of the Convention Center for their assistance. Our gratitude to the many business and artists who donated to the auctions. Thank you to EJ Foxx of Cat Country radio for conducting the live auction.

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Many of Patrick Henry's Eastern Shore works are on display and open for bid now through the Dec. 18. open house at the Henry Gallery.

Artist Patrick Henry to hold auction

A mix of his mostly Eastern Shore renderings will be available

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – It's a little difficult to talk about the different periods of a living artist's work because until they've finished working altogether patterns that appear to have emerged might be false and delineations based on show titles or uses of color or stroke might wax and wane to the point of meaninglessness.

Where today we see an about face, tomorrow we see only a slight deviation in course. Alternatively, works we think of as being in the same vein can later be revealed to be hints of future diversity.

As an artist, Patrick Henry has so far been mostly defined by his relationship to the Eastern Shore winning both popular and critical acclaim because of the particular way he has been able to capture

the area as its old and new aspects intersect. In fact, they intersect in his work as much as in time.

After making his name because of his ability to depict the Eastern Shore as it was, Henry began depicting it as it used to be. In this way, his first departure wasn't quite a departure at all.

Taken from personal photos he'd taken as part of a long-forgotten project, Henry's series of paintings were in many cases resurrections of people and places past but rendered in a way that brought out their timelessness as well as their specific period.

Henry followed that show with what, chronologically if not strictly-speaking artistically, can be cited as a watershed moment in his career. "Into the Light" not only won Henry greater critical acclaim

than his previous shows, but also his first museum show.

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore chose not only to feature Henry's work but last year purchased parts of the "Into the Light" show to add to their permanent collection.

Art isn't always made comfortably, though, and earlier this year Henry took some steps well outside his comfort zone, experimenting with a range of subjects from the geometry of classic cars to the representation of iconic celebrities.

Few if any artists have captured the history and multilayered experience Eastern Shore life in the way Henry has over the last three decades. But what's particularly interesting about his career is the way it

The Country Grass Duo to perform in Berlin on Friday

BERLIN – The Country Grass Duo will perform in Berlin on Friday, Dec. 10, as part of Berlin's 2nd Friday Art Stroll event. Look for Bill Vollmer and Steve Frene to be strolling around the downtown Berlin area from 5:30-8 p.m. The duo normally perform as part of a four to five-piece Bluegrass band but have put together a more mobile ensemble for strolling and intimate performances such as this.

Song selections will include many Christmas favorites such as "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells," and "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" as well as some more contemporary songs like "Mary Did You Know" by Kenny Rogers, "Christmas in Dixie" by Alabama and "Christmas Cookies" by George Strait.

The County Grass Duo will also be performing several original songs including "Christmas in Berlin," a song written by Frene that was inspired by Berlin's Victorian Christmas celebration.

"Christmas in Berlin is a magical time of year that takes you back to your childhood and beyond. All the streetlamps and storefronts are trimmed in garland, the old horse and carriage is clip-clopping down Main Street ... its right out of a Currier and Ives picture. I just had to write a song about it!" Frene said.

Water's Edge to host Fitzgerald, and Middleman

BERLIN - Water's Edge will feature works from resident artist Kevin Fitzgerald and Raoul Middleman, a Maryland Institute College of Art professor, along with their artist friends during this Friday's 2nd Friday Art Stroll in Berlin.

The Art Stroll runs from 5-8 p.m. with galleries and shops featuring works of local artists and music in the streets. Merchants throughout town are also celebrating Victorian Christmas with special events in many of the shops throughout town.

Reflections of Life project in Ocean City

OCEAN CITY – The Ocean City Beautification Committee is presenting a special offer to contribute to the committee's Reflections of Life project. Donation forms are available at two locations in the convention center, at the project site near the main entrance and in the visitor center, along with Northside Park, 125th Street byside.

Worcester County Animal Control seeks pet food donations

SNOW HILL – Animal Control officers kicked off the second annual Secret Santa Pet Food Drive this week by asking residents and businesses to help them provide nourishment to hungry pets this winter.

Small bags of cat and dog food are needed and can be delivered to Worcester County Animal Control (WCAC) in Snow Hill through Dec. 16. Animal Control officers plan to distribute the donations beginning the week prior to Christmas, from Dec. 16-20.

“Lots of people, even those who have donated food to us in the past, are coming to us for pet food, and we’ve been helping as many as we can,” said Chief Animal Control Officer Susan Rantz.

Caring for animals requires a long-term commitment. Therefore, this holi-

day season WCAC strives not only to provide nourishment to needy animals but to raise awareness of the proper care and handling of pets. These essential steps center on health and welfare issues, such as providing food, water and shelter, registering, vaccinating and spaying and neutering.

