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School cuts continue

Board of Education revamps its budget

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL — Worcester County Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Jon Andes presented the board's revised budget to the Worcester County Board of Commissioners Tuesday, highlighting changes made as a result of state funding changes. The budget remained at "Maintenance of Effort" levels.

Increases in estimated health care costs, utilities, and retirement expenses have resulted in a \$619,000 shortfall, which will be made up with the elimination of positions and reduction in contractual services. The board of education will attempt to make the position cuts through retirement and attrition.

Remaining employees will pay what amounts to an additional payroll tax, contributing an additional two percent of their salaries to the general fund. The contribution is ostensibly in support of the pension shortfall but Andes pointed out that the money does not go directly to the fund. He said the extra contribution could be spent without restriction by the Maryland General Assembly from the state's general fund.

Part of the additional expense to be covered from the board's funds is an administrative fee of \$162.77 per board employee totaling more than \$183,000. Commissioner Louise Gulyas asked that

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Commissioners

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covered from the board's funds is an administrative fee of \$162.77 per board employee totaling more than \$183,000. Commissioner Louise Gulyas asked that the fee be passed along to the school employees.

"It is not fair to pass it on to the taxpayer," she said. "It's the cost of doing business."

Commissioner Virgil Shockley worried that the result of the increased expenses for the board of education budget — which remains at the per pupil spending levels required by the state regardless of fixed expenses — would not cover the cost of doing business for the county's school buses. Although gasoline prices are rising, he noted there was no increase in the line item that covered transportation.

Andes said he would make sure to

cover the bus gasoline costs, saying that if prices got too high, the school system would take money from other departments to make sure the bus operators are fairly compensated for the business expenses they incur as county contractors.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to continue attempting to certify the section along Route 589 as a priority funding area in an attempt to get the Pines Plaza connected to public sewer. The building has a special exception while a solution is sought to deal with its failing septic system.

When the system failed, the commissioners allowed the business to pump the sewage into trucks and have it hauled away as a temporary solution. In applying for grants to expand the sewer service area, the county has to

demonstrate the area in question falls within the designated priority funding area. The Pines Plaza does not.

The commissioners approved the new priority funding area and ordered that a letter to that end be sent to the state. Upon the state's acceptance, the commissioners will send another letter asking that the area be expanded to include border properties that had to be excluded from the initial area for technical reasons.

County attorney Sonny Bloxom advised the commissioners that they should establish rules for appointing replacements to the board of education in light of Gary Mumford's resignation. Mumford resigned from the board last week when he accepted the job of warden at the county jail.

Under the newly established rules, applicants should indicate their interest by sending the commissioners a resume for review. The applicant should come from the district for which the

replacement is needed, in this case District 2. The commissioners will review the applications and schedule interviews with the applicants.

Interviews are expected to begin in June.

The person appointed will serve out the complete term of the board member they are to replace. Whoever is appointed in Mumford's stead will hold the seat until Dec. 31, 2012.

The Worcester County Health Department received a \$130,000 grant to construct sidewalks to Berlin Intermediate School and Snow Hill Elementary as part of the Safe Routes to School program.

The commissioners' budget work sessions have been changed. The May 10, May 17, and May 31 sessions will be cancelled in favor of an all day session 9 a.m. Wed. May 25 at the government building.

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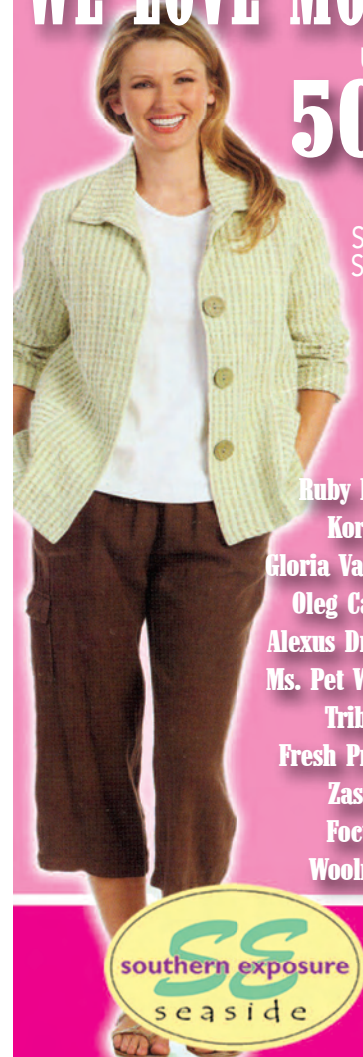
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BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Funk and Bolton attorney Charles “Chip” MacLeod is no stranger to municipal law. His firm specializes in representing county and municipal governments all over the state. So when he was approached by lawyers from Baron and Budd, a Dallas law firm that concentrates on class action suits, asking for his help soliciting clients for a class action against some of the largest petroleum companies in the world, the most important thing for him was to make sure it was a good move for his clients.

“We did a lot of due diligence before we put our reputations on the line,” he said.

The lawsuit Baron and Budd proposed had to do with methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) a gas additive that improved gasoline efficiency but was environmentally dangerous. MTBE is no longer used, having given way to ethanol and other additives, but when it exceeds certain levels, it can be harmful to animals. There is no indication that it is harmful to humans.

Baron and Budd had just won a huge class action case involving MTBE wherein they were able to fight off corporate lawyers from companies like ExxonMobil, Shell and Getty with a document demonstrating that the companies’ scientists had warned of the environmental dangers of MTBE but had been ignored.

The more important thing they learned was that most in-ground gasoline tanks fail and that MTBE spreads slowly, often taking years to reach levels elevated enough to violate EPA rules.

McLeod said that once the chemical compound gets into the ground it moves very slowly. One of the biggest factors that compounds the cost is that whenever levels exceed the allowable amount of any chemical, localities have to retest to make sure it wasn’t an anomaly or an error. Armed with that information, Baron and Budd began looking for places there the MTBE levels had risen significantly and Berlin was among the places they discovered.

For his part, MacLeod reviewed the case and concluded that not only that it was winnable, but also that it was the kind of case that would interest his clients.

“Settlement negotiations are already under way, I doubt this will go to trial,” he said. “There’s no reason the federal courts won’t do the same thing [they did in the other MTBE cases].”

What they did was require the gas companies not only to pay damages, but also to guarantee to pay future costs associated with cleanup should the levels rise again over time. MacLeod said he expected something similar to come from Berlin’s suit.

Although there are seven jurisdictions around the state that signed onto the lawsuit, many more were approached but declined to join.

Water contamination is a touchy subject and municipalities and even a few school districts elected to pay for the cleanup quietly themselves rather than alarm the public.

Another concern for many was that the suit would hurt local businesses. According to MacLeod, some officials worried that local gas stations would be caught up in the suit.

“This is about big gas companies,” he said. “Not mom and pop businesses.”

While the damage was caused by failures of gas station tanks, individual owners were never aware that the tank

failure rate was well over 50 percent, nor that the additive was dangerous enough to be abolished.

