

Mother talks of deadly November night on Rte. 113

First of three parts as Tynise Bowen shares an ongoing family tragedy

By Sheila R. Cherry
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BERLIN—Tynise Bowen, 36, of Berlin is a young mother who has experienced the nightmare nearly every parent fears—the horror of watching helplessly as their child is hurt or killed. For her, both occurred in tandem on Nov. 8, when she watched from her car as her son Tymeir Dennis, 16, was struck and killed, and her son Tyheim Bowen, who was turning 18, was severely injured, when they were both hit by an unmarked state police vehicle at the intersection of U.S. Route 113 and Bay Street in Berlin.

Still reeling from shock and the enormity of the aftermath, Bowen agreed to discuss the incidents that led up to the accident during an interview on Jan. 6. She said she has also retained legal counsel to find answers to the many unanswered questions that plague her.

Bowen acknowledged the overwhelming support her family has received from friends, family, and the Berlin community in the accident's aftermath. She now has two other concerns besides fears of mounting bills and tending to the health needs of her surviving son Tyheim. She has listened to the discussions of and calls for a pedestrian-friendly crosswalk that was long overdue at the deadly intersection and agrees that the community needs it.

There is something she needed to get off her chest and clarifications she wanted to make and to respond to the multitude of inquiries from neighbors and friends.

"People think these kids were three or four years old," Bowen said in an interview with Bayside Gazette. With full resolve, she stiffened and insisted, "That accident was not caused by children who did not look both ways before crossing the road, because they were not in the road."

As if to make the point, a family

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Roughly 240 property owners attend an open house at Stephen Decatur Middle School on Jan. 16 to review preliminary flood insurance map changes that are being proposed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

High turnout by property owners at FEMA meeting

Future flood insurance map changes to impact many in shore region

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BERLIN—The turnout for an open house event to let local property owners review preliminary flood insurance maps that was sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at Stephen Decatur Middle School on Jan. 16 was so robust, it took the officials by surprise.

The FEMA officials on hand were not expecting the number of people that turned out, said Robin Danforth, a project engineer in FEMA Region III. She estimated the overall turnout at roughly 240.

As part of the set up for the event, homeowners were directed to various stations, manned by FEMA officials to discuss how the proposed changes would impact specific property lots. Attendees were given a list of the stations along with brief descriptions of the type of information that could be reviewed. However, most of the participants arrived at roughly the same time—at the 6 p.m. start time, causing bottlenecks during the evening's first 90 minutes.

Danforth said that to ensure that the property owners get their questions answered officials would post the information on an interactive Web site by the end of January. Using the Web site residents would be able to access information specific to their address, she said.

After informally polling a cross section of a few participants, it was clear that the most consistent question the homeowners wanted answers to was various versions of "How will the changes affect my insurance rates or coverage?"

Doug Huber, who has lived in Snug Harbor since 1963, said he had been flooded out many times. Since he arrived, he said new developments have been built by filling in marshlands that force stormwater into the outer boundary areas, including sometimes where he lives. Moreover, jetties have been in-

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Small town, but way too cool

Berlin leading 15 other towns across nation in BudgetTravel.com tilt

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BERLIN—The Town of Berlin is leading the pack of 15 finalist vying for bragging rights as "America's Coolest Small Town" for 2014, in the contest sponsored BudgetTravel.com, but the competition is heating up the fluctuating vote count shows.

In just 24 hours, from Jan 20 to Jan. 21, Berlin's percentage of the overall vote dropped from 26.8 percent to 25.3 percent. Economic Development Director Michael Day, pointed out, however, the dip was not caused because Berlin was losing favor. The other towns "are starting to wake up," he said, and the uptick in counter voting is bringing down Berlin's lead.

When the list of 15 finalists was tallied, Berlin had risen from third place to first. The town that wins the contest, Day

said, claims bragging rights and national publicity. He said it seemed like every local newspaper was writing about it. Local television stations in the area are covering it, he added.

Among the finalists, as of Jan. 21, Berlin at 25.3 percent led the top 10 contestants: Buckhannon, W.Va. (21.6 percent); Matthews, Va. (16.7 percent); Travelers Rest, S.C. (10.8 percent); Deadwood, S.D. (5.5 percent); Rockport, Texas (5.4 percent); Estes Park, Co. (4.5 percent); Nevada city, Calif. (3.6 percent); Elkin, N.C. (2.8 percent); and Kelleys Island, Ohio (1.5 percent).

