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Sara Beth Campbell opened the 2012 Berlin Little League Baseball Season by singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Berlin's 16th Spring Celebration

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — This weekend Berlin will host its 16th Annual Spring Celebration. Sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of commerce, the Spring Celebration has come to represent the official end of winter for many and the first in a line of street fairs and festivals that take the town all the way through summer.

It would be wrong to misunderstand the psychological and economic impact the break in the weather — and it is a natural fact that the weather will break — will have on the region. Judging from the foot traffic during the precious few beautiful days the area has had so far, people are already seeking a cure for their cabin fever, or at least their cabin fever hangover, which bodes well for the season and

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Berlin Businesswoman Eunice Sorin Dies

Sorin remembered
for her kind and
fun-loving spirit

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

WEST OCEAN CITY — At the Ocean City Visitor's Center that bears her name, a shrine was laid out for Eunice Q. Sorin, who died April 16. Melanie Pursel, executive director of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce was the first to place a message for the family on the table: a proclamation from Gov. Martin O'Malley citing Sorin for her philanthropic endeavors. He was to present it personally but the opportunity never presented itself and the citation will be passed along to the family.

"We feel very honored to have our building named after Eunice Sorin," Pursel said. "We just wanted to do something in memoriam, as a way of healing."

Understanding the Sorin knew so many people and that many of them aren't familiar enough with her family to feel comfortable approaching them, the chamber set up the shrine as an outlet for people who would like to leave notes remembering Sorin fondly to her family.

"She knew so many people," Pursel said. "And a lot of them don't want to intrude."

Over the course of her 87 years, Sorin was an active business community member known as much for her acumen



Eunice Sorin 1923-2011

as for her generosity. Sorin valued hard work, starting as a hairstylist working six day weeks.

In addition to her daily work as a stylist, Sorin was a familiar face on the competitive hairstyling circuit eventually winning more than 30 contests. In 1965 she was honored at the International Hairdressers Convention at the New York Hilton Hotel as the most successful hairdresser of the year.

With her husband, Herman, Sorin opened the President Apartments in Ocean City and eventually the Nassau Hotel. From the late 1960s until his passing in 1984, Sorin took her husband's place running the family business. She and Herman did take

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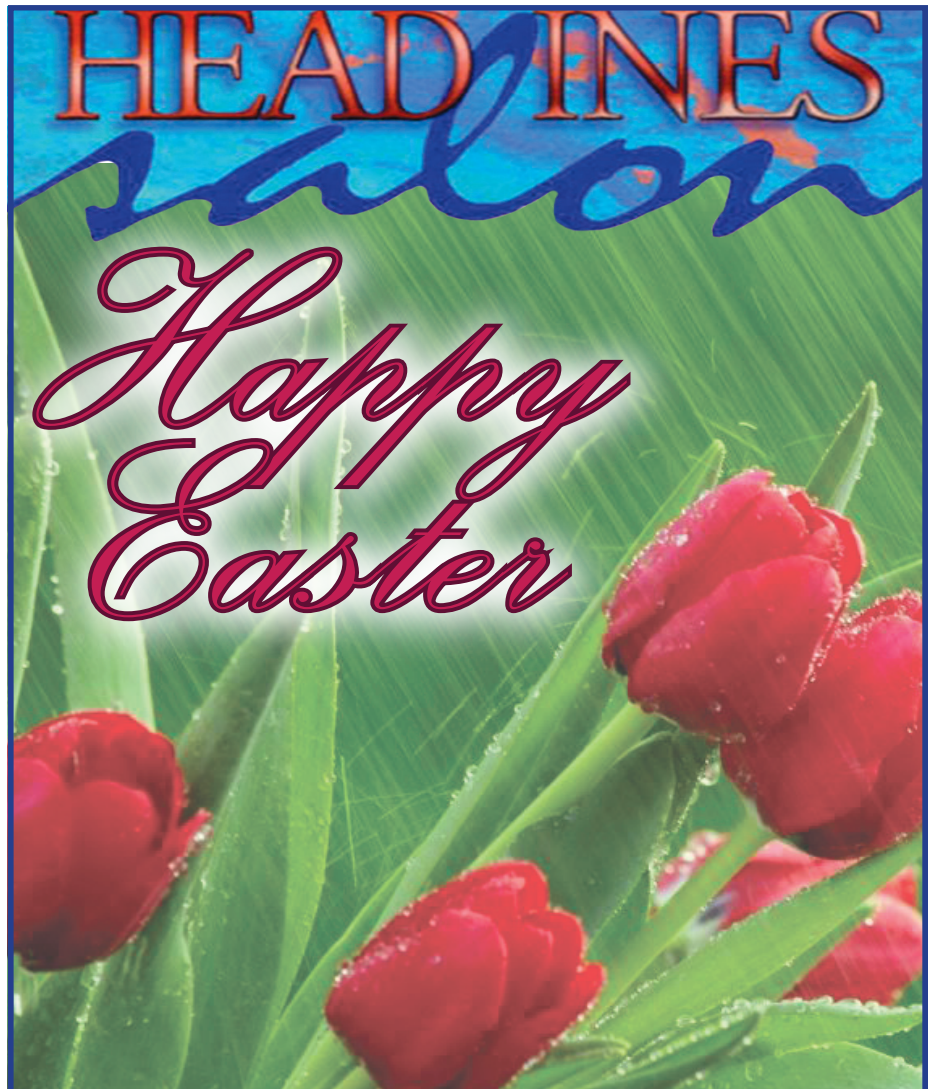
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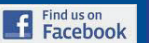
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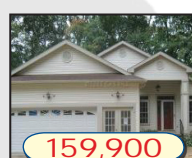
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Spring Celebration

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Berlin and Ocean City Host Weekend Events

makes the Spring Celebration that much more an anticipated event.

Spring Celebration is more than a way of shaking off the winter blues, though. That would be giving the past season too much credit. It's a recognition of the possibilities that the rest of the season might bring, an understanding that, on balance, the days are just going to be better and allow us to be both more productive and more apt to take our leisure during the coming months.

While there will not be any racing pigs on Main Street this year, there will be plenty of other entertainment and diversions to help get people in the mood for spring.

Eunice Sorin

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Eunice Sorin, Philanthropist

time for themselves, however, making frequent trips abroad.

Sorin was named Ocean City's Citizen of the Year in 2006 based on her generosity of self, uniqueness of personality and outstanding and longstanding contributions to her community.

Friends and acquaintances are welcome to bring photos, letters or any other items they wish the family to have to the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Routes 50 and 707. The gifts will be collected and presented to the family.

Behind the shrine is a wall documenting Sorin's life and accomplishments. From her trophy marlin, to news clips and photos of her later in life.

Pursel said that although Sorin died after a long illness, given her vivacity right to the end, it was still a bit of a

This year the pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be served at Rayne's Reef in two sittings, 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. to kick off the day.

Among the most anticipated changes is the revamping of the annual Easter Bonnet and Mad Hatter Parade. The parade used to be a localized event wherein participants walked the courtyard of the Atlantic Hotel. This year the participants will meet in front of the Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Building and have a proper parade all the way down Main Street, with the final judging taking place at the Atlantic Hotel.

But the Spring Celebration isn't the only event worth attending this weekend. The annual Ocean City Easter Arts, Crafts and Kids Fair returns to the Roland E. Powell Convention Center 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday with plenty to see and do for kids and adults alike.

Over the course of the two days 15 separate Easter egg hunts will be held around the convention center ensuring that there will never be too long a wait. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photo opportunities as well as to entertain the kids.

Additional entertainment includes a rotating roster of magic shows and juggling expositions. Kids will also have the opportunity to learn to juggle under the supervision of the professionals, enter contests and play games all included in the price of admission.

For additional fees there will be face painting, temporary tattoo, and sand art stations throughout the exhibition hall.

On the arts and crafts front, great finds for Mother's Day or just for treating oneself will be available. More than 60 crafters, artists and artisans from all over the region have reserved space to begin their seasonal sales.

Admission to the fair is \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors and kids. Children under 3 are free.



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BERLIN --Despite chilly temperatures and the threat of rain, more than 125 volunteers joined Grow Berlin Green (GBG) and the Town of Berlin on Saturday morning to make the third annual "Take Pride in Berlin Spring Clean Up Day" a major success.

After registering at the town's Stephen Decatur and Henry Parks, volunteers of all ages fanned out to help with a wide range of clean up and beautification projects in the parks and around the town.

In addition to picking up litter in the two parks, participants installed new native plant beds and enhanced existing gardens, including the rain garden

established at Decatur Park as part of last year's spring clean up event.

Major trash removal projects included a kayaking crew that pulled a fire extinguisher and other assorted debris out of the pond at Stephen Decatur park and a clean stream team that scoured a section of Hudson Branch to haul out all manner of detritus -- bikes and scooters, car batteries, most of a seesaw, bags full of bottles, cans, plastic bags and abandoned toys.

This year's event also featured planting flowers and native perennials at numerous sites around the downtown Main Street business corridor. Prior to the event, GBG had recruited a number of downtown merchants to "adopt a garden" by providing a planter in front of their business into which volunteers deposited donated flowers on Saturday.

The businesses will be responsible for watering their new plantings.

After a morning of cleaning and greening, volunteers were guests at a free barbecue lunch at Henry Park with food provided and prepared by a team from Berlin Area Ministries United. On display at the park were butterfly and bat houses built and painted that morning under the direction of Assateague Coastal Trust's Coast Kids program.

These houses will be placed around the Town's parks in the coming weeks.

The effort was aided by GBG, the Town of Berlin, Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Shore Can Volunteer Center, the Berlin office of State Farm Insurance, Super Fun Eco Tours, Worcester County Health Department, Bank of Ocean City, Paul and Trish Dufendach, the Church Mouse Thrift Store/St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Berlin Coffee House, Chesapeake Bay

Trust and Town Creek Foundation.

Mike Gibbons and his crew from Berlin's Department of Public Works worked as hard or harder than most leading up to and during the event, while GBG Project Manager Debbi Colley who took the lead in planning and coordinating all event activities.

In order to recoup some of the remaining event expenses and to fund future projects, Grow Berlin Green is sponsoring a raffle featuring green gift boxes loaded with products and services donated by numerous Berlin merchants and businesses. For more information on this raffle and to purchase tickets, please contact Colley at 410-629-1538 or visit GBG on the web at www.growberlingreen.org.



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Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips, Washington Street residents Tom Sholtis, Brad and Cata Parks, and GBG Coordinator (and Washington Street resident) Steve Farr display the trash they removed from Hudson Branch stream as part of Take Pride in Berlin Clean Up Day.

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Commissioners hear natural gas pitch

By **TONY RUSSO**
STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL— The Worcester County Board of Commissioners this week heard testimony from Stephen C. Thompson, senior vice president of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, who said the commissioners' approval was necessary in order to get the expansion approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC).

"We look forward for the opportunity to bring natural gas to Worcester County," he said.

Natural gas, he said, was cleaner burning, more efficient and less expensive than other home-heating alternatives, including propane. According to his company's estimates, the average customer savings over propane was more than \$1,000 per year.

The reason Chesapeake Utilities is now moving so quickly to try and secure permission to bring a natural gas pipeline into the county is that congress offered tax credits for contracts executed by the end of the year. The tax credits would make profitable a project that once appeared too expensive, thus making it more attractive to the utility.

To be eligible, Thompson estimated that the necessary paperwork, including right-of-ways and permits would have to be completed by August, a feat

Commissioner Virgil Shockley suggested was unlikely. If they are unable to complete this task, the county is not bound by the agreement.

Chesapeake Utility Company owns Eastern Shore Natural Gas, which is in not affiliated with Eastern Shore Gas, the current propane provider to much of Ocean Pines. It also owns distributorships — Chesapeake Utilities Delaware and Chesapeake Utilities Maryland — that are competing with Eastern shore Gas for distributorship around the county.

Since Eastern Shore Gas already has pipelines running into Ocean Pines that it could convert to accept natural gas, the company may have an edge in that area.

Thompson said that the arrangement for conversion in Ocean Pines would be done on a timetable of the awardee's choosing. He said that in his experience homes that didn't require pipe conversions were usually able to convert for around \$500. In cases where costs are significantly more, Chesapeake Utilities could get special permission from the PSC to roll the cost of conversion into the bill over time. Failing that, he said, there are unregulated subsidiaries the company could call upon to finance the payments.

Under the agreement, which is also reviewable by the PSC, Chesapeake Utilities would pay the county \$10,000

per year or \$2 per customer, whichever is greater. While the PSC could require a different fee, Thompson said it was unlikely.

Hugh Cropper, representing Chesapeake Utilities, asked the commissioners to grant the company a non-exclusive franchise to bring natural gas into the county. They approved the motion to do so unanimously.

In other county business, the commissioners heard at the Worcester County Board of Elections a summary of why that body was considering moving the District 5 polling place from the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department South Station to another location.

Election Director Patricia Jackson told the commissioners that the board had been considering the move since the OPVFD told them they were no longer welcome after the 2010 election. Among the places being considered are the Community church at Ocean Pines and the Ocean Pines Country Club.

"The board has not made any decision on this at all," she said. "We have not made any decisions."

Among other concerns were that a section near the fire department where some people park is unpaved, that the fire department wouldn't allow use of the chairs or kitchen facilities, and that the acoustics make hearing difficult for the election judges. Another concern

was that as in the event of a fire call the ensuing chaos caused as the firefighters grab their gear and the water dripping from the fire hoses upon their return could cause both a slip-and-fall hazard and possibly harm the electronic voting equipment.

But the biggest point of contention was that the state election judges manual the board of elections follows requires the election equipment be set up the night before. It would require all of the OPAVFD equipment to be left outside overnight and it is a point on which current president Steve Rosen said the department could not be moved.

"We would probably be happier if they weren't there," he said. "We'll do what we have to do but if we didn't have to do it, it would be good."

Although the state rules are clear, there is, according to County Attorney Sonny Bloxom, an opportunity for the board of elections to rewrite the rules as they see fit, which was the course Commissioner Judy Boggs recommended.