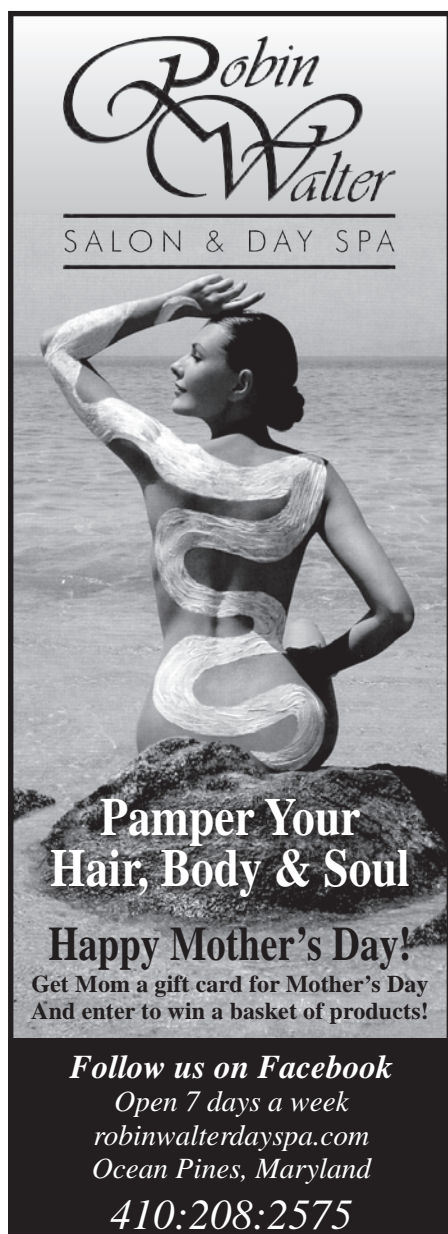
Additionally, they didn’t conspire to hide the fact nor did they lobby heavily to have the MTBE amounts raised to avoid further suits. The companies that were named in and already lost other suits, however, were already found liable for all of those things.

“I give credit to the Berlin officials for saying, ‘Yeah, we don’t want to have to pay for this,’” MacLeod said.

It is unclear how much the town might get from participating in the suit. MacLeod said there will be a formula devised based on the amounts of damage and the size of the cleanup proportionate to the other plaintiffs.

Whatever the outcome, however, it is likely that going forward the town will be insulated from the cost of having to clean up future MTBE contaminations. The only costs to the town will be the personnel costs associated with looking up old tests and possible taking new readings. Any of these costs would be rolled into the final settlement as well.

Anthony Carson, Berlin town administrator declined to comment, citing the pending litigation.



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Slim DeNunn and the High Rollers play the Blues

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Todd Smith spent the better part of his adult life sharing the stage and working in the studio with some of the most influential acts of the late 20th Century, but it took his arrival in Salisbury for him to make the transformation to Slim DeNunn, the name he takes as frontman of the High Rollers.

Smith moved to the Eastern Shore in 2004 and set about trying to access the music scene, such as it was. He played with several local bands, including Muskrat Sally, but eventually reached a place in his life where he decided he'd rather just play what he wanted when he wanted.

He switched from the electric to the standup bass and went through the hand-bleeding process of learning to be subtle on an instrument that requires a certain amount of force to generate sound.

"My hands bled a lot for the first six-weeks," he said. "But eventually you learn the subtleties and how to be more efficient."

Putting together a blues band from scratch is apparently easier than you might think. Putting together the right lineup, however, took a little more time.



But for the last three years, Smith has collaborated with Dr. Jay, Lips and Rooster who make up the High Rollers.

Dr. Jay is Jay Carlander guitarist and the first recruited member of the High Rollers. Formerly of the alt-country band Borrowed Time, which opened for Willie Nelson and other major touring country artists, Carlander played guitar with alternative/surf/punk icon Brad Nack.

Smith called harmonica player Brian Veditz, a.k.a. Lips, one of the best harmonica players he's ever seen. Like the others, Veditz is a student of the genre, taking his place as a blues harp player acolyte-serious, staying true to the process as well as the production.

Drummer Chuck Demartin — High

Roller handle: Rooster — is a working musician whose expertise is sought on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay. But when you're part of a group of high quality musicians playing what's among the purest music, getting up to speed has more to do with finding the groove than beating it to death.

To say that they don't play hard-driving blues wouldn't be accurate, but neither is it defining. They are, to a man, students of the art, each with one foot firmly planted in the 21st Century and one in the early 20th Century.

Although recordings are still relatively easy to come by, Slim DeNunn and the High Rollers like to use YouTube to find songs. Finding rare video of blues bands playing live gives them that

much more information to bring to their interpretation of the genre.

Any concert-goer will tell you that all the best versions of the best songs are live. And it's not just the atmosphere, it's the musician reacting to the atmosphere as well as to whatever other factors played into the moment they stepped on stage that particular night. Add 60 years and the historical understanding of blues students and what Slim DeNunn and the High Rollers do with already little-known nuggets is astounding.

Like many of the local blues acts, they don't find a ton of bar work, especially in Salisbury, but they do well on the festival circuit, having played at the Salisbury Festival among other places,

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“By providing a safe and secure way for people to get rid of unwanted medications, Operation Medicine Drop, part of the national drug-take back program sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, helps prevent accidental poisonings, drug abuse and helps protect our waters,” said Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips.

Phillips said that community turnout at the five county drop-off locations was substantial with county and municipal enforcement officers collecting the unwanted medications during the four-hour effort.

Volunteers from Assateague Coastal Trust and the Worcester County Health Department assisted in recycling the plastic pill containers and answering questions about the campaign.

The Ocean Pines Food Lion drop off location was the busiest with a total of 75 pounds of pills and medications collected. The Berlin Police Department collected 21.5 pounds, while the West Ocean City Food Lion location collected 21 pounds. Snow Hill and Pocomoke netted a total of 12.5 pounds.

The collected medications were turned over by the local enforcement agency partners to DEA Special Agent David Rivello, who took everything to an approved hazardous material incineration facility for safe disposal.

“Abuse of prescription medications and accidental ingestion is a growing danger within our communities,” Rivello said. “However if I know that at least one child was saved from harm as a result of today’s efforts I will be extremely happy.”

Blues

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but when they do play out, they make an impression.

Smith said that whenever they finish they’re often visited by a handful of Blues aficionados eager to get their hands on a Slim DeNunn and the High Rollers CD.

“They say, ‘Nobody plays this stuff anymore,’” Smith said.

One of the reasons they haven’t had a CD before is getting the rights to many of the songs they like the best is a little expensive. Writing their own, however, is a different story altogether.

At some point, the student demonstrates respect for the master by trying not to duplicate what they’ve learned but rather to build upon it. As Slim DeNunn and the High Rollers prepare to head into the studio with their own songs, that’s precisely what they hope to do.

Smith said they’ve already written a handful of songs to record — one of which, titled “Ocean City” is available on their website — and look forward to test driving them when they open the Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash Saturday.

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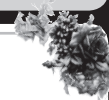
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OASIS BAR 'N' GRILL REGULARS – Bryan Grant and J.D. Dewald flank bar owner Bobby Riccio, bartender Liz Popovich, and bar manager Craig Morse. Riccio has transformed Oasis into a destination bar with the motto, “Easy to get to, just hard to leave.”

Retreat to a local watering hole

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

WHALEYVILLE — Oasis owner Bobby Riccio has never been able to relax and let the patrons come pouring in through the door. Since he purchased the Old Ocean City Boulevard business four years ago, he’s constantly worked to create and maintain a regular customer base.

But more than that, he’s insinuated himself into the business community as a way of creating partnerships that improve both his and his partners’ profile.

That’s why he and the managers of Hooper’s Crab House in West Ocean City — Pat Brady and Ryan Inferi — inaugurated last weekend’s Bikes to the Beach.

“This event has been two years in the making,” Riccio said. “We were estimating that we’d have about 10,000 people but [our contacts] say

it’s going to be bigger than we think.”