Participants can vote once a day until the contest closes at midnight on Tuesday, Feb. 25, according to the Web site's sponsor. To vote go to, <http://budgettravel.com/contest/vote-for-americas-coolest-small-town-2014/16/>.

According to Day, even if Berlin comes in within the top three vote-getters without reaching number one, "We'll still use it." But if it comes out as the overall winner? "That's going out on the billboard on Route 50," he said.



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Mother clearly remembers sons looking both ways on Rte. 113

Bowen recalls exiting her car and running in direction of Tyheim

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member has placed a stuffed toy bear at the spot where the point of impact occurred and a floral roadside memorial at the spot where the fatal crash tossed Tymeir's body, several yards away.

Her son Tyheim is present during the interview, but primarily as an observer. He is tall and quick to flash a broad smile. He answered the door with a new pair of crutches and opted to let his mom speak for the both of them. He seemed to be adjusting with a positive attitude, but goes silent at times and suddenly turns rapt attention to a handheld electronic device when certain subjects, like his brother Tymeir, come up.

Bowen's home is a modest and neat, subsidized apartment. Ironically it is located on Bay Street and overlooks Route 113.

Bowen works at the Dollar Tree store in West Ocean City. On Nov. 8, she had ended her shift at 2 p.m. and, with her work clothes still on, headed home. Tymeir had come over around 5 p.m. to play NBA Xbox 2K14 with his brother. They spent the afternoon playing and trash talking about the interfamily sports rivalry. The brothers were New Orleans Saints NFL fans and Los Angeles Lakers basketball fans. In football, mom was the lone Cowboys fan.

Correcting the date of Tyheim's that was provided earlier by a family member, Bowen said Tyheim celebrated his 18th birthday not the Tuesday before the accident, but while recuperating from his injuries in the hospital on Nov. 12

In addition to her sons, Tynise has three daughters: Trinity, 9; Tamyzia, 10, and Tynajah, 12. She left with Trinity to go grocery shopping at the local Food Lion. It had turned dark by the time they were finished and making their way back home. As she pulled into the left turn lane on southbound U.S. Route 113, Tynise spotted Tymeir and Tyheim walking along Bay Street towards her, past the Uncle Willie's parking lot. When they spotted her they both burst into sheepish grins—busted by mom's radar again.

From that point the events seemed to become progressively pixilated in time before fading into a dark gray, for Bowen. She clearly remembered watching the brothers look each way and then exchange glances with each other as they crossed from the grassy lot in front of the Uncle Willie's property towards the median. Instinct made her look as

they approached. The closest set of headlights she saw were at a cutaway near the entrance to Stephen Decatur Park. Her attention returned to her sons.

What occurred in that slice of time is a seminal event for Bowen. She wanted to make clear, "they did nothing wrong and I would never have let them continue to cross if there was a car coming."

As the brothers approached the median opposite of the guardrail where Bowen was waiting in the left lane for the light to turn green, she asked, "Where you two think you're going?" Younger sister Trinity watched the exchange—perhaps with the schandenfreud siblings tend to show when they are not the target of an impending parental inquisition.

Bowen remembered seeing a large truck going northbound in the right lane passing behind the brothers as they reached the median. Meanwhile, they seemed to be conspiring to formulate a plausible excuse that would satisfy their mom's question on their whereabouts. Seconds later, Tynise remembered hearing a loud "smack" sound followed by the soft squeal braking tires make when scraping against a grass or a road surface.

She remembered seeing a large SUV make impact with Tyheim. That horrible moment is now seared into her memory, she said. She never saw the driver as the vehicle flashed by and Tymeir had simply disappeared. She said she was unaware at the time the driver was a police officer in an unmarked vehicle.

Bowen remembered Trinity jumping out of the car from the passenger's side and racing towards her brother. Bowen ordered her back in the car.

She also recalls quickly exiting the car herself and running to Tyheim, who was writhing on the ground with massive abdominal injuries. In her mind, both of his legs appeared to have been destroyed by the impact. Then she hears him call to her. He is alive and she dropped to her knees beside him.

He looked up at her and choked out, "Mom, I don't think I'm going to make it." Bowen tries to reassure him; she reminds him that she is there and tells him that things will be okay and to try to be strong.

But she did not feel strong, because she knew things were not okay. Tymeir was nowhere to be found and neither was the vehicle. She tried to maintain voice contact with Tyheim. Bowen said, "As long as I could hear him, I started looking for the second one."