For more information about the mission of Animal Control or to learn more about the Secret Santa Pet Food Drive, contact WCAC at 410-632-1340.



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Worcester County Animal Control mascots Mia the cat and Harley the canine serve as examples of happy, healthy pets whose basic needs are met. The pair greet all who visit the shelter.

Henry

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starts in the middle and is apparently working its way backward and forward simultaneously.

It's difficult to tell whether the branching out is more like a road or like a river. Rivers can wind with but have a destination; roads can have a destination but can also bring their travelers full circle. While Henry certainly has a new project in mind, and one that will be another departure from his previous work, it's hard to tell if he's finished with the Eastern Shore as a subject in the short term or indefinitely.

Having accomplished many of his professional goals, Henry elected to hold an auction featuring a mix of his mostly Eastern Shore renderings. The auction, scheduled to end with an open house Dec. 18, is an opportunity for Henry to make many of his works available at accessible prices with reserves beginning at one-quarter the set price.

For collectors or even art enthusiasts the auction could very well be another watershed period representing what might eventually be known as Henry's early Eastern Shore work.

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Berlin Cadet Dolphins win title

Beat Wicomico Green Terrors 32-13 in youth football; finish season 10-0

SALISBURY – On a blustery cold night, the Cadet Berlin Dolphins had one more win to achieve perfection and become the second most famous perfect Dolphin team perhaps in history (Miami Dolphins in the NFL had a perfect season in 1972).

The daunting task before them was the defending champion Wicomico Green Terrors who came into this championship match-up 7-1 and had won the previous two years.

After the opening kickoff the Dolphins went four-and-out and the Green Terrors took over the ball around midfield. The Dolphin defense on three consecutive plays forced the Dolphins backward bringing up a fourth-and-20 from their own 40.

The Dolphins then made the first mistake of the game when after apparently having the opponent wrapped up for a small gain he broke free and ran 60 yards for an opening TD giving the Green Terrors the early lead 6-0.

The Dolphins answered right back, four plays later on a 38 yard touchdown run by Devin Daniels off tackle. The Dolphins then came out in their "Wild Fish" formation and Devin Daniels assumed the job at QB and threw the extra point pass to Devin Scott to take the lead 7-6.

After a good kick off pinned the Green Terrors on their 30 yard line the Dolphins defense stopped them and took over the ball on the 40. The Cadet Dolphin offense then stuck to what got them to the championship, handing the ball off to both JJ Purnell and Devin Daniels who methodically ran the ball to the 12 yard line.

Then on the eighth play of the drive Devin Daniels scored again up the middle and after failed extra point the Dolphins led 13-6. The score remained



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Berlin Cadet Dolphins team that won the Salvation Army Red Shield Youth Football Championship.

this way at half time.

The Green Terrors then opened up the second half with their "B" team driving the ball down to the Dolphin 20 yard line where their "A" team was able to punch the ball in and convert the extra point tying the score 13-13.

The Dolphins offense would again answer right back on several big runs, one of 38 yards by JJ Purnell then two consecutive by Devin Daniels who scored his third TD of the day on a sweep to the outside. After a failed extra point the Dolphins led 19-13 midway through the third quarter.

The Dolphins then attempted an onside kick and surprised the Green Terrors getting the ball right back. Again the Dolphins had another long drive ending the third quarter with Devin Daniels fourth TD of the game seven yards off tackle.

Then the Dolphins again went to their spread offense with the "Wild Fish" formation but this time faked the pass instead allowing Devin Daniels to run the quarterback draw up the middle for the extra point.

Dolphins had a commanding lead of

26-13 to start the fourth quarter. The Green Terrors began the fourth with their "B" team driving trying to get back in the game.

As the "A" team reentered the game the coaches employed them to get the ball back and two plays later the Dolphins forced a fumble and recovered the ball on their own 15 yard line.

The Dolphins again went on the attack driving the ball the length of the field with two third down conversions. First, they faked to Devin Daniels and JJ Purnell on the sweep and instead ran the QB keeper play and QB David Braciszewski ran for 48 yards down to the 29 yard line.

On the next play, they again faked a power sweep and instead ran a double reverse to tight end Devin Scott who ran the ball all the way down to the one yard line. Devin Daniels ran a dive play and scored the last score of the game.

The final score was 32-13 and the 10-0 Dolphins finished their perfect season capturing the Salvation Army Red Shield Youth Football Championship. Head coach Ron Bireley asked the team after

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the game, "What is better than 9-0?"