While both Oasis and Hooper’s acted as anchors, rally points and hosts to many of the main events, more than 40 local restaurants, bars and retail establishments signed on, bringing both financial and communal support to the effort. It’s a process Riccio said benefits everyone involved as well as local businesses that saw ancillary traffic.

Event-hosting is something Riccio has used to help build awareness about his business, getting people in the door is the only difficulty he has, keeping them coming back is easy.

The bar and grill’s slogan, “Easy to get to, just hard to leave” sprang from the recognition that it is the kind of place that people say they’ve discovered. Since struggling through those first few months, Riccio and his staff have worked hard

to expand both the menu and the usefulness of the not insignificant plot of land they own to play into the “Redneck Seacrets” moniker bestowed on them.

While the inside is what you’d might expect from a neighborhood bar and grill, plenty of seating at both the bar and in the restaurant serving area, the grounds are under constant change development.

The plan, according to Riccio, is to provide enough to see and do both inside and out to support both the day-to-day crowd and those generated by the frequent events they participate in or sponsor.

And the folks at Oasis are excellent hosts. During last week’s event, in order to make sure there was plenty of room for motorcycles and automobiles alike, Riccio rented a field just west of the bar and had a constantly

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running shuttle bringing people to and from the event.

For his part, Riccio hopes to parlay Oasis’ popularity among the bikers into a wider audience. While he still plans to inaugurate “Bike Days” every Sunday for the rest of the summer, he along with the other event sponsors sees this weekend as an opportunity to reach new audiences.

Bar manager Craig Morse said that given the down economy, it is important to keep pursuing customers with event marketing. Morse, who is overseeing the eventual

Show at Outlets

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WEST OCEAN CITY — The Ocean City Factory Outlets this week announced that it will hold its Classic Cruisin’ car show beginning 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 20. Cruiser registration ends 10:30 a.m.

The first 85 cruisers to register will receive a commemorative dash plaque and free basket raffle ticket. All proceeds from the basket raffle, registration and 50/50 raffle will benefit Maryland’s Lower Shore Special Olympics.

The show, sidewalk sales, Karaoke and entertainment with DJ “Hey Mick” and associated raffle activities are open to the public.

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OCEAN CITY — Nanette Pavier of ERA Holiday Real Estate was awarded a Leaders’ Circle designation by ERA Franchise Systems LLC.

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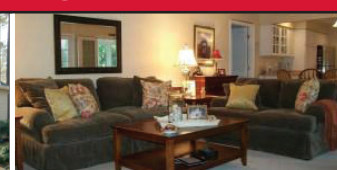
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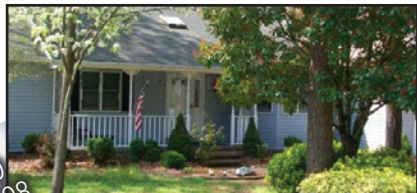
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**Oasis**

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installation of a 36-tap microbrew system is also planning a beer festival for June 18, said he understands that times are tight but felt it is all the more reason for local businesses to do more banding together for events like these.

But Oasis isn't only biker-centric. By expanding the menu to be more

family friendly Riccio is reaching across multiple demographics. Next month he'll target beer enthusiasts with a beer festival to go with the bar's massive expansion of brew choices.

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And supporting and encouraging good times is right in Oasis' wheelhouse

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Accountant Scott indicted**Grand Jury hands down theft indictment on William Scott**

SNOW HILL—A Worcester County Grand Jury last week moved to indict a local accountant with three counts of theft and three counts of theft scheme. The indictment came after months of investigation into the activities of William Scott, who is accused of taking a substantial amount of money from local condominium associations.

The Worcester County Bureau of Investigation began looking into Scott's handling of condominium association accounts in February, discovering that he was the bookkeeper for three such associations and that he had access to their bank accounts.

Police went on to allege that Scott

began taking money from these accounts starting in late December 2008 and continued until early February.

An examination by forensic accountants in the Ocean City and Salisbury area determined that \$826,273.51 was inappropriately taken from these associations and three individuals.

Last week the Office of the State's Attorney for Worcester County presented the case to the Grand Jury. An arrest warrant was issued with a bond amount of \$826,274, which is equal to the amount of money taken from the victims. Scott was arrested in Berlin later in the day.

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standing or seated and is suitable for all ages. These techniques have been shown to improve posture and breathing, induce relaxation and improve self-awareness and concentration.

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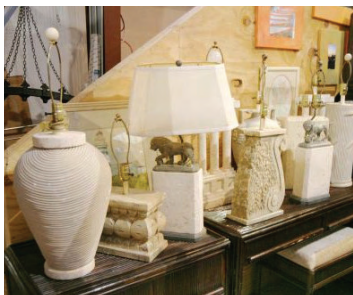
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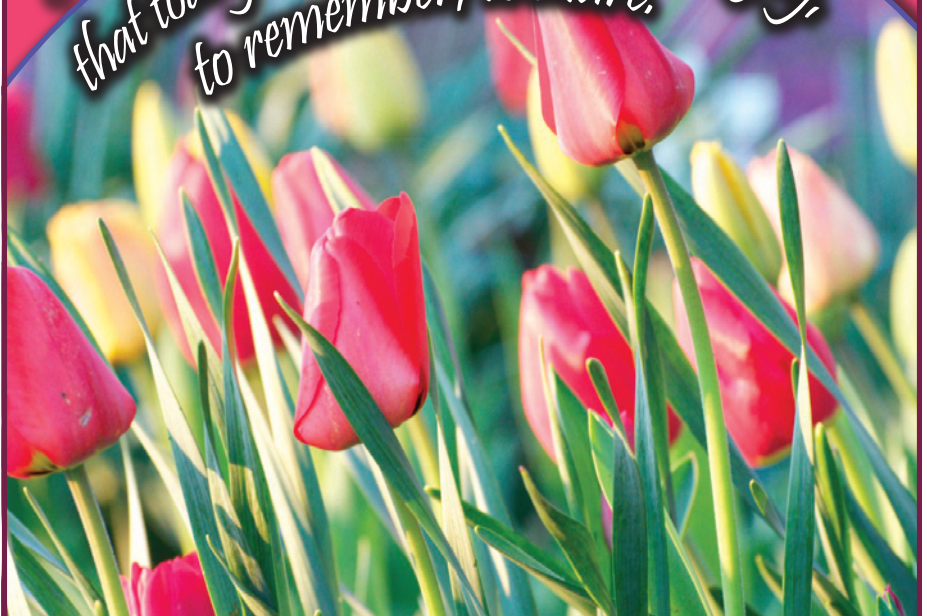
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SDHS student addresses annual Choptank Co-op

SALISBURY — Rachel Thompson, a senior at Stephen Decatur High School, addressed the audience at the 73rd annual meeting of Choptank Electric Cooperative, on April 19 at the Civic Center in Salisbury.

The cooperative represents some 52,000 members in all nine counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

New President and CEO Michael Wheatley gave the 2010 operations summary before more than 500 members, guests and employees. Wheatley reported Choptank had a good year in 2010 and was on sound financial footing. He echoed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's "We're Looking Out for You" theme by telling members what the co-op is doing to keep rates affordable and assure reliable electric service.

Thompson attended the National Rural Electric Youth Tour in June 2010 and was selected as Maryland's representative to the national Youth Leadership Council.

Thompson told co-op members how much the program had influenced her and what she had learned about the workings of government and electric cooperatives.

