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Town opts out of fire sprinkler regulations

Duplexes not exempted

BY TONY RUSSO STAFF WRITER

BERLIN - Over the objections of the fire prevention industry, the Town Council enacted legislation exempting the town from regulations that would require new construction of single family homes to include fire sprinklers.

They elected not to exempt duplexes from the International Residential Building Code regulations that become law on Jan. 1.

John Kotowski, representing the Eastern Shore Builders Association, made a final appeal against the legislation. "Smoke detectors are what save lives," he said.

Resident Ron Cascio said that while the county should vote against the measure because of cost and the lack of municipal water available, he did not support a total exemption in Berlin.

Cascio said single family homes should be exempted because it's an unfair imposition on the homeowners. Instead, he suggested duplexes shouldn't be exempt because one family is held subject to another's behaviors.

"Due to a neighbor's incompetence or foolishness," he said. "The neighbor next door, their property and lives could be held at risk."

No one spoke in favor of the regulations.

The council approved the measure 4-1 after Councilman Troy Purnell moved to pass the measure with an amendment exempting only single-family dwellings. Councilwoman Lisa Hall voted in dissent. The council adopted new standards that would allow existing service lines

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

REINDEERS RUN IN BERLIN - Suzy Taylor, of Ayers Creek Adventures, and Olive Mawyer, executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, run down Main Street during the annual Reindeer Run 5K on Saturday morning.

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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTI

Jazz was dropped off at the Humane Society animal shelter in West Ocean City.

A Christmas 'tail' with a happy ending Black lab gives birth, but loses leg

WEST OCEAN CITY – Who knows why a pregnant black lab now named Jazz was dropped off at the Humane Society animal shelter in West Ocean City.

Perhaps it was due to the complications from a previous operation on her left rear leg and an inability by her owners to afford the necessary surgery.

Being pregnant, the first order of business was to deliver the puppies safely, which was done by Dr. John Maniatty from the Ocean City Animal Hospital. Jazz was up to the task and delivered 15 puppies into the hands of Maniatty.

The next step was to tend to the serious complication in Jazz's painful rear leg, which was determined to require

complete removal. The operation was deemed difficult enough to send Jazz to Annapolis to be operated on by a specialist in this procedure.

All went well and Jazz is now recuperating and happily running around on her three strong legs. The Humane Society lived up to its pledge of being a no-kill shelter but it set the organization back a substantial sum, which it is hoping to recoup through donations.

Hopefully the Christmas spirit will move some to help reduce the worth-while and necessary expenditure that kept Jazz alive.

The good news is that all of Jazz's puppies have been adopted (one by Maniatty) and Jazz, now 4 years old and who has a great personality, is recovering well and is expected to live a normal life on just three legs.

Of course Jazz doesn't know that and she can run around, sit and beg for treats with the best of them. Jazz is eagerly anticipating a new home; anyone interested in adopting this wonderful dog should contact the Worcester County Humane Society in West Ocean City at 410-213-0146.

Donations to defray the operation cost can be mailed to Worcester County Humane Society, PO Box 48, Berlin, MD 21811.

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.

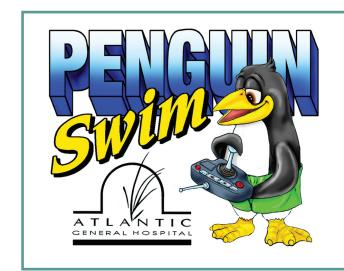
"Lots of people, even those who have donated food to us in the past, are coming to us for pet food, and we've been helping as many as we can," said Chief Animal Control Officer Susan Rantz.

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

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Casino at Ocean Downs grand opening scheduled for Jan. 4

BERLIN - As of Jan. 4 the games are on at The Casino at Ocean Downs. That Tuesday, Gov. Martin O'Malley and several state and local dignitaries will participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to help inaugurate the \$45 million gaming facility on Route 589 in Berlin.

The casino features more than 700 video lottery terminals (slot machines), nearly 34,000 square feet of gaming space and new food and beverage offerings.

'The Location Commission is thrilled with the announced opening of the slots facility at Ocean Downs," said Donald C. Fry, chairman of the Maryland Video Lottery Facility Location Commission.

"We were impressed with the plans for the site and are confident that this world-class entertainment facility will be a tremendous asset to the Eastern Shore and the entire state of Maryland."

More than 200 new employees, most who live in the areas around the Casino at Ocean Downs, have been hired and trained in anticipation of the opening day.

"Our team is energized and ready to provide our guests with a fun and memorable gaming experience," said Joe Cavilla, general manager of the Casino at Ocean Downs.

The casino's Maryland Lottery Controlled Demonstration will be held on Dec. 29. Nearly 1,000 American Legion members have been invited to the private event to test the slots and try out the customer service skills of the casino staff.

"The Jan. 4 opening is a testament to the dedication of our construction team and staff working to bring this gaming experience to the people of Maryland," Cavilla said. "We ran into some challenging construction delays - some bad weather, for example - that threatened to push back our opening.

"Thanks to the nearly non-stop work of our staff, we are able to open very close to our target date, and - most import - we have not compromised on quality to do so. Our guests will see that from the moment they hit the casino floor."

CASINO ISSUED LICENSE

The Casino at Ocean Downs was granted a license on Tuesday to operate video lottery terminals by the Maryland State Lottery Commission, Cavilla announced.

The license authorizes Ocean Downs to operate more than 700 slot machines following a successful controlled demonstration and the completion of a few physical plant requirements and compliance stipulations.

We are thrilled to have earned the Agency's approval, and we look forward to introducing this terrific facility to our neighbors and visitors to Maryland's Eastern Shore," Cavilla said.

The Casino at Ocean Downs offers an entertainment facility with 40 days of live seasonal harness racing. Ocean Downs Racetrack is entering its 62nd consecutive year of night racing and continues to draw some of the biggest audiences for harness racing in the U.S. For information, visit www.oceandowns.com.



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Area leaders learn lessons from Local Management Board

Programs support children and families throughout Worcester County

BY TONY RUSSO STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – The Local Management Board held an educational event at Worcester County Youth and Family Services Monday afternoon aimed at educating their local and state representatives about the LMB's mission, programs and progress.

The plan was to hold a lunch event after the election as a way to reach out to the various people upon whom the LMB relies for funding and other support including the state senator and delegates. The only elected official who showed up was Virgil Shockley who, like the other civic leaders who did attend, is a director on the LMB. Delegate Norm Conway called to arrange a private meeting at a later date.

The event was set up like a speed dating event. Each program the LMB sponsors or helps sponsor eight programs that support children and families in Worcester County. Each of the programs had a table set up with snacks on it. The notion was that each visitor could sit with program participants and administrators have a snack and talk about how the program benefits the community.

After a few minutes, each guest would move on to another station, have another snack and learn about another program.

The board was established to help coordinate social resources in each jurisdiction. Budget cuts have significantly reduced the LMBs funding abilities but they were still able to fund about \$700,000 in programs last year.

Jen Baumann the LMB's resource coordinator said that while many state agencies have already been notified of the cuts they'll experience in the coming year, the LMB hasn't heard anything yet. "That doesn't mean we won't get cut," she said. "But we're hopeful."

It was as part of that hope that people were invited to get a better picture of precisely who the board helps and how the programs they help fund work.



ONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester County Grand Facilitator Fred Smith, Pocomoke Middle School Student Ian Smith, Pocomoke Middle School After School Academy Administrator Jane Chisholm, Snow Hill Middle School student Alexie Velez and Snow Hill Middle School After School Academy Administrator Mary Anne Cooper make the case for their program's utility during a recent Local Management Board event in Berlin.

Fred Smith is grand facilitator for one such program – the after school and summer school programs at Pocomoke and Snow Hill Middle Schools. According to Smith, more than one third of the county's children participate in one or both programs. The after school programs are structured to take a different approach to teaching difficult or complicated aspects of a subject.

"You can't teach these extra hours as you would a regular school day," Smith said

PMS student Ian Smith talked about one program he participated in that required the students to build a robot. His SHMS colleague, Alexie Velez talked about one of the programs wherein the students visited Shad Landing to learn about environmental resources.

PMS after school administrator Jane Chisholm added that among the trips these after school academy students take includes a college visit, enabling the kids to visualize themselves as college students before they even begin high school.

"They learn and they don't even know they're learning," said SHMS after school administrator Mary Anne Cooper. Baumann said the LMB will continue reaching out to both local and state legislators. "We always personally meet with each of the state legislators," she said. "[This event] was just a different way of showcasing what we do."

Those who attended encouraged them to make this an annual event and were impressed about how much they learned from the program administrators and participants.

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Berlin to drop the ball on New Year's Eve street celebration to be held near Atlantic Hotel

BY TONY RUSSO STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – One of the last things that will happen in town this year is the inauguration of an event unlike any of the others to be experiences on the Eastern Shore for New Year's Eve. What's ironic about the plan is that it grew out of the notion that Berlin might be well served to take a page out of other municipalities' approach to ringing in the New Year.

New Years Eve committee chair and Main Street design committee member Barb Stack thought the town should consider having a "First Night" type celebration, centered on children and going home early. As she fleshed the idea out it morphed into a more traditional notion of a New Year's Eve street party that would be kid-friendly but not kid centered.

"I went to the mayor and he and [director of community and economic development] Michael [Day] loved the idea," she said. "They told me to run with it."

Stack likes to joke that she conceived of the idea with the full expectation that someone else would be in charge of putting it together. But while she's not totally without help the primary responsibility is hers.

Day recently purchased a ball to be lowered above the clock across the street

from the Atlantic Hotel at midnight and Stack is rounding up support and coordinating among the various town restaurants to make sure they're all on the same page.

The Atlantic Hotel has a ticketed event for New Year's Eve but confirmed that the Drummer's Cafe will be open to the public after 9 p.m. The Globe will serve specials in addition to its regular menu and is taking reservations for the dining room. Both restaurants' bars will be open late.

The ideal night will likely include a kind of limited bar hopping, between the two places since people may come and go throughout the evening, seeking warmth at alternating establishments as the party continues on outside.

Stack said they've arranged to make horse and carriage rides available thought the evening. Unlike during the weeks leading up to Christmas, there will be a small fee for the ride, but it's the only nighttime ride of its kind. Stack said they're considering different routes that best highlight the town's most well-decorated streets and houses.