She said a change was unneeded and would be an inconvenience that would likely hurt voter turnout, which in that district is nearly 75 percent. Boggs also said that since the election workers were paid, the inconvenience of the more than 4,000 people that vote there should be given more weight than the workers'

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Ocean Pines to host Home Expo

First Time Event for the Ocean Pines Community

By **TONY RUSSO**
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES – The Ocean Pines Community Center will be the center of attention April 30 and May 1 for the first Ocean Pines Community Home Expo.

The Expo will run Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and will feature products and services, including kitchen and bath design, design and build contractors, windows and doors, tile, decking, countertops, home energy systems, pools and hot tubs, heating and air conditioning, window treatment, waterproofing and more.

The show also will have on hand green-certified companies that can help homeowners improve the efficiency and affordability of operating their homes.

This year's event will give guests the chance to participate in seminars with national celebrities, including Matt Fox, from the HGTV show, "Room by Room," and the new PBS show, "Around the House" with Matt and Shari.

Fox will present a program about eight

weekend projects in a do-it-yourself session. These sessions will cover garage floor updates, from painting the floor to installing floor tile, quick furniture cleanup tips and polishing, installing a one-day backsplash, vinyl tile, flooring ideas and choosing a storm door that has both a storm door and a screen door.

Fox will appear on Saturday, April 30 at noon, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and again Sunday, May 1 at noon and 2 p.m.

Mike McGrath, garden editor from WTOP radio in Washington, D.C. and host of You Bet Your Garden on National Public Radio, will present seminars on gardening, lawns and plant care.

Among his topics will be how to get your lawn off drugs and how to grow the best-tasting tomatoes. He also will answer any garden questions the guests may have. McGrath will appear on Saturday April 30 at 11a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset Counties Extension Educator, Ginny Rosenkranz, will present a seminar about plants, "Colorful Containers, created for Sun or Shade." Her presentation will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

The Expo will also feature a community shred on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Guests are invited to bring up to three legal sized boxes of

documents for shredding, free of charge, and receive one free ticket to the Expo. The shredding will be available until the truck is full!

Exhibitors include Acme Tile, Spicer Brothers Construction, Delmarva Insulation, leafFilter, Dry Zone, Phippings Cabinets, Coastal Comfort, Austin Cox Home Services, Choptank Electric, Hague Water, Pioneer Pole Barns, Cutco, Critter Getters, Patio Enclosures, Shore Appliance and more.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, with free admission for children 12 years of age and under. Tickets are available at the door. Tickets for Ocean Pines residents are \$3 each or two for \$5.

Natural Gas

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wishes.

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OBITUARIES

Eunice Sorin, legendarily colorful Celebrator of life dies at age 87

BERLIN -- Eunice Quillen Sorin, age 87, died April 16, 2011 at her home in Berlin. Born in Berlin, she was the daughter of the late Calvin Edward Quillen, Sr. and Beulah Lee Trader Quillen.

Eunice began her career in the business world of Ocean City working summers serving the tourist trade. At 16 years old, she attended Cosmetology School at Wimbrow Beauty Academy in Salisbury, first receiving her operator's license then her manager's license. After completing her training, her father bought Rosina Beauty Salon where she worked six days and several nights a week.

Two years after opening her salon,

Eunice met and married the love of her life, Herman Sorin. While he was serving overseas in World War II, she went to the Wilfred Beauty Academy in Philadelphia to take courses in advance hair styling. After Herman returned home, the couple started their family. At this time they bought a house, a men's clothing store and had moved Rosina Beauty Salon into their new home.

Eunice continued her education at the Robert France Institute of Beauty in New York. She also did advertising for the Rayette Permanent Wave Co. in the American Hairdressers Magazine.

In 1954, Eunice and Herman built the President Apartments in Ocean City. Eunice was just getting started in realizing her dream of becoming a top hairstylist. She began contest styling

and joined the local unit of the State-National & International Cosmetology Association.

The next ten years saw her winning contest after contest from New York to Norfolk, including Baltimore and Washington, DC. More than 30 contest and trophies were under her belt and as always, she shared with others. She volunteered her talent as first-class hair stylist at shows benefiting charitable organizations as well as styling hair for bed ridden patients.

In 1965, she was honored at the International Hairdressers Convention at the New York Hilton Hotel as the most successful hairdresser of the year. After seeing her dream through, Eunice stepped down from the contest circuit and devoted all her time to the Rosina

Beauty Salon.

Always the entertainer, Eunice had her own TV show, preformed at the Governor's Mansion for Gov. Millard Tawes and at the International Hairdressers Show for Clairol and Rayette Permanent Wave Co.

In 1966, the Nassau Motel was built. At this time Eunice passed Rosina Beauty Salon to her daughter, Janice, so she could step in to manage the Nassau as her husband's health was failing.

Prior to his passing, Eunice and her husband traveled the world. They enjoyed three weeks away in the fall and three weeks in the winter, as well as a few short trips in between.

Eunice had been a hard worker and excelled to the top level of anything she engaged in, including cosmetology, family life, property management, community service and philanthropy. She was named Ocean City's Citizen of the Year in 2006, and award based on her generosity, uniqueness of personality and outstanding and longstanding contributions to her community.

Some of her many memberships and associations include: Ocean City Lions Club, Soroptimist Club, Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club, OC Chamber of Commerce, Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Cosmetologists Association.

Ducks Unlimited, Teachers Association, Citizens Against Government Waste, Citizens Tax Payers Union, President Ronald Reagan's New Library, Humane Society, Worcester Preparatory School, Ocean City Police Dept. United Way, Easter Seals, Bartender's Ball (Beach Patrol), Berlin and Ocean City Paramedics, Berlin and Ocean City Fire Company.

Atlantic General Hospital, Grant-A-Wish Foundation, both Republican and Democrat Parties, Coastal Hospice, Holly Center, O.C. Fishing Tournament, Rotary Club, Dunes Club, Calvin B. Taylor Museum, Economic Development Organization, Buckingham Presbyterian Church, National Women's History Museum, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and many more.

Eunice was preceded in death by her husband, Herman H. Sorin, in 1984. She is survived by her daughter, Janice Sorin Wainwright, and her husband, Harold, of Ocean City; two grandchildren, Kimberly Ann Phillips of Berlin and James R. Phillips and his wife, Christie, of Ocean City; two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Moorea Phillips; two sisters, Rosalee Q. James of Berlin and Agnes Q. Collins of Delmar, Del.; one sister-in-law, Doris Adkins Quillen. She was preceded in death by a brother, Calvin E. Quillen Jr. and a sister, Pauline Q. Clarke. She is also survived by one nephew, Jeffery James, and two nieces, Joyce J. Evans and Debbie Carper.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at the Buckingham Presbyterian



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Church in Berlin. Entombment was in Buckingham Presbyterian Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Atlantic General Hospital, Foundation Office, 9733 Healthway Dr. Berlin, MD 21811, or Buckingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 248, Berlin, MD 21811, or to the P.J. Aldridge Foundation, P.O. Box 97 Ocean City, MD 21823

A loving message from Eunice to all her family and friends: "Live, love and party on!"

Edward "Ted" Charles Edwards

Berlin -- Edward "Ted" Charles Edwards, 81, died March 28 2011 at his residence. He was born in Queens, N.Y. to the late Charles Edwards and Emma Heins Edwards.

Ted is survived by his wife, Maryanne Edwards; son Jeffery Edwards and his wife, Kathy Englemann; daughter Carol Grant and her husband, Rip; son Patrick Edwards and his wife, Nancy; cousin Edward Heins and his wife, Barbara; cousin Betty Luca and her husband, Al and 10 grandchildren.

Frederick F. Stiehl Sr

BERLIN--Frederick F. Stiehl Sr., 94, died on April 15, 2011, at Atlantic

General Hospital. He retired in 1979 from Dun & Bradstreet Inc., where he had served as a manager at the New York City and Newark, N.J. offices. He lived in Bridgewater Township, N.J. for 28 years before moving to Ocean Pines, MD in 1981.

He was a former golfer and a past senior member of the Ocean City Power Squadron. He was a bowler for over 20 years with the Ocean Pines Mixed League, competing until last December.

Virginia Murray Stiehl, his wife of 55 years, predeceased him in 1996. He is survived by his daughter, Mary Kate Hamlin and her husband, James, and his son Frederick and his wife, Jeanne, all of Ocean Pines. He also leaves two grandsons, Jonathan Stiehl of Island Park, Idaho, and Christopher Stiehl and his wife, Meredy, of Jackson, Wyoming. A niece, Jeanne Bohringer, of Bayport, New York also survives.

Family visitation will be at St. John Neumann Church in Ocean Pines on Tuesday, April 26, at 6-8 PM and on Wednesday, April 27, at 11 a.m.-noon followed by a funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Friends of the Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. Arrangements were by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, MD.



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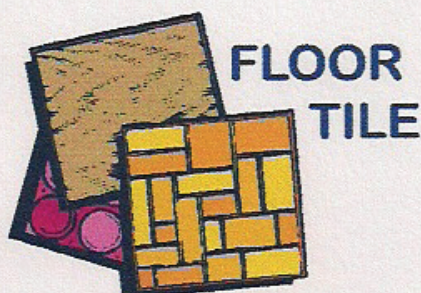
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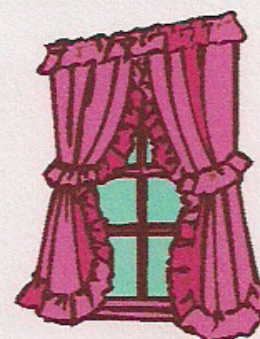
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Legislature alcohol tax dampens gains elsewhere

By RACHEL BERNSTEIN
THE DAILY RECORD NEWSWIRE

BALTIMORE, MD -- While the 2011 legislative session brought gains to the winery and restaurant industries, it also served up a 50 percent increase in alcohol taxes in the closing moments.

"It's a sad commentary for how the business community is viewed by the legislature," said Jack Milani, legislative director for the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association.

Milani said he doesn't know how he's going to handle the tax increase when it hits his bar and restaurant, Monaghan's Pub in Gwynn Oak.

But Vincent DeMarco, president of

the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, was pleased about the increase.

DeMarco has been gunning for a dime-a-drink excise tax since last year, but he said the 3 percent increase was still historic.

"It's a tremendous public health victory for Maryland," DeMarco said.

Beer and wine excise taxes — beer at 9 cents per gallon and wine for 40 cents — were last raised in 1972. The liquor tax was last changed in 1955, when it was raised to \$1.50 per gallon.

The tax on liquor, beer and wine will jump from 6 percent to 9 percent, starting July 1. Senate Bill 994 was amended Saturday to do away with the increase over a three-year period. The

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Alcohol Tax

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bill will channel \$15 million of revenue from the first year to programs for the developmentally disabled.

The second bill, House Bill 1213, gives \$47.5 million of the \$85 million projected to be generated by the tax in its first year to school construction.

In the first year, the tax will also provide \$5 million for those on a Developmental Disabilities Administration waiting list. That amount will increase to \$10 million next year and \$15 million the year after that.

Laura Howell, executive director for the Maryland Association of Community Services, said the money will help hundreds of people considered a "crisis" case on the waiting list for employment help and residential services. About 5,300 people in Maryland are on the waiting list.

"It doesn't meet all the needs of the people on the list," Howell said. "But the developmental disabilities community across the state was just thrilled to see the General Assembly bill pass."

Not only will the tax hurt restaurants that are already struggling to make a profit in a sluggish economy, but the change in tax would require businesses to spend more money to update their point-of-service systems, said Melvin R. Thompson, senior vice president of government affairs and public policy

for the Restaurant Association of Maryland.

But not all was lost for restaurants and wineries. The legislature also passed a bill to make it legal to bring dogs to restaurants with outdoor dining space. The bill goes into effect July 1.

Del. Dan K. Morhaim, D-Baltimore County, who sponsored the legislation, said he believes it will provide a financial boost for restaurants and bars heading into the outdoor dining season.

"This promotes economic development and costs nothing," he said. "It's a small thing, but it all helps when you're a business owner."

Wineries were also finally given the OK to ship wine to consumers. For a \$200 licensing fee, wineries would be able to send their products to Maryland wine drinkers who may not want to travel miles for their favorite bottle.

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Multi-agencies evaluate evacuating student workforce

OCEAN CITY – At the height of Ocean City's summer season thousands of young adults, many of whom are international students, work at the shops, hotels and restaurants.

Nearly all rely on public transportation for day-to-day travel. How to safely evacuate and shelter this large segment of Ocean City's seasonal population in an emergency situation was the focus of a training exercise held last week in Ocean City.

Representatives of various agencies gathered at the Ocean City Convention Center to work through a scenario of evacuating these students and transporting them to safe shelter in advance of a hurricane.

Joining staff from the Ocean City Emergency Management Department,

Ocean City Fire Department, Convention Center, Transportation Division and Chamber of Commerce Seasonal Workforce Committee, were representatives from Maryland's Departments of Human Resources, Transportation and Emergency Management, Worcester and Wicomico county agencies, the American Red Cross and Perdue Stadium, the latter of which would be a staging area for students evacuated from Ocean City.

"This exercise follows one we did last year to address this segment of our seasonal population," said Joe Theobald, Ocean City emergency management director. "Working with multiple agencies across multiple jurisdictions, the exercise provides us with the opportunity to better coordinate response in an emergency."

Public Radio Delmarva dials a name change

SALISBURY – Public Radio Delmarva ceased to exist on March 14, but in name only.

Public Radio Delmarva became Delmarva Public Radio, a small, but significant name change, according to general manager Gerry Weston.

"Many listeners already call us Delmarva Public Radio," Weston said. "It flows better and makes more sense. We're excited about this very logical, and smart, new name."

The change will include new identifiers for WSCL, Classical 89.5-FM, and WSDL, NPR News Talk 90.7-FM. A new logo has also been developed.

WSCL and WSDL comprise Delmarva Public Radio. They are located on the campus of Salisbury University. Classical 89.5, WSCL, features NPR news and classical music. NPR News Talk 90.7, WSDL, is an all news and information format. Both are owned by the Salisbury University Foundation Inc.