She equated the nation "of the people, by the people and for the people" to the national business model of electric cooperatives who are "owned by those they serve." Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Ocean Pines.

Grassroots effort secures Navy program

BERLIN — A new Navy cadet program has been formed by the U.S. Navy in response to the outcry over the Navy's decision to disestablish 19 Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) programs, including the one at Stephen Decatur High School (SDHS).

The Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) program, modeled after the current NJROTC program, will enable students in affected high schools to participate in a similar citizenship program, while relaxing the strict NJROTC enrollment requirements.

"This is great news," said Louis Taylor, Stephen Decatur High School principal. "Anytime a program benefits our students and we are in jeopardy of losing it, we have to fight to keep it. I had no doubts that our community would rally together to help save this program."

Worcester County School Superintendent Dr. Jon Andes agreed. "This is ultimately a story of community support for our youth. In Worcester

County, the voice of our community should never be underestimated. We are proud of this grassroots effort and it is evident that our community's collective voice made a positive difference."

Parents, students, teachers, NJROTC alumni, veterans, senators, delegates, county commissioners and community and business members joined forces to communicate the need for a Navy program at SDHS.

In February, SDHS learned that its NJROTC program was going to be shut down on June 30 due to insufficient enrollment. The Navy requires its NJROTC programs to have a minimum of 100 cadets enrolled each year. Although 120 students have expressed interest in joining the NJROTC program at SDHS next school year, this year, enrollment was six students short of the minimum.

"We are going to proceed with the intention of having the NJROTC program reinstated in the future," Taylor said. "The NNDCC keeps our program going in the immediate future, but our

goal is to offer the NJROTC program. The Navy is not done hearing from us, but we are grateful for this very positive outcome."

The difference between NJROTC and NNDCC is one of funding. According to Rear Admiral David Steindl of the U.S. Navy in a letter to U. S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, the host school of NNDCC is responsible for the primary funding of the program, including salaries and cadet uniforms. For its part, the Navy supplies curriculum material and selected equipment.

Similar NNDCC programs are offered by the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps, although details on the Navy's version of the program have not yet been released.

"We are waiting on the Navy to furnish us with specific details about NNDCC," Andes said. "We are eager to move forward with this program, in hopes of making a seamless transition from NJROTC to NNDCC and continuing a tremendously valuable opportunity for our students."



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ROLLY DANCING — Worcester Prep Senior Jackson Berger demonstrating how to make MP3 players coordinate their movements through computer programming. Watching Berger are Hayden Zaiser, Willards; Worcester Prep Middle and Upper School Art Instructor George Zaiser; Hannah Gaskill, Ocean City; and Jamie Welch, Ocean Pines.

Lights, action, spin

BERLIN — At Worcester Prep's Annual Art and Media Show, senior Jackson Berger demonstrated how he coordinated the movements of several Sony Rollys—dancing, robotic MP3 players.

According to Berger, the Rolly is similar to a Walkman, as music can be dragged and dropped onto the device. But by using computer programming, the Rolly can be choreographed to dance to any audio played.

Berger begins with a downloaded dance and then he edits it to make it better.

"I have custom choreographed most of my songs with unique dance routines, such as Michael Jackson's iconic 'Thriller' and 'Beat It,'" he said.

Berger said that the Rolly features two wheels that it can spin, move, and twirl on, two shoulders that can spin 360 degrees around the wheels, and arms that can open and close. This device has built-in speakers under its arms that provide solid audio quality for such a small device.



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BERLIN — Atlantic General Hospital's volunteers were honored recently at the annual auxiliary awards luncheon. Lunch was served as volunteers were acknowledged for donating 100 to 1,300 hours of service to Atlantic General Hospital.

Collectively, the auxiliary donated 38,500 hours to Atlantic General Hospital/Health System in 2010.

PLANT A GARDEN**FEED THE HUNGRY**

BERLIN — Worcester County staff, LESSON (Local Eastern Shore Sustainable Organic Network) and Grow Berlin Green invite the public to join them in planting a spring garden 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 14, at the Berlin Branch Library on 2011. All ages are welcome, and special gardening activities will be available for children

throughout the event.

This community project serves to demonstrate sustainable, chemical-free gardening and healthier food choices to the public. Produce from the garden, including fresh herbs and vegetables, like tomatoes, peppers and carrots, will be donated to Diakonia, a shelter serving the homeless in West Ocean City, Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin and other organizations serving Berlin area residents in need of food assistance.

For more information, call Katherine Munson at (410) 632-1200, ext. 1302 or visit Berlin Branch Library Garden on Facebook.

COMMUNITY ALERT**SIREN TO SOUND**

SNOW HILL — Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7. The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month.

A steady alert tone will sound for approximately one minute. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens would be used as additional means to warn the surrounding communities of imminent danger and the need to tune to either radio, television or the Internet for information.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES**PUBLIC WORKS HOURS**

BERLIN — The Town of Berlin's Department of Public Works summer hours will be 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. beginning Monday, May 9. The town asks residents to have all trash and or recycling at the curb before 6 a.m.

SKYWARN SPOTTER CLASS**SET MAY 10**

OCEAN CITY — The Ocean City Emergency Services Department is holding a Skywarn Spotter Class 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 at the Ocean

City Public Safety Building, 65th St. and Coastal Highway.

To obtain critical weather information, the National Weather Service and cooperating organizations have established Skywarn Spotter Networks. Although Skywarn spotters are essential information sources for all types of weather hazards, the largest responsibility as a Skywarn spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms.

Spotters report wind gusts, hail size, rainfall and cloud formations that could signal a developing tornado.

To participate in this training class, contact Bob Rhode, Ocean City Emergency Services, at 410-723-6650 or email brhode@oceancitymd.gov.

SCHOOL ENDS**JUNE 10**

NEWARK — The last day of school for Worcester County Public School students will be Friday, June 10. It will be a half-day for all students. Lunchtime will be scheduled into the half-day. Each school will inform parents of dismissal times, and bus transportation will operate accordingly.

Worcester County Public Schools builds three inclement-weather days into its school calendar. During the 2010-2011 school year, schools were closed due to inclement weather for a total of two days.

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WORDS OF WISDOM — Delmarva Shorebird and Baltimore Oriole top prospect Manny Machado chats with Shorebirds manager and former Oriole Ryan Minor at Monday Night's Game. Machado was named SAL Player of the Month for April.

For Shorebirds' best, it's here today, moved up tomorrow

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SALISBURY — From the casual fan's perspective, it's already been a great year to watch the Delmarva Shorebirds play and it isn't the fact that they're winning. It's the fact that they're winning a lot with their bats.

When they blanked the Charleston Riverdogs 8-0 Monday night, to win their 11th straight game, they did it with a lineup that, so far this year, hasn't had to rely too heavily on one bat even though there are plenty of reliable hitters, with everyone in the top of the order hitting .255 or better.

But what makes the games even more interesting is the opportunity to track so many prospects right from the source. After a bit of a slow start, top prospect Manny Machado has 21 RBIs and could well be big league bound. There are already comparisons to Alex Rodriguez

floating around.

While the observation might be a bit of a stretch, it also might not. What did A-Rod look like as an 18-year-old prospect? Outside of scouts and fans of the Seattle Mariner's AAA team, the Calgary Cannons, A-Rod didn't have many eyes on him during his brief time in the minors.

