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Facilities Planning

Thompson gets OK to continue with effort to map out upgrades

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES — Bob Thompson, Ocean Pines Association general manager, told the board of directors last week he was jump-starting the planning process by inaugurating a facilities planning group to help refine the work of the 10-year task force.

The task force provided a list and loose plan for dealing with the replacement of various structures around the association.

Much of the task force's work revolved around identification and prioritization of amenities and assets. The difficulty became that list items, such as the Swim and Racquet Club deck repair, weren't supposed to be priorities.

The facilities planning group would spec out each of the projects, estimating how long before repair and replacement are critical.

Unlike board-appointed committees, this group was selected by Thompson to help him get a better handle on what will be required for the upcoming fiscal 2012 budget.

"They're just advisory for me," Thompson said.

At the July board of directors meeting,

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Hertz excels at his craft as an artist and as a teacher of students both young and old. His love of pottery and enthusiasm is contagious and helps even the "least likely to succeed" become skilled and confident in the art of hand building and throwing pots.

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Upgrades

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the group will report on their findings and recommend actions the board can take. Thompson said the group would then give the directors a quarterly update on its activities. He added that he hoped to get the group's initial recommendations approved by the September board meeting so he could incorporate their plan into the budget.

Board member Dave Stephens opposed to Thompson's plan to get advice on facilities improvement, pointing out that plenty of work had already been done by previous committees.

"This isn't a step forward to resolve these issues," Stevens said. "Not at all."

Tom Terry, president of the board of directors, disagreed. He said Thompson needed more up-to-date and focused information to best prepare the budget. Moreover, although there were recommendations made by the 10-year task force, there isn't a real plan for implementation.

"There was some good solid work done ... that needs to be put in place and go forward," Terry said. "It's nine months later, I don't want to wait another nine months. Let's get going."

The board endorsed Thompson's decision to seek additional advice on how to proceed with the facilities issues.

Thompson also presented the board with a packet containing all of the correspondence and documentation he could find on the Carrollton Lane issue. Residents in the surrounding area have been trying to get the board of directors to open the road to two-way traffic as a way of easing congestion and thru-traffic on nearby roads.

Although it is wider and would accommodate more traffic than the roads that surround it, Carrollton Lane has been somewhat privatized by the residents who live there. The residents say the sales-people assured them the road was a one-way street but whether it really is and whether it should be is a decision the board of directors is expected to make at their next meeting.

During his report, Thompson told the board golf is up from last year in supplemental play by 70. Altogether, he

said, the golf management company has already booked nearly 500 more rounds than last year, including more than 200 rounds for OPA residents who aren't golf club members.

In an effort to make the facility more accommodating and appealing, Thompson told the directors he was considering a way to open up the pool area at the Yacht Club during the evening for bands and additional seating. One potential solution is to convert the gate that now separates the pool area from the bar area to a rollaway partition.

Although the solution is by no means settled, Thompson said in order to expand the space and service, the OPA would have to keep a lifeguard on duty while the area was open in case someone falls in. He said the cost of keeping an experience lifeguard on would be covered by selling an additional dinner or two, so if the expansion was needed the cost would be worth it.

Work has been completed at the Swim and Racquet Club and Thompson renewed his apology to the area's residents for the mess during the project but said that as the weather breaks the inconvenience would prove to be worth it.

"It now gives as a very nice and usable park area," he said.

He also said that he's been working with Fisher Marine to find a different staging area for when the company does bulkhead work around the association.

Although he was able to restrict the company from starting before October and required that they finish before May, Thompson acknowledged that the work and its detritus were inappropriate for the park area.

Terry also announced that after consulting with its legal team the board of directors has elected not to pursue the suit against the Mid-Delmarva YMCA over the land along Gum Point Road.

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BUNNY VISIT — The Easter Bunny made Sadie Rose Loskot a very "hoppy" girl when he stopped by The Ray Community Room at Worcester Youth & Family.

LDC reviews draft plans

Impact grant uses explained

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SNOWHILL—The Local Development Council, the body appointed to oversee the way local impact funds from the Casino at Ocean Downs are spent, met this week to review the plans from the municipalities and the county.

Sonny Bloxom, attorney for Worcester County as well as the LDC, advised the council about some letters for funding directed to the LDC's attention. The Berlin Fire Company and the Worcester County Board of Education both appealed for additional funding through the LDC.

The fire company is engaged in a fundraising drive for construction of Station 3, which will serve the area nearest the casino. The board of education was hoping to have capital expenses addressed by lottery local impact funds. Worcester County schools don't get specialized funding even though lottery money goes in support of state education.

Bloxom told the council that since the LDC didn't have direct control over the use of the funds, it should inform the petitioners to redirect their requests to the towns and the county as is appropriate.

Mayor Gee Williams pointed out that Berlin has funded the in-town requests of the fire company. But Station 3, he said, is outside of town limits and therefore more under the county's area of control.

Williams, who is an LDC member, also explained Berlin's plan to the council. When the town had the opportunity to buy a piece of land at the corner of Bay Street and Route 113, they had planned to use lottery funding to pay for it.

After completing the land payment, the town's plan is to use the funding to support the eventual design and construction of a police station and community center.

Berlin's plan also includes using a

portion of the lottery impact funds for infrastructure improvements that go along with the "walkable" town plan Berlin expects to introduce in the coming weeks.

The final part of Berlin's plan is to use a small portion of the funding for direct advertising to entice a greater number of casino-goers.

"We know Ocean City will get the biggest benefit," Williams said. "We just want to remind people we're there."

While there was little comment on Berlin's plan, Mark Wittmyer suggested the town devote a larger percentage to traffic safety issues such as crosswalks.

Mayor Rick Meehan of Ocean City, who is also the LDC chair, said his town's budget process significantly cut into the amount of detailed impact planning they could provide. The town, he said, plans to use its impact funding for infrastructure and tourism projects.

LDC member Cam Bunting said the Ocean City plan could use a little more fleshing-out before the council could endorse it.

While Worcester County Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Shannahan said the commissioners will have to observe the affects of the Casino at Ocean Downs before putting together a hard and fast plan for fund expenditures, they do have a draft of what they want to do.

Among the provisions are to make education and job training, public safety and infrastructure improvements a priority.

The LDC accepted that the expenditures would be part of budget public hearings so no additional hearings on slots spending would be required. They expect to approve the more detailed versions of the spending plans at the LDC's 10 a.m. meeting Monday, May 16 at the County Government Building.

David Massey, the council member representing the public safety community, made a motion that would require the

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GBG seeks 'walkable' plan support

Town approves first expenditures on wastewater plan

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Lower Shore Land Trust executive director Kate Patton petitioned the mayor and council to endorse Grow Berlin Green's next big project. The idea is to compose a master plan to make Berlin a "walkable" town.

Grow Berlin Green is a partnership promoting a more eco-friendly town by providing people the tools and education to live in a more sustainable way. They regularly partner with the municipality to affect real change in the community but this is by far the group's most ambitious project.

The master plan would tell the town how to best connect the schools, parks, greenways and sidewalks in a way that encourages more walking and biking and less driving. Patton pointed out that

as gas prices continue their steady climb, it's an idea whose time has come.

She talked about the diminishing number of children who are able to walk to school and adults that would make better use of a pathway, for instance, to get downtown or to the grocery store without having to walk in the street.

"I think Berlin is poised to bring more of that back to our community," she said. "It makes it more attractive to people who want to live here."

Although they wish it to be functional, one of the centerpieces of the plan will be the creation of recreational walking and biking trails. Patton pointed out that a number of people who stay in Berlin day-bike to Assateague Island and said a connecting pathway might draw more people out and to the town.

She also suggested the need for a bridge or tunnel that would allow

people to get across Route 113 at the Bay Street intersection. Residents have been petitioning the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) for a solution that would make crossing that intersection safer.

The SHA has balked in the past when it came to making the intersection walker friendly, maintaining that for safety reasons it is best to try and dissuade people from attempting to cross at the busy intersection.

But while the proposed solutions, which included requests for a timed walk light or even a crosswalk, have been unsatisfactory, Patton said if the town approached them with a change that is part of an overall plan, it might fall on more receptive ears.

Getting funding for a tunnel or a bridge

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Slots spending

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Casino at Ocean Downs pay off-duty Maryland State Troopers to direct traffic during race days, Saturday afternoons and special events.

While it passed unanimously, John Salm, an engineer representing the Casino at Ocean Downs, said that while the request was reasonable, he wasn't sure it was within the LDC's purview to direct the Casino of Ocean Downs on operational expenditures. He also suggested that a further study could be made to assess whether there was a legitimate need.

"You can run a trial for a couple of weeks but all it's going to do is substantiate that there is a need," Meehan said.

State Rep. Michael McDermott said that while he understood that this is

the type of local impact the funds were designated for, he felt it would be in the Casino at Ocean Downs' interest to pick up this kind of expense.

The council altered the motion to make it a letter of request. Also, at the suggestion of Berlin representative Cam Bunting, the LDC directed its staff to send a letter inviting Casino at Ocean Downs owner Bill Rickman to attend the next meeting, something Salm didn't consider likely.

"While he recognizes the importance of this committee," he said. "He cannot be everywhere at every time."

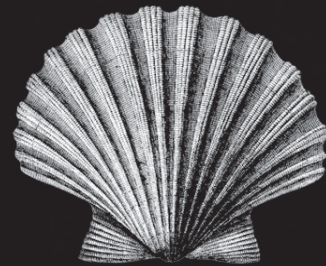
Although Salm attends on Rickman's behalf — the casino has a seat on the LDC — he isn't authorized to make any decisions for the casino, only to

report back on the happenings and communicate the LDC requests.

Salm also said that live racing will resume shortly and there will be 40 racing nights. He also presented the LDC the employment statistics for the Casino at Ocean Downs. Out of the 199 employees, 78 live within five miles, 43 within ten miles, 31 within 20 miles and 47 more than 20 miles from the facility.

At the request of Bunting, Salm said he'd provide the number of employees that live inside Worcester County. Given that Delaware is so close to the casino, as is Wicomico County, she wanted to be sure that Worcester County was well represented.

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'Walkable' Town

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might be difficult as well, but as the town moves toward developing a police station and community center in the area, more grant money might become available for this kind of use. This would be especially true if the crossing was incorporated into a the community's long term development plans.

Patton listed a variety of grants and matching grants that would be available for such a project. She said that with the council's support, the Grow Berlin Green plan would be even more attractive for state, federal and non-governmental contributions.

The council endorsed the effort. Mayor Gee Williams said that during the Local Development Council (LDC) meeting Monday, he'd suggested that this kind of path would be an acceptable use of some slots funding. The LDC has to approve slots funding expenditure plans for the municipalities and the county.

In fact Mark Wittmyer, one of the LDC members, explicitly suggested Berlin's plan include greater spending on traffic and pedestrian safety measures, including sidewalks.

The council passed the first several purchase orders making use of the \$3.5 million recently granted and loaned them by the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Rural Development program for the waster water treatment plant upgrade.

In addition to the purchase, installation and maintenance of the force main for the system, the council elected to purchase and store a liner for the lagoon to be constructed at the new spray site.

Town administrator Anthony Carson told the council that, although the town wouldn't require the liner for some time, liner pricing is directly tied to the cost of the petroleum it takes to make it. As a result it was impossible to get a reasonable price that a bidder would stand by for more than two weeks.

Carson said all of the companies that responded to the bid charged premiums for guaranteeing their prices more than two months in advance. By purchasing and storing the liner until it is ready to be used, Carson said the town will save \$80,000-\$100,000.

Williams praised the town staff and council for their continued diligence when it came to applying for grants and loans as well as for discovering savings wherever possible.

"[By everyone] meeting all the obligations and the deadlines all the ratepayers benefit," Williams said. "Quite frankly if we had to do it on our own we just couldn't."

POLICE BEAT

STOLEN VEHICLE

A trooper from the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack was dispatched to the Wine Rack in West Ocean City for a hit-and-run traf- fic collision last Wednesday.

Upon arriving on the scene, police met with Salisbury resident James Rogers, who said a vehicle backed out of a parking space and collided with the rear passenger side of the vehicle and fled the scene.

According to police, Rogers wrote down the Delaware license plate number, which showed the car was registered to William Reynolds of Lincoln, Del.

Delaware State Police went to that resi- dence to see the owner's father and learned that the vehicle had just been reported stolen to the Ocean City Police Department.

Troopers learned that the vehicle was taken by Mervin Scott Lemon, 29, of Laurel, Del. who was with Reynolds in Ocean City. Police also learned that Lemon is on work release from Sussex Correctional Institute.

That evening Delaware State Police found the stolen vehicle abandoned outside of Delmar, Del.