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BUSINESS

BAYSIDE

TaDa Home reflects style and design approach

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — It was no accident that sisters Blair Parsons and Brooke Falck kept brown paper over the windows as they prepared to open TaDa Home. Not only did the sisters have a particular kind of anticipation to live up to, they also had confidence the store would exceed expectations. Pulling the paper down created a literal TaDa effect as what was until recently an empty storefront was transformed into a brightly colored home decor store.

TaDa Home is an expansion, of sorts of TaDa, the parent store across the street in style and attitude if not exactly in mission. While TaDa still offers the unique gifts, jewelry and accessories their customers have come to expect, TaDa Home takes the same aesthetic that made the name famous and expands upon it in home decor.

The idea for the shop came

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from the sisters' wish to increase their participation in their father Stephen's battle with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) a terminal neurodegenerative disease. When he was diagnosed two years ago, the family started a foundation in support of MSA research.

"His attitude is incredible," Parsons said. "Doing restoration has given him a creative outlet."

Stephen's furniture restoration work is among the featured items at TaDa Home, which devotes a portion of the sales of all items to MSA research.

While Falck and Parsons select the colors and designs, oftentimes with help from their mother, TaDa owner Patti, Stephen executes the plan, restoring and repainting the pieces to their specifications. Sometimes as an added bonus Patti, an artist with work hanging in both stores, will provide additional design work.

In addition to home decor, TaDa Home carries upscale jellies, jams and marinades in what could be called the foodie section of the store. In addition to the edibles, there are books on everything epicurean, from how to grow the food to how to prepare and present it.

TaDa Home appears to have taken the view there's no point



Sisters Blair Parsons and Brooke Falck opened TaDa Home together putting a home decor spin on TaDa's jewelry and gift sensibilities.

in doing something if you don't do it in style because the shop is nothing if not chic. Although they're adding stock every day, TaDa Home has already amassed an eclectic collection of new and antique items.

"We find good pieces of furniture and just make them pretty again," Falck said. "We kind of try to have a vision for what we can do."

Falck is the store's artistic eye. She's responsible for selecting much of the hand-painted items, including plates, servers and glasses. While she's mum on where she makes the finds, she said it's important to TaDa Home's aesthetic that they meet certain criteria.

Repurposing items that would be or have been discarded is important to the entire family.

But as important, regulars at the original TaDa have come to expect not only a certain level of quality but also that the purchases they make there are distinctive.

There has been a bit of a buzz since the sisters announced their intention to open, mostly people anxious to see what they'll have to offer in the expanded home decor space.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Finance

Taking money out of retirement plan... it depends.

I'm often asked when someone can take money from their qualified retirement plan. My answer usually is, "that depends."



By Chip Gordy

Withdrawing funds from a tax-deferred retirement account (IRA, 401K, etc) before the age of 59 1/2 generally triggers a 10 percent federal income tax penalty and all the money taken out is also subject to ordinary income tax.

There are, however, certain situations in which you can take early withdrawals from a retirement account and avoid the tax penalty.

Employer-sponsored plan withdraw exceptions:

-- The death of the plan owner. Upon your death, your designated beneficiaries may begin taking distributions from your account.

-- If you receive a series of substantially equal payments over your life expectancy, or the combined life expectancies of you and your beneficiary, you may take payments over a period of five years or until you reach age 59 1/2 whichever is longer.

-- Separation of service from your employer. Payments must be made annually over your life expectancy or the joint life

expectancies of you and your beneficiary.

-- Attainment of age 55. The payment is made to you upon separation of service from your employer and the separation occurred during or after the calendar year in which you reached the age of 55.

-- Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO). The payment is made to an alternate payee under a QDRO (usually seen in cases of divorce).

-- Medical care. You can withdraw the amount allowable as a medical expense deduction.

-- To reduce excess contributions. Withdrawals can be made if you or your employer contributed over the allowable amount.

-- To reduce excess elective deferrals. Withdrawals can be made if you elected to defer an amount over the allowable limit.

IRA withdrawal exceptions:

-- The death of the IRA owner. Upon your demise, your designated beneficiaries can start taking distributions from your account.

-- Qualified higher-education expenses for you and/or your dependents.

-- Part of a substantially equal periodic payment (SEPP) plan. If you receive a series of substantially equal payments over your life expectancy, or the combined life expectancies of you and your beneficiary, you may take payments over a period of five years or until you reach age 59 1/2, whichever is

longer. Any change in the payment schedule after you begin distributions may subject you to paying the 10 percent tax penalty.

-- Disability. Under certain conditions, you may begin to withdraw funds if you are disabled.

-- Unreimbursed medical expenses. You can withdraw the amount you paid for unreimbursed medical expenses in excess of 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income for the year of the distribution.

-- First home purchase, up to \$10,000 (lifetime limit).

-- Medical insurance. If you lost your job or are receiving unemployment benefits, you may withdraw money to pay for health insurance.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

JOINS AGH STAFF

John D'Ambrosio, M.D., who will be working as an eCare Telemedicine Provider at Atlantic General Hospital, completed his internship and residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Stratford, New Jersey and his fellowship at Cooper University in Camden, N.J.

Dr. D'Ambrosio is board certified in internal medicine and emergency medicine.

COPENHAVER EARNS HONOR

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced that Peter Copenhaver, branch vice president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Ocean City (104th Street), was recently awarded the President's Council award.

This honor recognizes managers who demonstrate exemplary leadership and management skills. Copenhaver was one of 146 managers recognized nationwide in the 650-office NRT network.

"Pete has demonstrated a persistent commitment to real estate and to his office's sales team during this past year and in previous years," said Dean Cottrill, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Greater Baltimore. "I am extremely proud of Peter for attaining this exceptional honor and look forward to another year of his continued success."

SHAMROCK TOP AGENTS

Shamrock Realty Group named Jack Tellman as top sales agent and Julie Sadler as top listing agent for February. Sadler, a veteran at Shamrock Realty Group, has consistently been a top performer. Tellman has been with Shamrock Realty Group since December 2007 and continues to be a top performer.

TOP PRODUCER

Linda Moran, a Realtor with Prudential

Carruthers Realtors in the Ocean City West office, has earned top producer status for January and February. She also earned top sales status in December and January and was the top listing agent for January.

Burgess joins shamrock

Shamrock Realty Group Inc. announced that Mary Burgess has joined its office at the Grays Corner Professional Center in Berlin. Burgess brings with her 15 years of real estate sales experience, including the past eight years in the Ocean City and lower Delaware vicinity.

She is a past president of the Women's Council of Realtors Coastal Delmarva chapter and has earned the title of Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI), a nationally recognized professional real estate designation.

RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

Marlene Ott of RE/MAX Premier Properties in Ocean Pines was recently recognized for 30 Years of service with RE/MAX. She received congratulations from the RE/MAX Headquarters in Denver, Colo.

Ott focuses on senior's real estate and residential sales in the Berlin, Ocean Pines and surrounding areas. In addition to being recognized as one of the top 1 percent of the agents in the country, she is an associate broker, has the CRS designation and is a past-president and current member of the Women's Council of Realtors.

BUSINESSES SUPPORT WARRIORS

A group of businessmen and women who live and work on the Eastern Shore of Maryland recently made a \$4,245 contribution to the Warrior Foundation. Donating companies and individuals included Marshall Real Estate Auctions and Allen-Marshall

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The mission of the foundation is to provide an all-expenses paid college or vocational scholarship to the surviving children of fallen special operations personnel and provide to wounded special operators' families \$2,000 overnight so they can get to the bedside of their loved one.

THRIFT SHOP OPENS

Coastal Hospice announces the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Thrift Shop on April 5 in the Berlin Shopping Center. The Thrift Shop will offer modern treasures and

solid values on clothing, books, house wares and other items.

The shop will generate funds to support a planned Hospice House in Berlin and help to increase community awareness of the hospice philosophy, provide volunteer opportunities and offer customers good value and a pleasant shopping experience.

The shop is located in the Berlin Shopping Center on Route 50. Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 10-4 p.m. on Saturdays. For information about volunteering or donating items, contact Thrift Shop Manager Kaye Hearn at 410-641-1132.

Berlin Gets 3.5 Million in Grants and Loans for Wastewater

By TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN —Ratepayers and environmental advocates alike will be pleased at the announcement on Wednesday that the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development program will provide \$3.5 million in grants and loans for the town's wastewater treatment plant upgrade. The announcement was made by U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin (both D-MD) as part of the USDA's week-long Earth Day celebration.

The funding — divided into a \$2,462,000 loan and \$1,037,350 grant — will be used to make crucial upgrades to Berlin's existing wastewater treatment facility. It is part of a long-term plan that will move the town completely away from point discharge into Hudson Branch and to spray irrigation discharge only. Hudson Branch is the most polluted stream section in the coastal bays watershed.

"We are absolutely delighted to have received this second phase financing," Mayor Gee Williams said. He added that it was particularly satisfying to be the only project in Maryland to receive funding in this round of USDA federal disbursements.

The \$3.5 million is expected to cover all of phase two of the three-phase

project estimated to cost \$24 million. The first phase was the treatment plant upgrade, which has a \$16 million price tag. Williams said this funding will be used to purchase land for the spray sight in Newark as well as to develop the infrastructure to run between the current spray sight and the new one.

Williams said there was significant savings in expanding the existing infrastructure rather than running pipes directly from the plant.

Phase three, which includes providing a pump system for the new spray site and adding a lagoon to hold wastewater on days when spraying isn't an option is expected to cost \$5 million, but history suggests funding will become available.

The town staff has been praised by Williams in the past for its work in making sure that all requests regarding grants and loans were responded to completely and accurately as well as quickly, which worked to the town's advantage. Williams said the grants and loans came in just as they were needed.

"It keeps us right on schedule," he said. "Timing is everything."

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SCHOOLS

BAYSIDE

Wor-wic experience unleashes quest for knowledge

New Path for 2011 Portz Award Winner

By TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES — When Dan Norris closed his retail framing shop in West Ocean City, he was a little at a loss for what to do with the second half of his life. Eventually he decided to begin taking classes at Wor-Wic Community College to at least begin to get a sense of what career paths were available to him.

"I was really just throwing darts at a dart board," he said. "I was looking for another direction."

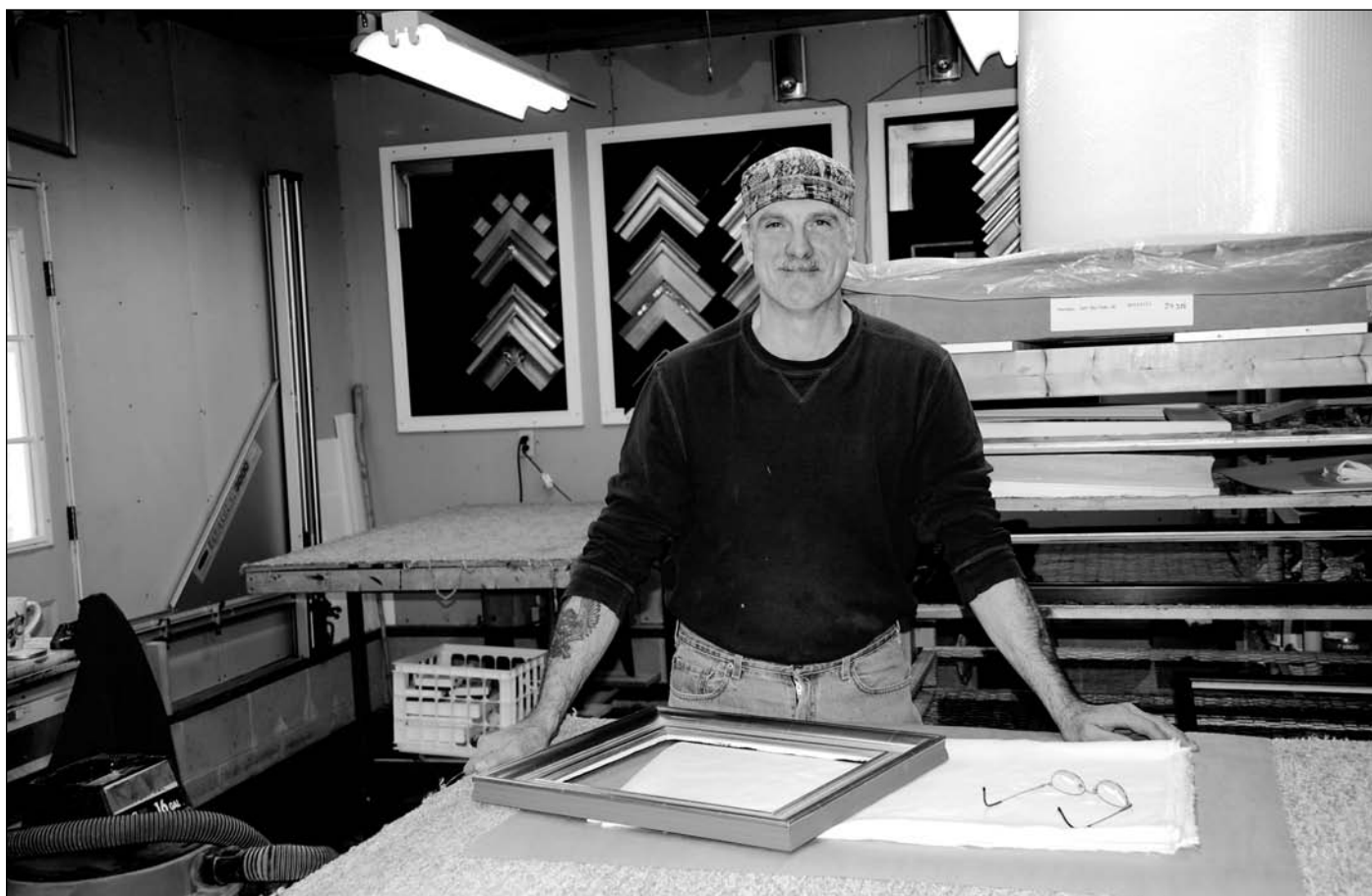
As it happened, his hard work and disposition caught a professor's attention and Norris was recommended to the honors program at Wor-Wic. Since then he's taken the opportunity for all it was worth, throwing himself into academia in a way he thought wasn't even possible at a community college.