Leaving her car at the light caused a traffic backup as a line of cars formed directly behind her. A bedlam of screaming, slamming car doors and gathering onlookers ensued as the drivers and passengers began coming out of their vehicles as well, once they realized what had occurred.

Meanwhile, panic set in for Bowen as she desperately scanned the area for her youngest son. She screamed for him, or

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Hearing siren in distance, Bowen fears worst happened

First responders arrive on scene even before mother can get there

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anyone who has seen him. She had temporarily forgotten about using the cell phone in her pocket to call 911 and is reminded of it only when she heard a fire siren go off in the distance. She started to run down the length of the median strip. "I was in so much shock I didn't know what to do," she said.

When Bowen finally located Tyheim, first responders were already on the scene and trying to help him. She remembered a female paramedic approaching her and reassuring her. "They are doing everything they can," the paramedic told her and, according to Bowen, the paramedic pointed her out to a tall, thin, white male officer; she described the officer's apparently aquiline features. "This is the mother," she said she heard the paramedic say. According to Bowen, the officer's response was "I can't talk to her," and walks off. Bowen said she was dismayed by the response, and wonders if he was the driver. "I'll never forget his face," which she seemed to want to lock into her memory.

Instead, she said it was Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, having come to the scene upon hearing the dispatch call, who had informed her Tyheim was transported to Atlantic General Hospital and Tyheim was being taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center. She tells Downing her aunt, Carrie Bowen, had been called and was already in route from the neighborhood nearby and that they will go AGH first. When Bowen, her aunt and her companion Tranise Bailey arrived at the emergency room at AGH, "That's where they broke the news to me and asked me to identify which one it was," she said.

Still reeling from the procedures associated with identifying the body of her youngest son and coping with that loss in Berlin's AGH, Bowen was then forced to turn her attention to her surviving

son, Tyheim, in what had to be a surreal journey to Salisbury's PRMC. She remembered arriving between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. and being told by an attending provider around 12:30 a.m. there was no attending physician in the hospital's shock trauma department who could help Tyheim, who had lost circulation in his legs, and that they were airlifting him to the University of Maryland Medical Center's Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. Bowen, her aunt and her companion were left to make their way to Baltimore on their own. They got lost on the way, and when the three finally arrived Bowen remembered being told that the veins in Tyheim's legs had collapsed and that the trauma team had been waiting for her signature before taking him in to surgery. His body had suffered massive injuries and if his right leg was not amputated she might lose him altogether. She agreed to make the decision to let them take his leg mid-calf and at 3:30 a.m. they went into surgery.

Bowen said that she wasn't told immediately when Tyheim came out of surgery around 5 a.m. because the doctor did not know which waiting area they were in. A physician around 5:30 a.m. finally notified her, she said. She is still at a loss to know how the team couldn't locate her in the same waiting room where she been holding vigil throughout the procedure.

Since the emergency surgery, however, Tyheim has needed a second procedure, to further amputate the same leg at mid-thigh and to reconstruct with a plate and pins the bones of his crushed pelvis. "He was in a lot of pain," Bowen said, but she is grateful that her oldest son survived.

From that tragic moment Bowen has taken leave from her \$250 a week job to attend to Tyheim during his two-week stay at the Shock Trauma Center and two subsequent weeks in rehabilitation at the HealthSouth Chesapeake Rehabilitation Hospital in Salisbury. She now faces bills for rent, car insurance, telephone and utilities, without that income. Her last paycheck paid for her car

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Mom reluctant to define her surviving son as 'disabled'



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Tynise Bowen said she would never want her surviving son, Tyheim, to define himself as "disabled."

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insurance premium, which fell behind in November. She expressed gratitude for a financial donation that allowed her to make the December premium payment.

Bowen said she has health insurance, but she now faces bills and appointment schedules from three doctors—appointments to two surgeons in Baltimore and a prosthetics specialist in Salisbury. She will soon be facing the costs of helping Tyheim adjust to his new physical needs. She is reluctant to use words like "disabled" and she has no intention of allowing him to use his injuries from the accident to forgo pursuing a career path and voices a short list of careers he can pursue, like computers or data entry. She mentioned that she had seen new "bionic" prosthetics on star athletes.

At the mention of athletics, Tyheim,

who had been relatively silent except to answer the occasional question, suddenly perks up and mentions basketball. Mother and son are momentarily distracted in conversation about a basketball club in Salisbury that is totally comprised of disabled players.