LEMON FAILED TO RETURN TO SUSSEX

Correctional Institute and a warrant has been issued for his arrest for escape. Lemon also has additional charges in Maryland for vehicle theft and leaving the scene of an acci- dent.

Lemon is a white male, he is approximately 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has a crew cut and a goa- tee. Anyone with information about Lemon's whereabouts is asked to contact the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack, Ocean City Police, or Delaware State Police.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT

BERLIN – Police responded Tuesday, April 12 to a call for a domestic assault in

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progress at 312 William St. in Berlin. Officers observed a visibly shaken and injured victim who reported that her husband, Nicolas Grant, had struck her repeatedly in the face and then threatened her and her children with a knife.

Officers found Grant in a bedroom with the knife on the bed beside him and placed him under arrest. Grant, 35, was taken to the Worcester County jail with bond set at \$10,000.

MARIJUANA ARREST

OCEAN PINES — Troopers from the Berlin Barrack responded to a residence in the 100 block of Ocean Parkway in an attempt to locate Wayne Lee Baker Jr., who was wanted for failing to appear for trial in the District Court.

According to the police report, when Troopers contacted Baker at his residence, they observed marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the residence. Baker was arrested and charged with one count of marijuana possession and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Baker was taken before a district court commissioner and was released on \$1000 unsecured bond.

TRESPASSING ARREST

BERLIN — Tymir Johnson of Newark was arrested this week for trespassing at Homes of Berlin I apartment complex on Flower Street. Police responded to complaints of people consuming alcoholic beverages on the property. Upon arriving the officer heard music coming from a vehicle while he was more than 50 feet away. He then made contact with the persons lingering in the complex's gazebo and discovered several open containers of alcohol. None of the gazebo's occupants claimed ownership of the drinks.

The officer recognized Johnson as someone barred from the property in 2006 and recalled being present when Johnson was arrested for

trespassing there in 2007.

He placed Johnson under arrest and transported him to the Berlin Police Department where the District Court Commissioner order him held without bond at the Worcester County Jail.

FIRE CONTROLLED

The Worcester County Fire Marshall's Office investigated a structure fire on Reedy Cove Drive Tuesday. The fire was reported by the home's occupant. Upon arrival of the Berlin Fire Company water was observed coming from a second floor apartment. Firefighters entered the apartment to find it smoky but no longer on fire.

Further investigation revealed there had been a fire on the stove that caused two of the sprinkler heads to activate. The firefighters were on the scene for about an hour. the cause of the fire was unattended cooking and it was ruled accidental.

West OC man killed in motorcycle crash

Bishopville — A West Ocean City man was killed last Thursday when the motorcycle he was driving hit a deer on Old Stage Road, between Route 113 and Jarvis Road.

William Louis Engle, 39, was traveling when a deer crossed his path on the north side of the road.

As a result of the collision with the deer, the motorcycle slid across the roadway and ejected Engle.

The road was closed for more than two hours while the collision was investigated.



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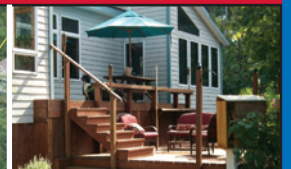


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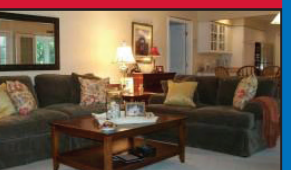
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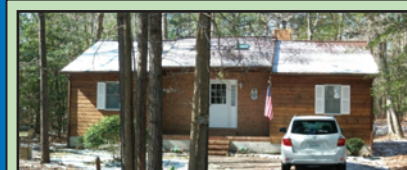
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WINE TASTING — The Atlantic General Hospital Junior Auxiliary Group held its second annual wine tasting event at Costa Ventosa Vineyard and Winery in Whaleyville last Monday. The event was sponsored by Captains Table, Galaxy 66, Fresco's, The Original Greene Turtle, Station 7, and Chesapeake Bay Farms. All proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital and the James G. and Nancy W. Barrett Scholarship Program. At the table are (from left) Karen Tomasello, Erin Westman, Jill Ferrante, and Rebecca Taylor.

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BUSINESS

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BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — When John and Judy Fisher opened j.j. Fish Studio and Fine Craft Gallery 10 years ago, it was much more studio and fine craft gallery. In fact, initially the plan was to use the space as a way to show both John's and Judy's work while allowing them a place to produce for their many wholesale buyers.

John has been making jewelry all of his adult life. Like any other artist, his designs tend to follow themes that evolve into distinct series' representing a period in his career. But also, like any other artist, there are the designs he'll always be known for, including and possibly especially worry bead rings.

Fisher has been making worry bead rings — wire wrap-style rings with gold and silver moveable beads — since the mid-1970s and they continue to be popular gifts. While there have been the occasional copy-



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THE STUDIO — John and Judy Fisher opened j.j. Fish Studio and Fine Craft Gallery ten years ago as much to promote their own art as to promote other American made handcrafts.

cat attempts to reproduce the design, Fisher's has remained both dominant and American made throughout because it is a process to which he's

committed.

As the rings grew in popularity, Fisher engaged the help of the Worcester County Developmental Center.

Employees there string the beads as part of a piecework contract and Fisher does the wrapping, cutting and finishing.

For her part, Judy's own

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works in Irish waxed linen string are wonders unto themselves. She weaves miniature baskets, some thumbnail sized and others no larger than a child's palm. Judy worked down from making larger baskets because she preferred the close work and the intricacy she could bring to the smaller projects.

As the years have passed, however, the balance has reversed. The bulk of the store space and retail attention is applied to crafts provided by other artists while the Fishers' work has faded a bit into the background.

While it certainly wasn't a conscious decision, it was the

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FINANCIAL ADVICE



By Chip Gordy

What's It Worth?

Value of currencies depend on supply and demand principles

We all know that currencies fluctuate in value. A European vacationer in the U.S. will be able to buy more for the same amount if the dollar loses value against Euro. The opposite is also true. So, why does the value of a currency fluctuate? A country's currency reflects the health of its economy. A strong and stable currency often represents a strong economy.

Currency prices, like many commodities, are determined by supply and demand. Currencies tend to gain value whenever its demand is greater than the available supply. It will become less valuable when its demand is less than the available supply.

Reduced demand does not mean that people no longer want the money; it simply means they prefer holding their wealth in some other form. This other form can be gold, stocks, assets, or even some other currency.

Demand for a currency is due to both transaction demand and speculative demand for the currency. Transaction demand can be related to a country's GDP and unemployment levels, which are influenced by political stability, natural disasters and interest rates (GDP is a measure of the economic activity of a nation).

Speculative demand isn't determined by real transactions such as trade or finance. It's based on the speculation of the future value of a currency. For example, if a large gold reserve was discovered in a country, speculators may consider buying that country's currency as they may anticipate the country to grow rich in the future (even though there's no real business activity responsible for this increase). In general, the higher the interest rates, the greater the demand for a currency.

The exchange rate of a free-floating currency is allowed to vary against the rate of other currencies by the market forces of supply and demand. The value of a pegged currency is maintained by the government of the country at a fixed rate relative to some other currency.

Money can sometimes follow interest rates. If interest rates go up, money will flow into the country as investors seek high-

er returns. Governments increase the money supply to stimulate economies. More money leads to lower interest rates, which in turn leads to an increase in demand for goods and services. Higher interest rates translate to reduced money supply which means increased demand for money. Increased demand results in increase of a currency's value.

Both overvalued and undervalued currencies can help or hurt a nation's economy. Undervalued currency means that your products would be cheaper on the market, giving you a competitive advantage. An overvalued currency may make it more economical for a company to buy assets and invest in other countries where it would benefit from these investments in the future.

The most important concepts to get out of this: currency values are relative are, to a large extent, driven by supply and demand and that the strength or weakness of a currency has implications that can span all areas of the economy.

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j.j. Fish

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right one for their business. As traffic increased in the store and Judy made more and more contacts at craft shows, the Fishers were able to get a better handle on the demographic dispositions and react to them.

It could also have been affected by a bit of humility. Fisher is one of those rare people who is both humble and loves to talk. Eager to extoll the artistic virtues of all of his producers, he shares both his familiarity with and affinity for all of the artisans' work in his shop.

It is in this way that customers can get as much or as little information about the items they're purchasing as they wish. Each item for sale at j.j. Fish was hand made in America by an artisan and has a story to go along with it, which is what sets apart a gift, or any item really, purchased there.

The very short story behind of many of the items at j.j. Fish is often presented on a small card that goes with the purchase. But if someone is interested in knowing or sharing the story behind any piece in the shop, either of the Fishers can provide it.

Judy said that since they go to the large craft shows to find wholesalers for their own work, they have access to artists and artisans doing the same thing. Seeing so many people with such regularity gives them an insight into

their various producers' personalities and from that a deeper picture of what makes a particular piece unique.

But for all of the effort they've made in finding just the right people to provide just the right choices, some of the finest and most popular pieces sold at j.j. Fish are created behind the counter during off or slow days by the owners doing precisely what they'd opened the store to do — make and share art.

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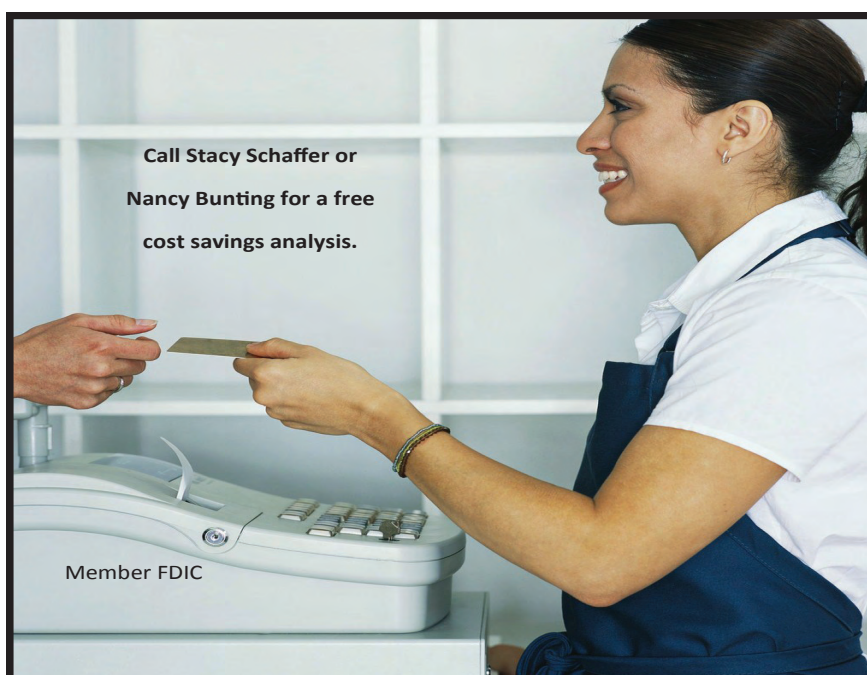


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Hypertension Clinic 1 - 3 p.m.

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St Paul's Methodist Church
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T.O.P.S. of Berlin - group #169 5 - 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday May 03

Hypertension Clinic 10 a.m. - noon

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Wednesday May 11

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Thursday May 12

Celiac Support Group 7 - 8 p.m.

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FITNESS ADVICE



By David & Lisa Long

Fun Fitness Camp: Month-long fitness camp can put you back on track

When most of us think about exercise, we imagine working out in the gym on a treadmill or lifting weights. For some of us, exercise means playing, running, jumping, climbing and throwing. Keeping fit can include playing and having fun, it's all about the way you approach the subject.

One way to approach is Fitness Camp, set for May 3-31 for \$50, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Are you up for some fun? Do you want to get into that bathing suit by June and look good? Stop making excuses and start doing something about the extra (fill in your

number) of pounds you've been trying lose.

Regular exercise, whatever you can do, leads to an increase in energy levels and a sense of well-being. It relieves anxiety while improving sleep and fitness.

After a workout, you may notice that you think more clearly and feel happier. The world could be a brighter place with some better attitudes. If you're looking to drop a few pounds, weight loss is often a byproduct of increased exercise. Almost everyone benefits from exercise.

According to a recent "Newsweek" article, exercise not only prevents heart disease, it is also linked to boosting

brainpower and may help prevent Alzheimer's.

The result of the studies proved that the most physically healthy students, tended to perform the highest on standardized test scores.

We read about a scientific research project that showed that vigorous exercise can cause older nerve cells to form dense, interconnected webs that make the brain run faster and more efficiently. Apparently, a strong, active body is essential for building a strong, active mind.

We all know someone who could benefit from exercise, make a commitment with them that you will

both do something active and different for one month.

You will feel better and you will be helping someone you care about feel better. 30 days can be the start of something that could change the rest of your life.