In Norris' pre-registration perspective, Wor-Wic was mainly a less expensive choice for getting the requisite courses he'd have to pay more for at Salisbury University, where he intends to take his bachelor's degree. While he was aware of the college's higher-profile programs for the health care and hospitality industries, he was pleasantly surprised at the academic opportunities and rigor available to general studies students.

"I don't think they get enough credit [at Wor-Wic] for what they do academically," he said. "I've never really written before I got into this, I had no idea that I was interested in writing."

As a member of the honors program he was challenged in a way that caught his imagination as well as catered to his newly developed sense of the relationship between the amount of work he was willing to do and the intellectual distance he could cover with his professors' help.

It isn't as if Norris didn't respect his professors going in, but that his attitude



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines resident Dan Norris presented a paper at the Maryland Collegiate Honors Council conference where he was selected as the 2011 winner of the Portz award for an outstanding honors student at a two-year college in Maryland.

about small community colleges was in line with what many of us tend to believe — that the professors, like the students, are making their bones there before moving to larger institutions. What he discovered instead was a number of professionals for whom teaching at a community college was a vocation, and teaching so close to the beach was a significant perk.

Not one to waste such an opportunity, Norris threw himself at his studies, eventually presenting a research paper at Maryland Collegiate Honors Council conference where he was selected as the 2011 winner of the Portz award for an outstanding honors student at a two-year college in Maryland.

Two annual awards, one for a community college student and one for a four-year college student, were endowed by Dr. John Portz, former director of

the honors program at the University of Maryland College Park, to honor the achievements of honors students in Maryland.

While he was personally honored to be selected for the award, Norris said that it was as much because of his professors giving him the direction and the opportunity to see the fruit of hard work that he was able to become the eighth Wor-Wic student to win the award since 2000. Norris said Wor-Wic's success isn't just a matter of luck, it is the direct result of a staff that demands students work at their potential.

He said that about half of the students in the honors program are, like him, non-traditional students. It's the euphemistic way of saying that these students are older than the average college student, often, like Norris, looking to start new careers but just as often retirees just

keeping their minds fresh or exploring subjects they didn't in their youth.

He said the combination of traditional and non-traditional students makes the process more invigorating for everyone since it keeps the conversations and the perspectives fresh. During class discussions and the discussions that often spill out into the hall and coffee shop after class, Norris might get the perspectives of 18-year-old traditional students and non-traditionals just returned from Iraq.

This mix of students with such a variety of experience and world views helps keep Norris' perspective fresh and open as well. Like so many other people, Norris has already gone through the trail of recognizing he has to find something new to do with his life. It's given him both the courage to recognize that in his next career, he'll have to find a balance

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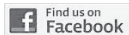
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Norris

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between doing what he loves to do and earning a living.

For now, Norris expects that when he enters Salisbury University he will do so as an English major but has no illusions about supporting himself on writing alone.

"I've done enough that I know that you have to make a living too," he said. "I'm not predicting anything."

But with the support of his wife, Mirna, Norris continues to do custom framing on a smaller scale than before to help out a little financially while trying to make his way around the world of letters.

"I've never really written before I got into this," he said. "I had no idea that I was interested in writing."

No matter the destination at which he finally arrives, Norris will do so with the confidence that he was well prepared for his undertaking right from the start.

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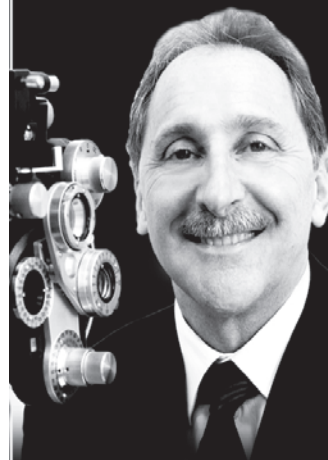
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By **TONY RUSSO**
STAFF WRITER

BISHOPVILLE — Saving another person's life is something people often put above all else in the world of good deeds, but is also something about which they can have a mistaken first impression. Lifesavers in our minds tend to rise to the occasion using quick thinking and well-developed skills. In the most memorable stories, these people often make the ultimate sacrifice for strangers, making a statement about the depth with which they value all human life that resonates well beyond their actions. It is the attitude of the hero that lasts well beyond the actions.

The person who saved Allan Hooper's life also saved or improved the lives of a dozen or so other lives when his own tragically ended, and it's a lesson Hooper feels it is not only his mission to emulate but to share at every opportunity.

Hooper was fighting what he thought was the worst cold he'd had in a long while. For more than three weeks, he battled flu-like symptoms including extreme fatigue. But when he found himself unable to get up for work one morning, he decided to go to the hospital.

He'd spent the previous day on the



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

After nearly a decade of rehab and operations, Bishopville resident Allan Hooper has returned to full health thanks to a heart transplant.

beach, where he'd toted his surfboard and cooler down to the water but found himself unable to do much besides sit in the sand and watch his children play. Hooper, who at six-feet tall, 185 pounds, had been a high school athlete and still participated in demanding athletics beyond surfing, always prided himself on his physical condition.

Looking back on the ordeal, He admits to not having been a very good patient. Because of his good physical condition, he had difficulty believing when the doctors told him his heart was swollen and barely pumping any blood through

his system. He was further incredulous when told that he should place his name on the list to receive a heart transplant.

"The doctors knew what was best for me and they made it happen," he said. "If they'd listened to me I'd be dead right now."

Hooper recalls watching the doctors gathered around an X-ray conversing in hushed tones and thinking how unfortunate the patient was only to discover it was his X-ray they were viewing. Still, at first he fought the notion he should go on the transplant list, believing he could rehab successfully.

And then he had his first stroke.

It was the first night in the hospital, after he'd pushed the staff to get him his stress tests and do the other diagnostics that would have allowed him to go home in short order. He lost his ability to speak and motor control of his right side about the waist for some time.

Hooper's condition went from serious to dire pretty quickly and stayed there for years. He was fitted with a pacemaker and eventually with an artificial heart. The heart was actually a five-pound pump installed near his stomach. A literal plug protruded from his body to a nearby computer, which needed to be on at all times.

Before he could leave the hospital, he needed to learn how to run the pump manually in case the travel batteries and electricity failed so he could hand-pump his own heart. His children had to learn how to use the device as well.

The new heart enabled Hooper, who'd since lost 75 pounds, to begin an exercise routine aimed at making his body healthy enough to accept another heart. He returned to a relatively normal life, hiding the battery pack and computer in a backpack and living his life in excess of his doctors' wishes. It was the only time disregarding his medical orders actually improved his condition.

Since Hooper had stocked up on batteries, he was able to take extended trips and was riding the roller coaster at Kings Dominion with his children when he got the call saying a donor had been found. It was his good fortune that it took him so long to rush to Johns Hopkins that a flaw in the donor heart was discovered. The doctors decided

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FITNESS ADVICE

Consistency is key to success with exercise



By David & Lisa Long

Improvements and changes occur when action is taken and continued. Strive for consistency. Stopping and starting all the

time kills the momentum you need to succeed. Consistent, moderate exercise has far better results than a once-a-month hammer fest where you try to make up for the missed workouts. Eating healthy daily will have far better

results than "yo-yo" diets.

There are certain things that rise to the surface when it comes to staying consistent. Staying motivated, boredom and expectations are some of those things. A few things to ponder:

1. Stick to the "Perfect Plan"

You can try, but nobody and nothing is perfect. You may miss a workout once in a while. Life happens, priorities shift. Do not let once in a while last a week, but don't sweat a day or two. Sometimes a day off is exactly what your body needs to recover and rejuvenate.

2. I just can't make it to the gym.

Lame excuse. We do not live in Antarctica, in fact with spring right around the corner there are numerous things to do outside that clears your mind and keeps your body strong.

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Perhaps, but don't quit if you do not look exactly how you envisioned yourself after a few weeks. We all live in different bodies that react very differently to everything. Be real with yourself; your activities and food will definitely coincide with how you look and feel.

4. Exhausted, overwhelmed, just not feeling it – Get up and do something!

Unless you're sick or hurt, be fully

committed to just getting through. Get up and move, even if it's not your best effort, you tried. Once it's over you will definitely be happy with yourself for giving it what you could. Movement is good.

There are so many ways to stay healthy, find something you enjoy and do it. Don't stop there, continue the journey and enjoy.

"Men are born to succeed, not fail."

-Henry David Thoreau

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Any problems with the joints can also be checked through the x-ray and manual manipulation. As with any other joints of the body, the TMJ can become arthritic. Most patients are not aware of this and let pain and soreness in the jaw go untreated. This pain and soreness could also be related to other issues such as possibility of precancer areas or ill fitting dentures.

During these annual visits the dentures are also inspected thoroughly and are cleaned professionally at the office. Their fit and comfort along with how they look is also determined and addressed. Simple repairs may also be done at the office, for an additional charge. The proper care of dentures at home is also reviewed. Many edentulous patients are unaware of the proper care techniques at home. Should you leave them in or take them out every night? This and any other questions are discussed.

There are technological cancer screening tests available to aid in early detection of breast, prostate and also oral cancers. The use of mammography aids in breast cancer detection, PSA levels are evaluated for prostate cancer. There are some widely known aids in detecting oral cancer; ViziLite and Velscope.

A little know fact is that oral cancer is one of the most curable diseases when it's caught early. When oral cancer is found in its early stages the treatment is simpler, less invasive and over 90% successful! Having said this, do you know that 1 American dies every hour from oral cancer? It is imperative to have a routine dental examination even if you wear complete dentures!

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Organ Donor

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Hooper was too healthy for the heart they'd selected for him and called off the procedure. It was only one in several episodes wherein Hooper got the call but for one reason or another not the heart.

The donor from whom he eventually did receive the heart was a full donor, meaning that he had given orders that every useful organ — eyes, kidneys, liver, heart, etc. — should be harvested for transplant. For Hooper the procedure was, as always, a little dicey. He went under anesthesia not knowing if he'd wake up or not and if he did, there was no guarantee that he'd awake with a new heart. When he did it was a glorious experience.

Hooper's story is both common and rare -- common in that transplant success is improving every day and rare in that donors are always difficult

to find. Because of taboos or lack of awareness, too few people designate themselves organ donors, a trend Natalie Benavides, executive director at Donate Life Maryland and her staff constantly fight against.

"The main problem is that people who wish to donate don't have the discussion with their families," she said.

While being an organ donor only requires ticking a box on the driving license application, it is also critical that people who wish to be donors tell their families very explicitly their wishes.

"Families need to be freed up to grieve their loss, which is why it's so important to make your wishes known to your family," Benavides said.

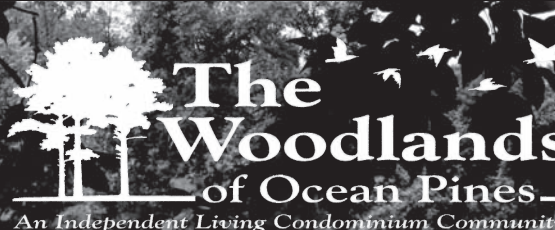
While it's much less spectacular than running into a burning building or swimming out to help someone who is drowning, organ donation is identical

to saving someone's life. It is at least as heroic if in your last moments you can restore someone's sight or extend their time with their families.

Hooper has come to know his donor's family and said they appreciate knowing that their loved one's tragedy saved so many lives. Seeing the number, not only of lives, but of families who were spared the pain of loss through this gift has made the decedent's life that much more important and their death that much easier to bear.

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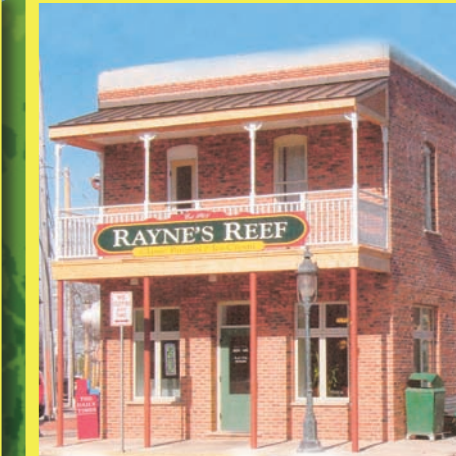
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EDITORIAL

Elections Board should weigh voter convenience

The Worcester County Board of Elections was told last year by the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department that it would have to find a new polling place for 2012. As the board continued its investigation into a new venue, voter concern swelled to the point that the board felt it necessary to try to clear the air at this week's commissioners' meeting.

From the board's perspective, it does not seem too unreasonable to acknowledge that it is easier to do a more effective job by selecting a place that is open to the notion of them being there, rather than hostile about being put out.

To be clear, the OPVFD is not in the wrong here. The department has accommodated the process as best as it was able, addressing most of the issues the board presented. It is just that the only concession the board wishes is one the department is unable to make — access to the building the day beforehand.