And it's not as if the Shorebirds haven't already produced their share of quality major leaguers. Some of Jayson Werth's earliest home runs traveled out of Arthur W. Purdue Stadium, as did those of current Orioles Nick Markakis and Brian Roberts.

Pitcher Zach Britton, who is off to a surprisingly strong start in his rookie year, got his start on Delmarva. He and former Shorebird Brad Bergesen make up two-fifths of Baltimore's starting rotation.

Delmarva's manager Ryan Minor's story is already well known. After being

the first person to play third base for the Orioles when Cal Ripken Jr. elected to end his streak, Minor played for a few more years, eventually moving to coaching. He was the Shorebirds hitting and infield coach, before accepting the job as Shorebirds' skipper last year.

It's Minor's responsibility to help the players access their talents with the dual purpose of winning ballgames and getting players experience where they're weakest. Although they ended up dropping Tuesday's game in a shutout, losses have at as many teachable moments as wins.

It's an odd job in which success can be indicated by the amount of talent that's taken from your team but so far this season, the Shorebirds have been able to join the best of two worlds experiencing both professional and statistical success. Players from the opening day roster have already moved up to the Bowie Baysox and the Frederick Keys.

Shorebird 'stache for charity

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SALISBURY — By the time the South Atlantic League All Star Game is played at Arthur W. Purdue Stadium next month, the team and staff hope to have raised \$2,500 to donate to area food banks.

"That amount will provide about 5,000 meals," Chris Bitters, Shorebirds general manager said.

In addition to collecting food and running other promotions, the Shorebirds have inaugurated Mustache



Shorebirds' GM
Chris Bitters.

May a fundraiser wherein players and employees campaign for the title of "Best Mustache."

The eight participants began the month clean-shaven and this week Bitters was just getting a little stubbly. He said his wife has already evinced some concerns about how he'll look with just a 'stache, given that goatees are banned from the competition.

"She said she'll have to see," he said, noting that she understood that it was for a good cause. The only concern would be if Bitters becomes more attached to it than planned.

While he all but ruled out going with a John Waters-style pencil-thin mustache, Bitters said he's open to doing something a little more creative than the standard issue.

"It's only a month," he said. "I'd like to do something to give it a little flair but I'll have to see what I can do."

For now, all donations — each vote costs \$1 — can be made at the stadium. The ballot box is behind home plate and features the most up to date photos of the contestants. In the meantime, fans and interested parties can check out photo updates at the Shorebirds' Web site, www.theshorebirds.com. Bitters said he expects to have a donation option there as well soon.



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Ocean City Arborist Gregory Purnell, of the Urban Community Forest Committee, spoke to an audience of students, teachers, administrators and parents about the connection between trees and the health of our

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During the celebration, Purnell presented the parks department with the 2010 People Loving and Nurturing Trees (PLANT) award. This "Green" designation is the highest level awarded by PLANT.

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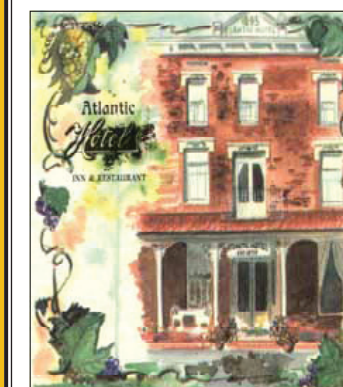
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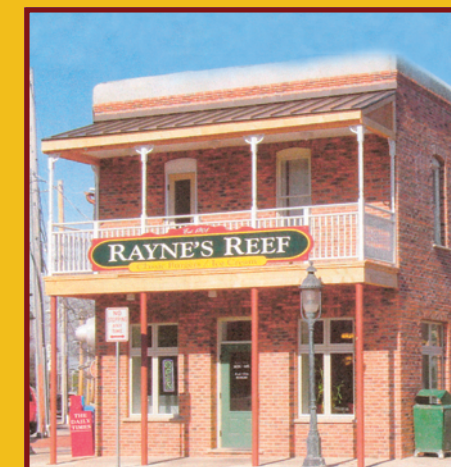
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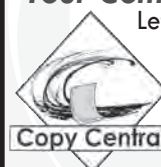
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EDITORIAL

Joining suit is a good move

When it was brought to the Berlin Mayor and Council's attention that the contaminant MTBE in Berlin's water could be traced to a source, and that the source was some of the biggest petroleum purveyors on the planet, they had to decide how to proceed.

What is particularly encouraging about the decision they reached to sue is it goes against conventional wisdom. After all, if residents aren't aware of something that's not dangerous to them, a town could quietly fund whatever cleanup is necessary or wait until forced to do so.

Taking the easiest way out is something local government is notorious for. It's easier to postpone making decisions and then blame circumstances when lack of courage and foresight comes back to haunt you. In this case, the town could have waited until the EPA ordered a cleanup and blamed the government for forcing this expense on the taxpayers.

Instead, the town took the advice of lawyers they trusted and elected to try and make the companies that did the damage accountable to the residents. A number of other entities — and there are more than a few — decided they would rather have taxpayers pay the price for cleanup rather than create a stir, choosing to ignore the problem rather than "deal" with public outcry.

No matter how you view the administration in Berlin it has to be admitted that the public isn't "dealt" with here, they are served, which is an important distinction

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LETTERS EDITOR

Taking offense at letter's assertions

Editor,

I feel that I must respond to Mr. Richard Beatty's letter to you in your April 14 edition. First of all, he is very close to slander of me and the Board of Elections. He implies, erroneously, that I alone am responsible for the Board of Elections decision to maybe move the polling place from the South Fire Hall (SFH) District 5-1.

That he questions whether I might have "some ulterior political motive" is a direct slur on the members of the board as it implies that they have no say in the matter. The decision cannot be made by one member but the whole board.

Whenever a decision is made, it will be decided by the whole Board and with the concurrence of the State Board of Elections. Obviously, Mr. Beatty has been given the wrong information. You are also at fault that neither of you had the courtesy to check with the board or staff in Snow Hill before you printed something with someone's name in the first sentence.

To set things straight, there are several reasons for contemplating this move. One is that the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Company president, Mr. Steve Rosen and the president before him, have asked us to

move as it is an inconvenience to them. Commissioner Boggs intervened and the OPVFC has acquiesced at least for this next election. However, the OPVFC will continue to ask us to move to another location.

But one of the major reasons is that the voting machines cannot be brought and set up the night before. Thus the judges cannot get into the polling place to make sure that everything is set to open the precinct the next morning at 7:00 a.m.

Because the fire department equipment cannot sit outside over night, someone from the fire department has to come in at 5:00 am that morning to move the equipment; this must occur before the Judges can begin to setup the election equipment.

The State Board of Elections expects that all precincts can and will set up the night before to make sure that all the supplies are there and that the machines are set up properly. If a problem is discovered the night before Election Day, that gives the board and the staff time to correct the problem.

There are other reasons that we consider important. Safety is an issue both inside the building and outside. Traffic is a major problem and one that Mr. Rosen, SFH president, has suggested we have a person out on the road to direct traffic along Ocean Parkway. We think this should be someone trained for this job. Lighting outside the building is poor at best and in

a rainstorm very bad. Inside, the room is too small for the amount of equipment that we need and the OPVFC needs. We are lucky that in the 12 years we have been there, we have had no accidents.

Mr. Beatty suggests that it is unlawful to vote outside one's precinct. This is false and we have two precincts that one has to travel from Newark to Showell and the other from Girdletree to Snow Hill. We are looking to go 1.7 of a mile with four traffic lights for their safety. It is never ideal to have to do this, but the board feels that circumstances force us to do so. Another erroneous "fact" is Mr. Beatty says I have heard from Tom Terry, the president of the OPA. I have not.