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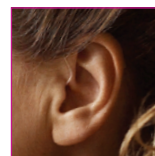
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Any problems with the joints can also be checked through the x-ray and manual manipulation. As with any other joints of the body, the TMJ can become arthritic. Most patients are not aware of this and let pain and soreness in the jaw go untreated. This 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.

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AGH May Calendar

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Atlantic Heath Center
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Blood testing, blood pressure screening, diabetes risk assessment, educational information including nutrition guidelines, glucometer and test strips for those who qualify, medication voucher (some restrictions apply).

Putting it all together 8a.m. - 1p.m.
Atlantic General Hospital Campus
This is a five-hour course designed to enable the student to develop and enhance critical thinking skills essential to dysrhythmia management. Students will be introduced to ACLS drugs, algorithms, defibrillation,

cardioversion and pacing techniques. It is very interactive, offering multiple "hands-on" experiences. This course is open to all who have taken a dysrhythmia class however it is perfect for those planning on taking ACLS for the first time or for those who need to review. Call to register. Patricia Gallagher 410-641-9538 or Karen Cooper 410-629-6883

Monday, May 16

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

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1

T.O.P.S. of Berlin - group #169.
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 17

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BAYSIDE

Mumford steps down from Board of Education

NEWARK – One of the first things Gary Mumford had to do before he takes over as the new warden of the Worcester County Jail is leave another position that he has held for the past 12 years – member of the Worcester County Board of Education.

At the Board of Education meeting last week, county schools Superintendent Jon Andes not only recognized Mumford on his departure, but also elaborated on just what kind of person Mumford is.

“Unwavering integrity, ethical fortitude and high moral values” were three of the descriptors that Andes employed in recognizing Mumford’s service to the public school system.

“Garry is leaving a legacy of advocating for all students who need a strong and steady voice,” Andes said. “He has been instrumental in promoting services and programs, such as our after school academies, which address unique needs.”

Mumford joined the Board of Education in 1999. He was selected by the board to serve as vice president from 2003 through 2005 and as president from 2006 through 2008.

When reflecting on his tenure as a board of education member, Mumford said he adhered to a policy of putting the



Gary Mumford

best interests of the children first.

A 1977 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, Mumford is one of nine children raised in Bishopville. His father passed away when he was only 15, while his mother passed recently.

“Looking back over the years on my service to the Board of Education, I hope that my parents are proud of me,”

he said. “We didn’t grow up with much, but my parents instilled a lot in me. I was able to be appointed, later elected and then served as president of the board. Everything I did, I trust that it was positive. Everything I did was to make them proud.”

Reducing the achievement gap has been on Mumford’s radar since he joined the board. “Dearest to my heart has always been the reduction and elimination of the achievement gap,” he said. “We have hit the gap head-on and we are seeing results.”

According to Mumford, community is key in providing all children with a high quality education. “We have one of the greatest communities around,” he said. “They give so much in a variety of ways – like time and resources. We have a great community and that is what it takes to be successful.”

When a Board of Education member resigns, state law requires the Worcester County Commissioners to appoint a someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of a term and until a successor is elected. Mumford’s term will end on Dec. 31, 2012. Mumford’s resignation was effective March 31, 2011, although he continues to serve until commissioners make an appointment to

fill the vacancy.

“I have truly enjoyed serving on the board and working with a great group of people for all 12 years, Mumford said. “I am confident that they will continue to advocate for our children and their education, especially during these challenging times.”

Mumford is concerned about what lies ahead for education. “We have to remain competitive,” he said, “Yet, we have diminishing resources. We’ve been maintaining the status quo because of difficult economic times, but this is tough on our teachers and families. We risk losing experienced teachers to retirement and we risk not attracting and retaining the very best.”

With education reform on the near horizon, Mumford fears the continuation of the trend to expect more, without providing additional resources. “School systems have increasing mandates, such as Race to the Top, as well as rising performance standards. The problem is that many of the state and federal mandates are unfunded. With more work and results being expected and less resources being provided, I worry that great teachers will leave the profession.”

Worcester Prep Headmaster's List

Term 3, 2010-2011

Grade 6:

Matthew Adkins, Selbyville; Sambina Anthony, Seaford; Shelby Cannatelli, Fenwick Island; Reid Carey, Dagsboro; Maggie Coutu, Willards; Isabel Dashiell, Ocean City; Ross Deckmann, Milton; Chandler Dennis, Millsboro; Lauren Gosnear, Rehoboth Beach; Melissa Laws, Berlin; Leigh Lingo, Rehoboth Beach; Regan Lingo, Rehoboth Beach; Davis Mears, Berlin; Lauren Meoli, Rehoboth Beach; Nick Moondra, Salisbury; Owen Nally, Ocean View; Keegan Pando, Lewes; Rayne Parker, Ocean City; Eva Parks, Onancock; Adam Pizza, Ocean City; Thomas Polk, Bethany Beach; Tate Shockley, Ocean City; Ryan Shriver, Salisbury; Karlie Southcomb, Ocean City; Julie Talbert, Eden; Alexandra Van Orden, Ocean City; Jordan Welch, Berlin; Josh Willey, Milton; Zachary Wilson, Berlin; Aria ZiaShakeri, Berlin

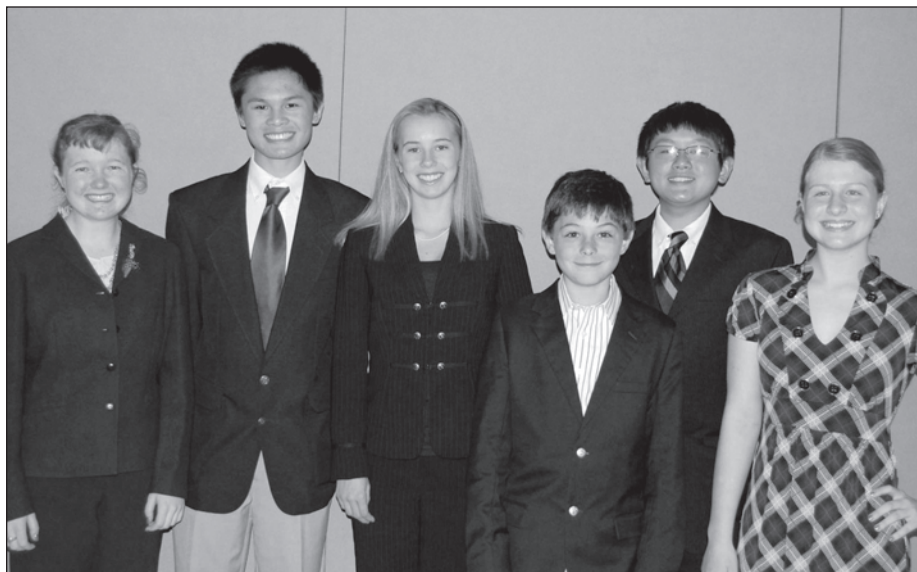
Grade 7:

Nate Abercrombie, Salisbury; Hannah Arrington, Salisbury; Rachel Berry,

Bishopville; Austin Brittingham, Berlin; Michael Brittingham, Berlin; Reece Brown, Rehoboth Beach; Alex Choy, Rehoboth Beach; Jason Cook, Seaford; Devin Hammond, Berlin; Taylor Hawkins, Berlin; Laura Issel, Lewes; Lauren Jett, Ocean City; Scott Klug, Salisbury; Conor May, Berlin; John Meakin, Salisbury; Victoria Middleton, Bethany Beach; Zachary Oltman, Frankford; Charlie Pritchard, Fenwick Island; Neva Richardson, Rehoboth Beach; Wyatt Richins, Berlin; Regan Shanahan, Berlin; Elio Telo, Ocean City; Grace Tunis, Berlin; Staton Whaley, Berlin

Grade 8:

Arella Berger, Berlin; Sophie Brennan, Salisbury; Kyle Chandler, Berlin; Christopher Choy, Rehoboth Beach; Carolyn Dorey, Millville; Shea Dowling, Ocean City; Aelya Ehtasham, Lewes; Amanda Gabriel, Laurel; Jarad Godwin, Frankford; Trent Hartman, Ocean City; Nina Jacobsen, Whaleyville; Tatjana Kondraschow, Dagsboro; Elena LaPlante, Salisbury; Victoria Lawrence, Salisbury; Shelby



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FINALISTS – Worcester Prep Finalists in the Annual Optimist Oratorical Speech Competition were Halie Murray-Davis, Lorenzo deJesus, Hannah Esham, Keegan Pando, Raphael deJesus, and Amanda Gabriel. Worcester winners in the competition were: Amanda Gabriel, 1st, Girls’ Division; Keegan Pando, 1st Boys’ Division; Hannah Esham, 2nd Girls’ Division; and Lorenzo deJesus, 3rd Boys’ Division.

Laws, Berlin; Caroline Lewis, Newark; Quinn Lukas, Berlin; Mattie Maull, Salisbury; James Petrera, Salisbury; Mikalah Potvin, Snow Hill; Caroline Powell, Salisbury; Jenny Rosales, Laurel; Emmi Shockley, Ocean City; Maura Smith, Ocean City; Molly Soulé, Ocean

City; Shannon Southcomb, Ocean City; Natalie Twilley, Greenbackville; Mark Wilson, Seaford; Erik Zorn, Berlin

Grade 9:

Ariella Anthony, Seaford; Sarah Arrington, Salisbury; Billy Brittingham,

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Berlin; Thomas Buas, Ocean City; Lorenzo deJesus, Seaford; Lilly DiNardo, Salisbury; Claire Dorey, Millville; Razaak Eniola, Salisbury; Hannah Esham, Frankford; Sarah Freund, Whaleyville; Mark Gee, Millsboro; Ali Greer, Bishopville; Jennifer Karsli, Ocean City; Saqib Khan, Salisbury; Chris Klug, Salisbury; Megan Kuczma, Salisbury; Zach Manning, Berlin; Ryan Nally, Ocean View; Luke Payne, Salisbury; Maddie Pilchard, Pocomoke City; Lydia Pritchard, Fenwick Island; Hannah Proctor, Berlin; Matt Reilly, Selbyville; Robby Rogers, Lewes; Daniel Rosa, Lewes; Alexander Scott, Lewes; Hannah Showell, Bishopville; Kristen Shriver, Salisbury; Lane Spangler, Onancock; Madeline Stearns, Berlin; Claire Stickler, Lewes; Alissa Talbert, Eden; Sophia Tomaselli, Berlin; Libby Truitt, Bishopville; Bethany Wolpin, Bishopville

Grade 10:

Claire Brown, Bethany Beach; Justin Canakis, Bishopville; Patrick Dowling, Ocean City; Ragen Doyle, Dagsboro; Mike Durkin, Ocean City; Talha Ehtasham, Lewes; Zander Farr, Berlin; Scott Gee, Millsboro; Caroline Hudson, Berlin; Parker Kellam, Onancock; Caroline Klug, Salisbury; Casey Knerr, Berlin; Kathryn Lawrence, Salisbury; Steven Lobo, Bethany Beach; Brad Mullen, Seaford; Conor Nally, Ocean View; Tyler Odachowski, Ocean City; Katherine Pavlos, Salisbury; Elizabeth Sayan, Ocean City; Meredith Smith, Ocean City; Meredith Soulé, Ocean City; Thomas Thornett, Selbyville

Grade 11:

Ellie Brown, Bethany Beach; Sarah Chaski, Lewes; Ashley Foreman, Frankford; Hannah Gaskill, Ocean City; Alyson Hartman, Ocean City; Olivia Massey, Greenbackville; Ryan McGuire, Bishopville; Halie Murray-Davis, Lewes; Lynde Pepper, Lewes; Matteo Petrera, Salisbury; Cole Phillips, Seaford; Christopher Potvin, Snow Hill; Catherine Reilly, Selbyville; David Rosenblit, Ocean City; Erin Royal, Rehoboth Beach; Riddhi Sanwal, Lewes; Michelle Stickler, Lewes; Katelin Talbert, Eden; Sebal Tekmen, Rehoboth Beach; Patricia Twilley, Greenbackville; Abbie Tyler, Ocean City; Shelby Zimmer, Bishopville

Grade 12:

Rubab Ahmad, Salisbury; Jackson Berger, Berlin; Matt Carey, Seaford; Kelley Chandler, Berlin; Hope Evans, Selbyville; Chris Fisher, Bishopville; Hunter Harmon, Rehoboth Beach; Eddie Launay, Rehoboth Beach; Erica Martin, Rehoboth Beach; Ty Mayers, Rehoboth Beach; Lauren Mollichelli, Ocean City; Lyndsey Odachowski, Ocean City; Anna Pavlos, Salisbury; Ali Schwartz, Seaford; Billy Tyler, Ocean City; Carson Wigley, Salisbury; Devon Zorn, Berlin

Honorable Mention

Grade 6:

Grant Brown, Bethany Beach; Luke Buas, Ocean City; Riley Dickerson, Berlin; Jonathan Ruddo, Berlin; Caroline Savage, Bishopville

Grade 7:

Bridget Brown, Bethany Beach; Julia D'Antonio, Hebron; Ross Dickerson, Berlin; Lauren Dykes, Eden; Biola Eniola, Salisbury; Jordan Kilgore, Eden; Bennett Truitt, Bishopville

Grade 8:

Gabrielle Alicea, Seaford; Ryan Bennett, Berlin; Raphael deJesus, Seaford; Paige Evans, Selbyville; Hank Faust, Lewes; Meridith Kellam, Onancock; Kazi Khan, Salisbury; Matt Klepper, Berlin; Blaire Langelier, Salisbury; Fiona Reid, Salisbury

Grade 9:

Lucas Baier, Ocean City; Ben Clark, Ocean View; Alexa Conaway, Seaford; Cynthia Delaney, Berlin; Greg LaMotte, Selbyville; Meg Lingo, Rehoboth Beach; Jack Marshall, Salisbury; Nicky Moses, Bishopville; Jack Pedigo, Lewes; Somer Schaeffer, Bishopville; Chase Schmehling, Bishopville; McKenna Shanahan, Berlin; Kyle Zarif, Berlin

Grade 10:

Gordon Abercrombie, Salisbury; Laiela Ahmad, Salisbury; Carter Allen, Berlin; Gabrielle D'Antonio, Hebron; Roland Gerachis, Ocean City; Molly Marshall, Salisbury; Dara Pappas, Berlin; Andrew Ternahan, Bethany Beach; Caroline Wetzelsberger, Fenwick Island; Seth Wilgus, Bethany Beach; James Willey, Milton

Grade 11:

Kayla Baier, Ocean City; Jake Emche, Berlin; Marybeth Fisher, Bishopville; Laney Manning, Berlin; Ian Marriott, Bethany Beach; Jennifer Moore, Ocean City; Megan O'Donnell, Georgetown; Ross Perim, Salisbury; Akshay Rajshekar, Salisbury; Alex Ternahan, Bethany Beach; Olivia Wilgus, Bethany Beach; Benjamin Zito, Salisbury

Grade 12:

Morgan Bissell, Berlin; Erin Cook, Seaford; Maddy DiNardo, Salisbury; Chris Duke, Salisbury; Brittany Flurer, Berlin; Kyle Joseph, Rehoboth Beach; Duncan McIntosh, Berlin; Will Moore, Salisbury; Christopher Nichols, Berlin; Bethany Parks, Onancock; Brad Pedigo, Lewes; Haylea Reiner, Berlin; Wesley Scott, Lewes



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BIOTEACH — Sophomores Tackle Biology with Fifth Grade Students: Worcester Prep Upper School students in Jenn Corron's biology class worked with Grade 5 students on sea turtle and jellyfish habitats. Pictured are (l-r) Brenner Maull, Salisbury; Gabe Bell, Bishopville; Seth Conboy, Bishopville; and Sarah Savage, Bishopville.

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SPORTS

BAYSIDE

Orioles slide past White Sox 7-4



BERLIN — After suffering an opening day loss to the Yankees, the Berlin Little League Orioles staged a comeback in the late innings of Monday night's game against the White Sox to win the major league game 7-4. Right-hander Zac Cioccio logged 10 strikeouts for the win and Matt Kinsey picked up the save adding three strikeouts.

The Orioles jumped to a 4-0 start early but the White Sox tied the game rallying behind their pitcher Jake Shockley to even the score.

The Orioles ground back into the lead behind the hitting of Noah Shockley who supplied a two-run triple and Brennon Holloway who hit a two-run double. Tate Shockley also came through for the Orioles with a triple.

Berlin Little League Orioles shortstop Matt Kinsey (above) breaks up a double play. Catcher Stephen Bontempo (left) blocks the plate but can't prevent a run as the ball comes in late. The Orioles went on to win Monday night's game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

SDHS ALUMS SCHNADER AND MILLER SECURE ELIZABETHTOWN WIN

WESTMINSTER, MD. — Stephen Decatur Alum Lindsey Miller scored her first college goal last week as Elizabethtown (Pa.) College women's lacrosse team withstood a furious second-half comeback to escape with a 9-7 win over the McDaniel Green Terror on the Terror's home field.

Elizabethtown turned defense into offense when senior Meg Cassels caused a turnover, which led to a goal by another SDHS alum, Madalyn Schnader, to give her a five-goal lead with just under eight minutes left in the half.

McDaniel clawed back into the game with four unanswered goals in a five-minute stretch to make it a one-goal game at 8-7 with 4:55 left in the game. After McDaniel's seventh goal, Elizabethtown held McDaniel without a shot for the remainder of the game.

In the closing seconds, freshman Lindsey Miller scored her first career goal to give Elizabethtown the 9-7 win.

HALF-MARATHON ROUTE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

More than 2,000 runners from 26 states will be descending upon the area on Saturday for the Seventh Annual OC Tri-Running Sports, Ocean City Half-Marathon.

Local runners along with competitors from California, Texas, Puerto Rico, Canada and British Columbia will hit the streets from the Ocean City Inlet to Assateague State Park.

The runners will have 3 hours and 15 minutes to complete this race. For the safety and security of all runners, walkers and drivers alike, organizers this week issued the advisory concerning the times and places the runners will be.

Route 50 Bridge – 7:05-7:20 a.m.
Golf Course Road – 7:10-7:30 a.m.
Routes 707 – 7:20-8 a.m.
Route 611 – 7:20 –10 a.m.
Whispering Woods – 7:25-8:15 a.m.
Sinepuxent Road – 7:30-8:45 a.m.
Lewis Road – 7:30-9 a.m.

For more information regarding the Ocean City Half-Marathon or other events offered by OC Tri-Running, please visit our website at www.octri-running.com.



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SDHS Track at Parkside results

Boys

3200m Relay

1. Decatur 8:43.4
2. Parkside 9:04.4
3. Snow Hill 9:25.3
4. Bennett 9:51.2
5. Mardela 10:34.6

110m High Hurdles

1. Greg Petersen, Decatur 16.5
2. Miles Burgess Wicomico 17.5
3. Spenser Cardenas, Decatur 18.1
4. Tyler Coppinger, Decatur 18.5
5. Thierno Diallo, Parkside 18.7
6. Garrett Ross, Bennett 19.4

100m

1. D.J. Johnson, Decatur 10.9
2. Corray Heath Wicomico 11.4
3. Andre' Brooks, Washington 11.5
4. James Mapp, Decatur 11.6
5. Marquise Tolliver, Nandua 11.7
5. Tyler Swift, Washington 11.7

High Jump

1. Greg Petersen, Decatur 6'2
2. Kamaron McCoy, Mardela 5'10
3. Ian Bresnahan, Decatur 5'6
4. Kevin Stanford, Parkside 5'2
4. Aren Schoepf, Snow Hill 5'2
6. Dre Crippen, Mardela 5'2

1600m

1. Timmy Travitz, Parkside 4:51.6
2. Corey Zimmer, Decatur 4:53.9
3. Garrett Mohammadioun, Decatur 4:59.7
4. Quashawn Willis, Snow Hill 5:00.6
5. Brett Lueders, Decatur 5:02.0
6. Quefonte Ayres, Snow Hill 5:21.4

800m Relay

1. Decatur 1:34.0
2. Parkside 1:37.2
3. Mardela 1:37.6
4. Bennett 1:39.6
5. Snow Hill 1:41.0

400m

1. Chris Hurley, Decatur 54.8
2. Neb Talley, Bennett 56.3
3. Blaire Osbourne, Parkside 57.8
4. Torres Savage, Snow Hill 59.6
5. Antoine Jones, Nandua 1:01.0
6. Xavier Jones Wicomico 1:01.2

Shotput

1. M. Simpson, Parkside 42'8
2. D. McCaleb Wicomico 42'2.5
3. Z. Mogle, Parkside 39'3
4. Dre'Quan Smith, Decatur 36'5
5. D. Robbins Wicomico 36'3
6. Conner Neville, Decatur 36'2

Pole Vault

1. Brad Hollowell, Decatur 11'0
2. G. Clark, Parkside 10'5
3. M. Jessa, Parkside 9'6
4. N. Mann, Parkside 7'6

3200m

1. Timmy Travitz, Parkside 10:47.6
2. Corey Zimmer, Decatur 11:03.2
3. Quashaun Willis, Snow Hill 11:30.6
4. Ben Rakowski, Decatur 11:58.3
5. Garrett Mohammadioun, Decatur 12:12.4
6. Josh Seldon, Bennett 12:19.8

Discus

1. M. Simpson, Parkside 119'9
2. Tyheam Purnell, Decatur 107'3
3. Markell Purnell, Decatur 107'0
4. J. Cook Wicomico 94'8
5. S. Zelechowski, Snow Hill 89'3
6. D. Rhock Wicomico 88'6

300m Intermediate Hurdles

1. Greg Petersen, Decatur 44.1
2. Mudia Jessa, Parkside 44.4
3. Spenser Cardenas, Decatur 46.0
4. Thierno Diallo, Parkside 47.0
5. Aren Schoepf, Snow Hill 49.9
6. Garrett Ross, Bennett 50.0

Girls

Triple Jump

1. Miles Burgess Wicomico 40'10
2. Agbor Beteck Wicomico 39'4.75
3. Greg Petersen, Decatur 37'10.5
4. Dominic Farmer Wicomico 37'6.5
5. Sean Irwin, Parkside 36'11
6. Thierno Diallo, Parkside 36'10.5

Long Jump

1. D.J. Johnson, Decatur 20'6.5
2. Zack White, Parkside 19'5.5
3. Correy Heath Wicomico 19'5
4. Andre Brooks, Washington 18'10
5. Tyler Swift, Washington 18'9.75
6. Terrence Blackwell, Snow Hill 18'1.5

200m

1. D.J. Johnson, Decatur 22.3
2. Dylan Lucas, Mardela 23.7
3. Zack White, Parkside 24.0
4. Markquise Carey, Mardela 24.1
5. Troy Taylor, Snow Hill 24.4
5. James Mapp, Decatur 24.4

800m

1. Dan Winters, Decatur 2:08.5
2. Yacine Gharbi, Parkside 2:08.9
3. Neb Talley, Bennett 2:09.8
4. Tommy Robinson, Parkside 2:10.6
5. Lance Ward, Decatur 2:14.6
6. Brett Lueders, Decatur 2:19.1

400m Relay

1. Wicomico 45.1
2. Parkside 46.9
3. Mardela 47.2
4. Washington 49.0
5. Bennett 50.6
6. Snow Hill 50.8

1600m Relay

1. Parkside 3:46.2
2. Decatur 3:48.7
3. Snow Hill 4:04.4
4. Bennett 4:07.7
5. Wicomico 4:11.6
6. Washington 4:13.6

GIRLS

3200m Relay

1. Decatur 10:45.8
2. Mardela 12:08.4
3. Snow Hill 12:57.1

Long Jump

1. Tianya Hankerson, Parkside 16'0.5
2. Kierra Moore, Wicomico 15'2
3. Kelsey Larger Bennett 15'0.25
4. Alex Davis, Wicomico 14'2.75
5. LyVea Oliver, Decatur 13'11.05
6. Sydney Linton, Snow Hill 13'0

100m High Hurdles

1. Isabella Iampieri, Decatur 17.9
2. Kelsey Larger Bennett 19.9
3. Gabrielle Dolbey, Decatur 20.1
4. Shikerra Collick, Decatur 20.4
5. Heather Nicolle, Snow Hill 21.0
6. Alex Davis, Wicomico 21.1

100m

1. Jennifer Spicer, Nandua 12.9
2. Deohanda Williams Bennett 13.1
3. Nakirah Hughes, Washington 13.2
4. Rebecca Lederman, Decatur 13.3
5. Kierra Moore, Wicomico 13.4
6. Victoria Hall, Nandua 13.5

Pole Vault

1. Shelby Gardiner, Parkside 8'0
2. Christine Timko, Decatur 7'5
3. Kate Bosveren, Decatur 7'0
4. Kacie Moore, Decatur 6'6
4. Alexis Kent, Parkside 6.6
6. Kate Kotoski, Decatur 6'0

1600m

1. Chloe FauntLeRoy, Decatur 5:54.2
2. Tara Swope, Mardela 5:58.7
3. Hailey Spinapont, Parkside 6:05.8
4. Alexis Kent, Parkside 6:16.8

Track meet

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5. Azaria Panni, Parkside 6:18.8
6. Kelly Cosgriff, Decatur 6:22.5