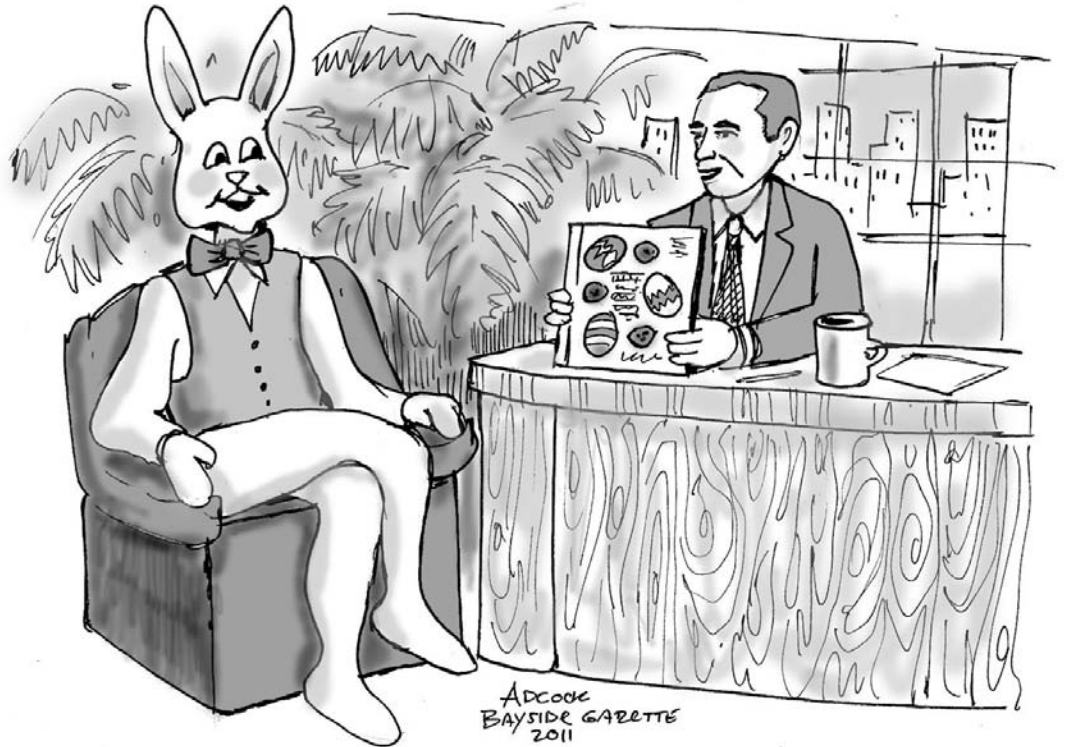
There are two incompatible rules that neither side is willing to rewrite or ignore at this point. The board's rules require that it set up the night before the elections. The OPVFD rules require that it not leave equipment out overnight.

Given that, it's critical that the board leave both of those concerns out and come down on the side of voter convenience, which ought to supersede the rules of both sides. Whether it does or not remains to be seen.

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LETTERS EDITOR

Opposes shifting polling place

Editor,

I live in and vote in Ocean Pines and I vote in the 5th Election District of Worcester County.

I was surprised to read Mr. Beatty's letter (Bayside Gazette, 4/14/11, page 26) informing us that Ms. Kay Hickman (president of the Worcester County Board of Election) wants to move my polling place from the 5th District (Ocean Pines Fire Department) into the 6th District. I had always assumed it is the practice of voters to vote in the district in which they live.

Most of my neighbors are senior citizens. Some no longer drive. Traveling to District 6 will be difficult. Some may not vote. Ocean Pines was very proud that, in the last presidential election, 75 percent of our voters voted. A move to District 6 will certainly lower our voting rate.

Ms. Hickman should be thinking of how she could encourage our citizens to vote,

not how she might discourage them from voting.

I am very worried about this threat to our democratic process, which may cause many voters to lose confidence in the Board of Elections.

Joseph T. Marsden
Ocean Pines

"Maryland's Obnoxious Legislature"

Editor,

In just a few short years, current Annapolis politicians have given us a sales tax increase, a personal income tax hike, predatory gambling and NOW a 3 percent tax increase in the alcohol tax. To add insult, they are not even using this projected new income to balance the state budget, reduce state debt or return the dollars proportionately to the counties. They are spending it.

This new tax can only further damage Worcester County where supermarkets, retailers and restaurants are closing, where jobs are lost and tax-free

Delaware is just minutes away.

Please take the time to contact the governor and beg (or demand) that he not sign this new legislation. He can be reached through the online email form at www.governor.maryland.gov or by phone at 410-974-3901 or 800-811-8336.

Proponents say they have not had a tax increase in X number of years. The TRUTH is that with a percentage tax, they get more dollars every time prices go up. Where or when will this end?

John Fager
Bishopville

Sheriff Mason announces promotions

New steps taken to ensure safety

An open letter to residents:

I have been in office as your sheriff for three months. As your sheriff, I ride our county roads every day and sometimes at night. One day a week, when possible, I leave the office

An Open Letter

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and patrol the County the entire day, always looking at ways to better serve and make you safe.

In December 2010, I was sworn in as your sheriff. I immediately appointed my Chief Deputy J. Dale Smack and Operations Officer Colonel Doug Dods, two outstanding individuals and leaders.

I then met with my command staff about promotions in our agency. Promotions can be very difficult when you have so many good deputies and very few openings. I am blessed to have outstanding employees sworn and civilian.

In January, two sergeants were promoted to lieutenant, Lt. Andy McGee and Lt. Eddy Schreier. With these promotions, I am able to have someone in command until 3 a.m. in the morning and sometimes later.

Previously, when command staff went off duty at 5 p.m. to speak with command you had to wait until the next morning. With the opening of slots at Ocean Downs, a commander is to maintain the impact it has on our county and see if we need to address any issues.

Detective Sgt. Nate Passwaters was promoted. He is in charge of the Criminal Enforcement Team (narcotics, tobacco, high profile criminals). Team members are the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, ATF, Feds, Virginia State Police, Accomack County Sheriff's Office and just recently the Ocean City Police Department and the Maryland State Police have also joined with us.

Having these agencies all working together to cross state lines and throughout our county targeting drug dealers is outstanding. Many arrests have been made and more will come.

Promoted to sergeant, Matt Crisafulli is our Dare Deputy assigned to our schools to teach the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and bullying of other students. More programs are being looked at by our School Resource deputies, as we are reaching out to our students to be more productive in school and be model students.

Three deputies were promoted to corporal: Cpl. Katie Edgar, who now is in charge of our K-9 program, Cpl. Bethany Ramey, who is a member of our CET and Cpl. Lisa Maurer who is part of our Civil Division, as well as our agency quartermaster. All of these promotions will better serve the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and our County. Later this year more promotions are expected.

With retirements this past year, I have hired four new trainee/deputy sheriffs, two from Pocomoke, one from Snow Hill and one from Somerset County and they will graduate in June from the Police Academy. I want to give our young people the opportunity to begin their career with the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and hopefully

they will end their career with us.

With retirements and the new positions, this is a savings in our budget. A new policy that I have enacted is that anyone I hire fulltime residing outside of Worcester County has one year to relocate here in order to have a take home vehicle.

I have hired a retired Worcester County Sheriff captain part-time to manage our evidence room. This position was being held by a full-time lieutenant. This is another huge savings in our budget and frees up time for the full-time lieutenant to handle other duties.

I have hired a retired detective/Maryland state trooper to work in the child advocacy center on crimes that are committed on our children. This detective worked many years in this field and we are very fortunate to have him on board. This position is funded by a grant and will cover costs of salary, vehicle and equipment.

I have assigned two part time deputies to our sex offender program. We have reached a high of 84 and that figure is going to increase with new laws coming in effect. We constantly monitor these individuals where they live and their work place.

More bars and stores will be checked throughout our county to make sure they are not selling alcohol or tobacco to minors. I expect businesses to train their employees to look for false IDs.

At one time, we provided court security for only two courts; today we provide coverage for seven courts, plus our Government Center. The part-timers handling these duties do an outstanding job.

We recently met with the county on our budget for 2011-2012. We have been told not to ask for any additional money in the new budget. We will honor that request and our budget committee has shuffled money around in accounts to cover other accounts.

Using our part-time deputies in different roles and reassignments of full-time deputies makes our agency better. I will continue to look at ways to make our county a safer place.

Meetings are being set up throughout the County for County Residents to come and voice their concerns.

Please be a voice for your community. If you see any suspicious activity, give us a call. Be involved for a safer county.

Our agency honored retired Sheriff Charles T. Martin recently at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City. Many of his relatives, friends and Law Enforcement attended this event to honor Sheriff Martin for 16 years of outstanding service to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and our residents. We will certainly miss him.

Thank You,
Reggie T. Mason
Sheriff of Worcester County

Berlin Chamber awards building contract

BERLIN--The Chamber of Commerce has selected Lifestyle Builders to do the renovations on its new building at 14 S. Main St., in downtown Berlin and expects to move into its new location by June 1.

The building will also be home to the town Visitors and Heritage Centers and its back portion will house artist studios where local artists may lease space.

The artist studio will be "The Artists Studio at the Old Post Office," keeping in mind the history of the building, which was originally built by the U.S. Government in the 1950s as the Berlin Post office.

The chamber is accepting applications from artists who want to lease studio space and artists who are interested can contact the chamber for more

information.

The chamber was able to obtain the building through the Town of Berlin with grants from the Heritage Foundation and the state of Maryland. The chamber will begin a capital campaign later this year to help pay off the remaining mortgage and renovation costs.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to have a permanent home for the Chamber," said Tanja Giles, president of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. "It is a bonus that this project will also allow us to bring together the business, art and historical communities while enhancing our retail district for visitors to our town."

The chamber plans to celebrate the move with an open house in late June.

Working Artist Studio Space available in New Visitors Center

BERLIN—With the Chamber of Commerce not that far away from having its new office in the Arts and Entertainment District, the call has been issued to artists who might want to take advantage of the studio space it will offer there as well.

The chamber has available for rent six artist stalls that are approximately 10 x 10 with lockable gable doors. Artists will be able to create and sell their art from their stall tax-free and will have a separate rear entrance and access to their stalls at all hours.

Artists will be able to operate and sell work from their stalls during regular business hours. There will also be a small display area in the front visitor center that any artist may take advantage of, at no additional rental cost, though a commission of 30 percent will be taken for works sold by staff in this area.

Rent will be \$350 per stall for a one-year lease, plus a percentage of utilities.

Artists will also be required to have a business license.

Artists interested in renting space should mail a completed application along with an artist biography, five pictures of original art work and a non-refundable \$25 application fee made payable to Berlin Chamber of Commerce. Applications will not be processed without filing fee.

Once all applications have been received, a committee may take up to one week to review them. A confirmation email will be sent by the Chamber.

The deadline for applying is May 15 and applications should be sent to Berlin Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 212, Berlin MD 21811.

Applications are available at www.BerlinChamber.org or may be picked-up at the Berlin Chamber of Commerce office at 103 N. Main Street in Berlin. More information is available by calling 410-641-4775.

Worcester Prep presents Community Service Award to local couple

BERLIN – In the 41-year history of Worcester Preparatory School, the school has presented only three Community Service Awards to individuals for extraordinary contributions to the school community or the community at large.

In 1986, Ben Nelson was a recipient for his four decades of service to the youth soccer programs in our region. In 1997 Dr. Doran Christenson, dean of the School of Education at Salisbury State University was presented one for his work in promoting adult literacy throughout the region. In 2001, Dr. Vance Prewitt was a recipient for his extraordinary video documents of school events.

Worcester's fourth Community Service Award was presented Saturday, Feb. 26, to Stephanie and Brian Lewis, who have

enhanced their musical and dramatic experiences of students through their set creations and props they have provided.

As Dr. Barry W. Tull, headmaster said when awarding the Lewis' with a plaque, "For those of us who have been at the school for a long time, it is hard to remember a play or musical production in the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools that did not have Stephanie and Brian's handprint on it. They have given thousands of hours of service to Worcester Preparatory School and its students."

The Lewis' are parents to two current Worcester Prep students and two Worcester alumni. Stephanie is a graduate of Worcester Prep and performed in many of the school's productions while she was in school.

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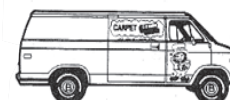
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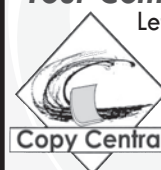
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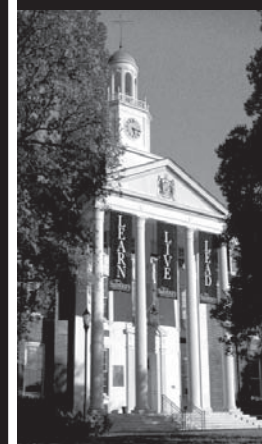
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Little league opening day

Help build a new field house

By TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — When the town's iconic fire company needed to accommodate the demands of growth, members not only raised money to expand the firehouse, they also called upon the skills of

residents and members alike to make sure construction costs didn't bury the non-profit's project in financial obligation.

At opening day ceremonies this weekend, Nornie Bunting, president of the Berlin Little League, decided to borrow a page from their playbook when he called upon town residents and league registrants alike to volunteer their skills as well as donate money for the construction of a new field house.

The league, Bunting said, was expecting bids on the building design directly, which

will be costly to start. And although they're willing to raise as much money as it takes, Bunting said he hoped the design and materials contractors and skilled workman from the area would get in touch with the league and commit their talents as a way of keeping manpower costs in check.

"We want to build this as independently as possible," he said.

Bunting introduced the notion of having the community pitch in not

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Shorebirds Hammered by G'Boro

**15-5 in four-game
series finale**

SALISBURY - The Greensboro Grasshoppers hit four home runs en route to a 15-5 victory over the Delmarva Shorebirds in the series finale on Monday afternoon at NewBridge Bank Park. The Shorebirds and Grasshoppers split the four-game series.

For a fourth consecutive game, the Shorebirds plated the first run. Trent Mummey walked on four pitches to open the game. Then, Jonathan Schoop belted his second home run of the season well beyond the left field wall. Kieron Pope hit a single through the left side of the infield. Kipp Schutz reached second and Pope advanced to third on a throwing error by second baseman Noah Perio. Then, Justin Dalles lined a two-run single towards the warning track in right field to give Delmarva a 4-0 lead.

The Grasshoppers had an immediate response in the bottom of the first. Joe Bonadonna hit a leadoff single. After a single by Isaac Galloway, a groundout by Christian Yelich brought in the first run. Then, Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run homer to left field.

The Grasshoppers grabbed the lead with three more runs in the second. With score tied at 4-4, Christian Yelich hit a two-run homer to right field to give the 'Hoppers a 6-4 advantage. The Grasshoppers would not relinquish the lead.