The plan is to make the evening traditional without making it stodgy, which is why they've secured "Paul O The D.J." to provide entertainment. Day said there will also be a bar outside on the Atlantic

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Director of Community and Economic Development Michael Day and New Year's Eve committee chair and Main Street design committee member Barb Stack display the recently purchased disco ball that will be dropped over the clock to mark the beginning of 2011.



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BERLIN REDEDICATES ANCHOR – The town of Berlin recently rededicated the anchor from the USS Decatur, a decommissioned Forrest Sherman Class Navy warship, that is located at the main parking area of Berlin's Stephen Decatur Park. The area is newly landscaped and the anchor was realigned with a new permanent interpretative plaque donated by local residents Robert Jester and Reese Cropper Sr. From left are: Bruce Hyder and Patricia Duffendach, Berlin Parks Commission members; Mike Gibbons, Public Works director; Mayor Gee Williams; Robert Jester; Lou Taylor, SDHS principal; Councilmember Lisa Hall; Mike Wiley, Parks Commission chair; and Mary Bohlen, deputy town administrator.





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NEWS BRIEFS

MIKULSKI SUPPORTS TAX CUTS

U.S. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski gave her support to the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act, but said she has reservations about its impact on Social Security. "This agreement has serious flaws." Mikulski said.

"Yet, if Congress doesn't extend unemployment insurance and tax breaks for the middle class, our fragile economy could slip backwards. This is the only realizable option we have right now to create jobs, stabilize our economy and ensure there is a safety net for people who have lost their jobs."

The legislation will help 100 million middleclass families by preventing a tax increase of more than \$2,000 for the typical family that would go into effect Jan. 1. It prevents more than 21 million families from coming under the Alternative Minimum Tax. And it extends the Earned Income Tax Credit and the tuition tax

Additionally, this agreement extends unemployment benefits through the end of 2011. It will help more than 75,000 families in Maryland put food on the table, pay the rent and pay the energy bills.

TOYS FOR TOTS BUFFETS

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR LANDFILL

The Worcester County Landfill and Transfer Stations will be closed Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. The Transfer Stations will reopen Sunday, Dec. 26, and the Landfill will reopen Monday, Dec. 27.

The Landfill and Transfer Stations will also be closed New Year's Day, Jan. 1, with the Transfer Stations to reopen Sunday, Jan. 2, and the Landfill to reopen Monday, Jan. 3.

Standard hours of operation at the Central Landfill are as follows: Monday through Friday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday- 8 a.m. to noon; Sunday – closed. For information about operations at the Central Landfill, call 410-632-3177.

OCEAN PINES LEAF COLLECTION

Fall leaf removal has been an ongoing challenge for the Ocean Pines Association. The OPA team has been working to develop a new strategy to accomplish this better. Chesapeake Waste will collect up to four bags of leaves each pickup in addition to your regular trash pickup.

OPA encourages residents to use Chesapeake Waste to remove up to eight bags a week. In addition, Ocean Pines Public Works will also be traveling around the neighborhoods vacuuming the leaves from our ditches.

Ocean Pines will be collecting any amount of bags on the opposite days the Chesapeake Waste trucks are in your area. Chesapeake Waste picks up on the South Side Tuesdays and Fridays and North Side on Mondays and Thursdays. The pickup times will be from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. through Dec. 22.

In addition to this, the Public Works Yard, located behind the Southside Fire Station, will be open five Saturdays through Dec. 18 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. for leaves or yard debris only, bagged or bulk. When bagging, you can put the leaves in a paper bag, which is preferred, or use plastic bags.

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.

AARP DRIVING PROGRAM

The Ocean Pines Chapter of AARP will be presenting a 55 Alive Safe Driving program as a one day class, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28. The cost to attend is \$12 if you are a national member of AARP. Otherwise, the course fee is \$14.

Many insurance companies provide a premium discount. Call Dave Lloyd at 641-6278 to reserve space for this class date.

Berlin

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to be used in residences that elect to have fire sprinklers installed. The standards are an allowance and not a requirement, meaning that if the company installing the system would be allowed to, in conjunction with the town water resources department, decide to use the lines a given house already has in place.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Auditors from Pigg, Krahl Stern gave the town's financial reports an unqualified opinion, the highest assurance that the municipality's financial reporting meets required standards.

Berlin Director of Finance Lynn Musgrave responded to the procedural criticisms the auditors offered, outlining the town's actions or plans of action that addresses the shortcomings the auditors found

The criticisms had to do with expenses posted in the wrong months, timeliness of bank reconciliations, and accounts receivable issues. Many of the auditors' concerns will be solved as the town's new accounting software continues to be implemented. All of the billing software, Musgrave said, is expected to be fully

integrated by the end of the calendar year.

Other concerns raised over the use of town credit cards, specifically gasoline cards, Musgrave said, will be addressed with tighter controls. Failing that she said the town will revoke a card's use if the employee in question isn't properly following use procedures.

Musgrave assured Williams that the audit report would be greatly improved by the time of the next audit and would report to the mayor and council about her department's progress at meetings when the council reviews the financials. The council reviews financials at the second meeting of the month.

She also confirmed to Williams that the corrections will be mostly in place before the end of the fiscal year so it will be reflected in the next audit.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The council approved a request for a New Year's Eve street party including a ball drop at midnight.

"I really like the idea that this can extend our Victorian Christmas celebration another week," Mayor Gee Williams said. He expressed hope that the event can be extended next year into the late afternoon to accommodate a First Nighttype family celebration.

BAYSIDE SINESS

Revamped Palette Bistro and Bar proves popular

BY TONY RUSSO STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL – During the 10 days between hearing the Palette was available and taking day-to-day ownership of the establishment, Phillip Cropper generated an immense amount of interest in the eatery.

The Berlin resident was working as the pastry chef at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin at the time and word that he intended to take over the Palette spread quickly. John Fager, for whom Cropper has worked for much of his restaurant career, fully supported the move, Cropper said, and even tried convincing him to change the restaurant's name.

"I told him I wanted to stay with The Palette," Cropper said, though he added "Bistro and Bar" eventually. "But every time I saw him he had another name suggestion."

While Cropper stayed with the name, in the ensuing weeks he made significant changes to the menu and enough changes to the decor to make the place his own.

His earliest customers consisted mainly of friends and some Palette regulars, but almost immediately it's grown to one of the hottest new restaurants in the area. The restaurant is



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Palette Bistro and Bar owner Phillip Cropper is proud to make his menu daily from the freshest ingredients available.

packed most Friday nights and has a really reliable turnout on Saturdays. Snow Hill is located centrally enough – it is equidistant from Ocean City, Salisbury and Pocomoke and not too terrible far from the Virginia line – that the Palette has a regional draw.

The secret to Cropper's success has been, in addition to his talent as a chef, the ability to stick to a small fresh, local menu. Setting aside the environmental benefits of this kind of menu, it also keeps waste to a minimum and therefore prices reasonable in relation to the

fare's freshness and quality.

His plan from the start was an untraditional approach to traditional Eastern Shore food and so far it's been very well received.

"It's nice to take a little bit of everywhere and bring it here," he said. "I have to put my spin

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on [the recipes] or I won't be happy."

The result is a menu that changes daily, sometimes completely sometimes with just a new twist, depending upon which are the freshest ingredients Cropper can get his hands on. The restaurant's website displays the day's menu as it evolves over the weeks and seasons.

Thursday, which is tapas night, presents one of the great weekly opportunities to try something exciting for dinner. Tapas are appetizers in the Spanish tradition - lots of small bites of a variety of dishes. Cropper's twist on tapas makes the number served fewer but the portions larger. It's a perfect dinner solution when you know you'd like to go out and get something nice but can't quite decide upon a food genre. The notion is Spanish but the food items, like the rest of the dinner menu, are

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

Definition of money



Money. Everyone thinks about it. Do you ever wonder how it all started and how much there is?

Before money began, people would barter to what they needed. Two or more people each had something that the other wanted and would come to an understanding to trade their goods.

This primitive form of barter,

however, doesn't permit efficient trading. For example, if you have corn but need wheat, you must find someone who not only has wheat but also wants corn. What if you find someone who has the need for corn but no wheat and can only offer you barley?

To solve this problem commodity money was created as a trading medium; a kind of currency based on the value of an underlying product. This item had to be widely desired and valuable, as well as durable, portable and easily stored.

A good example of commodity money is the U.S. currency backed by gold (before 1971) where foreign countries could

take their U.S. currency and convert it to the precious metal. Before 1971, gold served as a physical token of what is valuable based on people's perception.

Another type of money is fiat money, which does away with the need to represent a physical commodity and takes on its worth the same way gold did: by means of people's opinion and confidence. Fiat money was originally created because gold is a sparse resource and economies emerging rapidly couldn't always find enough gold to back their money requirement.

Fiat money became the symbol of people's confidence of worth. An economy that is growing is obviously doing a good job of producing other things that are valuable to itself and to other economies. The stronger the country's economy, the stronger its money will be perceived and sought after.

Ok, so how exactly do we figure out how much money is out there? Economists and investors alike ask this same question. To make money more evident for measurement purposes, it's separated it into three broad categories:

•M1 – This includes all physical denominations of coins and bills, "demand" deposits, checking accounts, "NOW" accounts, and travelers' checks. This group of money can be better thought of as the money used to make payments.

•M2 –This category adds all the money found in M1 to all savings accounts, time-related deposits (usually CD's) and non-institutional money-market funds. This category represents money that can be easily turned into cash.

•M3 – This is the largest class of money. It combines all money in the M2 definition and adds short-term repurchase agreements, large time deposits, institutional money-market funds, and other larger liquid assets.

These three groups together create the total amount of money within a country's economy.

The exact amount of money that is currently circulating is very hard to determine as it's constantly changing. But what we do know for sure is that the way we use it as a medium for transactions sure beats the old bartering system.

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POLICE BEAT

HOUSE FIRE

A Berlin family was displaced after an afternoon house fire on Dec. 9 ravaged their home at 10033 Friendship Road. The fire extended from multiple sides of the single story residence and fire companies from Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Showell, Newark and Powellville responded.

The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. Three adults and two children living in the home were not injured and are being assisted by the Red Cross. Two family dogs were rushed to a local animal hospital for injuries sustained in the fire. Anyone requiring further information should contact Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Matthew Owens, at 410-632-5666 ext. 2.