Tyheim's medical costs are not Bowen's only concern. She has insurance, she said. But her telephone contract was cancelled for nonpayment and she has resorted to using a pre-paid cell phone for communication. She seemed worried about how she will pay the electric bill that heats her apartment in the drafty rear section of her complex, future car insurance premiums and the rent.

The child support Bowen was receiving for Tyheim ended when he turned 18. Tyheim was being raised by his dad, Quentin Dennis, a correctional officer.

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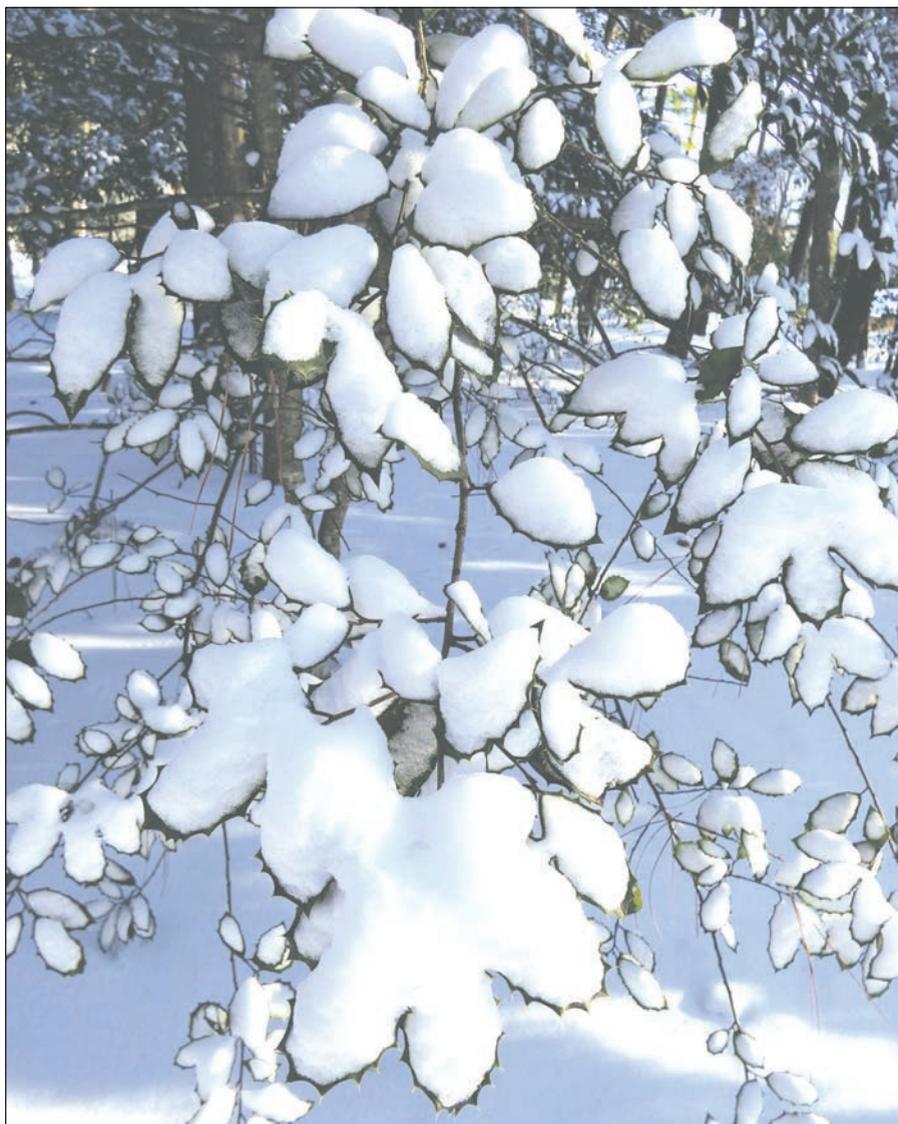
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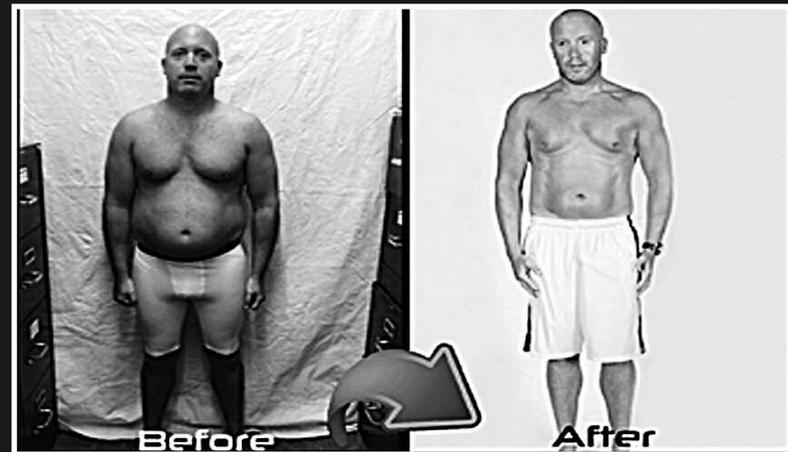