Greensboro plated three more runs in the fifth, two more in the seventh and four more in the eighth inning. Ozuna hit his second homer of the game in the seventh inning and Isaac Galloway hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning.

The Shorebirds scored only one more run after the first inning. In the third, Kipp Schutz hit a one out triple



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Little League Drives for Field House

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only monetarily but with their hands as well after introducing last year's Eastern Divisional Champion Berlin Little League All Star Team. He said this team, along with past teams that have had similar accomplishments and civic leaders who have a place on the league's wall of fame, would be honored with a shrine in a section of the new building.

The league also unveiled an artist's rendering of the proposed building.

The need for a field house goes beyond a will to better recognize and accommodate local participants. It is the centerpiece of a league plan to attempt to entice more and larger tournaments to Berlin.

Because of the current field house's insufficient service, storage and restroom facilities Berlin is ineligible to hold regional and state tournaments. Prestige aside, potentially becoming host of any of the tournaments would be a welcome economic boost to the town as well as to the league.

League vice-president of operations, Eric Snelsire, said that since acknowledging community demand and lowering the sign-up age for tee ball to include four-year-olds the number of tee ball teams doubled and brought total Berlin Little League membership to more than 350 kids.

In celebrating last year's All Star Team, one of the repeating themes was the support the team received from residents

who no longer have children playing in the league as well as those who've never participated at all. Baseball has always been an important part of the town's identity and history and getting residents excited for the traveling team and All Star Team events has never been much of a chore.

By putting the call for help as well as for funding to the whole town, the Berlin Little League is tapping into a community tradition that goes even deeper than baseball. They are reviving the notion of a community that can and does take care of its own as much to maintain its self sufficiency as to deepen its well earned pride and thoroughly tested bonds.

Shorebirds

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off the center field wall. Mike Flacco brought home Schutz with a grounder to first.

Both starters factored into the decision. Greensboro right-hander Kyle Winters earned the win in five innings. Shorebirds right-hander Luis Noel was pinned with the loss in five innings.

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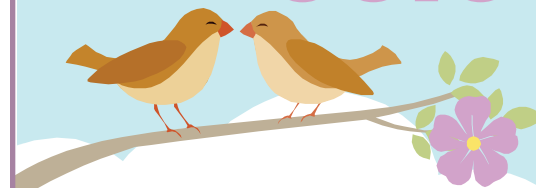
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On April 29, the nationally renowned traveling act, Inflatamaniacs, will be present to entertain fans. The Inflatamaniacs have four characters that act out skits and interact with fans.

The Shorebirds will celebrate Sherman's birthday on Friday, May 27 with Mascot Mania. There will be a meet and greet in the Executive Club with the Oriole Bird, the official mascot of the Baltimore Orioles and Poe, the official mascot of the Baltimore Ravens.

Other mascots that are expected to attend include: Harry the Hawk from UMES, Sammy the Sea Gull from Salisbury University, Ferris from the Aberdeen Ironbirds and Louie from the Bowie BaySox.

On June 3, the Shorebirds will welcome Miss USA International pageant winner Casandra Tressler for a special meet and greet. Tressler represented the United States in the Miss USA International competition in China last year. Tressler, originally from Damascus, Md., won the Miss Maryland pageant in 2008 and represented the state in the Miss USA

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Dora the Explorer will make a special appearance at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium on Sunday, July 17. Children will have the opportunity to pose for pictures with the cartoon character before the game as part of a meet and greet in the Executive Club.

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The Shorebirds open the 2011 season with a special exhibition game against Salisbury University on April 5. The South Atlantic League portion of the schedule begins on April 7 against the Greensboro Grasshoppers at Perdue Stadium.

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Tips for Tots Designed for Worcester Parents of Babies

A One-Stop Event that Offers Answers, Activities, Games and Fun

NEWARK – The Worcester County Public School system is planning an educational baby shower of sorts, with its “Tips for Tots” instructional program next week.

“When you buy a product, you get instructions for its use and care,” said Judy Rutkiewicz, coordinator of Instruction for Early Childhood for Worcester County Public Schools. “When you get a new job, you get a job description and goal targets. When you have a baby, however, you get congratulations, but no instructions!”

The Tips for Tots event will give Worcester County parents of newborns up to three years of age those instructions. The free event will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to noon at Worcester Technical High School.

Childcare will be provided for children ages 4 to 9, while tots from newborns up to age 3, will participate in the event with their parents. Complimentary snacks will be available, along with opportunities to win door prizes and to visit an petting zoo.

“Tips for Tots is designed to be like an educational baby shower,” said Rutkiewicz. “The only difference is that the ultimate gift will be one of knowledge – the instruction book that all parents wish they had been given – early on.” More than 25 vendors will be present, ready to provide parents with a wealth of information and to answer their questions. Here is a sampling of some possible questions:

-- What if I am struggling financially to provide my baby with what he needs? (Worcester County Youth and Family Counseling and PNC Bank can help guide parents.)

-- What immunizations are required and which are optional? Are immunizations safe? (The Worcester County Health Department and Pediatrician Dr. Pescucci will be present to address all questions and concerns about immunizations.)

-- What are the do's and don'ts of infant car seats? Is my car seat set up properly? (The Maryland State Police will inspect your car seat and will answer all your car safety questions.)

-- How can I help my baby have good, strong teeth? When does my baby have to get his first dental checkup? What if I can't afford it? (Worcester County Dental Clinic and the Eastern Shore Oral Health organizations will answer these questions.)

-- What activities can I do with my baby to help make her ready for learning?

Does reading to my baby really matter? (Vendors such as the Discovery Center, Children's Book Garden, Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-School Youth (HIPPY) and Blooming Baby Playroom will be on-hand to share strategies for school readiness.)

--When should I treat my baby's sickness on my own – at home and when should I seek help from a doctor? What are the signs that a doctor is needed? (Pediatrician Dr. Pescucci and Healthy Families Lower Shore will be at the event to provide this kind of information.)

Door prizes will include gift cards from Babies-R-Us, Children's Place and Food Lion, as well as books, CDs, baby supplies and a booster seat. Attendees must register, receive a door prize ticket and be present at the time of the drawing to win.

“I think parents will appreciate the one-stop opportunity to have a variety of questions answered,” said Superintendent Dr. Jon Andes. “This event is an outreach initiative that serves to help meet the needs of our parents and children.”

To attend the event, Worcester County parents must register. They may call 410-632-5046 or email drclark@mail.worcester.k12.md.us to register.



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BAYSIDE

Mary Surratt's history may be in movie

Ocean Pines man knows well tale of his ancestor

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES — For a time it was one of the most famous photos in the country. Four people— three men and one woman — hanging in a courtyard, their faces obscured by the white hoods of the condemned, while the crowd turned and left the scene of the execution.

The four were executed as conspirators in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. It is historically significant because the woman, Mary Surratt, was the first woman put to death by the United States federal government.

Although the photo and the story appeared in many history books, for most people, it was just another photo and fact along with thousands of others that came and went in history class at school.

But Bill Walsh, an Ocean Pines resident, very clearly remembers that particular photo from his history books as well as any other. He also remembers telling his teacher that Surratt, who throughout history has been both vilified and praised, was his great-great-great grandmother.

"It was one part of history I was very familiar with," Walsh said. "One of those family stories that everybody knows a little about. You always hear the stories



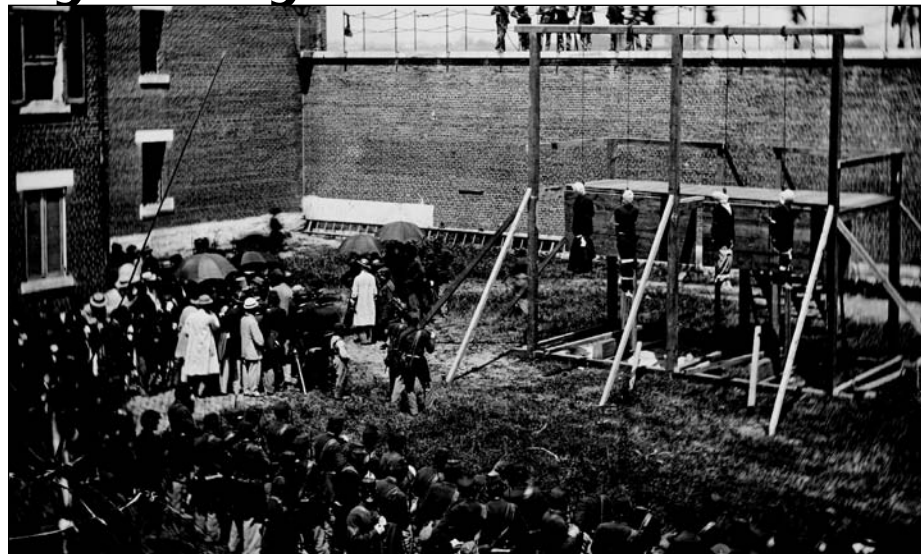
growing up."

While many people know scant details about their ancestors, few have relatives who were notorious in their day and even fewer have the opportunity to check the facts against both the history books and popular culture.

Last week a movie tracking the trial and execution of Surratt, called "The Conspirator" and directed by Robert Redford, opened nationwide.

While Walsh hasn't made it to see the film, reports from family members are mixed. It isn't that anyone particularly disliked the film but there were, as Walsh has heard, a number of historical inaccuracies involving Anna Surratt, his grandmother's grandmother.

While it isn't quite a slight, it is important to note that not only is Walsh's



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family familiar with their own lore, but are in possession of most of Surratt's effects. The pendant Surratt wears in the movie, for example, is actually a rosary — religious prayer beads — still in possession of one of Walsh's aunts.

"A lot of families scatter by the third generation or so," Walsh said. "Ours has a pretty narrow stream."

Until Walsh's grandmother — Mary Walsh — had 13 children, the Surratt line was limited to one or two children per generation, meaning that everyone stayed both geographically and relationally close.

Mary knew her grandmother and so heard firsthand accounts regarding the aftermath of Surratt's execution. She was a major donor to the Ford's Theater collection, providing a number

of significant pieces belonging to Surratt for historical purposes.

"If you go to Ford's Theater you'll see the plaque," Walsh said.

Walsh said that when Surratt's body was handed over for burial, she was to be buried with her fellow conspirators in unmarked graves. It is a point of family pride that Anna instead bought up a number of plots for herself in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington, D.C. and eventually successfully petitioned the government for her mother's remains and had her mother buried in the spot reserved for herself.

Other family members are also buried in the area but as part of the deal the seven plots surrounding Anna's may not be used.

Shakespeare's Twelfth Night could be on beach many nights

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN CITY — After having a significant amount of success producing plays both in New York and in Berlin, the Brown Box Theatre Company's next production will take the area's beaches and parks as well as its schools as their next venue. In what is hoped will be the inaugural season of Free Shakespeare at the Beach, conceived as Shakespeare-in-the-park-type performances, the troupe will put on Twelfth Night at locations all around Worcester County this fall.

"The productions [we've been doing in Berlin] have been non-traditional plays in traditional spaces," said director and Brown Box Theatre Company founding member Kyler Taustin. "Twelfth Night just seemed like a great play to be doing at home."

For those unfamiliar with the play, it's a mistaken identity comedy that opens

with a shipwreck survivor emerging from the surf onto the beach. There are obviously a number of natural backgrounds suited to the production locally but Taustin said growing the audience has as much to do with the selection as the area's natural settings.

The Ocean Pines Beach Club and Sunset Park in Ocean City as well as Historic St. Martins in Berlin are among the expected venues so far slated for the free public performances.

As excited as he and the rest of the company are about the outdoor performances, the anticipation of performing in the schools is equally exciting as well as a bit of an honor. Taking the play off the page or the screen and giving many of the area's youth their first taste of Shakespeare performed live and professionally can help to bring an important dimension to one of literature's greatest icons.

While the last few productions have been aimed at a smaller theater crowd, Twelfth Night is more accessible and appropriate for general audiences. Moreover, the production will fill a void in the local professional performing arts. While there's no lack of music, the number of professionally produced plays in the area is proportionately scarce.

If their recent theater productions have been aimed at establishing that there is an audience for smaller, less traditional dramatic theater in the area, this newest endeavor is aimed at demonstrating that there is a market for free outdoor plays of this kind.

As much to test the waters as to solicit support, the company will host a free night of theater 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at Ember's Restaurant on 24th Street.

The evening will include scenes and monologues from Twelfth Night and other plays to give people not only a

sense of the caliber of performances they can expect but also to begin to stir excitement for the entire project.

The master plan would be to establish a permanent presence in the area making the Brown Box Theatre Company a part of the area's cultural capital. For example, one of the ways the company hopes to garner support is through what Taustin called the Adopt an Actor project. The idea is to select an actor and help with both living arrangements as well as getting them acclimated to the area.

Taustin said the company is soliciting corporate sponsorships but also hopes people who attend will be willing to make donations to the cause. The company will have resources available for credit card donations and will also be able to provide more information on the Adopt an Actor Project. Although none is required, people who plan to go may RSVP to contact@brownboxtheatre.org.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON IN MAY

OCEAN CITY – The Women's Club of Ocean Pines will hold "A Touch of Class" Fashion Show and Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City.

This event will feature food, music, vendors, raffles, door prizes and spring fashions featured by the Dress Barn in West Ocean City and the Perfect Dress in Salisbury. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the scholarship and community donations program.

Tickets are \$30 per person. For reservations, mail checks to WCOP, 21 Easton Ave., Ocean Pines MD 21811. For information, call Joan Gentile at 443-465-2400. For reservations, contact Donna Potenza at 410-641-8046.

PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Worcester County Recreation & Parks (WCRP) received a Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) Agency Showcase award for "Best Photography" on Thursday, April 14.

The winning photograph was taken during the 2010 summer camp tennis program held at John Walter Smith Park in Snow Hill. The photo illustrates the joy of a young camper as she prepares to serve a tennis ball.

The annual MRPA Agency Showcase gives Maryland Recreation and Parks agencies the opportunity to show their talent, share ideas and recognize the best marketing and promotions materials in the state.