ARSON

The Worcester County Fire Marshal's Office has been investigating an April 11 residential fire at 10359 Keyser Point Road. Evidence and information from interviews lead to the Sept. 1 arrest of Thomas W. Sellers. On Dec. 1 Sellers was convicted of the arson in Worcester County Circuit Court and a pre-sentence investigation has been ordered.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Frederick Von Schilgen, 48, of Berlin was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct after Berlin Police responded to Goobers Bar on a report of a man with a knife. Von Schilgen had a dispute with someone in the bar and left, returning a short time later with a large knife.

Von Schilgen left the bar and police were able to locate him walking down Pitts Street Schilgen was released on his own recognizance

ILLEGAL DEER KILL

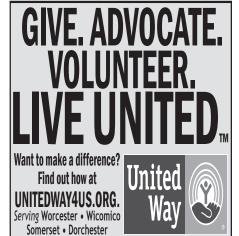
On Dec. 3, NRP charged Matthew Lee McCallister, 39, of Allen, with 12 counts of failure to field tag deer before removing from place of kill, 12 counts of failure to record deer kill on harvest record, one count of possessing deer during closed season, and one count of possessing red-tailed hawk.

The charges stem from a three week investigation that resulted into a search and seizure warrant that was executed on the McCallister residence. A red tailed hawk was seized and given to Tri-State Rehabilitation Center for rehabilitation. A rifle, whitetail deer and numerous antlers were also seized during the search

PRESCRIPTION FRAUD

Ocean Pines Police arrested an Ocean Pines resident with several criminal charges related to prescription fraud. Police charged; Jennifer L. Shockley, 40, with two counts of attempting to obtain Oxycodone by forging a prescription, and two counts of obtaining Oxycodone by uttering and forging a prescription

Shockley was taken before A District Court Commissioner was released on personal recognizance, pending trial.



Counties

of the Lower Eastern Shore



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PRESENTING GIFTS — Worcester Preparatory School students in grades preschool through five selected and wrapped presents for children who would not otherwise receive presents during the holiday season. Fourth grade students in Amanda Lynch's and Laura Holmes' classes at Worcester Prep with the presents they brought to give to other children in Worcester County.

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Community newspapers continue to show strong readership, community reliance

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Communities served by community newspapers continue to demonstrate heavy reliance upon their local papers for news and information. Seventy-three percent say they read a local newspaper at least once a week.

Readers also say they read most or all of their community newspapers (78 percent), and of those going online for local news, 55 percent found it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 17 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or Google, and 26 percent for the website of a local TV station.

The results are reported by the National Newspaper Association, which has just completed its fifth readership survey on the patterns of community newspaper readers. Working with the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism, NNA tests reactions of people living in smaller communities served by local newspapers.

Since 2005, NNA has done research on how people read and what they think about their local newspapers. Results have been fairly consistent over the years, though the surveys have focused more tightly on small communities during the five years. For the 2010 survey, readership for towns with newspapers that have circulations of 8,000 or less were sampled. The community size has not significantly affected outcomes. The surveys show that community newspapers have remained popular.

The early data indicate that the positive findings are consistent with the earlier surveys:

- 73 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.
- Those readers, on average, share their paper with 3.34 persons.
- They spend about 37.5 minutes reading their local newspapers.
- 78 percent read most or all of their community newspapers.
- 41 percent keep their community newspapers six or more days (shelf life).
- 62 percent of readers read local news very often in their community newspapers, while 54 percent say they never read local news online (only 9 percent say they read local news very often online).
- 39 percent of those surveyed read local education (school) news very often in their newspapers, while 67 percent never read local education news online.

- 30 percent read local sports news very often in their newspapers, while 67 percent never read local sports online.
- 35 percent read editorials or letters to the editor very often in their newspapers, while 74 percent (nearly three quarters) never read editorials or letters to the editor online.

Established in 1885, NNA is the voice of America's community newspapers and the largest newspaper association in the country. The nation's community papers inform, educate and entertain nearly 150 million readers every week

DNR online store reaches \$1 million in sales

ANNAPOLIS – The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that its online store surpassed one million dollars in sales in October since going online in May 2004.

"It's really exciting to see our customers connecting with us one-to-one online," said Gene Deems, DNR's eGov and online services manager.

"When we first went online our goals were to expand service, save resources and eventually drive sales online. Now we often get 'thank you' emails from our customers, who have satisfactorily completed the online shopping experience."

ShopDNR.com sells a wide variety of merchandise including park trail guides and framed Maryland Black Bear Conservation Stamp prints. The store currently serves more than 5,000 customers a year.

Among the popular items available are trail guides, that are printed on waterproof and tear-proof paper making them sustainable and reusable for years to come. The DNR store has sold tens of thousands of these maps to those who frequent state parks or are planning a trip from out of state.

The Gift of Trees is a way to recognize someone's birthday, anniversary, retirement or memorial, is another often-purchased item. The tree is bought online and planted in the name of the person to be recognized.

This person or a family member will receive a certificate acknowledging the gift. This is one of DNR's most sustainable gifts.

Maryland State Park passports are a valuable item, allowing up to nine people to enter a park on one pass. The passport also permits free use of state park boat launching ramps.

Subscriptions to the Maryland Natural Resource, DNR's quarterly magazine are sold through the store, as is the 2011 calendar featuring photos from the annual photo contest.

For those who enjoy sustainable and green shopping from the comfort of their home or office, visit http://shopdnr. com to get all your gift-giving and outdoor recreational needs met throughout the year.



BAYSIDE A LITTER

Managing your waistline while quitting smoking

STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – As if fighting off mood-altering cravings wasn't difficult enough, many people who quit smoking have to deal with the possibility or even the reality of weight gain related to quitting. Although the average gain is about 10 pounds many people experience an even more significant increase weight, which can be a quitting-deterrent and even an excuse to take up smoking.

As part of the Worcester County Smoking Cessation Support Group program, run by the county health department, a nutritionist stops in occasionally to help participants prepare for or deal with the eating implications of quitting and its concomitant cravings.

Kathy Wool, R.D., L.D.N. gave a talk at the most recent smoking cessation class to either inform or reinforce the importance of good nutrition and a rational approach to eating especially when quitting smoking.

She began by adding strikes against smokers who are already pre-disposed to overeat. Setting aside the hand-to-mouth comfort that drives many quitting smokers to overindulge food wise, there's the added difficulty of returning taste bud functionality. After having quit for even a relatively short time, a former smokers ability to taste



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Smoking Cessation group leader Linda E. Green, R.N., M. Ed., C.D.E. and Worcester County Health Department nutritionist Kathy Wool, R.D., L.D.N. show off some of Wool's teaching aides at the health department.

and smell is enhanced — or returned to normal, depending on your view of the matter. The practical implications are that food tastes and smells better than it has since a smoker stated smoking.

On top of the fact that food tastes and smells better, there's also more room for it in a way. Nicotine, like caffeine, acts as an appetite suppressant. So where many smokers were perfectly content for cigarettes and coffee for breakfast as well as in place of afternoon and evening snacks is only the craving to smoke added to an increased appetite for and appreciation of the taste of food. Of course this is why quitting smoking can end poorly for your waistline.

Rather that worry too much about tactics, Wool focused on

making the ratio to between calories and weight gain clear in an effort to help the participants make better decisions when it comes to eating and snacking.

Whatever success particular diets may or may not bring, Wool reminded us that weight loss and weight gain are inexorably tied to calories in versus calories burned. Although it can vary widely among dif-

Over the coming weeks we will be profiling participants in the Worcester County Smoking Cessation Support Group that meets Tuesday evenings at the Atlantic Health Center.

ferent aged and sized adults, 2,000 or so calories per day can be considered a fair average. A large burger, fries and soda will has about 1,400 calories. A person can have more than half their daily calories in one meal and not really notice it.

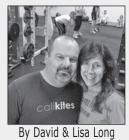
While the burger for lunch scenario might be a little extreme it helps to drive home the importance of understanding, even if only in broad terms, how quickly calories can add up. Using this knowledge to help if not prevent weight gain while quitting smoking at least to hedge against it a bit, can be the difference between gaining only a little and gaining a lot.

But it's also an opportunity to install significant life alterations on top of quitting smoking. While almost everyone agrees that full blown dieting and quitting smoking don't mix, paying closer attention to your daily calorie count is a good habit you can develop while replacing a bad one.

Even if you don't lose weight while quitting smoking, if making reasonable, healthier food choices develops into the kind of habit smoking did, nothing but good can come of it in the long term.

FITNESS ADVICE

A big thanks to all



This past weekend was the third annual 5k and 1 mile Reindeer Run in Berlin. The weather was chilly, but not unbearable (especially if you were running). There were 140 runners who completed the 5k and 30 or so children that participated in the 1 mile fun run.

We would like to thank the many wonderful people and businesses that made this event a success.

The Atlantic Hotel does a fantastic job of hosting our event, and their staff is excellent at taking care of all the little things we sometimes take for granted. DJ Shawn was there playing Christmas tunes, OC

Trirunning did an excellent job timing the event, Santa was present to start both races and keep an eye on all of the wonderful children running through the streets.

Starbucks supplied the coffee. The Berlin Police Department kept us all safe along the course along with many wonderful volunteers from within our community. The town of Berlin does a great job decorating the streets and making it feel like a good old fashioned Christmas village, kudos to the residents of Berlin.

Thanks to Kyler Taustin for our T-shirt design and to Harrington Graphics for doing such a great job printing and delivering them to us in the knick of time. The majority of the runners were locals with a few thrown in from New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

The overall male and female winners are both from Berlin, David Rovansek finished in 18:51 and Missy Denault finished in 20:41. If you are interested in checking out some of the other finishers go to: www. octrirunning.com.

We are very happy to have the support of the community for these events, if you were one of those that had to wait for us to run by, thanks for waiting-we appreciate your patience.

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is the beneficiary of this year's event and they showed up in big numbers with awesome baked goods for sale. We look forward to working with them again to make next year's race just as awesome.

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

Peninsula Home Care offers Stay Healthy ID Card for holidays

SALISBURY - Peninsula Home Care, a leading, award winning home care company founded in 1985, recently announced its campaign to promote safer travel during the holiday season by offering a free Stay Healthy ID Card to residents across the Eastern Shore of Maryland and lower Delaware.

"At the holidays, many people travel far from home, their doctor and pharmacy. This little card could be a lifesaver," said Stephanie Mitchell, branch director, Peninsula Home Care.