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Now Bowen to seek legal action

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Bowen said, other than Tymeir, she and Dennis have no further connection to each other. They have each moved on with their lives. Dennis is now married with a family that had fully included Tymeir. The one thing they came together on was the attention and nurturing environment they were both determined to provide for their son, she indicated.

Bowen said the reason why she has decided to take legal action is because she has been unsatisfied with the lack of answers to her questions about the accident from the Maryland State Police authorities who are investigating the incident.

“I want justice for my boys,” she said, and she expressed concern that they will somehow be brushed aside as the passion of the moment subsides.

That cannot happen for her, as she said that no matter how much counseling she receives to help her cope, “I’ll never be right after this,” because the visions of that night keep coming back.

Bowen said, “I love all of my children.” She then began choking back tears and finally breaks down and sobs into a tissue, “But if I could have taken that blow I would have done that.”

Next week: Interview with a grieving father.

Homeowners flood FEMA insurance meeting

People came seeking answers or to lay to rest future coverage rumors

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stalled that do not allow the water to come up the coastline anymore and it backs up into the land masses near Asateague.

"I have seen houses float out to sea," he said, adding "Thank God for flood insurance."

Huber said he came to the open house because he heard that the federal government was getting out of the flood insurance business, which he said would leave a lot of property owners stranded with no coverage. He said he was hoping to find out more information.

Homeowner Tom Hughes said he attended looking to find out whether the changes might result in a reduction in his flood insurance premiums. He said for the house he purchased nine years ago, his insurance rates had increased over the past two years to the current premium of \$250 per month.

Hughes added he did not find any indication of a rate decrease, dashing his hopes for relief, and that he could not afford to let his policy lapse either. Doing so, he said, would mean starting from scratch if he tried to purchase a new policy.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
A small poll of participants attending a Jan. 16 open house to review proposed changes to federal flood insurance maps makes it clear the most consistent question the homeowners wanted Federal Emergency Management Agency officials to answer to was, "How will the changes affect my insurance rates or coverage?"

Ocean Pines Association Director Jack Collins came to get answers that could help either lay to rest or substantiate rumors that non-resident homeowners in the community would over time no longer be covered by the FEMA program.

Collins pointed out to Danforth

many Ocean Pines residents were second homeowners and they were hearing that their premiums will likely increase for four consecutive years, and then the policies would no longer be offered.

Danforth told Collins that was not how she saw it.

"My understanding is that it does increase, but that it does not drop," she said, before referring Collins to a flood insurance specialist at one of the stations.

In an information statement relating to the changes being implemented due to the enactment of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, FEMA officials pointed out that roughly 20 percent of all NFIP policies pay subsidized rates. "Only a portion of those policies that are currently paying subsidized premiums will see larger premium increases of 25% annually starting this year, until their premiums are full-risk premiums," it said.

According to the information sheet, "Five percent of policyholders - those with subsidized policies for non-primary residences, businesses, and severe repetitive loss properties - will see the 25% annual increases immediately. Subsidies will no longer be offered for policies covering newly purchased properties, lapsed policies, or new policies covering properties for the first time." It further said that the policies

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Flood insurance changes could be around corner

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that are already at full-risk rates will not have large premium increases.

However, it added that most policyholders will see a new charge on their premiums—to cover the Reserve Fund assessment that is mandated by the new law. “Initially, there will be a 5% assessment to all policies except Preferred Risk Policies (PRPs),” officials said. “The Reserve Fund will increase over time and will also be assessed on PRPs at some undetermined future date. Additional changes to premium rates will occur upon remapping, the provision calling for these premium rate changes will not be implemented until the latter half of 2014,” it added.