The Cadet Dolphins yelled "10-0!" For Bireley and the Dolphins this was their first Salvation Army Red Shield Youth Football Championship. Bireley has been coaching for 30-plus years and has won numerous championships previously in Pop Warner.

Assistant head coach Bill Wheatley has won several titles along with Bireley and said afterward, "This one is so special not just because we won all our games but because this was the smartest team I ever coached, and the greatest team ever! We were able to open up the entire playbook."

Assistant coaches Rick Ford and Tee Wright echoed those sentiments when they said that the competition in this league is superior since it features mostly future Bayside Conference players and the fact that they were able to remain undefeated speaks volumes for the talent on this team.

JUNIOR BERLIN DOLPHINS LOSE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TO POCOMOKE

The Junior Berlin Dolphins lost in their attempt at a perfect season at the worst time, in the championship game. The previously undefeated Berlin Dolphins (9-1) again fell a little short of their goal of a championship after a great season losing a thriller on one incredible play.

The Pocomoke Warriors were the first team to beat the Junior Dolphins in 2010 and the Warriors waited until the very last moment to do it with a final score of 21-14.

With 1:35 left in the game the Warriors took over the ball on their own 15 yard line and no time outs. After a couple of runs and an incomplection the Warriors were looking at a third and short on the 23 yard line.

It was then that the Junior Dolphin defense made only its second mistake of the night when somehow a Pocomoke wide receiver somehow got behind the defense and caught a pass. Then 72 yards later the Pocomoke had the lead and the game. They then kicked for a two point conversion to take a miraculous 21-14 lead.

The Dolphins drove the ball back to Pocomoke 38 yard before an interception ended the season.

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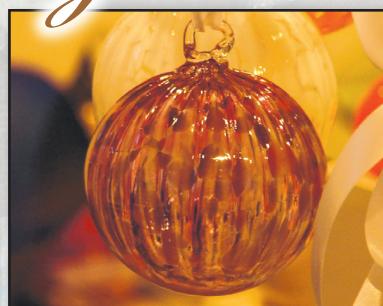
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Hundreds of residents came out to watch the annual Berlin Christmas Parade down Main Street on a cold Thursday evening. The parade included floats from area schools, fire companies and marching bands.



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County

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Asstateague Island State Park, the only other landowner on the street, endorsed the name change.

CHURCH RE-ELECTED

The Board of Worcester County Commissioners re-elected Commissioner James C. "Bud" Church to the position of commission president for the second consecutive year and elected Commissioner James L. Purnell Jr. to that of vice president.

Church has served as a commissioner since being voted into office in 2002. As president, he will chair board meetings. Though he will neither make nor second motions, he retains his ability to vote on each of the issues reviewed by the board.

Purnell has served on the board since 1995. As vice president, Purnell shall assume the duties of the president in Church's absence.

NEW EFFLUENT PIPE

The commissioners voted to support the town of Berlin's routing plan for state and federal permits to build a 4-inch force main from the current effluent spray site at Libertytown to the new spray site in Newark. The approval clears the way for Berlin to begin receiving state and federal money for infrastructure improvements needed to transport treated effluent to the new site.

The town provided the county with

what Tustin called an acceptable routing plan for the project's pipes to run along county right-of-way land.

BOAT RAMP

Bid specifications have been completed and work is expected to start on the West Ocean City

Harbor boat ramp renovation project in February. Tustin told the commissioners the county already have \$800,000 in grant funding committed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He said the project is scheduled to last 120 days culminating in an early June opening. "If not fully completed we'd like to have a ramp or two [ready for the boating season]," Tustin said.

MYSTIC HARBOUR

Bidding has begun on the Mystic Harbour wastewater treatment plant project and the process will close on Feb. 7. The project is partially funded through a USDA grant.

Tustin told the commissioners any company interested in bidding on the project can purchase a set of bid documents at the county administrative offices for \$50.

The commissioners awarded American Tennis Courts, a Baltimore company, the job of refurbishing the basketball courts in Showell and John Walter Smith parks. Sharon DeMar Reilly, director of Worcester County Recreation and Parks told the commissioners that the cold weather might postpone the work.

Segall photos on display at OP library

OCEAN PINES – Originally from Baltimore, Leslie Segall started taking pictures seriously in the early 1970s and studied with an Arden, Del., professional photographer. This led to work as an apprentice photographer.

Fred Comegys, a brilliant photographer for the Wilmington News Journal, was her mentor. Segall's circumstances changed and after a 20 year hiatus, she returned to photography in 2002. Classes at Wor-Wic Community College enhanced her skills and she enthusiastically pursued her favorite subject nature, followed closely by human and animal behavior sometimes in a photo-journalism style.