"The Peninsula Home Care Stay Healthy ID Card ensures travelers they have all of the critical medical information they need right at their fingertips."

The wallet size card includes space to record the following medical informa-

•Date of birth

- •Blood type
- Allergies
- Medications (strength and frequency)
- Medical history
- •Physical Therapy Notes
- •Doctor contact information
- Emergency contacts
- •Location of closest hospital where

The Health History ID Card can be downloaded from the Peninsula Home Care website, www.peninsulahomecare. com or ordered by calling the PHC Ocean Pines branch office at 410-208-

Before a patient embarks on a trip after illness or surgery, Mitchell recommends that the first step should be to visit the doctor to find out if they are ready to

"The holidays take on such importance that people feel they have to do anything

they can to get 'home' or to their loved ones," said Mitchell. "Sometimes this is the absolute worst thing to do because travel can set someone's therapy back greatly if they are not really ready.

"Other times, travel could be just what the doctor ordered' because the emotional lift helps the physical recovery. Getting the opinion of your health care provider is crucial to making the right decisions."

Mitchell offers seven more tips to consider when planning a trip.

- 1. When booking reservations request easy-to-access or handicapped seats in advance
- 2. Alert the airline, train or bus line of any medical conditions such as heart disease, seizures and disabilities.
- 3. Request wheelchair assistance in
- 4. If the traveler relies on oxygen,

contact the airline about its on-board oxygen transport and in-flight oxygen usage policies

- 5. The traveler's medical information, copies of prescriptions and medications should be packed in a carry-on bag that stays with the traveler
- 6. Place important contact numbers in the travel bag such as emergency contacts, doctor's phone number and the destination number and address
- 7. The traveler should dress in comfortable, loose clothing and compression stockings to lower the risk of heat stroke, hypertension and high blood pressure from blood clots that can form after sitting for long periods of time.

For more information about the Peninsula Home Care Stay Healthy ID Card and for more resources about home care decisions, please visit www. peninsulahomecare.com.

Health Dept. warns of inspection scam

BISHOPVILLE - The Worcester County Health Department warns local businesses about scammers pretending to be health department inspectors.

WCHD recently received reports of callers identifying themselves as local health inspectors and attempting to schedule inspections at local restaurants. The callers are attempting to use business information fraudulently.

The health department issues the following reminders to local

businesses:

- ■The health department does not call restaurants to schedule "emergency inspections."
- ■Each health inspector carries a state of Maryland (MDHMH) picture identification with his or her name displayed on the front.
- ■The identification never includes an identification number.

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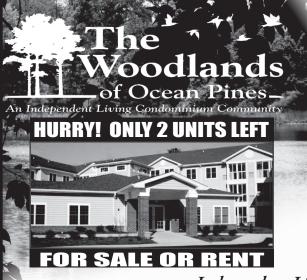
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dependent on the day's availability.

A good example of the ways in which Cropper has re-envisioned culinary favorites can be regularly found on the Palette's Sunday brunch menu. The scrapple and egg sandwich is served on a brioche roll with havarti or brie cheese, bringing more dimensions of taste out of a traditional Eastern Shore breakfast.

One of the menu items The Palette Bistro and Bar has remained famous for is the daily soup special, which draws pre-lunch phone calls daily from people in the area. If a soup is popular enough depending on the mood and the weather, he sometimes sells out quickly, which explains the number of late-morning

The Palette Bistro and Bar has an upstairs dining room that Cropper said can also be engaged for special occa-



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SPORTS BAYSIDE



THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur's Abbey Schorr and Jamie Parker bracket a Parkside player during Tuesday evening's game in Berlin. (Below) Decatur's Kaitlin Hardt tries to drive the baseline during the second half game against Parkside. For more girls basketball photos, visit www.melvillemediaphotos.com.



Seahawks fall in home opener

BERLIN – Stephen Decatur started slow against Parkside on Tuesday evening and never really recovered losing to the Rams 52-25. The Seahawks spotted Parkside an 11-0 lead before Jamie Parker scored Decatur's first two points with less than two minutes in the first quarter.

Trailing 15-5 to start the second quarter, Decatur used a zone trap press to force several Parkside turnovers and climb back into the game and pulled to within 22-15 with Parker's two free throws to end the half.

"In our first half I thought our girls did a good job of moving the ball around and getting it inside" said SDHS coach Amy Fenzel-Mergott. "I was very proud of my point guard (Sarah Wootten) and guard play. I think they were making good decisions.

"Toward the end of the first half we started to come back and make our press work and then in the second half we were just making some bad decisions," Fenzel-Mergott said. "We didn't make our layups or foul shots and didn't get rebounds that we should have. Those things really hurt us in the second half."

In the third quarter Parkside pulled away with a 14-4 run to go ahead by 36-19. In the fourth Parkside kept its momentum and eased to the win.

New license requirements for anglers

ANNAPOLIS – Effective Jan.

1 anglers who fish in Maryland will see significant changes to sportfishing license requirements. Enacted by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), many of these changes are being implemented to allow the State to comply with Federal law calling for a national database of saltwater anglers.

"Marylanders are blessed with

"Marylanders are blessed with exciting, abundant recreational fishing opportunities," said DNR's Fisheries Director Tom O'Connell. "These changes will help us gather information critical to managing these fisheries for the long term." Notable changes include:

- ■A single comprehensive saltwater sport fishing license has been created to replace the one in effect since 1985. The new Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License will now cover Maryland waters off the Atlantic coast, including the coastal bays, in addition to Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.
- ■The NOAA National Saltwater Angler Registration will no longer be valid for anglers fishing in Maryland waters. DNR will provide angler contact information to NOAA obtained through State licenses and registration.
- ■A new recreational sport fishing license fee structure has been adopted and registration for certain unlicensed anglers will be required. The license fees for several non-resident categories of Maryland's recreational fishing licenses have been changed and five-day licenses have been extended to seven days.

"We strongly encourage everyone who plans to fish in Maryland to take the time to learn about these changes and how residents and visitors – including those exempt from holding a license – will be impacted," added O'Connell.

Specific details on the changes, new fee structure and exemptions are available at dnr.state.md.us/service/fishing_license.asp with questions can email customerservice@dnr.state.md.us or call 410-656-9526.



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REINDEER RUN – On Saturday morning in downtown Berlin 140 runners competed in the third annual Reindeer Run 5K and 30 or so children participated in the 1 mile fun run. David Rovansek, 37, of Berlin, won the race in 18:51 and Melissa Denault, 44, of Berlin, was the top female finisher at 20:41. To see more photos of the competitors in the race, visit www.melvillemediaphotos.com.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ALUMNI BASKETBALL — Some of the competing players in Worcester Prep's Annual Alumni Basketball Game were: (front): Zach West, '04. Lewes; Chris Mancini '03, Ocean City; Andrew Canakis '10, Williamsburg; Josh Dougherty '06, Ocean City; Zak Schmidt '09, Tucson; (back) Travis Gregory '07, Bishopville; J.P. McIntyre '04, Ocean View; Kevin Gregory '04, Richmond; Peter Buas '10, Ocean City; Zac Moffitt '09, Ocean View; Matt Heiderman '03, Ocean City; Parker McIntosh, '09, Chestertown; Stephen Pappas '09, Berlin; and Alex Maccari '10, Ocean City.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ANGLERS CLUB AWARDS – The Ocean Pines Anglers Club at its December meeting presented awards for the largest fish in eight categories caught in 2010. The winners were saltwater: bluefish 34 ¾ inches – Al Kindley; rockfish 45 inches – Tom Nelson; taug 23 ½ inches – Don Wilson; flounder 23 ¾ inches – Greg Donahue, croaker 14 inches – Mo Constant; black sea bass 16 ¼ inches – Walt Boge; freshwater: bass 20 inches – Greg Donahue; trout 9 inches – Gary White. From left: Wilson, Kindley, Nelson, Boge, and Constant.



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SCHOOLS BAYSIDE HOOLS

Local student has once-in-a-lifetime experience

Worcester Prep junior goes on Malawi mission

BY LYNDE PEPPER

BERLIN – My once-in-a-lifetime experience began on July 5 with almost a 24 hour plane ride with several stops in other African countries in order to reach my final destination – Malawi.

Besides my dreams, I was carrying with me an amazing assortment of school supplies and sports equipment that had been donated graciously by students at Worcester Prep. Before I embarked on my journey, I set up donation boxes in the school; now items from those boxes were on the way to help supply a new school in Malawi.

I traveled with a mission group of nine others from the Presbyterian Church of Easton. We spent the first couple days in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi, getting ready for a long and bumpy journey to Embangweni by car. The roads were awful and made me fully appreciate the ones we have in America.

During the time I spent in Malawi, I embraced the culture and enjoyed learning about it. What amazed me most was how happy Malawian people were with what little they have. They live for each day.

The women cannot show their knees, so they wrap a special type of cloth that they make called a chitenji around themselves. Most women work with a child on their back. They carry very heavy materials on top of their head. One woman I saw was carrying 150 pounds of water on her head. I would never even



JBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

During her mission trip to Malawi with the Presbyterian Church of Easton, Lynde Pepper, a junior at Worcester Prep, helped with the dedication of a new school. She also taught computer skills to hospital workers, and worked with children on reading and craft activities.

imagine doing that, but that is their way of life.

The Presbyterian Church of Easton donated the funds for a school in Kapiri, a town close to Embangweni. The reason for the school was that children in the 12 "nearby" villages have to walk up to eight to 10 miles each way to school. Many children didn't make it to school.

The new school will make it easier for children to get to school each day and to get the education they need. While I was there, we had a celebration and dedication for this new primary school. The dedication of the school was not a cut-the-ribbon with scissors type of event, but instead the Malawian people danced,

thanked us, and gave us gifts.

The most memorable gift we received was a goat. Yes, a real live goat on the day before we were leaving. We named our goat, Sputnik, because our rental car had that name on the side. Because we could not keep this goat, we loaded it in our van and donated it to the deaf school down the street from where we stayed.

While I was there, I mostly kept myself very busy with the children. I read books such as "Corduroy," "Rainbow Fish," "Curious George," "The Kite," "Donkey Donkey," "Clifford," and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to the primary school children.

Usually, a craft activity followed the book I read. The

students I had were delighted that they got to keep the crafts that they made.