Moreover, FEMA advised that subsidies were not being phased out for existing policies covering primary residences, but they could still be lost under conditions that apply to all subsidized policies. Subsidies will be immediately phased out for all new and lapsed policies and upon sale of the property, it said. “There may also be premium changes for policyholders after their community is remapped. But that provision of the Act is still under review and will be implemented in the future,” officials said.

Berlin homeowner Patricia Dufendach called the event, “A wonderful, well attended meeting.” She said she was pleased with the amount of hand-out information available and that the agency was making its officials available to discuss how the proposals would specifically affect the local area. She suggested that it would also be helpful for the agency to provide information that could help people to learn more about managing stormwater in their communities.

FEMA is proposing changes to its flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) that will essentially remove nearly 10,000 property parcels from being included in classified flood zones—from the current total of 25,964 parcels to 16,283 parcels (37 percent reduction) under the preliminary proposal. Neither FEMA nor the county is planning direct notification the property owners affected by the changes.

According to analysis conducted by Worcester County and provided to Bayside Gazette, of the 1,991 parcels in the Town of Berlin shown on the maps, 220 parcels are currently designated as being in a floodplain. Under the proposed floodplain maps that total would shrink to 116 parcels, a 47 percent reduction in the required flood insurance coverage area.

The county analysis further showed that of the 8,888 parcels in Ocean Pines shown on the maps. Under the proposed floodplain maps that total would shrink the required flood insurance coverage area by 42 percent, from the 6,150 parcels currently designated as being in a floodplain to 3,553 parcels, according to officials.

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The Go Red event is free and open to the public, and will feature health screenings, a heart-healthy cooking demonstration, success stories, vendors, dinner and door prizes. It will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 5:30-8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Avery W. Hall Educational Center at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, on the corner of Waverly Drive and Vine Street, in Salisbury. Free parking is available in Garage B, located next to the Educational Center building.

Register online by Feb. 3 at www.wicomicohealth.org, or call 410-334-3480.

SDHS Job Fair

Stephen Decatur High School staff and students invite area businesses and vendors to participate in its 2014 Job Fair, to be held at the school on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition to Stephen Decatur students, Snow Hill and Pocomoke students will also be in attendance.

For more information, or to sign up as a vendor, call Kim Hudson at 410-641-4410.

Trimper breakfast

The annual Granville Trimper Pancake Breakfast will take place Sunday, Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Ocean View American Grill, on the Boardwalk at 16th Street.

The cost for the all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. Children 5 and younger eat free. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, juice and soda. There will also be a drawing to win three prizes—Trimper's Rides VIP Pass (up to five people ride all day), \$100 Mug & Mallet restaurant gift certificate or Ayers Creek Adventures half-day kayak rental for two. The cost to enter the drawing is \$5.

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Campaign kickoff

Chip Bertino, candidate for Worcester County Commissioner for District 5, will host a campaign kickoff event on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. The community is invited to attend and light refreshments will be served.

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Hospital CEO offers reasons why AGH seeks exemption

Attempts to deal with stormwater tax issue failed to produce results

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—During a Jan. 17 interview, Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital seemed to want to make it clear that a declaratory judgment complaint to seek an exemption from the Town of Berlin's new stormwater management fee and a letter to inform members of the local business community of the hospital's reason for the action were taken after attempts to handle the dispute in a more discrete manner failed to produce results.

During a Jan. 28 meeting the Berlin Town Council held a public hearing on a proposal to amend Chapter 26 of the town code by adding a stormwater utility department and establishing a stormwater management utility fee system (Ordinance 2013-1).

Hugh Cropper, who spoke on behalf of AGH, expressed the hospital's trustees' opposition to the ordinance. He told the council AGH the proposed stormwater management user fee "would be a heavy burden and it would be the highest rate in the county," according to the minutes taken at the hearing.

Moreover, several local business representatives, including Ray Thompson, president and CEO of Taylor Bank; Cam Bunting of Bunting Realty; and Stacy Schaffer also of Taylor Bank and a member of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board, advised the council they had been misrepresented as participants of a committee supporting the ordinance after attending an information session to learn more about it.

Nevertheless, the council approved the proposed ordinance by a vote of 5-0.

Franklin said AGH had engaged a member of its board of trustees, Hugh T. Cropper, IV, a local attorney with the law firm Cowdrey Thompson, to ensure that the hospital was following the proper process in disputing the fee imposed on them. Moreover, they argued that AGH is not contiguous to the town center. Also, they said that the hospital already has stormwater management facilities on its 24-acre campus on Healthway Drive in accordance with approved plans and specifications to mitigate the potential for flooding.