Segall is active in local art circles and is a member of the Ocean Pines Camera Club, the Art League of Ocean City, the Art Institute & Gallery and the Worcester County Arts Council, and exhibits as opportunities arise. This exhibit runs though Jan. 15. For ocean Pines Library hours call 410-208-4014.

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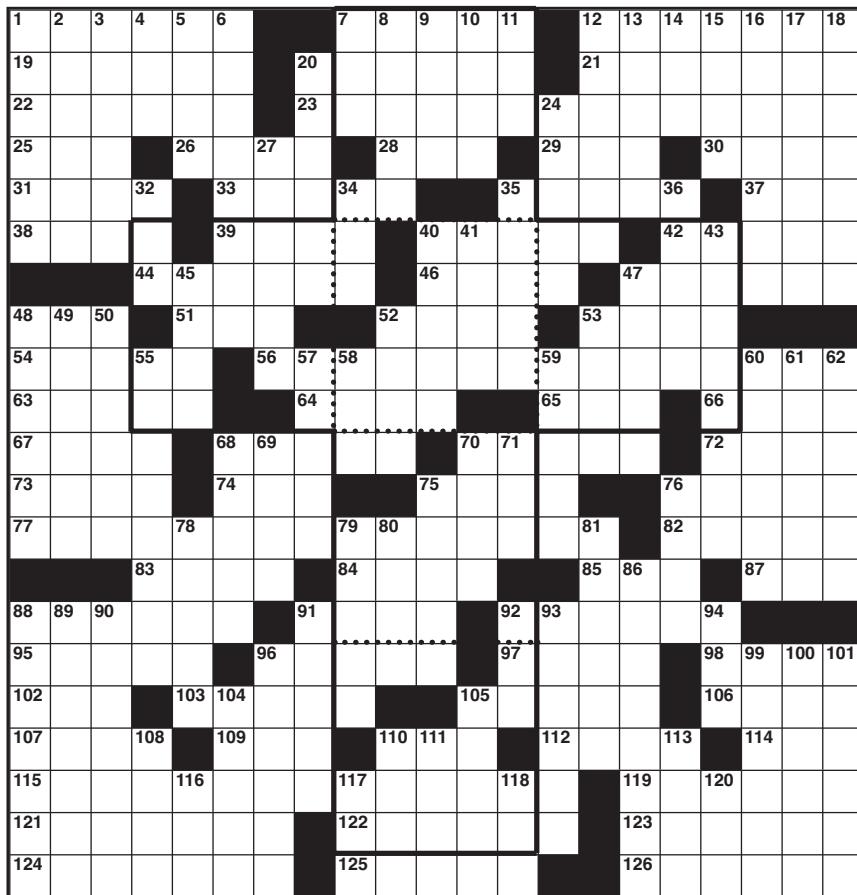


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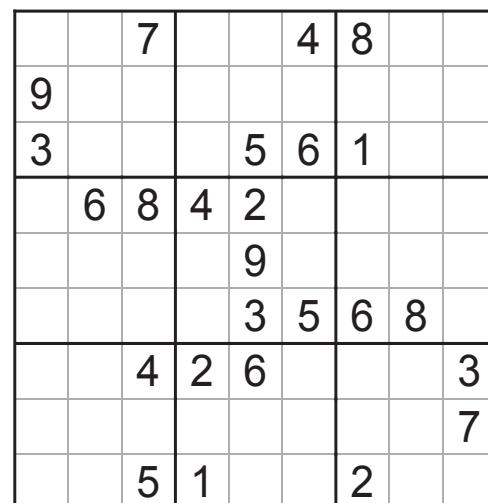
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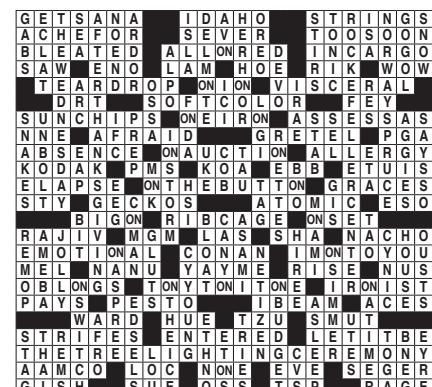
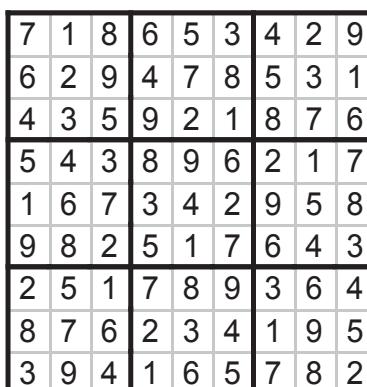
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HARD - 47