I taught the kids to make paper airplanes, which was followed by a contest on who could throw it the farthest. I also went on a mobile clinic and helped weigh babies with a weighted hook tied to a tree. I gave out pills and made tallies to see if the children were malnourished, overweight, or average. Sadly, most of my tallies went to malnourished.

For the adults in the village, I taught a computer class, which included Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. The people that I taught were the nurses of the Embangweni Hospital.

I ran sport activities for the

SCHOOL BRIEFS

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

■Katelyn Clark, daughter of Barbara Clark III of Berlin, was recently inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu international honor society of the social sciences at Salisbury University. Pi Gamma Mu promotes excellence in, and recognizes outstanding contributions to the social sciences.

Clark is a senior majoring in psychology. She is a member of Psi Chi and a Dean's List student. She graduated from Stephen Decatueur High School in 2007.

■Elizabeth Rodden, daughter of Phillip and Sue Rodden of Bishopville, was recently inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu international honor society of the social sciences at Salisbury University. Pi Gamma Mu promotes excellence in, and recognizes outstanding contributions to the social sciences.

Rodden is a senior majoring in sociology. She is a Dean's list student and a 2007 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School.

■Svetlana McLaughlin of Ocean
City, was recently inducted into the Pi
Gamma Mu international honor society of the social sciences at Salisbury
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excellence in, and recognizes outstanding contributions to the social
sciences.

McLaughlin is a senior majoring in psychology. She is a member of Psi Chi and a Presidential Scholarship and an R. Woore Scholarship recipient.

■Charles Overholt, son of Carroll and Valerie Overholt of Pocomoke City, was recently inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu international honor society of the social sciences at Salisbury University. Pi Gamma Mu promotes excellence in, and recognizes outstanding contributions to the social sciences

Overholt is a senior majoring in history. His is a member of the Bellavance Honor Society and is a Dean's List student.

■Cameron Runyon, son of Duncan and Jamie Runyon of Berlin, was recently inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu international honor society of the social sciences at Salisbury University. Pi Gamma Mu promotes excellence in, and recognizes outstanding contributions to the social sciences.

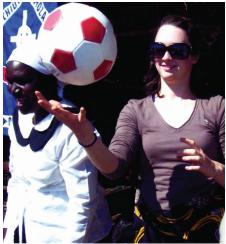
Runyon is a junior majoring in TO PAGE 19



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Worcester Prep junior Lynde Pepper hands out school supplies to the children in Malawi.

older kids; they taught me new soccer skills, and I taught them Frisbee and how to jump rope. By the end our sessions, they were jumping rope faster than I, which showed me their agility, and their openness and eagerness to learn.

I will never forget the opening of the new school and the handing out of the supplies we brought. There were 1,200 plus eyes in the crowd looking at us amazed and appreciative, for they had a new school and materials to go with it. It's my goal that helping to build a school in Kapiri with my church will help many children start their education, improve their future and the future of Malawi.

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psychology. He is a Dean's List student. He graduated from Stephen Decatur High School

■Betsey Lertora, daughter of Karin and Mile Lertora of Bishopville, was recently inducted into the Pi Gamma Mu international honor society of the social sciences at Salisbury University. Pi Gamma Mu promotes excellence in, and recognizes outstanding contributions to the social sciences.

Lertora is a junior majoring in medical laboratory science. She is a member of SU cheerleading, Habitat for Humanity and Phi Eta Sigma national freshman honor society. She is a Dean's List student and she graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 2008.

LOCAL STUDENT IN ART SHOW

Dan Stachurski, of Berlin, participated in the 43rd biannual Senior Art Student Show at Salisbury University. Stachurski is a senior majoring in art. He is a member of the Ocean City and Berlin art leagues.

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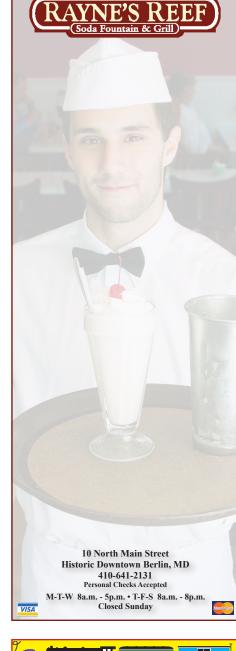


















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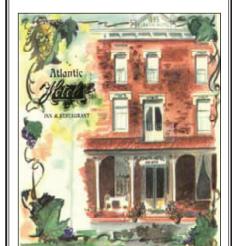
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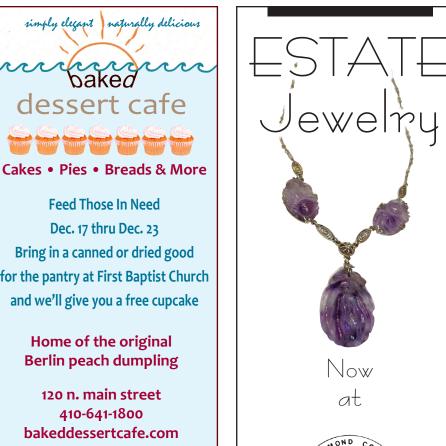
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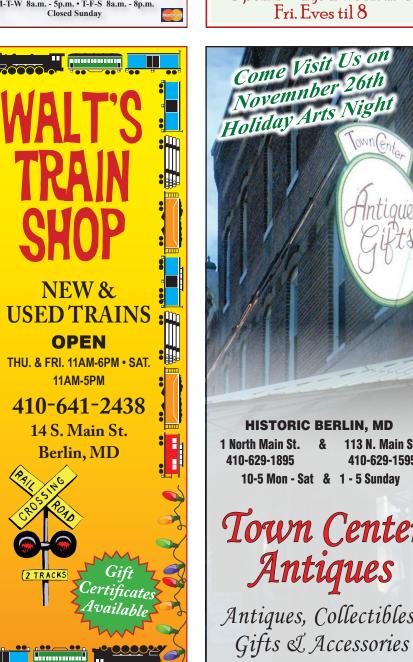


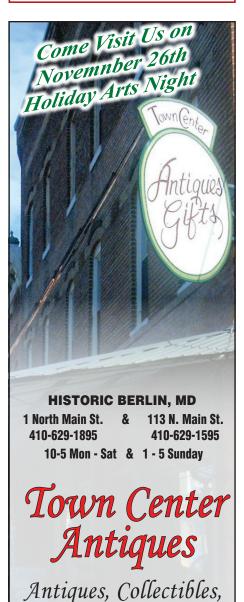
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May Literacy Center receives grant from Barbara Bush Foundation

SALISBURY - Former First Lady Barbara Bush continues to support Salisbury University's May Literacy Center. The Center recently received a grant renewal from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy for the fall, spring and summer.

Joyce Wiencek, of the Education Specialties Department, acquired the \$49,000 grant from the Bush Foundation's Maryland Family Literacy Initiative.

It supports the "Promoting Literacy at Home: Parents and Children Talking, Reading, Writing and Creating Brighter Futures" program at the University's May Literacy Center which targets schools based on socioeconomic status of area families.

Focusing on children ages 4-11, the program allows parents and children to attend weekly sessions at the center and participate in field trips. Families also receive books and other materials to support literacy within their

The grant supplies program funding, meals, staffing, giveaways and transportation if needed. This year, returning parents are offered a book club. Parents who commit to the program are seeing the difference in their children.

This program has been a blessing to us," said Debbie Renee, participating parent.



BOOKS AND BREAKFAST — At Ocean City Elementary School, Miss Julie Biscoe hosted "Books and Breakfast" for her kindergarten students and their families. Mr. Kellam reads "The Ugly Duckling" to Summer, Jordan, Spencer, Trey and Shiloh.



GIFTS TO SANTA – Worcester Preparatory School students in grades preschool through five selected and wrapped presents for children who would not otherwise receive presents during the holiday season. Giving gifts to Santa are Riya Jani, Jillian Lebling, and Jonathan Antonov.



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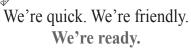
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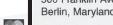
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EDITORIAL

Balance needed between town and historic commissioin

Recently replaced windows at the Atlantic Hotel are causing controversy between the town's historic commission and the mayor's office. Mayor Gee Williams has absolved the historic building, which failed to replace windows with the material the code requires — they used vinyl instead of wood. After an unfavorable ruling on the windows by the historic commission, Williams directed the law not be enforced in this case.

We agree, making the hotel change the windows doesn't seem prudent. However, if the mayor feels as if the rules are too repressive, he should work toward having the policy altered, not ignored. The issue at hand should be how the town makes it fair for all property owners and not just those who have more clout.

When those who should know better are allowed to circumvent requirements and other property owners are not it undermines the legitimacy of both the various commissions as well as the town executive branch.

This isn't the first time those who are renovating within the historic district have been at odds with the historic commission, it comes with the territory. A balance is needed though in what should be considered historically meaningful.

While the commission has a duty to keep the historic nature of the town intact, it's probably time to establish a precedent wherein the realities of science can be merged with the historic aesthetic. The point isn't merely to keep the buildings historic, it is to keep them historic and habitable.

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GUEST COLUMN

Federal beach projects could be collateral damage

Even before the recent midterm Congressional elections, the federal appropriations process known as "earmarks" was garnering a sour reputation in some political quarters. With the rise of a new Republican majority in the House and GOP gains in the Senate, there is talk of banning earmarks altogether. So what are these things, and why should beach advocates care?

Simply put, earmarks are a way to designate funds for a specific use; in federal terms, then, earmarking is the way Congress directs federal expenditures to specific projects or activities. It can be as broad as a Congressional subcommittee setting down specific appropriations amounts for a variety of ongoing federal efforts or projects, or as focused as a single Member of Congress requesting funding for a specific project in his or her district (obviously, the latter are the ones which get more negative notice).

More specifically, some earmarks can be inserted into

appropriations bills without receiving further review or public discussion. These can end up favoring one group or individual at the expense of others, and are typically cited as the worst example of "pork." However, proposals to ban earmarks have not limited themselves to these more secret and seniority-based marks, instead encompassing the broader process by which federal projects get funded outside of the budgets proposed by the Executive Branch (the president and staff) or by legislative committees to eventually eliminate any funding requests from individual Members of Congress.

Why should beach backers be concerned? Because, often, it's those individual Members' requests that fund federal beach restoration projects.