800m Relay

1. Decatur 1:54.2
2. Bennett 1:54.9
3. Parkside 1:57.4
4. Snow Hill 2:04.9

400m

1. Ravyn Saunders, Decatur 1:02.8
2. Tai Smith, Wicomico 1:08.4
3. Carly Bodolus, Decatur 1:09.0
4. Alexis Kent, Parkside 1:10.7
5. Sidney Linton, Snow Hill 1:12.3
6. Toddrea Jackson Bennett 1:16.0

Shotput

1. Ameerah Lewis, Decatur 32'5
2. P. Ennis, Parkside 31'9
3. E. Frazier, Mardela 29'9.5
4. Janet Davidson, Decatur 27'1
5. Andrea Gilmore, Washington 27'1
6. Erika Henry, Decatur 25'4

3200m

1. Hailey Spinapont, Parkside 13:52.9
2. Becky Early, Mardela 13:58.5
3. Anastasia Priest, Decatur 14:19.1
4. Elizabeth Davidson, Decatur 14:24.2
5. Azaria Panni, Parkside 14:35.9
6. Christine Woods, Snow Hill 17:25.9

Discus

1. E. Frazier, Mardela 93'6
2. P. Ennis, Parkside 83'3
3. Erika Henry, Decatur 68'6
4. Ameerah Lewis, Decatur 65'2
5. Andrea Gilmore, Washington 63'7
6. K. Milbourne Bennett 56'5

300m Intermediate Hurdles

1. Isabella Iampieri, Decatur 53.2
2. Tiffany Selby, Washington 55.4
3. Nakirah Hughes, Washington 55.6
4. Shikerra Collick, Decatur 56.3
5. Kelsey Larger Bennett 58.1
6. Heather Nicolle, Snow Hill 59.2

High Jump

1. Christine Woods, Snow Hill 4'4
2. Alexandra Saunders, Decatur 4'2
3. Alex Davis, Wicomico 4'0
3. Amanda Merryweather, Parkside 4'0
5. Demi Turner, Mardela 4'0

200m

1. Tianya Hankerson, Parkside 25.9
2. Dechanda Williams Bennett 26.6
3. Jennifer Spicer, Nandua 31.5
4. Rebecca Lederman, Decatur 27.3
5. Kierra Moore, Wicomico 28.4
6. Victoria Hall, Nandua 28.7

800m

1. Ravyn Saunders, Decatur 2:40.7
2. Carly Bodolus, Decatur 2:41.8
3. Tai Smith, Wicomico 2:55.4
4. Alexandra Tushup, Decatur 2:55.8
5. Olivia Skeen, Wicomico 3:06.2
6. Erika Rommel Bennett 3:13.7

400m Relay

1. Parkside 52.8
2. Washington 54.7
3. Decatur 54.8
4. Snow Hill 58.4
5. Bennett 59.7

1600m Relay

1. Decatur 4:36.4
2. Parkside 4:53.1
3. Bennett 5:02.7
4. Snow Hill 5:44.1

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Election year forces schedule changes

NEWARK — Worcester County Public Schools' 2011-2012 school calendar has been modified to reflect the presidential primary election next year and the agreement between the school board and the county teachers association.

The Presidential Primary Election Day will be moved next year from the second Tuesday in February (Feb. 14) to the first Tuesday in April (April 3).

The school system's 2011-2012 modified school calendar reflects this change. For students, the change means that next year, they will have a full week of Spring Break (April 2-9), while Monday and Tuesday (April 2-3) will be professional days for teachers.

"We added an extra day to the Spring Break in order to avoid requiring students to come to school for only one day during the week of Spring Break [Monday, April 2,]" said Superintendent Dr. Jon Andes.

"Parents have long requested a full-week for Spring Break and due to the General Assembly's election-day change, it offers an opportunity to provide it. The good news is that the change only adds one day to the school-year calendar, making the last day of school on June 13" (If the three inclement weather days added to the end of the 2011-2012 school

calendar are not used next year, the last day of school will be June 8).

Two additional half-days have also been added to the modified calendar, based on the approved agreement between teachers and the Board of Education.

Schools will now be half-days for all students at the end of the first semester, also known as the second marking period (Jan. 26) and for the second to the last day of school (June 12). The last day of school (June 13) has always been a half-day for all students.

To review the modified 2011-2012 school calendar, visit the school system's website at www.worcesterk12.com.

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Making Berlin 'walkable' would be advantageous

Over the very-short course of its existence the coalition that formed Grow Berlin Green has worked to make it not only a model of how easily environmental interests can merge with both government and industry, but also of how community goals can be both financially and ecologically sustainable.

The newest plan from GBG is likely their most ambitious since starting the rain barrel project. It assumes that if given the opportunity to safely do so, town residents will be more likely to walk or bike around town than to drive.

As the project moves forward it will be important for both the town and the folks at GBG to stand firm against the insistence by the state that people be dissuaded from crossing the highway at Route 113 and Bay Streets. While so far they have been firm in their anti-pedestrian stance, a more concerted community effort to make it clear that Berlin residents won't be banned from having walkable access to the entire town could be the key.

What makes this encouraging is that it dovetails nicely with the town's continuing effort to construct and repair sidewalks, an effort redoubled under Gee Williams' administration. The real genius of the movement is that encouraging walking and biking is one of the best ways to promote civic solidarity. More importantly, it can change the perception of non-motor transportation from leisure or exercise based to a part of the culture.

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GUEST COLUMN

Politicians are getting a wittle scwewy

Being a big fan of Looney Tunes, I enjoy following Congress, which, as it turns out, is not populated by Republicans, Democrats, Independents, TeaPartiers, liberals, conservatives and progressives but by 476 Elmer Fudds.

I can't wait for the next big speech by someone, anyone in Congress who use the word, "Dwat."

"Dwat those cwazy wiberals," or, conversely, "Dwat those cwazy Repubwicans." It would weally, um, really make it all so much easier to understand, if not phonetically, than at least philosophically.

In the immortal words of Bugs Bunny, "What a bunch of maroons!"

To look at it another way through the Looney Tune prism, on the one side we have a collection of Yosemite Sams, whose bombast is matched only by their total inability to hit the target, and on the other, the Pepe Le Pews, who only want someone to love them while being blissfully unaware of their own stink.

Individually, these might be nice people, but collectively they are hopelessly dedicated to winning, despite being smacked on the head with assorted clubs, having pianos dropped on them from above and employing their cannons only to blast a whole in the bottoms of their respective ships.

To be sure, they never give up, but they never win either. Or at least the rest of us never win.

Consider, for example, the federal deficit and the Wile E. Coyote character, who digs a hole on the edge of a cliff without realizing that

he has more hole than ground to work with, thus tempering his success at digging with the realization that he is about to become one with the canyon floor miles below.

That's what we have and, if it could be set to music, it would be vastly entertaining.

As it is, what we have here are these Fuddites who will do anything, make any bargain, devise any scheme to be allowed to continue to shoot wildly day after day without result.

The federal deficit problem is the greatest example of what we have accomplished so far, the real breakdown being that the cause of all our troubles is everyone but us.

If only we could get the other guy to make some concessions, we could fix this situation, because, after all, it is the other guy who caused all this.

A poll late last week showed that while Americans are deeply concerned about the deficit, they do not want: 1. tax increases; 2. meddling with Medicare; 3. meddling with Social Security; 4. anything that affects me personally because it's not my fault and I have troubles of my own.

As worrisome as this is, this inability to call on their own supporters for sacrifice and instead demanding that the other guy's supporters sacrifice, we have other serious issues that distract us from pursuing the real problem.

For instance, does Speedy Gonzalez have a green card?

Berlin files lawsuit against gas suppliers

BY BEN MOOK
THE DAILY RECORD NEWSWIRE

BALTIMORE, MD — Seven Maryland jurisdictions have filed a lawsuit charging that the largest gasoline suppliers and manufacturers have conspired for years to “needlessly and recklessly” keep a known water contaminant in its formulations, posing a threat to their groundwater.

The towns of Berlin, Sharptown, Aberdeen, Chestertown, Salisbury, Taneytown and the County Commissioners of Worcester County filed the lawsuit naming more than three dozen companies including ExxonMobil, Sunoco and Citgo that are involved in the sale and manufacture of gas containing the additive methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE. The municipalities are asking for more than \$20 million in damages on claims of negligence, conspiracy and causing a public and private nuisance.

Attempts to reach legal counsel for the petroleum companies on Friday were unsuccessful.

MTBE is a byproduct of gasoline refining that is added to increase octane. MTBE has not been proven to be a human carcinogen but is a known animal carcinogen. Due to its physical properties, the compound is easily soluble in water and even in small concentrations can leave a foul taste and smell.

The towns claim the petroleum companies have upped the amount of MTBE used in gasoline production from 2 to 4 percent range of the late 1970s to the 11 to 15 percent range today. The lawsuit alleges that spills of gasoline with MTBE are “inevitable” and pose a major environmental threat to their citizens’ drinking water.

“Despite knowing that MTBE has unique characteristics in water, which

allows it to contaminate water sources never seen before its addition to gasoline, these defendants chose to make it the second largest chemical manufactured in the United States,” the complaint reads. “In doing so, these defendants have unleashed an unprecedented assault on the water supplied to the citizens of Maryland.”

According to the lawsuit, the companies colluded from the early 1980s on to downplay the risks and hazards of using MTBE as an additive. Despite its potential problems, the plaintiffs said the amount of MTBE used increased drastically after the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments, which required the use of reformulated gasoline that contains MTBE or other additives like ethanol, were passed. The companies allegedly pushed for the use of MTBE primarily because it boosted profits since it was a byproduct of the gasoline refining process.

“MTBE was not the only viable option to achieve higher octane in gasoline,” the complaint reads. “Rather, its use reflected a choice and preference of the defendants, to make money off gasoline refining waste byproducts.”

The case was originally filed in Baltimore County Circuit Court on Jan. 17, but was moved to the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, in Baltimore on Friday. Baltimore County Circuit Court was home to other MTBE-related cases stemming from an accident in Jacksonville. Residents sued over a massive gasoline leak that contaminated their water supply in 2006.

In March 2009, a jury in Baltimore County awarded \$150 million to 88 households for exposure to MTBE exposure after the leak. In a second lawsuit, now being tried, the plaintiffs are seeking medical monitoring costs.

Deadline approaches for artists seeking studio space in building

BERLIN —Local artists have until May 15 to apply for space in the new Chamber of Commerce headquarters, more commonly referred to as the “Old Post Office.”

In addition to serving at the town visitor center, the building has six spaces for use as studios for working artists. The rental spaces are approximately 10 feet by 10 feet and have gable doors that lock.

Because the chamber building is in the town’s Arts and Entertainment District, artists can create and sell their work from their stalls tax-free. Artists will have a separate rear entrance and access to their stalls at all hours, while the front office will have regular business hours.

Artists will be able to staff their spaces and sell their work during regular business hours. There will also be a small display area in the front visitor center that any artist can use at no additional rental cost, though a commission of 30 percent commission

will be collected for works sold by staff in this area.

Rent will be \$350 a year per stall, plus a percentage of utilities. Artists will also be required to have a business license.

To apply for space, artists must mail in a completed application along with artist bio, five pictures of their work and a non-refundable \$25 application fee made payable to Berlin Chamber of Commerce. Applications will not be processed without filing fee.

Applications can be obtained by calling the chamber or visiting the office.

Once all applications have been received, a committee will review the applicants, a process that could take up to a week. A confirmation email will be sent out by the Chamber.

Applications should be mailed to, Berlin Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 212, Berlin MD 21811 May 15.



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Spring Bash

Annual Blues festival set for May 7

BERLIN — The 4th Annual Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash will be held noon-8 p.m. Saturday, May, 7 in downtown Berlin, with performances ranging from electric blues to the Delta sound.

Sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and WESM 91.3 FM, the event is a celebration of music and art with two outdoor stages, live jazz and blues, plus a solid lineup of artists displaying and selling their work.

Featured music acts are Tom Principato, sponsored by Merrill Lynch, Delta Blues musician Danielle Miraglia, blues guitar phenomenon Chaz DePaolo, the Patrick McHenry Quartet from UMES and local favorites, Lower Case Blues, Slim deNunn and Dark Gold Jazz.

To help kick off the Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash will be a Night of Dancing Under the Stars on the grounds of Merry Sherwood in Berlin on Saturday. The Brian Perez Trio will perform with an eclectic mix of jazz.

Festivities include New Orleans-style food, silent auction, cash bar and a chance to win a night stay in Washington D.C. and tickets to the D.C. Jazz Festival in June. Tickets are \$50 per person. All proceeds benefit the Berlin's Jazz & Blues Bash. Tickets may be purchased online at www.BerlinChamber.org.

The Jazz and Blues Bash event is free to the public. Limited seating will be provided at each music stage; lawn chairs are recommended. No outside food or alcohol is permitted in the festival area. Alcohol must be purchased and consumed on licensed restaurant properties only.