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



The answers to last week's puzzles



SNAP SHOTS



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SCARLET LADIES LUNCHEON – The Red Hat Scarlet Ladies by the Sea met in Queen Becky Lawson’s home in Ocean Pines for their Annual Christmas Luncheon. 1st Row: Queen Becky Lawson, 2nd Row: Barbara Bitetti, Amy Rossiter, Connie Yates, Betty Becker, 3rd Row: Pat Collins, Fay Eberly, Gerrie Jansen, Brenda Walton, Barbara Stawecki, Geri Cooke, 4th Row: Emma Hopkins, Monica McCarthy, Shirley Ballantyne, Gail Payne, Dottie Smith, Jackie Nutwell, Cheryl Kusy.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

TREE DONATION – Dottie and Bob Danchik, Anna Fultz, Scott Lenox, OP Golf Club assistant golf pro.; Kerry Nelson, OP Public Works director, Jesus Urrutia and Ben McCabe, OP Landscape Service. The tree was donated by the Wednesday Bridge Club and Tuesday Night Bridge Club and planted in memory of Betty Britton, golfer, swimmer, and member of two bridge clubs in Ocean Pines.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

WOMEN'S CLUB OFFICERS – Charlotte Cathell, Register of Wills, performed the swearing in of officers for the Democratic Women's Club at the annual holiday luncheon held at Lighthouse Sound. Pictured from left are Cathell; Dell Purrell (Member at Large); Arlene Page (Past President); Joanne Massey (Recording Secretary); Diana Gross (President); Phyllis Brodsky (Member at Large); Carolyn Herbert (Corresponding Secretary); Marge SeBour (Vice President); and Debbie Resnick (Treasurer).



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LEADERSHIP GIFT – A \$10,000 leadership gift has been made by First Shore Federal Savings & Loan to the capital campaign to build a new athletic field house at Stephen Decatur High School's Seahawk Stadium. Above, First Shore Federal's Marty Neat, president; Patti Feeheley, Berlin branch manager; and Debbie Tingle, Ocean Pines branch manager; present the Savings and Loan's donation to SDHS Principal Lou Taylor.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

WDCD DONATION – Christine Selzer, resident director of Merrill Lynch recently presented a \$1,500 check to Worcester County Developmental Center. This is the beginning of local commitments from Merrill Lynch/Bank of America Charitable Foundation Fund. Accepting the check is June Walker, executive director of WDCD.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

GOLD DONATIONS – The RWWC met for a holiday breakfast Dec. 7 at the Community Center in Ocean Pines. Two Worcester County GOLD families will divide 160 pounds of food as well as gifts donated by the members of the Republican Women of Worcester County. Back row: Barbara Benz, Gloria Moyer, Ann Lutz, Deanna Lowe, Louetta McClafin, Merilee Horvat, Gail Schuler, Betty O'Brien, Janet Morse, Ione Salzman, Sandy Fennell. Front row: Barbara Jenkins, Joan Gentile (President) and Marion Novack.

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE

Thursday, Dec. 9

RETIRED NURSES DINNER

Retired Nurses of Ocean Pines Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers 5p.m. OP Yacht Club. Reservations: Sally Smith at 410-208-0564.

BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. 45 plus meets every Thursday for Happy Hour 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10

CHILDREN'S THEATER

The Ocean Pines Players Children's Theater, "A Season To Celebrate." Carousel Oceanfront Hotel and Condos, 11700 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Show dates are Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Dec. 11, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Dec. 12, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance. Call 410-208-9544 for box office locations.

ART STROLL

Main Street Berlin, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Shops and galleries open late, music in the streets. Artists and artisans display their works in galleries and shops throughout town. Free.

Saturday, Dec. 11

WATERMEN'S FESTIVAL

Delmarva Discovery Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet local watermen, live music, food samples, artists. Free.

REINDEER RUN

The third annual Reindeer Run 5K will begin 9 a.m. at The Atlantic Hotel on Main Street, the course runs through Berlin and then back to Main Street for a festive finish in front of The Atlantic Hotel. Register at www.active.com, www.livelongfitness.

COOKIE WALK

Cookie walk for benefit of Diakonia Shelter - St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Choose from a variety of home baked holiday cookies for \$7/pound or bring your homemade Christmas cookies and exchange them for cookies. All proceeds benefit Diakonia Homeless Shelter and Food Bank.