The last paragraph is the most erroneous and disturbing. It is an abomination that you allow someone to use another person's name without checking with them first. I consider this whole letter from Mr. Beatty to be yellow journalism and your paper on a par with The National Enquirer with your innuendoes and untruths.

The idea that I might have "political aspirations" or that I might "reduce voter turnout" (how would I do that?) are slanderous and libelous at best. I suggest that in the future that you check with the staff of the Board of Elections or the members of the Board.

Kay Hickman
President, Worcester County Board of Directions

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN – Christopher Scarborough of the Scarborough Sideshow opened his act at Oasis Bar 'N' Grill with a blast of flames during last weekend's Bikes to the Beach event.

'Sideshow' becomes Bike Week staple

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

WHALEYVILLE — Berlin resident Lisa Fletcher reacted vocally and with unvarnished horror as Christopher Scarborough of the Scarborough Sideshow and his partner and emcee Dangerous D performed geek miracles at last weekend's Bikes to the Beach event at Oasis.

As the show ended and Scarborough went around soliciting tips, Fletcher tricked herself into believing she'd be able to tip the performer. It wasn't that she didn't want to, but rather that in order to tip Scarborough, Fletcher would have to staple the bill of her choice to his chest.

Fletcher pressed the bill and the staple gun up against the man's ample belly, pulled away and then reset three times before giving up on the project. Debbie West, who had accompanied Fletcher and a group of friends to the event was not nearly so squeamish.

"I'll do it," she said, stepping right up and attaching a dollar to the man without any hesitation whatsoever as

Fletcher let out a small cry, turned and covered her face.

This last part of the show, as it turned out, was among the mildest in an afternoon program that ranged between the outlandishly dangerous and the mildly nauseating.

As performers, Scarborough and Dangerous D understand how to work a crowd and drew people in as they might have 150 years ago on a midway someplace. The difference between a geek and other performers is that they have no pretense about their skills, which is what makes them disarming.

With nothing but their willingness to endure pain publicly — at one point of the evening Scarborough used a Taser on his partner — the Scarborough Sideshow relies instead on the tricks that have endured for centuries because they work.

They build the tension by coming off as unprepared or unsure of how a particular routine will work out and make no effort to hide the fact that they do not perform illusions.

When Scarborough bites into and chews a light bulb, for example, he's fully miked so people who want to look away

can't escape the crunching noises.

Similarly, when he jumps up and down on broken glass, or lies on a bed of nails as Dangerous D uses a sledgehammer to destroy a cinderblock on Scarborough's chest, it's as much about the sound as the event. Trying to look away does no good when the visuals in your head come with an audio track anyway.

Even when Dangerous D makes a straightjacket escape, not only is he miked, but Scarborough provides a play-by-play both mocking his partner's attempts and keeping the audience appraised of just how much difficulty the escapee is having. Buy drawing the ears, they get the eyes and like any good car wreck, it's difficult to look away.

Still and all, the men are professionals. Scarborough, a Baltimore native graduated from the Coney Island Sideshow School, one of the last repositories of professional geek knowledge.

By making the presentation so chaotic, the misdirection allowed both performers to focus all the more keenly on the stunts, letting the combination of fear and disbelief they cultivated keep the audience entertained.

Artist announced Ocean Pines Library names Vargas-Everson

OCEAN PINES — The May artist of the month at the Ocean Pines Library is oil painter Grace E. Vargas-Everson, whose works reflect her interest in nature. The exhibit is located in the main common areas of the library.

A 10-year resident of Ocean Pines, Vargas-Everson was born and raised in Washington D.C. She studied Interior Design, watercolor painting, ceramics and stained glass at Southern Maryland College, La Plata, Md. and went on to work for an interior design company.

After getting married, the family lived in Panama, Central America for 10 years. During that time, Vargas-Everson took local art classes and traveled throughout Central America.

This exhibit runs through May 31. For library hours, call 410-208-4014.

On June's exhibit calendar, oil and watercolor artist Edith Vogl will have her work on display in the Artist Spotlight Exhibit in the two computer rooms to the right of the common areas.

Vogl is the child of German artist Ernst Franz Josef Vogl and was educated in art by Max Renner, Kurt Walther and Swiss painter Paul Fischer.

After earning a master's degree in business, she pursued a financial career and also painted and exhibited in Texas. Her paintings are in private and corporate collections throughout the world. She works in bold colors, frequently painting sunrises and water.

An Ocean Pines resident, Vogl is well known in local art circles and teaches in her studio and at the Queen Anne Art Co-op and Cambridge Art Co-op as well.

This exhibit runs through June 30.

May Day Play Day

BERLIN — Main Street Berlin in conjunction with Ocean 98.1 Irie Radio, Barrett Chevy Action Watercraft, Parties Your Way and the Bank of Ocean City will present the inaugural May Day Play Day concert event, 5-9 p.m. Friday, May 13 in conjunction with 2nd Friday downtown.

Scheduled artists include The Bryan Russo Band, The Electric Company and Reedo and the Front Porch Offering. In addition to the regular 2nd Friday events which includes art openings and featured artist presentations at merchants throughout the downtown, there will be an under 18 talent contest and a celebrity dunking booth.

ANTICIPATION HIGH AS OHIO VALLEY GOLD & SILVER REFINERY OPENS FOR BUSINESS NEXT WEEK IN REHOBOTH BEACH!

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box, a lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins, you should be, according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Miller.

Next week, starting Tuesday at 9am and every day next week through Saturday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in **Rehoboth Beach** at the **AmericInn**. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories" says Miller. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been

overwhelming" says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth, they go home and start digging around for more and telling relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money, but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay".

During this special event, anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces, dental gold, old coins made before 1965 including silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, anything marked "sterling" including flatware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand next week starting Tuesday through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

sorted. This only takes a few minutes, using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour, so bring something to read. If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. They can

be reached during Refinery hours at **(217) 787-7767**.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Tuesday from 9am-6pm. The event continues every day through next Saturday. No appointment is needed for the general public.

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WAR MEMORABILIA: Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc: swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear, letters.

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Terrapin Count

BERLIN — Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Terrapin Work Group, a group of terrapin researchers and managers in Maryland, are looking for volunteers to participate in the first Diamondback Terrapin Blitz on May 21 and 22 (rain date June 4 and 5).

The Diamondback Terrapin may be Maryland's state reptile and the mascot for the University of Maryland, but its current population status in the coastal bays is poorly understood. In an effort to learn more about its status, both organizations are coordinating a blitz.

The blitz will consist of surveys in the coastal bays, including brackish water creeks and branches. Surveys will be conducted by trained volunteer crews. Crews will consist of, but are not limited to, of a boat operator with a boat, an observer or two and a scribe. Canoes and kayaks welcomed as well.

We are looking for boat owners who can provide the transport, experienced water people who are able to identify turtles in the water (terrapins are the only turtle occupying brackish/salt water, but other turtles, such as snapping turtles, may venture into more brackish water) and a person who can accurately fill out survey forms in the field.

Training will be held on Monday, May 16 beginning at 5 p.m. at the MCBP office.

Locations of surveys will depend on the number of crews that are available. To participate in the survey, contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org and indicate if you have a boat (include size and where the boat is located), if you want to be an observer or a scribe.