WCRP received the award in the category of an agency with a population between 30,000 and 100,000 people. For more information about the summer lineup of WCRP camps and programs, call the Worcester County Recreation Center at 410-632-2144.

KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS

If there's a season, there's a reason for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City to hold a fundraiser in support of their programs to "Serve the Children of the World."

The Annual Italian Dinner was held at DeNovo's Trattoria in Ocean Pines on Sunday April 10. Bob and Kelli Beck and their family own and operate DeNovo's and have been recognized as "Honorary Kiwanians" for their

support and helping to raise funds for scholarships for local high school senior students. The Italian Dinner was co-chaired by Charlotte Cathell and Ralph Chinn.

Kiwanis raffle

Look for the bright red 2011 Mustang Convertible on the Ocean City boardwalk. The Kiwanis Club is selling raffle tickets for the car starting at Springfest on May 5 and ending the last day of Sunfest in September. The proceeds for the car raffle go to scholarships for local students.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP

The Worcester County Arts Council is accepting applications for the annual Summer Arts Camp for children to be held June 20 through June 24 at Berlin Intermediate School. This camp is designed for students entering 3rd through 8th grades in fall 2011 and last year over 130 children attended.

Twelve art workshops are offered, including sessions in visual arts, music, and dance classes. The instructors are professional teachers and artists and many have been teaching at our summer arts camp for years.

The cost is \$75 for the week-long camp, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Members of the Arts Council receive 10 percent discount when registering.

Camp registration forms are available at the Arts Council's website at www.worcester-countyartscouncil.org or picked up at the Arts Council's office located at 6 Jefferson Street in downtown Berlin. Call 410-641-0809 for more information.

NURSING INFO

The public is invited to attend a free nursing information night on Tuesday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m., in Room 103 AB of the Workforce Development Center at Wor-Wic Community College on the corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

Faculty will provide information about the practical nursing and associate degree nursing programs, including admission requirements and student schedules.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call the Wor-Wic nursing department at (410) 572-8700.

AGH May Calendar

Monday May 02
Hypertension Clinic 10 a.m. - noon
Apple Drugs, Berlin
Free blood pressure screening and health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

Hypertension Clinic 1 - 3 p.m.
Walgreen's, Berlin
Free blood pressure screening and health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

St Paul's Diabetes Support Group 6 - 7 p.m.

St Paul's Methodist Church
For more information call Darby Schaub 410-641-9703.

T.O.P.S. of Berlin - group #169 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style. They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

Tuesday May 03
Hypertension Clinic 10 a.m. - noon
Rite Aid, Selbyville, Delaware

Free blood pressure screening and health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

Hypertension Clinic 1 - 3 p.m.
Happy Harry's, Clarksville, Delaware
Free blood pressure screening and health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

Smoking Cessation noon - 1 p.m.
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1

12 - week smoking cessation class sponsored by Worcester County Health Department. For more information call 410-632-0056 or

LindaG@dnhmh.state.md.us
NAMI Connections Recovery Support Group 7 - 8 p.m.
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1

NAMI Connections Recovery Support Group offers a casual, relaxed approach to share the challenges and successes of coping with any diagnosis (depression, ADHD, PTSD, OCD, Anxiety, Panic Attacks, etc.) and their symptoms. Groups are geared to help you learn how to cope with every day stressors and setbacks. For more information call 443-523-2153 or

NAMIMDL@gmail.com

YOGA 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

James G. Barrett Medical Office
Building, Rotunda

All levels welcome. Contact Georgette Rhoads at 410-641-9734 or grhoads@atlanticgeneral.org with any questions. Cost: \$72 for 8 sessions, or \$10 drop-in fee for first time.

Wednesday May 04

Hypertension Clinic 10 a.m. - noon
Rite Aid, Berlin

Free blood pressure screening and health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

Hypertension Clinic 1 - 3 p.m.
Rite Aid, Ocean Pines

Free blood pressure screening and health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

Ocean Pines Diabetes Support Group 7 - 8 p.m.

Ocean Pines Community Center
For more information, contact Ellen Lurz at 443-814-5450 or elurz52@mchsi.com

Monday May 09

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Wednesday May 11

AARP Health Fair 7a.m. - 12p.m.
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, Ocean City, Maryland

Various health screenings and health information will be offered throughout the morning. Cholesterol, glucose and PSA blood work will be drawn from 7am to 11am, a 12-hour fast is required. Roland E. Power Convention Center, 41st Street in Ocean City, Maryland. For more information, contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

Thursday May 12
Celiac Support Group 7 - 8 p.m.
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1

Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. For more information contact Betty Bellarin - 410-603-0210.

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Monday, May 16

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Tuesday May 17

Hypertension Clinic 10 a.m. - noon

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S.O.S. Survivors of Suicide Support Group 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1

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Survivors of Suicide Support Groups are not for those who have been or are currently suicidal. For more information, please call 443 235 9493.

YOGA 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

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Wednesday May 18

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WCDC Greenhouse Welcomes Spring

NEWARK – Spring activities are in full swing at the Worcester County Developmental Center (WCDC), where 13 clients employed in the greenhouse spend their days tending to various herbs and vegetables under the watchful eyes of their two instructors.

Each morning, the clients check on the plants and make sure each has enough water and is at a comfortable growing temperature.

On Mondays, new batches of microgreens are planted while others are trimmed. Each client takes turns learning how to do each step, including filling trays with soil, planting seeds, watering plants and harvesting. In addition to microgreens, WCDC clients are also growing basil, tomatoes, cauliflower and loose-leaf lettuce.

The greenhouse is not the only place WCDC's springtime activities can be found. WCDC also boasts a talented lawn crew that travels in the community to mow lawns, trim shrubs, clean up branches and rake leaves.

Examples of the lawn crew's hard work can be found in Snow Hill and Berlin at WCDC's residential homes. Their services are also available to the



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Worcester County Development center clients work to make sure each plant is well cared for in the spacious greenhouse.

community.

In celebration of Earth Day, all of WCDC's staff and clients are making an effort to recycle and become "greener." Recycling bins can be found throughout the building. The greenhouse is also recycling large aluminum cans from the kitchen by growing plants in them. Seven clients from WCDC also took part in cleaning up the flowerbeds at the Salisbury zoo on Saturday, April 9.

Since 1971, WCDC has been a

champion for adults with developmental disabilities, helping them become active, independent members of their communities.

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97 Dinner table command, with "up"

99 Above

101 "I don't mean to sound bitter, cold or cruel, but I am ____": Bill Hicks

109 Fool's deck

110 Fashionable '70s dress

111 Breastbones
- 112 Saint's place

116 Essentials

119 Con Ed, e.g.: Abbr.

120 "I have the heart of a small boy. It ____": Stephen King

124 Classic role-playing game, for short

125 Dairy mascot

126 Slate, for one

127 Fooled

128 Out-line?

129 Perform à la Shakespeare

130 Place for military supplies

131 Mayo container?
- 15 Czech neighbors

16 Liza Minnelli, for one

17 First pope to be called "the Great"

18 "Love ____ leave ..."

24 Like Inspector Clouseau

25 Superlative prefix

26 Inside look?

31 Roger of "Cheers"

32 Pierre is there: Abbr.

34 Scottish psychiatrist R. D.

37 Squirt, e.g.

38 '13 grad in '11, e.g.

39 Biblical patriarch "righteous in this generation"

40 Decorative kit

41 Become a traitor

45 Glutton

46 Wet lowland

47 ____ Minor

48 Wettish

50 Crocus or freesia, botanically

51 Chinese gang

53 Eugene O'Neill's "____ Christie"

54 Palindromic time

57 Battle of the Atlantic vessel

59 Start of a fitness motto

60 Spot

61 Fruit that grows in a cluster

62 Cries of pain

64 Bugs Bunny's girlfriend

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- 65 The Phantom of the Opera
- 69 Taunt
- 70 A law ____ itself
- 71 Venus and others
- 72 Grand slam, e.g.
- 73 Whence Venus?
- 74 When said three times, "Of course, obviously!"
- 78 Record stat
- 79 Sleep precursor
- 80 Gets charged up?
- 81 Really liking
- 82 "Quit your crying"
- 83 It's assumed
- 84 Nile menace, informally
- 85 Vegas attraction
- 90 Cashpoints
- 91 Vintner Claude
- 94 Doesn't cut
- 95 Empty pretense
- 96 Garage opener?
- 98 F-15, e.g.
- 100 Ann Landers or Ayn Rand: Abbr.
- 102 Drove (along)
- 103 French walled city on the English Channel
- 104 Something that can't be patented
- 105 Like stadium seating
- 106 Daniel of Nicaragua
- 107 Simultaneity
- 108 Admonish, as a child
- 112 Aspect
- 113 Org. for part-time soldiers
- 114 Colada fruit
- 115 Latin 101 verb
- 117 What you might do after retiring
- 118 Fabric scrap, say
- 121 Family girl
- 122 6 letters
- 123 Thus far



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MEDIUM - 11

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.

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The answers to last week's puzzles

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Ocean City Municipal Airport, presented by Ocean City Aviation Assoc. Four sessions, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. \$10 per person. To register: 410-641-6888.

FOOD DRIVE
Curves of Berlin, 13th Annual Food Drive. \$30 donation or equivalent donation for Curves reusable grocery bag. For more information: 410-641-0509.

CRAFT SHOP
Saturdays & Sundays.
Pine’eer Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by the members.

NETWORKING
Every Thursday.
The Early Birds, 7:30 a.m. TC Diner, West Ocean City. Free. Reservations required, 410-600-5320.

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

STORY TIME AT THE ZOO
Every Tuesday
Salisbury Zoo, for children 3-5 years old. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Story and craft project. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 410-546-3440 for more information.

STORY TIME
Tuesdays - Berlin
Wednesdays – Ocean City
Thursdays – Ocean Pines
Library, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. A different theme each week. For ages 2-5.

BABY PLAYTIME
Tuesdays – Ocean Pines
Thursdays – Ocean City
Fridays - Berlin
Library, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. For children 0-5.

KIWANAS CLUB
Every Wednesday
Meeting at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for 3rd Wednesday which meets at Halls Restaurant. 7:45 a.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

HOUSE RAFFLE
Til Labor Day
Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department annual fundraiser. Win a new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Limited tickets will be sold - \$100 each. Call 410-641-8272. Drawing will be on Labor Day.

BINGO
Fridays
Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. Doors open 6 p.m. Games begin 7 p.m. 410-524-7994.

BREAKFAST
Sundays
Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. 9 a.m. to noon. \$8 per person, \$4 children. 410-524-7994.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturdays
VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City. 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person.

BEACH SINGLES
Thursdays
45 plus Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. For more information, 302-436-9577.

SUICIDE PREVENTION COMEDY
Seacrets, Morley Hall, Ocean City. Last comic standing, begins 6:45 p.m. Door prizes, music, auction, 50/50. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Must be 21 to attend. All proceeds benefit the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program. 443-373-9024 for more info.

MINI GOLF TOURNEY
Old Pro Golf, to benefit Diakonia. 6:30 p.m. registration, 7 p.m. shotgun start. Light refreshments, prizes. \$80 per team, \$20 individual. See any Bank of Ocean City employee to register.

FIRST LADIES BANQUET
DelMarVa Republican Women awards dinner, Carousel Hotel, Ocean City. \$30 per person. Call 410-677-0754 by April 21 for reservations.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH
GALA BY THE SEA
Clarion Resort, Believe in Tomorrow, House by the Sea fundraiser. Dinner, live music, auction items. \$65 per person, \$125 per couple. Reservations, 410-723-2842.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH
BOARDWALKIN FOR PETS
Ocean City Boardwalk, 9 a.m. to noon. Refreshments, prizes and contests. To benefit the Worcester County Humane Society.

CHICKEN DINNER
Knights of Columbus, St. Luke’s Church, 4

p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Chicken Cacciatore dinner. \$10 per person. Reservations, 410-524-7994.

FARM DAY
Upper Room Studio sheep shearing. 8525 Logtown Rd., Berlin. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Educational and fun demonstrations including blacksmithing, rug hooking and more. Music. 443-373-3115 for more info.

HALF-MARATHON & 5K RACE
Race begins at the inlet on the Boardwalk and finished at Assateague State Park with a 5K and 13 mile route. Benefits Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. Runners pledge to raise \$250 or more. \$50 per person half marathon; \$18 per person for 5K. 410-641-4598 for more info.

DANCING UNDER THE STARS
Merry Sherwood Plantation, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. 5-9 p.m. Live jazz band, dance instruction, wine, beer, food.

MINI-GOLF TOURNEY
Old Pro Golf, 68th St., Ocean City. Pink-Putt-Putt fundraiser for Women Supporting Women. Trophies, prizes, raffles, bake sale. \$20 per person, register by March 30. Call 410-641-2849 to register.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
OC Jamboree, West Ocean City, featuring Moe Bandy. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Reservations are required. \$35 per person. For info: 410-213-7581.

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST
BREAKFAST
Community Church at Ocean Pines, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$6 per person. Proceeds benefit Volunteers in Missions.

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH
PRAYER BREAKFAST
Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, doors open 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. \$20 per person. For more information, contact Bonnie Luna, 410-749-1633.

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH
CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT
Part of Dover Days, a full-scale encampment will be staged off Court St., Dover. Event is free to the public. Encampment will begin Friday evening and continue through Sunday morning. For more information call 800-233-5368.

RELAY FOR LIFE PARTY
Frontier Campground, West Ocean City, 6 p.m. Fun for one and all. For more information call 410-430-8131.

MUSICAL COMEDY
The Versakats present ‘South of South Pacific’, Carousel Hotel, Ocean City. \$35 per person for dinner and show. Friday and Saturday, dinner 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Come dressed in your favorite island attire. Reservations: 410726-1234 or 410-250-4689.

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH
NATIVE PLANT FESTIVAL
Golden Quarter Farm, Rt. 376, featuring native flowering plants, trees, shrubs, herbs and heirloom tomato plants. Art & crafts. Show opens at 8 a.m. 410-629-1538 for more info.