CRITTER CHRISTMAS

Salisbury Zoo, 1-4p.m. Enjoy a day full of fun filled holiday activities. Come and enjoy the Zoo as usual, some of the activities will involve a small fee. Proceeds from the event benefit the Zoo's local American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK) Chapter which supports local and international conservation projects and the Salisbury Zoo's Education Department. Call 410-548-3188 for more info.

BIRD CLUB

The Tri-County Bird Club (Worcester,

Wicomico, Somerset) will go on a field trip to several Wicomico County areas including the Nanticoke River. Meet at the Ward Museum parking lot at the corner of Beaglin Park Drive and South Schumaker Drive in Salisbury at 7:30 a.m. Bring lunch, snacks, and drinks. For information, call 410-334-2655.

Sunday, Dec. 12

AVIATION BUFFS DINNER

The Ocean City Aviation Association offers a presentation by Tom Range Sr., noted author and aviation historian, at the annual holiday dinner at 5 p.m. at the Carousel Hotel, Ocean City.

ADVENT MUSIC

Evonne Lee will be providing special Advent Music at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. during the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The church is located on the corner of RT 611 and Snug Harbor Road. For information 410-641-2186.

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

5 p.m. Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne. 410-651-6571.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Sharptown Historical Museum, 408 Main St., Sharptown. 2-4 p.m. Browse through artifacts and enjoy music, refreshments. For information 410-883-3734 or 443-880-0418.

Monday, Dec. 13

SHANXI DANCE PERFORMANCE

Chinese dance drama comes to Salisbury University's Holloway Hall Auditorium as the award-winning Shanxi Vocational Art College Huajin Ensemble performs 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16

BEACH SINGLES

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Saturday, Dec. 18

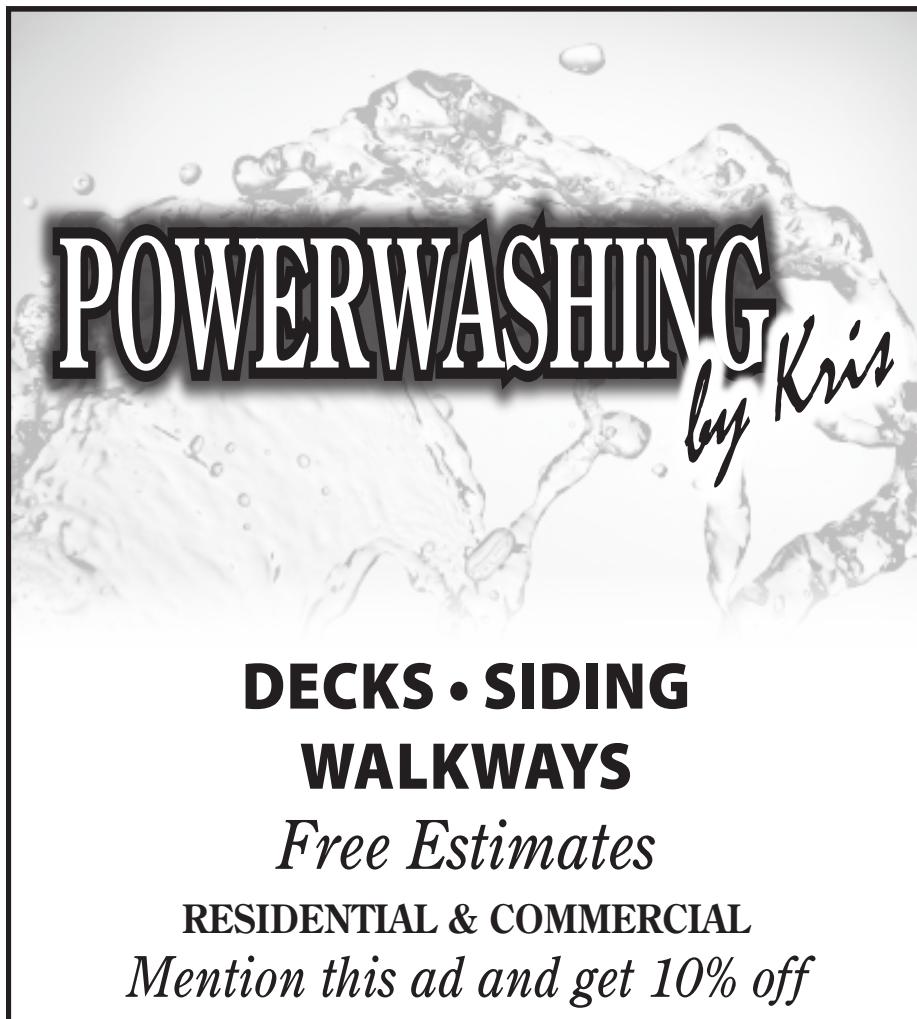
ZOO WORKSHOP

Salisbury Zoo, family workshops for children 10 and under. Live animal presentations and a hands-on activity. \$6 per child. For more information: 410-546-3440.