Heirloom plant sale Saturday

BERLIN — The Assateague Coastal Trust and the Lower Shore Land Trust will host Native Plant Sales on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at olden Quarter Farm on Route 376 about 4 miles east of Berlin.

A yard with 10,000 square feet of turf requires 10,000 gallons of water per summer to stay green. Using native plants reduces the amount of water needed. This also reduces the amount of excess water that runs off yards and into the bays when it rains.

In addition to increased water use, traditional lawns and gardens require high maintenance and sometimes receive large doses of pesticides and fertilizers. When it rains, lawn chemicals can find their way into local creeks and ditches and eventually into the bay system.

Another benefit of the native plant garden is that local and migratory wildlife use native plant species for food, cover, and rearing young. When manicured lawns are replaced by a variety of trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers, these plants provide habitat for a variety of butterflies, bees and birds.

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

FOOD DRIVE

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

CRAFT SHOP

Saturdays & Sundays.
Pine'er 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

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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

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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.

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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.

LAX SOCIAL

The Coastal Lacrosse Club will be hosting an evening at Seacrets 3-7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person at the door and you must be 21 or older to enter. For more information please visit www.coastallacrosseclub.com

Sunday, May 8th

CAPITAL RINGERS

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munity Life Center at 7 p.m. There will be a freewill offering.
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In celebration of Mother's Day Furnace Town Museum is offering free admission for all mothers. For more info call 410-632-2032.

Tuesday, May 10th

FASHION SHOW

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

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

At Berlin nursing and Rehabilitation. Representatives from the Berlin Nursing Home and Coastal Hospice will be there to provide advance directive forms and instructions, and will answer questions about why these documents are so important. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call Coastal Hospice at 410-742-8732, ext. 126.

SPRING FLING

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

SKYWARN CLASS

The Ocean City Emergency Services Department is hosting a Skywarn Spotter Class 6-9 p.m. at the Ocean City Public Safety Building, 65th St. and Coastal Highway. The largest responsibility as a Skywarn spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. If you are interested in participating in this training class, contact Bob Rhode, Ocean City Emergency Services, at 410-723-6650 or email brhode@oceancitymd.gov.

MVA ON WHEELS

The MVA bus will be parked 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Public Safety Building lot, 65th Street and Coastal Highway. Renew a non-commercial drivers license, a photo identification card, vehicle registration, obtain a duplicate drivers license, certified copy of a driving record, disability placards,; renew a; obtain substitute stickers; obtain duplicate registrations; return tags; change your name and/or address; register to vote and register as an organ donor. For more information, call the MVA at 1-800-950-1 MVA.

Thursday, May 12th

SHARK EXPERT

Capt. Mark Sampson will be the guest speaker at the Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917. The meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. at Northside Park. Anyone with a valid national AARP membership can join the local chapter. For additional information call 410.524.1881

Friday, May 13th

AARP DRIVING CLASS

The Ocean Pines Chapter of AARP will sponsor the AARP 55 Alive Safe Driving Program. Call Dave Lloyd 410-641-6278 to register and details.

SENIORS EXPO

Hosted by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Pines Association, there will be guest speakers and informational exhibits 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Admission is \$5 and includes lunch. For more info visit www.OceanPinesChamber.org or call 410-641-5306.

Saturday, May 14th

POKER RUN

FOP Berlin to benefit the Home of the Brave, Berlin. Registration, Ocean City Public Safety Building, 65th St., 10:30 a.m. The run winds through Worcester and Sussex Counties for

approx. 70 miles. \$20 per person. Cash prizes, raffles, after-party at Hooters, 123rd St., Ocean City.

CAR SHOW

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

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MITZVAH DAY – Tina Pearson of Home of the Brave, Sen. Jim Mathias, Rabbi Susan Warshaw, event chairperson Dr. Lee Klepper, and Wayne Littleton of Believe in Tomorrow represented were some of the groups that were aided during Temple Bat Yam's annual Mitzvah Day.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

DONATION MADE – Representatives of Avery Hall Insurance Kevin Hayes, Angie Jarvis, Judy Esham, Jill Long, and Tom Wisniewski present a check for \$250 to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Spicer Bell.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

MAY FLOWERS – Pine'er Craft Club member June Sassaman was honored as crafter of the month for May. Her work is displayed 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday in the Pine'er Craft and Gift shop in White Horse Park.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CASA EVENT – Brigitte Saulsbury, Director of Lower Shore CASA and State's Attorney Beau Oglesby.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OCES ART SHOW – Ocean City Elementary School students Gus Nagle, Eva Purnell, Haris Gjokuria, and Hilary Tirado-Cano represent the best of kindergarten art.



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STUDENT TEACHER – Jagger Clapsadle earned an MSA reward to help in Megan Cooke's 3rd grade classroom at Ocean City Elementary School. He is shown teaching students long division.

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6 Steal

13 Swine swill

17 One who may be removed

19 21, at a casino, say

21 Home for clover lovers

22 *Most awful thing you could imagine

25 One with a deadly tongue

26 Rapsallion

27 Founder of an eponymous berry farm

28 Some pipe joints

29 Dogie, e.g.

32 Declaration upon checking oneself into rehab

36 *Destination of 1911

40 “Does not compute”

41 Where lavalava skirts are worn

44 Davy Jones’s locker

45 Graduates

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51 Wood shaper

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56 “2001: A Space Odyssey” studio

57 Dost possess

59 A laser might read it

62 Brain-racked state

64 *Dunce’s place

67 It may have a cross to bear

70 Minute, informally

71 Skin-and-bones

72 Pluto, to Saturn

75 ___ Stix (powdered candy brand)

76 Big boats

78 Doctor whose patients never pay the bills

79 Holdup

81 52 semanas

82 She, in Rome

83 *Destitution

87 Color again, as hair

89 Director’s cry

91 Ones running shoulder to shoulder?

92 Corrupt

93 *Coldest point

96 Burger King vis-à-vis McDonald’s, fittingly

98 Town House alternative

99 Russian legislature

103 “The Old Wives’ Tale” playwright George

104 Years on end

107 Above all others

110 Optimist’s phrase under adverse circumstances ... or a hint to completing the answers to the six starred clues

115 Introductory drawing class

116 Like stars on a clear night

117 Luxury hotel along Manhattan’s Central Park, with “the”

118 Unwelcome guest

119 Real softball

120 Baroque painter Hals

Down

1 Teatime biscuit

2 Rich cake

3 Surprise birthday parties often involve them

4 Wirehair of the silver screen

5 Pub order

6 “Ugh!”

7 Go-between: Abbr.

8 Do followers

9 1970s rock genre

10 Scuba mouthpiece attachment

11 “___ Mine” (George Harrison book)

12 Over three-quarters of bunsenite

13 Sheer, informally

14 Almost every puppy has one

15 Bobby on the ice

16 Little, in Lyon

18 Many a flower girl

20 Pitch

22 Buddhist temple

23 Foie ___

24 Some miniatures

30 #2 or #3, say

31 Coal, e.g.

33 Tacitly agree with

34 2012 Olympics site

35 Close to one’s heart

36 Place to get a yo-yo or choo-choo

37 Shakespearean prince

38 ___ Mahal

39 Cable inits.

41 Kiss, in 34-Down

42 One of three for H2O

43 Mohawked musclemán

45 Fifth-century invader

46 Slippery ___

47 Dates determined by the lunisolar calendar

48 Ixnay

50 Actress Farrah

54 Principal’s charge: Abbr.

55 Hinný’s mother

58 “It’s about time!”