Franklin outlined a brief chronology of the attempts hospital representatives made to address their concerns on the new stormwater utility and fee structure that he said was approved in the middle of the hospi-

tal's budget cycle, which is from July 1 to June 30.

Among the inquiries hospital representatives began seeking were clarifications on the new system as early as January 2013, according to Franklin. He said the trustees had sought to handle the dispute between the hospital and town discreetly and by expressing their concerns with the new ordinance with as little provocation as possible. But he said they received no further advice from town officials.

Later in July, Cropper forwarded a list of concerns to Town Counsel David Gaskill, along with a request for a meeting to discuss them. Cropper was advised the issue would be addressed during a council meeting held in August, which Franklin said, never occurred.

According to Franklin when Cropper attempted to remind Gaskill of the commitment that was made again in September he was advised that the town had outsourced representation for the stormwater management utility to Nathan Greenbaum, an attorney with the Bethesda-based law firm Linoews and Blocher, L.L.P.

When contacted, Franklin said, Greenbaum asked for time to get up to speed on the matter. Nearly two months passed before they heard back from Greenbaum, according to Franklin. At the end of October, Greenbaum advised the hospital that he had reviewed the issue and saw no reason to exempt the hospital from the ordinance, Franklin said, adding that Greenbaum had relayed he recommended that no change was needed on the part of the town.

Meanwhile, Franklin said Cropper was also asked how the hospital should respond to a notice from the town threatening to shut off the hospital's water and utility services when the hospital tried to withhold payment until the town responded to AGH's question about the calculations used to determine the assigned assessment.

Although Franklin said the hospital had a self-contained back-up water supply, under Cropper's advice AGH paid the assessment.

Throughout the dispute, Franklin indicated that the trustees had been dismayed at the lack of dialogue between the two parties as the trustees sought to find common ground that could resolve the matter. He said it was the recommendation that no change was needed that spurred the hospital to file for a declaratory judgment.

Toni Keiser, vice president of public relations for AGH also pointed out during the interview that while the assessment rates may seem reasonably low, there was no cap to limit them. "They could increase at any time," she said.

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Stachurski to leave OPA Board of Directors post

G. Jeffrey Knepper was voted in to fill vacancy during Jan. 16 meeting

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—After Dan Stachurski decided to give up his post on the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors to pursue his lifelong dream of sailing the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and points south, the board, on Jan. 16, voted in a special closed meeting to appoint G. Jeffrey Knepper to fill the vacancy.

According to a biography he provided to Bayside Gazette, Knepper and his wife Kim have owned property in Ocean Pines since 2001 and have lived in the community as a full-time resident since 2006. He is a

member of the Ocean Pines General Manager's Contract Review Group and has attended most OPA Board meetings since 2006, it said.

Based on his vitae, Knepper will bring specialized skills in accounting, tax and information technology with him to the board. He was an Ohio-based tax attorney with the public accounting firms Arthur Anderson & Co., Deloitte & Touche, Touche Ross & Co., and J.K. Lasser & Co.

He retired as general manager of Intel Corporation's Information Technology Risk Management group, with responsibilities of overseeing risk management for information systems, IT strategic procurement, and ensuring compliance to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

"In addition, he was a leader in the design and implementation of Intel's ethical Code of Conduct, and a fre-

quent instructor on topics related to that and Intel's management techniques," it said.

Also, according to the biography, "He is one of the founders of the internationally based Microcomputer Managers Association, and a charter member of the Citizens' Academy of the Sacramento, California office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Knepper was officially sworn in by OPA's Corporate Counsel Joseph Moore during the Jan. 22 regular meeting. He is filling the vacancy of Stachurski whose term was ending in August.

Asked about his service to the Ocean Pines community as a member of the board of directors Stachurski said he first ran for the board in 2001, but that candidacy failed. He tried again in 2002 and was elected to the first of two terms. He pointed out that while on the board he has served and as president for three years, vice president for two years, and as secretary for one year. "After this six-year period of service, I stepped away from active involvement in the operations of Ocean Pines, played a lot of golf, and spent quite a bit of time travelling," he said.