Sunday, Dec. 19

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Community Church of Ocean Pines, Rt. 589 at Beauchamp Rd. The ECHOES choir and orchestra will present a musical celebration of Christmas. 2 p.m. Followed by a reception, refreshments. \$23 per person. For more information: 443-523-8686.

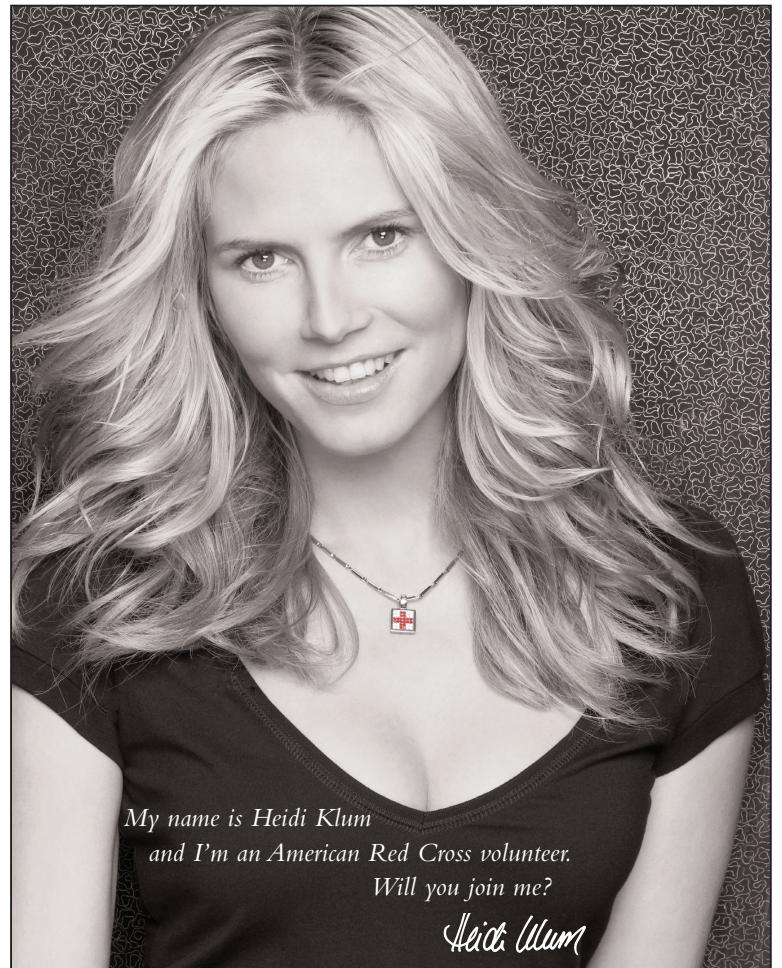


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THURSDAY – Al Prescott

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th St. & the bay, Ocean City
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FRIDAY – DJ Hook
SATURDAY – Electric Velvet
SUNDAY – Jazz Brunch
WEDNESDAY – DJ Wood



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66th St. Bayside Ocean City
410-723-6762
FRIDAY – Philly George Project

GLOBE THEATRE

12 Broad St. Berlin
410.641.0784
FRIDAY – Entertainment on Stage
SATURDAY – lower case blues

GREEN TURTLE NORTH

11601 Coastal Hwy.
410-723-2120
FRIDAY – DJ Wax
SATURDAY – DJ Wood

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SATURDAY – Under The Outhouse

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FRIDAY – Barbara Clare on Piano
SATURDAY – Patrick McAllorum

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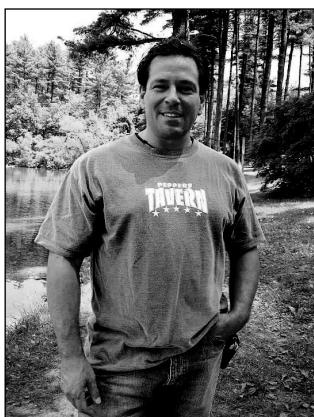
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Date	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4	Bonus Match 5	Bonus
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11/29/10	733	7201	914	9859	03.07.11.15.39	18
11/30/10	588	6350	218	9791	03.11.17.19.32	35
12/1/10	709	6068	171	8468	14.15.16.21.32	06
12/2/10	908	4136	416	8973	21.31.32.34.35	17
12/3/10	692	7308	976	0920	07.08.10.11.37	15
12/4/10	177	4334	467	0830	22.27.30.32.35	15