59 Freckle

60 They’re hypothetical

61 Quarters that haven’t been picked up?

63 Naan cooker

64 Ottoman bigwig

65 Prefix with information

66 Monopoly util.

67 Leonidas’ kingdom

68 Noted weakness?

69 Tamed tigers, say

72 Bob, e.g.

73 Things in locks

74 Big Apple media inits.

77 Most sacred building in Islam

78 20-ounce Starbucks order

80 Mendes of “Hitch”

82 Something with one or more sides

83 From ___ Z

84 “The Family Circus” cartoonist Keane

85 Plat du ___

86 Start to fix?

88 Come into

90 Creator of Aslan and the White Witch

93 Settle a score

94 Pennsylvanie, e.g.

95 “Legs” band, 1984

97 “Casablanca” role

99 Messing of “Will & Grace”

100 Reversal

101 Specks of dust

102 Kwik-E-Mart operator

105 “Goodness gracious!”

106 Verne captain

108 Late-week cry

109 Gardener, at times

110 Pick

111 Charlemagne’s realm: Abbr.

112 Pay ending

113 Nickelodeon dog

114 Poet’s “before”



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1				9				4
	5			3			8	
			6		5			
	4	6		8		9	1	
		3				5		
	1	7		6		4	2	
			2		3			
	3			5			4	
2				7				1

The answers to last week's puzzles

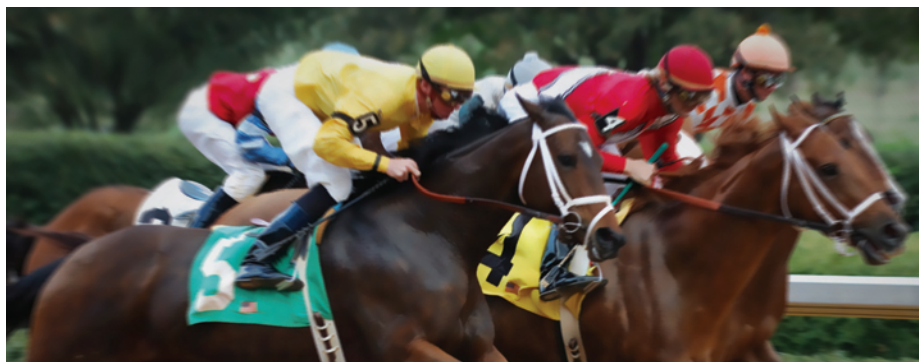
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9	8	2	4	5	1	7	6	3
4	6	1	3	7	2	9	5	8
6	1	7	5	8	9	4	3	2
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SUBMITTED PHOTO /BAYSIDE GAZETTE

HANGING AROUND – BIS students Stella Cunningham and Jessica Wharton are shown putting up a bulletin board marking the anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.



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04/24/11	388	1423	717	5776	06 20 22 29 34	09
04/25/11	341	4879	976	0730	05 07 12 27 37	26
04/26/11	287	3327	271	6104	06 23 25 36 37	16
04/27/11	015	4089	466	8855	12 28 31 35 38	15
04/28/11	814	9687	365	2509	03 05 12 25 36	13
04/29/11	839	5823	877	2558	09 10 22 24 35	15
04/30/11	833	5811	378	3560	09 13 15 33 36	10

Date	MULTI-MATCH	Date	Mega Millions	Bonus	Megaplier
04/25/11	09 12 18 20 29 41	04/26/11	19 29 32 38 55	15	3
04/28/11	11 17 19 25 34 41	04/29/11	09 10 11 33 51	29	4

Date	Powerball	Bonus	POWERPLAY
04/27/11	04 24 40 44 55	05	2
04/30/11	06 13 15 32 41	03	2

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE

Something different: truffled bison burgers on the grill

I remember writing about a trip to Mexico while serving in the Marines. It was but a short journey of harrowing roads and fearless and seemingly senseless drivers to any given destination to the South.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC, PC III

As I think back on a trip to the Las Playas bull arena one day, I still can't be sure as to whether I was more pleased to leave the event after three fights and witnessing the unprofessional and unsanitary slaughter of a couple of the victims, or to arrive at the fights alive and in one piece. This question still plagues me.

The end of the short story from years ago was that I ate a rare burger the following night knowing full well that if I did not, I would never eat a rare piece of beef again.

Reminiscent of an old and fairly bad movie, "Gross Anatomy," where

most of the med students couldn't bring themselves to pick the roasted chicken carcasses on their tray immediately after their first anatomy class, so I envisioned myself on that fateful day.

With Lady Fortuna on my side, I stuck to my guns and have never looked back on the rare or well-done question. In fact, I still find the latter a travesty and a shameful waste of an animal that unwittingly and unwillingly gave its life for our sustenance.

So, as the pollen, that blasted pollen, was rinsed from my grill yesterday to signify the closeness of summer, I fired it up and made some bison burgers. Bison is now readily available at some of the local markets and wholesale clubs and if you have never tried it, you need to make it a priority, assuming, of course, that you are not vegetarian.

As I think about all of the burgers that I've cooked over the last 28 years, I realize that bison is simply a special burger. A few years ago, I

wrote an article on a bison farm for Maryland Life Magazine and I found a special connection to the beasts as the gestalt took me back decades to another time -- the power of food and association I guess.

To make this burger even more special, I broke out the truffle butter that resides in my refrigerator. As I am the only one in the family who uses it, I can make a batch a year and it lasts as long.

Basting the burger and the roll with the truffle butter, the heat from the grill enriched the already robust smells of the formidable fungus and it was as though I was already eating the burger. Topping the burger off with caramelized onions and fresh hothouse tomatoes, there was no need for a sauce or spread, although a spicy aioli might have done it wonders.

Just as that fabled rare burger in 1990 was certainly special, so are bison burgers. They both remind me of a simpler time. With any luck, bison will stay what it is and

continue to take me back all of those years, but at least I know that for now, this burger will do just fine.

TRUFFLED BISON BURGER

- 6 oz. ground bison meat
- Lettuce
- Smoked Provolone
- Fresh tomatoes
- Caramelized onions (recipe follows)
- Fresh bacon slices, baked
- Fresh Kaiser Roll
- Truffle butter (recipe follows)
- 1. Grill burger, basting with truffle butter, to temperature of your liking and top with cheese
- 2. Take the roll and spread liberally with truffle butter
- 3. Grill the roll but be careful to not burn it. This can happen very easily so keep a close eye on it
- 4. Build your sandwich and enjoy with an icy cold beer

CARAMELIZED ONIONS

- 2 ea. Medium onions
- 2 Tbsp. Sherry Vinegar, or as needed
- 5. Peel and julienne the onion
- 6. Put in a saucepan and set on a low heat
- 7. Let the onions sweat and then cook, stirring every now and then,

for at least an hour. This can take as long as two hours, but let it go slowly. If you hurry, the onions will turn bitter

8. When the onions begin to turn golden add the sherry vinegar. If you do this right, the sugars in the onion will counteract the acid in the vinegar perfectly

TRUFFLE BUTTER

- 8 oz. unsalted butter
- *Truffles or shavings, minced
- Truffle oil to taste
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- *you can find these online, but can find truffle oil at local higher scale markets
- 1. Whip the butter in a stand mixer until soft and then slowly add the oil if using
- 2. If not using oil, simply add the rest of the ingredients and adjust the flavor
- *While you taste the pronounced flavor of the truffle at this point, make some truffle toast points. The heat really brings the truffle to life!

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