Consider the 2009 fiscal year regarding federal beach projects. The president's budget proposal allocated \$31,516,000 for beach projects. The House budget more than doubled that to

\$64,654,000; the Senate budget upped it to \$84,841,000; and the conference reconciliation budgets ended up totaling \$104,934,999 – a 233 percent increase from what the Executive Branch originally put on the table. (History shows this pattern is typical over recent years; in fact, some posit the president's budget leaves out beach projects with the knowledge the House and Senate will ensure they get put in)

That may be a dismal picture for fervent deficit hawks (even though this is a miniscule percentage of the total federal budget), but it's a glimmer of hope for beach advocates whose federal projects have languished for years awaiting long-overdue funding. Only by working through Members of Congress can these projects get crucial funding -- even though the process often does not provide sufficient lumpsum funding to complete projects, thus necessitating year after year of appropriations

LETTERS EDITOR

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requests to achieve enough funds to pay for the federal share for a single project.

Let's remember these projects are not fly-by-night pursuits benefiting only a well-heeled few. Federal beach projects are extensively reviewed and researched by a host of agencies, subject to specific project agreements and cost-benefit analyses and toughened by years of authorization approvals. Entire neighborhoods and communities have worked to make these projects possible, including finding the local and state funding matches necessary to augment any federal funds that are forthcoming. These projects are not a boondoggle, they are a benefit to the coast, a boost to the local economy and a boon to public recreation, storm protection and habitat restoration.

If an earmark crackdown sweeps away all Members' funding requests, this not only will make it more difficult for individual federal projects to win funding favor but it will cede appropriations authority to the Executive Branch and Congressional committees -- where the competition for cash will be more heated and funding success will be more fleeting.

Beach advocates need to watch two crucial issues to be addressed by the incoming Congress:

- 1) Just what is an earmark? This will define whether established coastal projects are caught up in the funding crackdown or left relatively unscathed to navigate the still treacherous appropriations path.
- 2) How serious will overall cuts in discretionary non-defense federal spending be pursued? If Congress takes the entitlement programs (e.g. Social Security and Medicare) and defense spending off the cutting board, what's left doesn't add to a lot... but it will be all the Members will be able to cut to earn their deficit deterrence bona fides.

This early in the annual appropriations process, change is easier said than done. But beach advocates with a federal project at stake would be wise to watch how the earmark and funding debates evolve so they can stay ahead of its potential impact on their beach.

SDHS Marching Band thanks supporters

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OBITUARIES

Julie Ann Eade

OCEAN CITY – Julie Ann Eade, age 59, died suddenly on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010. Born in New York, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth Gilbert and Loreda Kniskern Gilbert. She was preceded in death by her husband LaVerne "Sonny" A. Eade Jr.

Mrs. Eade had worked for many years at OC Hair and Nails in the Gold Coast Mall where she was a manager. She was a New York Giants fan and loved gathering with friends to watch football games.

She enjoyed boating, fishing and lounging by the water, her favorite destinations included the Bahamas and the Cayuga Lake in upstate New York. She was known to many as "Mom" and loved her second children and her extended family in the police department and fire department. Her greatest loves were her husband, her sons and her little dog Hannah.

She is survived by two sons, with whom she was so proud, Dennis Eade and his wife Kira of Willards, and Jason Eade of Ocean City; a brother, Brad Gilbert; and a sister, Linda Mahon and her husband Rocky.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 11 at the Community Church of Ocean Pines. Interment will be private. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Dr. Harvey L. Saxton

BERLIN - Dr. Harvey L. Saxton, 83, died at home surrounded by his family Nov. 27, 2010. Harvey's life was filled with many accomplishments among which include degrees: Ph.D from University of Connecticut, N.Y. Psychoanalytic Institute, Am. Institute for Psychotherapist and Psychoanalyst, International College of Prescribing Psychologists.

Harvey completed an internship at Spring Grove, had a private practice and was a long standing member of National Honor Society of Psychology of Towson University, Phi Kappa Phi.

He was a professor emeritus at Towson University and wrote and published a book offering tips for the therapy bound.

He was an accomplished musician who played trumpet professionally throughout his life and in later life studied and played with Dr. John Lamkin and the UMES Jazz Ensemble.

Harvey is survived by a loving family, his wife, Shirley L. Saxton and their five daughters: Janet Kenny (John Kenny), Valerie Anderson (Stephen Femiano), Victoria Bender (William Bender), Valerie Sharpe (Michael Sharpe), and Celeste Saxton and 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



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Savannah and Madelyn visit Winterfest of Lights in Ocean City.

A holiday tradition at the beach

Winterfest of Lights continues at Northside Park in Ocean City

BY TONY RUSSO STAFF WRITER

OCEAN CITY – The Ocean City Winterfest of Lights has become something of a tradition for many. It's not just about the tram ride, although the reconfiguration of the lights each year means that after 17 years they've never had the exact same setup twice, it's about the total experience.

Locals and tourists alike have been turning the annual event into an opportunity for an evening out or a weekend at the beach since just after its inception in 1993, which means the Winterfest of Lights has wider benefits than one might expect at first glance.

"The people at Wawa love us," said Ocean City Director of Special Events John Sullivan. He was responding to questions about the wider economic benefits of the Winterfest of Lights enumerating the business that continually voice their support of the event. According to OCEAN CITY WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS

Where: Northside Park, 125th Street, Bayside Hours: Sunday-Thursday 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 5:30-10:30 p.m. Winterfest of Lights runs until Dec. 23.

Admission: \$4 for those 10 years old and up and free for those 9 years old and younger.

Sullivan the Winterfest of Lights generates in excess of \$1 million in economic impact; everything from extra dinners sold to increased hotel nights to coffee.

But for Sullivan and the team that puts the event together, the people who run and maintain it, the economic impact is more a challenge than a feather in their cap. Speaking with Sullivan about the event the aspect of it that's the most clear is his determination to improve the show each year.

It's not just abut pride in one's work,

although that certainly is part of it. For Sullivan it appears to be more about earning the accolades that annual visitors bestow. When someone tells him the experience has improved over the previous ones, he wants it to be more than a compliment; he wants it to be a fact.

The biggest improvement, as anyone who's attended since the beginning can attest to, was the 2003 addition of the heated tent. For the first 10 years people had to gage their enthusiasm for the lights experience based on how cold they were willing to be.

Since the tent's installation the wait has become a non-factor as people are willing to stand in the cold for awhile, to get into the spirit of the event knowing there is a respite from the cold before the tram ride. Once they've warmed up in the tent, they take the trip and can enjoy the lights in relative comfort.

By the time the cold starts to become an issue, the ride is over and the riders are

Actress Sharon Stone to attend UMES 2011 Gala

PRINCESS ANNE – Sharon Stone, the award-winning actress and AIDS-awareness activist, will attend the University of Maryland



Eastern Shore's 12th annual scholarship gala in March.

Stone starred in one of the most talked-about films of the 1990s

Sharon Stone

- "Basic Instinct"

 and is among five entertainers committed to appearing at the March 5 event.

Staged annually to raise money for student aid, UMES discovered a year ago that inviting celebrities made the gala an unqualified success and one of Delmarva's premier social events.

"Excitement does not begin to describe what everyone at UMES felt when we learned Ms. Stone could join us," said Veronique Diriker, the university's development director who coordinates gala planning each year.

Perhaps best known for her role opposite Michael Douglas in Basic Instinct, Stone was an Academy Award nominee and won a Golden Globe for her performance in "Casino." The 52-year-old Pennsylvania native also won an Emmy in 2004 for a guest performance on the television drama, "The Practice."

Diriker said UMES would soon announce the names of four additional celebrities who also have agreed to participate in the 2011 event – "Hollywood on the Shore."

UMES is winding down its sevenyear, \$14 million fundraising campaign, which officially ends June 30. Profits from ticket sales to the dinner-dance, where party-goers mingle with celebrities, will support merit- and need-based scholarships.

Tickets to the most recent gala earlier this year sold out quickly when UMES announced appearances by actors Lou Gossett Jr. and Patty Duke, blues musician B.B. King, singer Dionne Warwick and former football star Herschel Walker. That event generated \$280,000, UMES officials said.

The celebrity line-up in 2011 will feature names most people will recognize, Diriker said.

Tickets to the 2011 gala went on sale this past Monday (Dec. 6). The university is again offering two options: an "Oscar" ticket for \$150 and a "VIP" ticket for \$500. The latter also entitles the holder to attend two private receptions.

For more information about acquiring tickets, call 410-651-8142.

Winterfest

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returned to the heated tent.

The tent has a Christmas Village of sorts including a gift shop, a photo with Santa opportunity, coffee, hot chocolate and snacks for sale and a kiosk selling glow toys, swords, necklaces and the like, which are popular with younger children.

Sullivan and the team responsible for the annual event are now engaged in a longer-term project that might represent the biggest change since the tent's installation and certainly the most economically and aesthetically relevant.

The lights are currently on white frames, but as each display undergoes regular maintenance and refurbishment the frames will be painted black to make the lights stand out alone in the dark.

"The black frames will really make the colors pop," Sullivan said.

The other important change is the regimen of installing LED lights to replace the incandescent lights currently used on the displays. LED lights not only have better color and use less energy but they also have a longer lifespan making them the best investment for a show that's scheduled to go on well into the foreseeable future.



LYNDA GRUBER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Chris Povloski from Ocean Pines getting hot chocolate from Sidney Ward at Winterfest of Lights.

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.

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.

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 for the dinner is appreciated.

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BLOODY MARY CONTEST — Sunset Grille hosted a Bloody Mary Taste Off on Dec. 12 to benefit the programs of Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. The event raised over \$1,500 to help impoverished families and children. Stephanie Back and Artoro Puz from Phillips took home top place honors. The People's Choice award went to Sunset Grille's recipe by Edwin and Gringo.

Late muzzleloader deer season opens on Saturday

ANNAPOLIS – Maryland's late muzzleloader season for deer opens on Saturday, Dec. 18 and continues through Jan. 1. The early winter season is popular with deer hunters and affords them the opportunity to pursue their favorite game with a different type of firearm.

"Muzzleloader hunting is a great opportunity for hunters to enjoy more time in the woods with friends and family," said DNR's Deer Project Leader Brian Eyler. "Last year approximately 35 percent of our muzzleloader hunters were successful in harvesting at least one deer."

Deer hunting regulations vary between the two Deer Management Regions in Maryland. Region A consists of Garrett and Allegany counties and, new this season, the western half of Washington County. Region B includes eastern Washington County and the remaining 20 counties.