Detailed event schedule and band information is available on the Berlin Chamber website at www.BerlinChamber.org. For more information please call (410) 641-4775.



Ward competition pays tribute to Japanese artists

OCEAN CITY — When the Salisbury University's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art opens at its 41st annual World Championship Competition on Friday, it will celebrate the work of Japanese carvers.

The annual competition always draws artists from the international carving community, but this year artists from Japan will be there as well.

It just won't be as many as expected — some 50 of them originally — as the country continues to work its way back from a succession of disasters.

Even so, the three-day event at the convention center will feature a photography exhibit to honor their work. Images of carvings provided by the absent Japanese artists will be on display throughout the weekend.

"Many of these competitors have attended in the past and we wanted to showcase their work and invite them to continue to be part of the show," said Lora Bottinelli, the museum's executive director.

SU graduate assistant Daisuke Sekine, who is from Saitama, north of Tokyo,

has been translating e-mails from the Japanese artists. Former SU student Kaori Morris, who is from Yokohama and has family in Sendai shelters, will be present to support those who do attend.

Seiichi Mizukami, vice president of the Japan Bird Carving Association, is among those who cannot participate, but hopes to in the future. Artist Tominaga Yasu still plans to come with others from Nagoya and is looking forward to a Robert Guge master class on carving warblers.

The competition and art festival are

Friday through Sunday. The American Red Cross will collect donations for Japanese relief efforts during the event.

Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students and free for children 12 and under.

Also available are an \$18 three-day pass and \$6 group rate. For more information call 410-742-4988 or visit the Ward Museum Web site at www.wardmuseum.org.

Piping plover breeding season begins

BERLIN – Superintendent Trish Kicklighter last week announced the return of an annual visitor to Assateague Island National Seashore – the Piping plover and advised the public of steps being taken to protect the species during hits breeding season.

This small, melodious shorebird is threatened with extinction because of the loss of its natural beach breeding habitat along much of the East Coast. Assateague Island is the only piping plover nesting site in Maryland and one of the densest breeding areas on the eastern seaboard.

The loss of breeding habitat elsewhere in the region means that the protected beaches of Assateague are vital to the species' continued survival.

These plovers are attracted to the island's isolated, storm-washed beaches,

which provide ideal areas for the threatened bird to nest and feed. The challenge for the National Park Service is to protect the plovers and other natural plant and animal species, while providing recreational opportunities for the park's summer visitors.

The piping plover breeding season begins in mid-April and lasts until the birds migrate south, usually between early August and early September. Most of the population will use the island's northern six miles in Maryland and southern areas around Toms Cove Hook in Virginia. A few birds will breed in other areas including the 12-mile public over-sand vehicle (OSV) zone.

Plovers are easily disturbed by humans and will leave their nests or feeding areas if approached. To ensure their safety, the National Park Service will close portions

of Assateague Island to visitor use during the breeding season.

Visitors should look for the closure signs to avoid entering protected areas where fragile nests may be easily disturbed or destroyed. The closed areas will be monitored and enforced throughout the summer.

The interior portion of northern Assateague Island, including much of the island north of Assateague State Park, will be closed to public use during the entire breeding season. This year's closure will remain in effect until all young birds can fly. Pets and kite flying are prohibited year-round on the north end of Assateague.

A section of seaside beach across from the Ocean City airport will remain open to public boat landing, as will the beaches

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Birders flock to region

Delmarva birding weekend begins

BERLIN— The Delmarva Birding Weekend celebrates the spring migration of thousands of warblers, shorebirds, waterfowl and raptors. The Weekend combines boat trips, paddling treks and expeditions by foot and takes place April 28 through May 1.

The Delmarva Peninsula possesses an extensive variety of environments, including barrier islands, tidal wetlands, cypress swamps, upland fields and primeval forests.

Field trips take place in the land and water that feed into the Chesapeake Bays and Atlantic coastal bays. More than 400 bird species have been recorded in the region, 204 species were tallied during the 2009 event.

Space is limited, but weekend participants can book trips through May 1 to kayak on the Pocomoke River and Sinepuxent and Chincoteague Bays, take a boat tour to Smith Island, search for birds behind Ocean City aboard the Shorebird Explorer and explore some of Maryland's best birding

grounds at Assateague Island National Seashore, Pemberton Historical Park, the Nassawango Creek Preserve and E.A. Vaughn Wildlife Management Area.

On Saturday, April 30 at 4:00 pm, a birder's Tally Rally will be held at The Angler in Ocean City to add species to the weekend's checklist.

Participating birders will be helping birds by promoting bird and habitat conservation. Birders, both novice and experienced, can make an important statement about the economic value of birds and their habitats through low-impact tourism.

Birders are encouraged to remind local businesses that they are here to enjoy Delmarva's natural areas and the birds that inhabit them.

For more information, email dlitedirector@comcast.net or call 443-614-0261. For more information about the Delmarva Birding Weekend and trip availability, please visit www.delmarvabirding.org.

Piping plover

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adjacent to the Ocean City inlet. The inlet beach is also the only area on the Maryland portion of Assateague where personal watercraft are permitted to land. The intertidal ocean beach from the Ocean City Inlet to Assateague State Park will also remain open to the public unless nests are built too close to the ocean to permit recreational activities.

Piping plovers are also expected to

nest along sections of the Park's OSV zone. Should this occur, the NPS might close or otherwise limit use in portions of the zone as necessary to protect the nests and any chicks.

Staff will re-open any restricted areas for recreational use promptly following the end of the plover breeding activity. Although a shorter OSV zone is possible, a reduction in the 145-vehicle limit is not expected.

Country legend at Springfest

George Jones and Richard Marx to perform

OCEAN CITY — Country music legend George Jones will take over the Springfest stage next Friday night at the Ocean City inlet as the headliner in the 21st edition of the annual event.

And on Saturday in that same location it will be Grammy winning singer-songwriter Richard Marx, with a full orchestra reprising some of his top 10 songs from the 1980s.

The entertainment, which for the first time will include a number of local performers in a big on-stage jam, is just a part of the Springfest agenda, as veteran fans will attest.

Starting next Thursday and running through Sunday, Springfest is a combination of food, live entertainment and arts and crafts in and around four big top tents located in the inlet lot.

With the exception of the Jones and Marx shows, all the entertainment is free as is admission to the overall event. For the headliners, tickets for the Jones 8 p.m. show will range from \$20 to \$50 and for the Marx performance, also at 8 p.m., tickets will cost \$20 to \$40.

Tickets are on sale at the Convention Center Box Office. Box office hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or via TicketMaster at 800-551-7328 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

The Local Band Jam is a free show on Thursday featuring Kevin Poole and the Gang, Crowded Outhouse, Moodswingers with Lauren Glick, Dave Sherman, No Byscuyts and Opposite Directions.

On Sunday at 3:30 p.m. will be a concert by the Radio Disney band, Kicking Daisies, and an appearance by Disney star Roshon Fegan of "Camp Rock" and "Shake it Up!"

James Gallagher and Off the Boat will perform a free show at 4:30 p.m. on the outdoor stage.

Meanwhile, the food menu will feature the offerings of more than 30 vendors will serve a variety of delicious food, while 180 Springfest artisans fill the arts and crafts tent.

Springfest is open rain or shine from

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 5 through Saturday, May 7 and on Sunday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A welcoming ceremony will be held on the outdoor stage on Thursday at 10 a.m. featuring Ocean City Elementary School's OC Stars.

Ocean City offers a ride-all-day fare, which enables travelers to and from the festival multiple daily trips for \$3 ride all day. Otherwise, the cost is \$1 per boarding.

Satellite parking areas are available with Park 'N Ride bus service. Park 'N Ride locations include the West Ocean City Park and Ride, just off Route 50 in West Ocean City (shuttle bus \$1); Public Safety Building, 65th Street; Gold Coast Mall, 115th Street; and Northside Park, 125th Street (walk to 125th Street bus stop on Coastal Highway). Parking is free at these locations.

Extra buses will be in use during the festival and will pick up passengers at any bus stop along Coastal Highway. All bus passengers will be dropped off at the Transit Center on South Division Street, just across the Boardwalk from Springfest. Handicapped transportation is available by calling 410-723-1607.

The Ocean City Transportation Division also offers the Springfest Express Shuttle. The town's trolleys will offer an express shuttle (no stops) to Springfest from the Convention Center's south parking lot on 40th Street.

The cost is \$3, ride-all-day or \$1 per boarding, same as the regular bus fare. Parking is free at the Convention Center south lot. Trolleys will depart the lot every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. until 30 minutes following the end of the evening's last concert, Thursday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Springfest Express Shuttle offers convenient service for festival attendees traveling from the northern part of town.

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2011 ASL CLASSES**

SALISBURY — Deaf Independent Living Association, Inc., (DILA) has scheduled two, eight-week, American Sign Language (ASL) classes taught by a deaf instructor to be held at the association's Snow Hill Road offices.

ASL Level I, Mondays, June 6-Aug. 1 (no class 7/4) from 5-8 pm. Cost is \$230 and includes textbook/DVD, Signing Naturally I (used for all three ASL levels)

ASL Level II -- Wednesdays, June 8-Aug. 3 (no class 7/6) from 5-8 pm. Cost is \$155. (Use Signing Naturally I textbook/DVD)

Students will learn to carry on an everyday conversation with deaf individuals. Role-playing and games designed to teach basic signs are used as tools.

By the end of the class, a sampling of the skills you will learn are: manual alphabet, numbers, introducing yourself, talking about family, discussing the home, office and more. Space is limited.

Registration deadline is Monday, May 23. To register or for more information, call DILA at 410-742-5052 V/TTY or 1-866-947-6923 VP, email: dila@dila.org or visit <http://www.dila.org>.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

FENWICK ISLAND --The Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the 33rd Annual Bethany Beach Boardwalk Arts Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10, in Bethany Beach. The deadline for artists to apply to be juried into this fine arts festival is May 1.

More than 100 artists will be displaying their fine work along the bandstand and boardwalk areas in downtown Bethany Beach.

For more information about applying to this year's festival please visit www.TheQuietResorts.com or call 302-539-

2100. All artists who are accepted into this year's show will be notified in June and a list will be posted on the Chamber's website. For more information, call the chamber at 302-539-2100.

DIAKONIA WISH LIST

Diakonia provides housing for over 45 people, from ages 0-80 and is in need of the following items: Personal hygiene items, Shore Transit bus tickets, new or gently used bicycles, new bed pillows, compact fluorescent light bulbs, stackable front loading washer/dryer, postage stamps, reams of copy paper.

Also gift cards to Staples and Home Depot, office supplies, high efficiency laundry detergent. If you are able to donate any of these items they may be dropped off at the main building on Route 707 in West Ocean City.

POKER CLUBS SEEKS MEMBERS

Two Monday night poker clubs are interested in recruiting new members in the Ocean Pines area. Seats are limited to eight at each of the two tables. Call 410-641-8351 for more information.

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

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

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

Signs are ordered by filling out an

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) and other Eastern Shore counties recently participated in a federally graded emergency exercise geared around a nuclear release from the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant.

Federal Emergency Management Agency evaluators, Constellation Energy Power Plant representatives, Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Department of Agriculture representatives assessed how well the WCES operations plan is geared toward responding to the indirect impacts associated with a nuclear release.

Evaluators graded the WCES operation plan on whether it met or exceeded a set of seven criteria and complimented the county on the, "excellent use of GIS capabilities, multiple means of communication and modern facility."

This exercise is a part of Worcester County government's ongoing emergency preparedness efforts. Due to the distance between Worcester County and the power plant, in the event of an actual emergency, only a small portion of the county would be in the ingestion pathway zone.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood pressure checks by the Ocean Pines Fire Department will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

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The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean

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Pines-Ocean City is offering, free of charge, adhesive-backed stickers for use on car safety and booster seats. The bright day-glo yellow stickers contain information such as the child's name and address, medical information and emergency contact, so that EMTs and other first responders will have that information available.

Stickers are available at the State Police Berlin Barrack, the Ocean Pines Area Chamber of Commerce Office, the Ocean Pines Recreation and Police Departments and from any OP-OC Kiwanian. Approximately 1,400 stickers have been distributed to schools, day care centers and fire and police departments on Delmarva.

FUNDRAISING PHLOCKINGS

Do you want a unique way to send your best wishes to friend? For \$25, the Ocean City Parrothead Club's "Flamingo Queens" will sneak into the front yard of your choice and plant two dozen pink plastic flamingos, plus a sign displaying your personal message.

In 24 hours, the Queens will come to fetch the flock so they can move on to the next yard. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. For an Ocean City and Berlin area phlocking, call 443-735-8418. For a Salisbury area phlocking, call 410-845-0798.

Anita Claire Miller

BERLIN -- Anita Claire Miller, age 92, died Wednesday, April 20, at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Berlin.