JAZZ & BLUES BASH
Downtown Berlin, noon to 8 p.m. Music and dancing in the streets all day long. Free. Art show and children’s events.

WALK FOR ANIMALS
The Mid-Shore Animal League 12th annual Walk for the Animals, rain or shine. Start at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michael’s. Registration 8 a.m. Donations to walk. Parade of pets 9 a.m. Vendors, refreshments, music, contests and prizes. 410-886-2090 for more info.

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH
FASHION SHOW
Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, sponsored by the Women’s Club of Ocean Pines. Fashions, food, music, vendors, raffles featuring fashions by Dress Barn and Perfect Dress. Proceeds to benefit scholarship program. \$30 per person. 410-641-8046 for reservations.

SPRING FLING
Ocean Pines Boat Club, Gold Sands, Ocean City. Dinner dance, music by Bob Hughes. Seating is limited to 100 attendees. Call for reservations, 410-641-5280

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH
POKER RUN
FOP Berlin to benefit the Home of the Brave, Berlin. Registration, Ocean City Public Safety Building, 65th St., 10:30 a.m. The run winds through Worcester and Sussex Counties for approx. 70 miles. \$20 per person. Cash prizes, raffles, after-party at Hooters, 123rd St., Ocean City.

CAR SHOW
Fulton Center, Snow Hill, hosted by the Worcester County Commission on Aging. Registration day of event 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. \$12 per vehicle. Trophies awarded 3 p.m. Free photo plaque for first 100 entrants. 410-251-0385 for more info.

SNAP SHOTS



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BBO – Danny Morris, Bob Croll, and Pat Townsend at last week’s Pork in the Park Barbecue Festival. In their first year of competition, the Station 7 Smoke Eaters, placed 28th in the pulled pork category out of 92 teams.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CHAMPS – Members of last year’s Berlin Little League All Star Team at the Opening Day Ceremony. The team was honored for reaching the divisional round.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LITTLE LEAGUE – Shorebirds Assistant General Manager Jimmy Sweet and Sherman the Shorebird presented Berlin Little League officials Nornie Bunting and Eric Snelsire a check for \$1,000 in support of their field house fund drive.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FUNDRAISER – Lary and Joan Muschiatti of Ocean Pines enjoyed food and wine at an outdoor table during this week’s AGH Junior Auxiliary Group fundraiser at Costa Ventosa in Whaleyville.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FUNDRAISER – Lindsey George of West Ocean City, and Nettie and Ari Hantske of Berlin came out last week in support of the AGH Junior Auxiliary Group’s wine tasting and fund raiser in Whaleyville.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FUNDRAISER – AGH Junior Auxiliary Group members Beth Riley and Ellen Abbott flank Costa Ventosa owner Kathryn Danko-Lord during the JAG scholarship benefit held at the winery this week.

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60th St. & the bay, Ocean City
410-524-5500
FRIDAY – Still Counting/Johnny Mojo/DJ Hook
SATURDAY – the Loop/Opposite Directions

GALAXY 66

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

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12 Broad St. Berlin
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SATURDAY – lower case blues
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SATURDAY – Electric Company

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West Ocean City
THURSDAY – Opposite Directions
FRIDAY – DJ Billy T
SATURDAY - Under The Outhouse
SUNDAY – Opposite Directions
MONDAY – DJ Billy T
TUESDAY – John LaMere
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SATURDAY – Patrick McAllorum



lower case blues @ The Globe



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SATURDAY – DJ Obb/Mars Behind Venus



Opposite Directions @ Harborside

SEACRETS

49th & the Bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900
THURSDAY – DJ Wax
FRIDAY – Element K/Big Bang Baby
SATURDAY – John McNutt/Johnny Bling/Nameless Few

STEER INN

Rt. 589 – Racetrack Rd.
410-208-1900
FRIDAY – Tranzfusion
SATURDAY – Randy Lee Ashcraft & The Saltwater Cowboys
WEDNESDAY – Hey Mick Karaoke

SUBMARINA

Sunset Ave. – West OC
410-213-2888
THURSDAY – John LaMere
FRIDAY – Troy Mawyer

SUNSET MARINA

Sunset Ave. West OC
410-213-8110
FRIDAY – Opposite Directions
SATURDAY – Doug Segree

YACHT CLUB

Yacht Club Dr. - Ocean Pines
410-641-7501
FRIDAY – Tommy Edward

MARYLAND LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS
WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011

Midday			Evening		Daily	
Date	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4	Bonus Match 5	Bonus
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04/14/11	487	1598	099	2834	05 11 24 30 32	19
04/15/11	798	0743	687	7215	05 27 30 31 39	08
04/16/11	443	0852	587	5424	09 16 20 28 38	29

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ACT Native and Heirloom Plant Festival set for May 7

Seeks exhibitors To offer wares At its festival

BERLIN – Assateague Coastal Trust (ACT) has begun plans for the 12th annual Native and Heirloom Plant Festival, to be held on Saturday, May 7 and is welcoming local artists and craftspeople to exhibit their work.

Any artist or craftsman interested in participating can learn more about the event by calling 410-629-1538. The work is accepted after artists submit photos by e-mail, with preference given to those that best exemplify the festival's theme, using native plants and preserving heirloom varieties to enhance natural habitat and environmental sustainability.

"Garden and nature focused crafts

have become an important part of the Festival," said Kathy Phillips, ACT executive director. "In past years we have hosted stained glass artists, papermakers, sculptors, woodworkers, glassblowers and jewelry makers and many have chosen to come back year after year."

There is no exhibitor fee to the event, which is held on the grounds of the Golden Quarter Farm, on Route 376 (the Assateague Road) about four miles east of Berlin.

It is visited by hundreds of gardeners who purchase native flowering plants, tree, shrubs, herbs and heirloom tomato plants. Participating artists show work that either reflects the visitors' interest in nature and gardening or uses natural materials in its creation.

"We started featuring heirloom tomatoes just a year ago," said Festival

volunteer Kim Fehrer, "and the interest was beyond anything we anticipated. The result was an increase in attendance and in plant sales and we're doubling the number of tomato plants available this year, plus adding many new species of flowering perennials."

Arts and crafts inspired by nature complement the plant sale and the other activities scheduled for the festival. Vendors exhibit in a shaded grove adjacent to the late 18th century home on the banks of Ayers Creek. The festival begins at 8 a.m. and runs through mid-afternoon.

"Gardeners like to get their plants early and get them into the ground that day," Fehrer said.

Plant lists and ordering information for the annual plant sale will be available at www.atforbays.org in March.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE

Raccoon stew? Smoked trout is much better

Another week is passing, leaving us seven days older and as many wiser. As for the former, there is little denying that age is an unwanted side-effect of life, but the wiser part is certainly debatable.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC, PC III

As I travel through this business of education, it amazes me that an old dog can learn new tricks as I do simply by keeping my eyes, ears and mind open. Learning from my students, one of my favorite lines, especially prior to my first cup of coffee, is something to the effect of, "Chef, wouldn't it make more sense to do it like this [with student demonstrating some hitherto undiscovered technique]?"

If they are right, we then adopt this new Newton-level skill set and add it to our repertoire.

Ingredients are also vital to comprehend when cooking, and nowhere was this more evident than at my weekend work in Alexandria. Known for our high-end edibles, this past weekend was an eye-opener for me, as we cooked a banquet for 65 people in true-blue American fashion.

On the menu was a smoked trout salad, innocuous enough, as was the roasted elk loin with maple sweet mashed potatoes. If you have eaten beef tenderloin and bison tenderloin, suffice to say that you have eaten elk tenderloin, the latter being just a touch richer.

No, the course that really set this dinner apart was the appetizer, braised raccoon stew with snapping turtle sausage. And as Lady Fortuna would have it, I was in charge of the stew. It goes without saying that I spent a portion of the day doing everything I could to get rid of the raccoon taste.

A handful of pearl onions and chanterelles, a significant splash of burgundy and some TLC brought the whole mess together, and as the 'coon stew was served, we were pleased at the accomplishment.

We live, we learn and we ponder whether raccoon is making a resurgence onto the American menu. I don't think so, although I do hear that muskrat is fun to work with. We live, we learn.

SMOKED TROUT SALAD

serves 6
2 ea. smoked trout
4 c. Frisee greens, washed
6 ea. Icebox crackers
Fennel-Horseradish Dressing
Macerated Currants
1 ea. Diced Granny Smith apple

Candied nuts
Pickled Onions
Toss all of the ingredients in a bowl and serve

SMOKED TROUT

2 ea. whole trout
1/2 g. water
1/2 lb. salt
2 oz. brown sugar
1 Tbsp. fresh thyme
1 Tbsp. Fresh oregano
Combine everything except for the trout and combine until salt and sugar are dissolved.

Brine the trout for four hours, and then remove, rinse and pat dry.

Place in the refrigerator uncovered overnight. This creates a sticky surface called a pellicle, and it is a crucial part of proper smoking.

Hot smoke at around 200F for about an hour or so, or until the flesh is firm. See previous articles on proper setups for smoking.

ICEBOX CRACKER

1 c. AP Flour
1 c. bleu cheese
1 stick butter
S&P to taste

In a food processor, combine all ingredients and pulse to bring the dough together.

Once all of the larger pieces have been broken down, turn on high and allow to combine, looking for two stages.

The first stage is when the dough will resemble cornmeal. You may be tempted to add some water, but hold off.

The second stage occurs when the flour hydrates and the dough starts coming together. It will get moist and lumpy and will be of a good enough consistency to allow you to press it together.

Roll out a 24-inch strip of plastic wrap and dump the dough on the wrap.

Press it into a log and shape it however you like. Squeeze definitively and seal well with the plastic.

Place in the refrigerator for at least an hour, and when ready to use, simply slice off crackers and bake in a 400F oven until golden brown. They will crisp as they cool down.

MACERATED CURRANTS

Dried currants, as needed
Berry liqueur, as needed
Gently heat the liqueur and pour over the currants, allowing them to plump and soften. Give this about an hour.

FENNEL-HORSERADISH CREAM

1 head fennel, cut into chunks



1/2 c. pickled horseradish
1 c. sour cream
1 c. heavy cream, or to taste
S&P to taste

Combine the first three ingredients in a Vitamix or other powerful blender until very smooth.

Add the cream, salt and pepper and combine until well-blended consistency. If you don't want to mess with this, simply omit the heavy cream, which will make it a lighter dressing anyways!

PICKLED ONIONS

1 ea. Red onion, finely julienne
Fine red wine vinegar to cover
S&P to taste
Sugar to taste

There are two ways to accomplish this salad, with the first being the crispest and most suitable for summer.

The first way is to combine all ingredients cool or cold and allow to steep in the refrigerator for at least five hours.

The second method is to bring all of the ingredients except for the onions to a boil in a pan and then pour them over the onions.

Then cool in the refrigerator for at least three hours. This second method will cook the onions a touch, so this is really a personal preference.

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Susan G. Komen Grant for clinical research to cancer center

SALISBURY--The Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute at Peninsula Regional Medical Center has received a 2011-2012 CRAFT (Clinical Research Affiliate Funded Trials) grant from the Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a global organization dedicated to finding a cure for breast cancer.

One of only five recipients of a CRAFT grant in the state of Maryland, the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute has been awarded the \$74,956 to assist with clinical trial outreach efforts for breast cancer patients on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This is the second consecutive year the Komen CRAFT grant has been awarded to Peninsula Regional.

Sandra Heineken, RN, BSN, OCN, clinical research manager at the Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute and Kathleen Ferguson, RN, accepted the grant on behalf of Peninsula Regional at the second annual Komen Grant Award Event, held at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore on April 12.

The Richard A. Henson Cancer Institute will use the grant to fund projects in three main areas of interest --improving public and professional awareness of breast cancer clinical trials, increase understanding about the decision-making process of patients considering participation in clinical trials and raising participation of minority patients in breast cancer trials at Peninsula Regional.

"We are very grateful to Susan G. Komen for the Cure for awarding us this grant for a second consecutive year," said Bennett Yu, MD, medical director of oncology research at the institute. "The funding will allow us to continue to expand our access to breast cancer clinical trials and give us a unique opportunity to better understand patient preferences, learn how we can reduce barriers in patient participation and eventually publish our findings."

Maryland is ranked fifth in the nation for breast cancer related deaths. This year, Komen Maryland has earmarked \$775,000 specifically national breast cancer research. To date, Komen Maryland alone has provided more than \$35 million dollars to support the fight against breast cancer.

Chincoteague Seafood Festival continues traditions in May

CHINCOTEAGUE, Va. – For more than four decades, a spring seafood festival has featured fresh, local seafood at a beautiful waterfront setting, offering attendees a day of entertainment and delicious food in Chincoteague. The 2011 Chincoteague Seafood Festival slated for Saturday, May 7, at Tom's Cove Park, promises to sustain the tradition.

Fresh, local seafood will include exciting offerings and signature dishes from local restaurants as well as old and new Eastern Shore favorites prepared by famous festival cooks, volunteers and professionals.

Little neck clams, a long-time festival staple, will be available along with fish, clams, and oysters prepared in a variety

of ways. A few menu items for the landlubbers will also be available.

Chincoteague Mayor Jack Tarr and Chincoteague Chamber President Ted Lewis, co-chairmen of the 2011 festival, expect the event to be a sell-out. "We are glad to have the support of the business community and the opportunity to showcase the island and Eastern Shore of Virginia traditions," said Tarr.

Some area hotels and restaurants will be offering discounts and specials during the festival weekend for locals and visitors coming to the island, according to Lewis. Another new addition: the trolley will be running for those attendees who do not wish to drive.

Other activities during the festival

weekend included the International Migratory Birding Celebration at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. "Our festivals, migratory birding celebrations and numerous other events held during the year support our Chamber's mission to communicate the message that Chincoteague, the 'Beautiful Land Across the Water,' is the most desirable location to visit and/or vacation with family or friends," said Lewis.

Tickets for the Chincoteague Seafood Festival will go on sale Feb. 1 at \$40 each for the all-you-can eat seafood extravaganza at www.chincoteaguechamber.com.

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