Bag limits, season dates and other deer hunting information can be found on the DNR website at www. dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide and in the 2010-2011 Maryland Guide to Hunting & Trapping issued with each hunting license.







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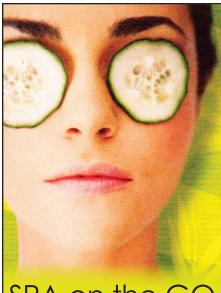
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BANK OF OCEAN CITY DONATION — A \$10,000 leadership gift has been made by the Bank of Ocean City to the capital campaign to build a new athletic field house at Stephen Decatur High School's Seahawk Stadium. Above Bank of Ocean City officers Dot Simpson, Wayne Benson, Kathy Drew, Harry Hammond, and Denise Lane, present the bank's donation to SDHS Principal Lou Taylor.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

TOYS FOR TOTS BENEFIT — The Toys for Tots dinner was at Nicks Original House of Ribs on 145th Street. Marlene Fetty, Dawn Martin and Michael Belardo the chef hurrying to get the food out.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

TRASH CLEANUP — UMES and Salisbury University students bear the cold to help MCBP pick up trash in West Ocean City last week – Frank Dowling, Alex Tingle, Amanda Poskaitis, Emily Powell, Luke Redden, Alex Pierce, Samantha Mooney, Nicole Webbert, Andres Slavik, Ryan Marshall, Matthew Summers, Kingsley Nkeng, and Matthew Mosley.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZET

BREAKFAST MEETING — The Berlin Chamber held a breakfast meeting at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. From left are Barb Stack, owner of Design Resources and chamber officer, Liz Kain, executive director of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, Michael Day, director of economic development, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, and Olive Mawyer, executive director of Berlin Chamber.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

TOYS FOR TOTS DINNER — The Toys for Tots dinner was at Nicks Original House of Ribs on 145th Street. Mary Ellen Arena, who brought toys, with hostess Maryna Shchobava, enjoying the warmth of all the people giving.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ENJOYING THE LIGHTS — Stacey Lattinville from Ocean City and Anne Case from West Ocean City riding on the train at Winterfest of Lights.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTI

HOLIDAY FUN — The Old Dominion Annual Holiday Party was held at Fager's Island Restaurant on Dec. 9. Reena Oettinger (President), John Tremellen, and Mike James at the event.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTI

HOLIDAY PARTY — The Old Dominion Annual Holiday Party was held at Fager's Island Restaurant on Dec. 9. Dr. Munna Garg, Dr. Michael DePalma, Georgeanne Garg. Dr. Preeti Yonker, Dr. Jason Yonker, and Dr. Erin DePalma at the party.



UBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THAT'S THE SPIRIT — Prizes for the craziest football fans where awarded during the First Annual Bloody Mary Taste Off fundraiser for Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services at Sunset Grille. From left are Pat, Donna, Jeremy, Brigitte and Teresa.

Arts Council Awards Grants to local projects

BERLIN – The Worcester County Arts Council recently awarded \$9,850 in Community Arts Development Grants program to 10 art projects and events to be held during the six month granting cycle beginning Jan. 1.

Founding will support a wide variety of creative and innovative projects that are of outstanding artistic quality and demonstrate community benefit enhancing the lives of everyone living and visiting the Worcester County.

The following is a list of organizations and their events that are being awarded a Community Arts Development Grant for the granting period:

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- ■Berlin Intermediate School -Artfest 2011;
- •Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center - Creation of Documentary: Delmarva's Legacy;
- Ocean Pines Players "Nunsense" Performance;
- ■Pine Tones Chorus Spring Concert Series;
- •Snow Hill Alliance for Responsible Progress (SHARP) - Between Fences Community Art Project;
- ■Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art: 2011 Carving Competition and Art Festival:
- ■Worcester Chorale Spring and Summer Concerts;
- •Worcester County Library The Ballet Theater of Maryland's performance of "Romeo and Juliet";
- Town of Ocean City Recreation and Parks - Children's Art Program at "Arts Alive."

The Worcester County Arts Council's Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local community based groups produce and present arts activities in Worcester County and is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

The next deadline to apply for Community Arts Development Grants is May 15. For more information about the Community Arts Development Grant program visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org or call 410-641-0809.





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- 2 Capital city whose name means "place of the gods
- 3 Rain checks?
- 4 Oscars org.
- 5 Popular German beer, informally
- 6 Voting day: Abbr. 7 Salt Lake City
- player 8 The Enlightened One
- 9 Manischewitz products
- 10 1975 Wimbledon winner

- 11 Turn in many a kids' game
- 12 Layers
- 13 R.N.'s work in them
- 14 Gingerbread man's eye, maybe
- 15 Photo finish 16 Flock after a
- rainstorm? 17 Caleb who wrote
- "The Alienist" 18 Subtracting
- 24 Hiccups, so to
- ___ different tune 26
- 29 Edmonton N.H.L.'er 32 See 50-Down
- 33Lo-cal 35 Produce an egg
- 36 Evangeline, for one
- 37 Cabo da westernmost spot in continental Europe
- 38 Robert Louis Stevenson title character
- 40 Trunks
- 41 Ivanhoe's creator
- 42 ___ prof. 43 Nautical pole
- 44 Law office worker informally
- 48 Taking out 50 With 32-Down,
- first lady who graduated from Harvard Law
- 52 End-of-semester event
- 54 Holy, to Horace
- 58 Robert who played Mr. Chips 60 Czech city
- 62 Mata _

- 63 Poly- follower
- 65 Pond denizen
- 67 Blockade
- 69 Trim 70 John Irving title
- character 71 Winger of "Urban
- Cowbov 72 Texting
- alternative 73 Tortoise's
- opponent after finishing second?
- 76 Coil

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- 77 List-ending abbr.
- 78 Depend
- 81 "Bus Stop playwright
- 83 Ring-tailed animal
- 87 German article
- 88 Say "cheese," say
- 89 Not so genteel 92 Polished
- 94 Stated
- 96 Part of songwriting
- 100 Synchronized (with)

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- 101 Earth and beyond 103 Persephone's
- abductor 106 "___ to Be You"
- 107 "I Was ___ War Bride"
- 108 Columbus called it home
- 109 Was over
- 110 Logician's word
- 111 High schooler 112 God with a day of the week

106 107 108 109

- named after him 113 Son or daughter,
- typically
- 114 Luxury
- 117 Suffix with pay
- 119 Symbol of simplicity
- 120 Indian state once owned by Portugal

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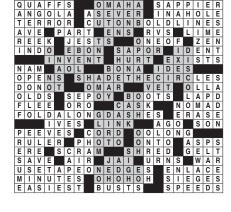
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© Puzzles by Pappocom **HARD - 48**

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.

	1		8					
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The answers to last week's puzzles



SNAP SHOTS



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

MARX MEMORIAL FUND GRANT — The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Jeffrey Peter Marx Memorial Fund awarded a \$2,000 grant to Worcester County G.O.L.D. to support efforts to provide emergency services to local families in need. Pictured are: Jack Perry and Milly Marx; Eric Vinson, treasurer, Peter Marx Memorial Fund; Darlene Onley, executive director, Worcester G.O.L. D.; Kurt Marx, Jessica Marx, and Jean Marx; Margaret Yates, board of directors president, Worcester County G.O.L.D.; JoAnne Hunsicker, and Spicer Bell, president, Community Foundation.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETT

PENGUIN SWIM DONATION — Earl Bethards, project manager with NASON Construction Inc., presents a \$1,000 check for the Atlantic General Hospital 17th Annual Penguin Swim to Chris Anderson, plant operations manager and Colleen Wareing, vice president of patient care services, in support of the AGH Flapping Flamingos Team.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SINEPUXENT QUESTERS — Sinepuxent Chapter 1151 of The Questers held its holiday dinner at Lighthouse Sound. A highlight of the evening was the drawing for a Four Seasons framed cross-stitch, which was donated. The winner was Libby Smith (right), a former president of the Sinepuxent Questers and avid supporter of the Chapter, shown with the current president of the chapter, Nancy McBride.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

DECORATE THE PINES — On Dec. 2 members of the Ocean Pines Garden Club gathered early in the morning to begin transforming their community during the annual "Decorate the Pines" event. Members began working on the numerous wreathes, swags, and arrangements needed to decorate entrance and median signs throughout Ocean Pines. Carol Rotella, Meg Herrick, Barbara Benz and OPGC President Marian Bickerstaff preparing swags.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETT

UNITED WAY DONATION — Peggy Naleppa, PRMC, Tim Feist, PRMC vice president, Warner Crumb, PRMC, Gwyn Kravec, PRMC Director HIM, Privacy Officer, Kathleen Mommé, United Way, Amy Luppens, United Way, and Mike Langley, United Way, celebrate Peninsula Regional Medical Center's employee contributions.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETT

ZOO DONATION — Shore Bank has agreed to donate \$10,000 to the Salisbury Zoo capital campaign Renew the Zoo. The bank's gift will fund one of three interactive exhibits. JP Dubuque, president of the Delmarva Zoological Society Inc., accepts a check from Steven Belote, president of Shore Bank. Also from left, Salisbury Mayor Jim Ireton, Zoo Director Joel Hamilton, Dennis Hebert, of Shore Bank, and Marty Neat.

CALENDAR BAYSIDE

Thursday, Dec. 16

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. 17

BINGO

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., rear St. Lukes Church. Doors open 6 p.m. Games begin 7 p.m. Refreshments available. Info: 410-524-7994.

Saturday, Dec. 18

ZOO WORKSHOP

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

Sunday, Dec. 19

BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, 9 a.m. to noon. \$9 per person, \$5 children under 9. Info: 4100-524-7994.

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.

Thursday, Dec. 23

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Willet at The Fountains in Salisbury, 10 a.m. Soul Discovery Church hosting. Winter hats will be collected during the concert for area homeless. For more information, contact Pastor Reid Sterrett at 410-742-0370.

Friday, Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Community Church at Ocean Pines, Route 589 (Racetrack Road). Family Service 5:30 p.m.with participation by the children and young people in the service.

Traditional Service 11 p.m. Both services will conclude with candlelight and singing. Info: 410-641-5433, Monday through Friday.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Soul Discovery Church, Service and Dessert Reception, 7 p.m. at the Fountains in Salisbury. Youth perform traditional and contemporary season favorites.