Born in Newark, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Harold Mensinger and Sarah Whitley Mensinger. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Paul Miller.

Miller was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Ocean Pines, the Catholic Daughters of America and PEO Chapter AK of Ocean Pines and a former Community Person District 11 in Edison, N.J.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita C. Roberts, and her husband, Russell; one grandchild, Chad Roberts; two great-grandchildren, Carter and Landon Roberts. She was preceded in death by her son, Joseph P. Miller, Jr.; and her brother, Harold Mensinger.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 11 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Ocean Pines. Friends may call one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in Resurrection Burial Park in Metuchen, N.J.

Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

William L. Engle

William Louis Engle, "Wil", age 39, died Thursday, April 2 as a result of a

OBITUARIES



William L. Engle

motorcycle accident.

Born in Salisbury, he was the son of E. Ronald Engle and his step-mother Mina Lorraine Engle, and his mother, Anita Verna Ross of Longboat Key, Fla. Also surviving is a brother, Matthew Allen Engle, of Ocean City, and two step-brothers, Timothy James and Dominic Michael Markiewicz. He was adored uncle to Caroline, Sarah, and Gracie, their "human jungle gym."

Wil was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, class of 1989. He was a United States Navy Veteran of 16 years and was the owner of Veteran's Graphics. He was a member of the Synepuxent American Legion Post #

166 and the American Legion Riders, Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company, and Assateague Mobile Sports Fisherman's Association.

A celebration of his life was held Tuesday at the American Legion Hall on 24th and Philadelphia Avenue in Ocean City.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to the Legion Riders: C/o Sinepuxant American Legion Post # 166, 24th St. & Philadelphia Ave. Ocean City, MD 21842. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

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Blue crab population increases in Chesapeake

ANNAPOLIS – Good news for crab lovers: Gov. Martin O'Malley last week announced that the Chesapeake Bay's blue crab population is at its second highest level since 1997 and well above the target for the third year in a row, setting the stage for an overall recovery.

For crab houses on the Maryland coast that depend on the Chesapeake to keep those all-you-can-deals coming, this means a good supply and happy customers this summer.

It also means that seafood retailers in the area should be well stocked with picked crabmeat supplied by packing houses on the bayside of the Eastern Shore.

The results of the 2011 Blue Crab Winter Dredge Survey indicate that management measures put into place in 2008 are continuing to pay dividends for the crab population, the industry, recreational crabbers and consumers.

O'Malley made the announcement from the deck of Mike's Crab House near Annapolis, overlooking the South River.

"Today we continue to realize the benefits of the very tough decisions we made three years ago – decisions that are bringing us closer to our ultimate goal: a self-sustaining fishery that will support our industry and recreational fisheries over the long term," O'Malley said.

"At 460 million crabs, our population is at its second highest level since 1997 and nearly double the record low of 249 million in 2007. And for watermen across the Bay, the unusually high abundance we saw last year translated into a harvest of more than 89 million pounds — the highest since 1993."

The survey also reports that 254 million adult crabs survived an unusually cold winter in the Chesapeake, above the current population target of 200 million crabs for the third year in a row. This marks the first time since the early 1990s that the bay has seen three consecutive years where the adult population was above the target and the commercial and recreational harvests were below the target of 46 percent.

"This annual survey, not only gives us the best accounting of our populations, it is also an excellent predictor of the upcoming harvest," said Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Secretary John Griffin. "While we are heartened by these results, we remain committed to working with our partners and stakeholders to keep the harvest in balance with the population over the long term."

Estimates of abundance are developed separately for young of the year crabs, mature female crabs and adult male crabs. Together, these groups of crabs will support the 2011 fishery and produce the next generation of crabs.

"The Bay's blue crab population can vary dramatically from year to year and 2011 has presented some challenges," said DNR Fisheries Service Director Tom O'Connell. "Crabs are vulnerable to extreme cold and this past winter's deep freeze is to blame for the fact that as much as 31 percent of Maryland's adult crabs were lost to winter kill, as opposed to about 11 percent in 2010. Crab reproduction was also lower in 2011—again, not unexpected given its natural variability, which is heavily influenced by environmental conditions."

"Quite clearly, this year presented a perfect storm," said Dr. Tom Miller, professor of fisheries at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. "It was warmer than normal going into the winter, got cold rapidly in early December and then stayed very cold and below average from mid-December to the beginning of February. Any one of these would have caused increased mortality, but in combination, they were exactly what we didn't need."

Maryland's management system of daily catch limits and closed periods is designed to adapt and ensure that annual crab harvest stays balanced with annual shifts in abundance. DNR will begin working with the industry, the public and its advisory commissions to determine if minor adjustments to Maryland's regulations will be made this year.

Preliminary harvest numbers in the 88-94 million-pound range confirm that a robust industry can coexist with regulations designed to rebuild a self-sustaining, healthy blue crab population. In addition, recreational crabbing license sales increased by 8 percent in 2010.

In 2008, Maryland, Virginia and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) took coordinated action to reduce harvest pressure on female crabs by 34 percent. At that time, scientists from all three jurisdictions deemed conservation measures necessary as blue crabs suffered near historic lows in spawning stock.

The primary assessment of the bay's blue crab population is conducted annually by DNR and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS).

Since 1990, the survey has employed crab dredges to sample blue crabs at

1,500 sites throughout the Chesapeake Bay from December through March. By sampling during winter when blue crabs are buried in the mud and stationary, scientists can develop, with good precision, estimates of the number of crabs present in the bay.

In September 2008, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service responded to O'Malley's request for disaster assistance funding for watermen impacted by the declining blue crab population. With support from Sen. Barbara Mikulski and Maryland's Congressional Delegation, DNR received \$15 million that extends into 2012 to assist management efforts and mitigate the impacts from the blue crab fishery disaster.

In Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010, Maryland directed \$6 million in capital funding toward these efforts.

Broadband to benefit rural areas

ANNAPOLIS — The Maryland Board of Public Works last week approved a "Resource Sharing Agreement" (RSA)" between the Maryland Broadband Cooperative and the Maryland Department of Information Technology that will help provide high-speed Internet services to unserved areas on the Eastern Shore. "The goal when Maryland Broadband was created was to contribute to the quality of life of rural Maryland by providing cost effective high speed internet services in

underserved regions we are a large step closer to attaining that goal" said Patrick Mitchell, president and CEO of the Maryland Broadband Cooperative. The RSA gives Maryland Broadband important fiber assets that will extend the reach of its members from the Delaware border to Southern Maryland to Keyser's Ridge. It will also add to the Cooperative's valuable network diversity with fiber hotel connections in Baltimore, McLean and Ashburn, Va.



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Jennifer Kimbrew of Ocean Pines waits patiently for the beginning of the Easter Bonnet Parade, part of last weekend's Spring Celebration in Berlin.



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sophia Mattes and Madison Petrowski of Ocean City learned about deforestation of the watershed at the 4-H Foundation table set up on the street as part of last weekend's Spring Celebration in Berlin.



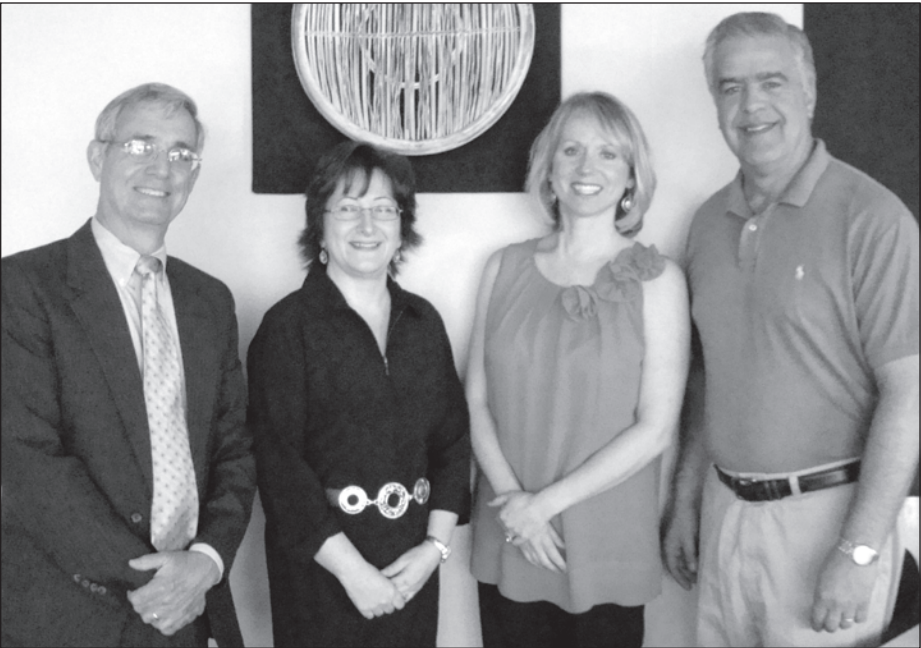
TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Brothers Tradd and Julian Cooper took a spin on one of the Jolly Roger Amusement Park rides set up in the municipal parking lot as part of last weekend's Spring Celebration in Berlin.



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Brooke Gemberling, Frank Dickson and Cyndy Howell, Volunteer Services Manager for Worcester County.



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Judge Richard R. Bloxom, Teresa Fields, executive director, Worcester Youth and Family, Brigitte Saulsbury, director, Lower Shore CASA, and Ed Battisfore CASA volunteer.



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Youth and Family board members Carlyn Crout and Lynn Kelly.

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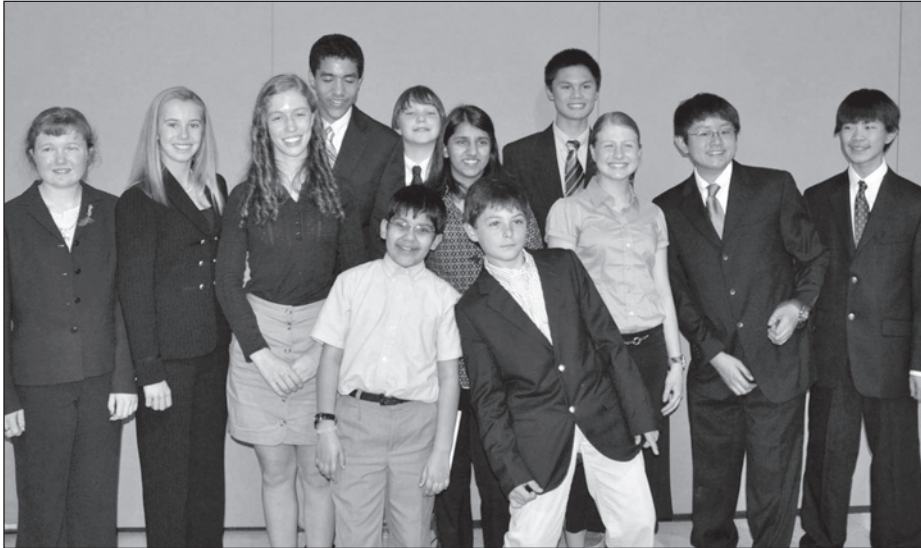
Emergency Medical Technicians, Corey Dietrich and Glenn Shockley, visited Showell Elementary School kindergartners. Pictured is Brittany Williams having her heart monitored.



Sophomores Tackle Biology with Fifth Grade Students: Sophomores in Jenn Corron's biology class who worked with Grade 5 students on learning about the lives of sea turtles, stingrays, whales, and dolphins were (back, l-r) Henry Hastings, Berlin; Caroline Hudson, Berlin; and Tierney Loeser, Dagsboro. The fifth grade students are: (l-r) Austin Taylor, Atlantic; Grace Mullaney, Ocean City; and Anchita Batra, Lewes.



Showell Elementary first graders, Tavia Mitchell and Kira DePietro, are making panoramic sugar eggs. Their finished products will definitely be a surprise!



Worcester Prep students who entered the Optimist Oratorical competition for 2011 were: (front, l-r) Nick Moondra, Salisbury; Keegan Pando, Lewes; (Middle) Halie Murray-Davis, Lewes; Hannah Esham, Frankford; Claire Stickler, Lewes; Aelya Ehtasham, Lewes; Amanda Gabriel, Laurel; Raphael deJesus, Seaford; Christopher Choy, Rehoboth Beach; (back) Daniel Rosa, Lewes; Jordan Welch, Ocean Pines; and Lorenzo deJesus, Seaford. Those selected as Finalists were: Keegan Pando, Halie Murray-Davis, Amanda Gabriel, Raphael deJesus, Lorenzo deJesus, and Hannah Esham.



The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently planted an ornamental pear tree on the grounds of Worcester Preparatory School in Berlin. Conservation Committee Chairman Jacqueline Spurrier proposed and coordinated this beautification project in memory of deceased chapter member Ann Showell. Pictured are Regent Pat Arata, Dr. Barry Tull, Worcester Prep Headmaster, and Jacqueline Spurrier.