Date	MULTI-MATCH
11/29/10	05.06.08.15.26.29
12/2/10	03.07.15.23.29.30

Date	Powerball	Bonus	POWERPLAY
12/1/10	05 10 11 12 20	02	3
12/4/10	13 24 27 31 42	22	5

Date	Mega Millions	Bonus	Megaplier
11/30/10	11 16 19 47 53	02	4
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE

Roast leg of farm-raised venison with mirepoix

I must confess that sometimes it would be nice to live a bit closer to the D.C. museums or other parts of the city



By Paul Suplee,
CEC, PC III

life that I miss on occasion. Now that the cold season is upon us, I have to get creative on how to keep my brain occupied, dreaming of world-class dining and what I consider to be amazing architecture of both the old and modern worlds.

In Germany, for example, I remember a town where houses had been remodeled, their 300 year old frames violated with Bauhaus style balconies and plate glass wings jutting into the street. It was intriguing.

I move on from my urban daydreams, however, when local hunters call me and ask me if I would like some fresh game to play with. I then forget about the museums and confused houses for a spell and put my thinking cap on.

Honestly, I have done little to no work with wild venison. Farm-raised venison is a great product, but wild is a different ball game. The unregulated diet can wreak havoc on the meat's flavor whereas you always know what you're getting with the farm-raised.

Recently, a friend brought me a good quantity of venison legs, and it was quite a gift since a goal of mine is to master, eventually, full-carcass butchery skills. The leg can be tricky because of the shape of the aitch bone and other components that make it a difficult task. But, once the technique is in your repertoire, you'll be able to cut out the top round and other desirable cuts, separating the pieces good for roasting from those more appropriate for stewing.

For the first leg, however, I decided to roast it in the old-fashioned manner; a classical slow roast. Since this was bone-in, I opted to bard instead of lard. All that means is that I place fat on top of the meat to help infuse some moisture and flavor into the meat as it



is incredibly lean, aka tough. I don't have any larding needles anyways, so the choice was pretty much made for me.

In the recipe, I use the term 'mirepoix' ("MEER-pwah"). This is a 2:1:1 combination of onion: diced celery: diced carrot. Mirepoix is used in stocks to add flavor and in this case, just dice them finer than you normally would to make a nice bed for the roast to rest on.

When I cooked the roast, I cooked it as did my good friend Craig, although his came out better. I took it to 155F (he took his a bit lower) and while the flavor was there, I think the next time I will cook it I will brine it, marinate it and/or slow cook it for hours to help break down the tissue. As an uber-lean meat, there is a natu-

ral tendency for it to be tough. The leg is a high-usage part of the animal (as opposed to the tenderloin for example), so there will be connective tissue to contend with.

Soon it will be time to check the two venison hams that I made a couple of weeks ago. I get to tweak those recipes out as well. Variety is the motivation that we crazy cooks crave.

So, the next time I gripe about not being close to the city, I will remind myself of the resources we have down our way and enjoy the bounty of the land. And I'll get this wild venison thing wired; mark my words.

ROAST LEG OF VENISON

1 ea. Venison leg
Enough bacon to cover the roast
8 ea. Peeled garlic cloves
4 sprigs fresh rosemary

Small bundle fresh thyme
S&P to taste
3 c. Mirepoix (described in article)
4 oz. butter
1 qt. Stock
2 c. Big, dry red wine
1. Season the roast with salt and pepper and then poke 8 holes into it sporadically. Make sure that the holes are large enough to accommodate the garlic cloves
2. Shove a clove in each hole and then spread the rosemary and thyme on the roast
3. Bard the roast with the bacon, ensuring that the entire roast is covered
4. Melt the butter and pour on top of the bacon (don't share the last two steps with your dietician)
5. Place the mirepoix on the bottom of a roasting pan, and lay the roast on top
6. pour 1 cup of the stock and the wine in the pan and place the pan in a 240F oven
7. Cook for hours upon hours until the meat falls off the bone
8. Remove the bacon and herbs and place in a saucepan

9. Place the roast on a platter or cutting board and cover with foil and a towel. Let it rest for at least 15 minutes before you slice

10. scrape the goo (a very technical culinary term...I believe it's French) from the roasting pan into the saucepan and add the remaining stock

11. Bring to a simmer and cook for ten minutes

12. Strain and remove fat and place back into the saucepan and reduce to a lovely, unctuous and silky-smooth glaze

13. Slice the venison and serve with your sauce. Great sides for this meal would be roasted squash, potatoes, carrots, mashed potatoes or any other rib-sticking goodies you can think of.

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