Afterward, sample an array of delectable desserts. Info: contact Pastor Reid Sterrett at 410-742-0370.

Sunday, Dec. 26

BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, 9 a.m. to noon. \$9 per person, \$5 children under 9. Info: 4100-524-7994. Thursday, Dec. 28

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4-6 p.m. Graduating Senior Show. Mosely Gallery at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Show on display until Dec. 16. 410-651-7770.

BEACH SINGLES

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

Saturday, Jan. 1

PENGUIN SWIM

17th Annual Atlantic General Hospital fundraiser. Princess Royale, 91st St., Ocean City. 1 p.m. Register online at: www.penguinswim. atlanticgeneral.org.

Sunday, Jan. 2

BREAKFAST

Community Church of Ocean Pines, Route 589. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$6 per person. Omelettes, pancakes, coffee, juice. All pro-

ceeds benefit Volunteers in Missions trip to Nashville in March.

Sunday, Jan. 9

BREAKFAST

Community Church of Ocean Pines, Route 589. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$6 per person. Omelettes, pancakes, coffee, juice. All proceeds benefit Volunteers in Missions trip to Nashville in March.

Thursday, Jan. 13

WEBSITE SESSION

An information session called "Designing and Managing a Web Site for Your Small Business" will be held from 6-8 p.m., in Room 306 of the Workforce Development Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury.

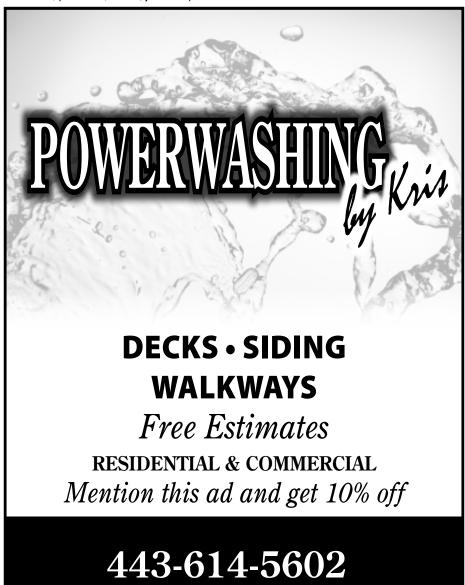
The session, which is being offered by Wor-Wic, Maryland Capital Enterprises (MCE) and the Small Business Development Center, will cover the importance of having a Web site, as well as the skills, tools, software and courses needed to create a Web site.

Saturday, Jan. 15

BEEF 'N' BEER

American Legion Post 166, 24th St. and Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. 1-5 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance. Catering by Emings, music by Bob Hughes.





ENTERTAINMENT

ATLANTIC HOTEL

Main Street Berlin MONDAY - Earl Beardsley



BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th St. Bayside 410-524-7575

FRIDAY - Poole & The Gang SATURDAY - Mood Swingers w/Lauren Glick WEDNESDAY - Poole & The Gang



CAROUSEL HOTEL

118th St. Ocean City 410-524-1000 FRIDAY - DJ Rupe



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410-524-3535 FRIDAY - First Class SATURDAY - First Class



DENOVO'S

South Gate - Ocean Pines 410-208-2782

SATURDAY - Al Prescott TUESDAY - Al Prescott WEDNESDAY - AI Prescott THURSDAY - Al Prescott



John LaMere @ Giuseppe Pub

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th St. & the bay, Ocean City 410-524-5500

FRIDAY - DJ Wood SATURDAY - DJ Groove WEDNESDAY - DJ Rob Cee



Mood Swingers @ BJs

GLOBE THEATRE

12 Broad St. Berlin 410.641.0784

FRIDAY - Dark Gold Jazz SATURDAY - Bill Kirchens Holiday Show



GREEN TURTLE NORTH

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



GIUSEPPE O'LEARY PUB

Inside Sub Marina Sunset Ave. West Ocean City TUESDAY - John LaMere



HARBORSIDE

West Ocean City THURSDAY - Opposite Directions FRIDAY - DJ Billy T SATURDAY - Under The Outhouse

MARYLAND LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010

Midday		Evening			Daily	
Date	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4	Bonus Match 5	Bonus
12/05/10	851	1319	271	7974	07.09.13.17.30	32
12/06/10	021	5838	204	2511	06.13.18.20.34.	11
12/07/10	467	7575	745	6601	03.04.07.25.37	18
12/08/10	361	9230	809	4051	06.07.20.26.37	39
12/09/10	585	0437	951	9798	08.11.13.34.35	22
12/10/10	077	0507	779	5518	01.06.12.30.34	14
12/11/10	696	7559	739	3815	02.07.18.20.29	26

Date	MULTI-MATCH
12/06/10	10.13.15.16.22.43
12/09/10	06.17.20.22.30.32

Date	Powerball	Bonus	POWERPLAY
12/08/10	08 11 25 41 58	16	4
12/11/10	01 08 10 19 20	23	2

Date	Mega Millions	Bonus	Megaplier
12/07/10	04 38 45 53 54	09	4
12/10/10	23 27 33 44 46	36	4

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FRIDAY - Dave Hawkins SATURDAY - Dave Sherman WEDNESDAY - Bobby Burns



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SAT. & SUN. – Tony Vegia WEDNESDAY - Bob Hughes



Gas House Gorillas @ Steer Inn



Penington Commons - Rt. 589 Ocean Pines, 410-641-5590 FRIDAY - Barbara Clare on Piano SATURDAY - Patrick McAllorum

SEACRETS

49th & the Bay, Ocean City 410-524-4900

THURSDAY - DJ Wax FRIDAY - DJQ/Star 66 SATURDAY - Full Circle/DJ Q/Power Play/Joe



Bachman & Crew

Rt. 589 - Racetrack Rd. 410-208-1900 FRIDAY - Opposite Directions

SATURDAY - The Gas House Gorillas

SUNSET GRILLE

Dockside West Ocean City FRIDAY - Full Circle



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FRIDAY - Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey



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CI SINE BAYSIDE

Spicy chicken wings with a touch of Vietnamese influence

"Cooking is messy, dirty work. The work involves bare hands, sticky fingers, licks of this and that, whacks on fleshy lumps,

hissing lids and miscellaneous smells. It is also dangerous,



the basic tools being either very sharp or very hot."

Michael Symons, an Australian food historian a dozen years ago when delving into the role that cooks have played in society. His book, A History of Cooks and Cooking (U. of Illinois Press, 1998) is a fabulous summary of just that; cooks and cooking.

In exploring the art of cooking, Symons realizes that there is much more than meets the eye when it comes to the craft of the kitchen. Behind closed doors, professional cooks are much more attuned to the natural world than most people are. It is a primal example of how man differs from beast. In fact, James Boswell in 1773 wrote that 'no beast can cook' (xii).

We have witnessed primates using tools to make their life easier, so the argument for 237 years is that this craft is what differentiates us from others. The manipulation of natural ingredients, knowing full well what the end product will be, is the gift of cooking to mankind.

Further in the work, Symons writes that "[cooking] is messy because cooks bring the country to the city. They secure the colours of the garden, the smell of soils, the infinities of ocean, the invigoration of breezes... With razor-sharp knife, bludgeoning pestle, sizzling pans, cooks round up ingredients."

In a nutshell it is the basis, if not the core, of the argument for sustainable agriculture; Farm-to-Table as it were.

We now live in a society where we have become grossly accustomed to pulling meat from foam packages. Even as professional chefs, many of us get our meat neatly packed in plastics bags; swimming in myoglobin (a protein found in muscle cells that resembles blood), but not



'bloody' because of its lack of connection to the animal itself.

When cooks see the meat come from the cattle or sheep or chicken, the connection becomes immediate. It becomes at the same time disturbing yet enlightening. Reality can be a real buzz-kill sometimes, but when one wants to get in touch with their roots, be them personal, professional or intellectual, this has to be the starting point for meat eaters. Hunters are accustomed to this connection to the earth, yet it eludes most of us, especially in a society that would rather just not know; ignorance is bliss.

In speaking with friends of mine, chefs in Rehoboth at two great restaurants, it was refreshing to hear of their efforts to reconnect with local farmers. One restaurateur, in fact, just went in on a 35-acre farm to raise his own turkeys, chickens, sheep, pigs, et al for the chop

shop. I can't think of a greater connection to the land than that for a chef.

Another good friend of mine, while not having the farm, is nonetheless supporting local farmers as he has for years, constantly procuring product ranging from meats to eggs to produce. The farmers are happy, the chef is happy, and most importantly the customers are thrilled.

I have found that speaking, or rather writing, about sustainable agriculture lends many readers to believe that this has a place only in high-end dining. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is an admirable goal of SA to get fresh product into all restaurants and try to get away from processed foods as a general rule of thumb. There is no formula or need for 100 percent of everything to be fresh. But it's a starting point.

Working with local farms,

you can acquire some fresh chicken and take the wings to make a simple dish. This is great for football or any time that you want a nosh. Spicy chicken wings, with just a touch of Vietnamese influence, are a nice addition to the buffalo and bbq wings that adorn the table.

And when you reread the first sentence you will find that these wings exemplify every statement made by Symons, genius that he is.

SPICY CHICKEN WINGS

Serves 2-ish
1-2# Chicken Wings (depending
on appetite)
Cumin
Granulated garlic
Onion powder
S&P to taste
Oil for Frying
Chopped Cilantro
1/4 c. melted butter

4 c. melted butter
4 c. Sriracha Hot Sauce
2 Tbsp. Ground ginger
2 Tbsp. Vietnamese fish sauce

3 cloves minced garlic Lime Wedges 1. Coat the wings in the spices and roast in a 400F oven until cooked. This does two things; it makes the chicken more tender when fried and it also keeps all of that extra chicken fat from rendering into your frying oil. The latter elongates the life of your fryer oil

2. Melt the butter and add the Sriracha, fish sauce, ginger and cilantro, well washed and roughly chopped. If you are like me and like it authentic, use stems and leaves, but this will make it much more fragrant. My wife can't stand it, but I can't get enough of it, so do this to taste

3. In the hot fryer oil, fry the wings until they are crispy and then toss in the sauce to coat. Serve with a nice ice-cold beer, lime wedges and some rice if that's what suits you. For me, this is a sporting snack and I would just serve it as is alongside the Buffalo and BBQ wings.

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