The Community Foundation awarded a \$3000 grant to the Easter Seals Children's Therapy Center. Pictured are William Adami, President/CEO, Easter Seals; Spicer Bell, President, CFES; and Pamela Reuther, VP of Programs, Easter Seals

CALENDAR

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ON-GOING EVENTS

INTRODUCTION TO FLYING
Saturdays in April.
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.

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.

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET
On the corner of West Street and Main Street in Downtown Berlin Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

Friday, April 29th

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION
Roland E. Powell Convention Center 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Three-day passes to the event are available for \$18.

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.

BIG BAND BASH
Three collegiate bands unite for Jazz Appreciation Month celebration at 7 p.m. in the Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts. General admission is \$7; students \$3. Call 410-651-6571 for more information.

Saturday, April 30th

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

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EXPECT THE GREAT
The Salisbury University Gospel Choir celebrates its 27th season with the concert "Expect the Great" 6 p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit

www.salisbury.edu.

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.

WARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILDFOWL CARVING COMPETITION
Roland E. Powell Convention Center 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Three-day passes to the event are available for \$18.

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

ARTS & TECHNOLOGY FESTIVAL

At the Worcester County Technical High School 8 a.m.-10:20 a.m. Contact Adriann Bonsteel for more information (410) 641-5050

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

FLEA MARKET
Bethany United Methodist Church, used fishing gear and flea market sale, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Route 611 and Snug Harbor Road.

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.

OUTDOOR SURVIVAL
Pocomoke River State Park 1-2 p.m. \$3 per person, \$10 for family of 4. Call 410-632-2566 for reservations or more information.

PINEWOOD SAILORS
Ocean City Museum Society hosts "Pinewood Sailors" on on the beach at Springfest, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weather permitting. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Three different boat-building kits will be available at a modest cost, and volunteers will be on hand to assist. For more information, call the museum at 410-289-4991.

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.

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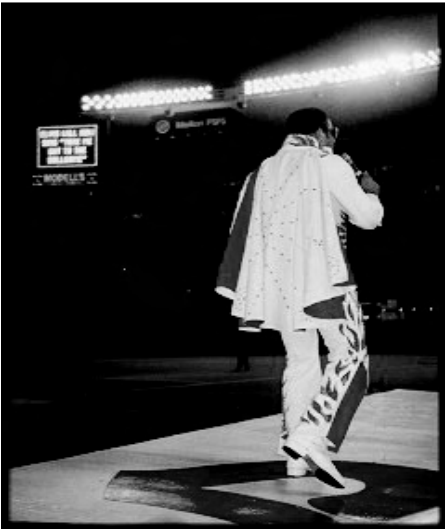
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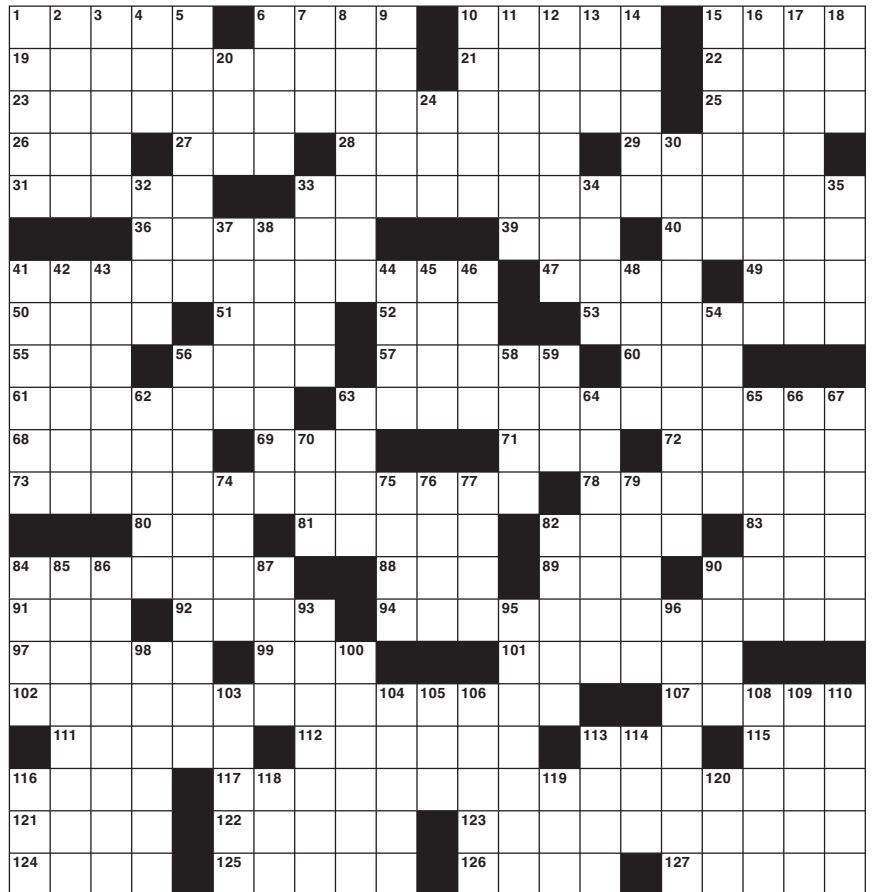
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1 Fix, as a program	53 Noblewoman	exclamation	
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10 Nickname for Baryshnikov	56 Mmes., in Iberia	102 Author Amy's family squabble?	16 Mass part
15 Gds.	57 Speak on C-Span, say	107 Our sun's type	17 Bitin' things
19 Steve McQueen's ex-wife and co-star in "The Getaway"	60 Burn cause	111 Baker or Loos	18 ___ for elephant
	61 Gentleman's partner	112 Pizza topping	20 Red Cross course, briefly
21 Vogue's Wintour and others	63 Preachers' lies?	113 FICA fig.	24 Line score inits.
22 Kind of torch	68 Get up?	115 Prefix with metric	30 Group with the 6x platinum album "Dr. Feelgood"
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39 Housing for the homeless: Abbr.	83 Abbr. unlikely to start of a sentence	1 Blot with gauze, say	43 Writer Eda
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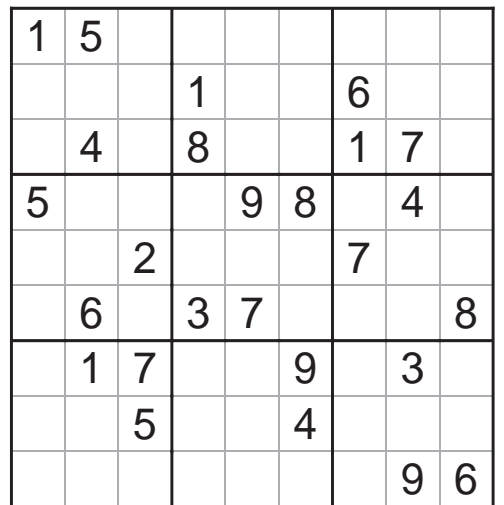
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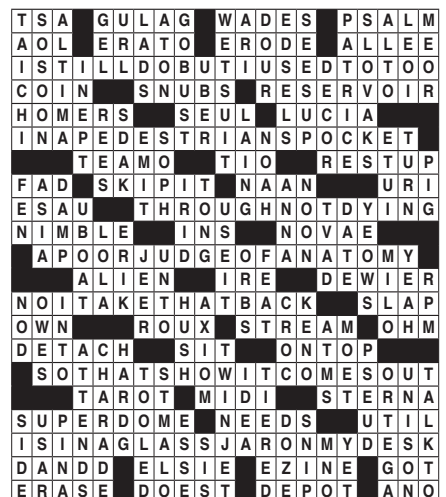
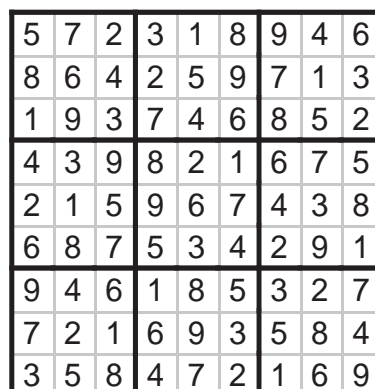
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The answers to last week's puzzles



CUISINE

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Bombora: an exciting entry in our restaurant universe

It's hard to remember a time when food didn't excite me. Despite the fact that global cuisines are a true love, I can still be found in pizza shops, fast food joints



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and ice cream parlors like most. I love them all, but when it comes to enjoying ethnic cuisines, I get warm and fuzzy.

I remember when I was studying Latin and Asian cuisines at The Culinary Institute in New York.

The study guides were immense; the vocabulary alone was enough to make anyone's head spin. My family suffered the unfortunate consequence of being 'key term widows.'

For Latin cuisine alone, there were endless pages of key terms, each new term more concerning than the last. Covered were the foods of Central America, South America, Mexico, The Caribbean and the Antilles. Consider the foods of the Caribbean alone; Haitian cuisine is quite different from Puerto Rican or Cuban. Nuances make the cuisine, as do the drastic differences.

Some countries and cultures use rice flour while others notably use corn; yet others use wheat flour and interchange them all on whim.

When it came to Asia, I only knew a few terms beyond the standard Japanese and Chinese vernacular, but what about the foods of Thailand, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Mongolia, Indonesia and Korea? How about Singapore, the Manhattan of the East?

I can assure you that the Latin key terms were a cakewalk compared to the Asian. Given the nature and depth of the practical exam, it was worrisome to say the least.

Studying the two, it became evident that it was no coincidence that they were tested in the same week. Stark similarities serve to confuse and confront the modern chef with the possibilities of blending the two cuisines successfully.

In Thai cuisine, as in Indian cuisine, one will notice a use of curries, logical considering migration across the Bay of Bengal. Ironical however is the common use of cilantro and lime in Southeast Asia and a very non-Asian region, that of Latin America.

As we also see chilies in both cuisines, it's not too much of a stretch as to how a certain simpatico could and should exist by blending the two worlds and I have found my Mecca of amalgamation locally: in Ocean City to be precise.

My wife and I find ourselves traveling for birthdays and special events and as this was a landmark birthday for Julie,



I was on the hunt for a special evening. Needing to stay local, it was a tough choice but with such strong recommendations, I decided on Bombora, not knowing what to expect especially from a brand new establishment.

I had recently heard of Bombora, a new restaurant in the Phillips Hotel on the boardwalk at 13th street. At the helm is Chef Arturo Paz, former architect-turned-chef. Brought on board to man the bridge of Phillips Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Paz made the natural progression to the chef-inspired Boardwalk restaurant that bears his stamp almost across the board.

Paz's resume includes stops in Hollywood, Miami and other hot spots and he noted that the common theme has been the beach. "It's not hard to come to work when you're coming to this," he says with a smile.

Bombora is a World Cuisines restaurant, touting its goal to fuse Latin and Asian foods and I can attest that the mission is being accomplished with great aplomb.

From start to finish, the meal far exceeded our expectations, the service was stellar and Chef Arturo was kind enough to come out and introduce

himself.

Bombora, five months in the making, Chef Arturo made sure that his input in designing the dining room was carried out. Imagine if you will the retro-flair of an old Cuban ballroom meticulously preserved at the hand of an elderly gentleman who used to work the room in youth. It carries you away to a Hemingway moment.

Arturo and his wife, Stephanie, moved to Maryland from Miami and they work together at home and in the restaurant to come up with new specials. Understanding the rigors of opening a new restaurant, Stephanie has been supportive and even finds herself in the kitchen a good amount of time.

As for our meal, I started with calamari two ways and finished with Seville orange marinated skirt steak with chimichurri. Julie had the salmon with the carrot-ginger emulsion and wild mushrooms. And much to my amazement, my wife ate mushrooms. In fact, she ate all of them.

Finishing with the trio of crème brûlée and a perfect cup of coffee, we were thrilled to have an oceanfront view and the meal to come with it.

To think that Bombora is only eight

miles from home, I am relieved that I can make a short trip to be taken an ocean away. And food excites me once again.

ARTURO'S TAMARIND-SOY BBQ SHRIMP

per person

- 5 ea. 16/20 shrimp, peeled
- 2 Tbsp. Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Kikkoman Soy Sauce
- 1 Tbsp. tamarind sauce
- 3 oz. Golden Pineapple
- ¼ oz. red onion, diced
- ¼ oz. red pepper, diced
- Cilantro as needed
- lime as needed

1. For salsa, combine pineapple, onion, pepper and cilantro
2. Add lime juice and S&P to taste
3. In separate bowl, combine BBQ sauce, soy and tamarind sauce
4. Grill shrimp for 6-8 minutes, basting with the sauce to caramelize
5. Plate and drizzle with BBQ sauce

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