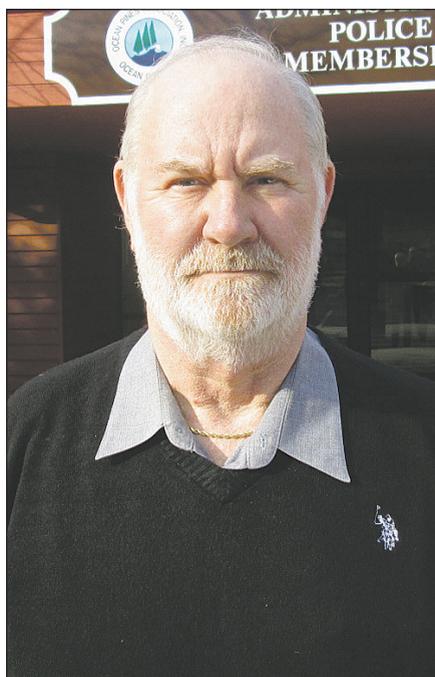
Then Stachurski discussed his reason for stepping down from his board seat eight months early:

"I have been pleased to be a part of the OPA Board as the community undergoes much needed renewal while not increasing assessments any more than absolutely necessary. At the same time, I celebrated my 69th birthday in June of 2013 and decided that it was time for me to do something I have wanted to do all my life: go sailing in a fairly serious fashion.

My health was and is adequate but not great, my pocketbook big enough to purchase a Bavaria Cruiser 36 (36 feet of cruising sailboat) and I felt that I had, with my participation in the new Yacht Club and particularly my focus on driving the initial development of a workable Capital Improvement Plan for OPA over the next 10 years (not yet complete, but certainly well started), made the contribution I was capable of making to OPA. Initially, I had intended to cruise down the Inter Coastal Waterway to Florida, base the boat in Ft. Pierce, and cruise from this base through the Bahamas while still completing my last year as an OPA director.

But Stachurski said the deciding factor for him to completely leave the board came when "a very well qualified OPA member stepped up and said he would complete my term, should I decide to resign, and then run for his own first term in the 2014 Board election process." He added, "This was a very attractive alternative for me, and a good one for Ocean Pines—the rest is history."

(See related story on page 15 of Stachurski's travel log from the beginning of his trip.)



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G. Jeffrey Knepper has been appointed to fill the OPA Board of Directors' post left vacant by Dan Stachurski.



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Outten sees Berlin as 'Antiques Capital of the Eastern Shore'

Uptown Antiques has soft opening planned Jan. 15

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Bill Outten is a man with a mission: to help make Berlin the "Antiques Capital of the Eastern Shore" and he is well on his way to accomplishing that goal.

Outten launched a soft opening for his new venue "Uptown Antiques" on Jan. 15. The official grand opening is scheduled for Feb. 1, which is intended to give vendors time to finish setting up their assigned booths. He said he is still looking for a coin dealer, estate jewelry vendor, and a retailer who sells vintage clothing from period pieces to hippie era items.

The naming of Uptown Antiques has more to do with the atmosphere Outten is trying to convey than the business's physical location, at 13 South Main Street. After all, the two-story building is located in the former Donaway Furniture store site, with its glass-lined frontage and private parking lot.

The new location will feature more upscale items targeted specifically for collectors looking for rare show-worthy finds, with higher price points, like furniture and glassware. Inside, the space will still consist of the trademark booth space layout used at Outten's Town Centre Antiques at 1 North Main Street and his mother's Town Center Antiques at 11 Pitts Street, which he also manages.

Even with the other two locations, Outten said there was still enough of a need from small and single person businesses wanting to rent booths. A lot of his vendor clientele are locals who got into antique retailing after seeking to sell inherited items from their parents' estates, which led them to shopping and reselling additional items. After they start going to estate sales for more items it often led to them applying for a small business license and setting up a more permanent arrangement, he explained.

The sellers who rent booth at his stores have all reached a point where they are trading and selling as antiques

business, he said, adding, "We are the warehousing function of their businesses." Outten's business provides rental space, and sales and credit card processing for a 10 percent commission. He said he was motivated to lease the Donaway site because it was one of the last large buildings still available in town.

He envisions that the new location will allow him to conduct more marketing promotions and special events like participating in the town's increasingly popular Second Friday Art Stroll and during other town events. For example, he said he was considering hosting appraiser Charlene Upham, of Charlene Upham Antiques, for special shows where people could bring in antique items for spot appraisals during major town events, such as the Fiddler's Convention or Cruisers' weekend.

As a former president of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, Outten said he previously coordinated an array of town wide events such as a Berlin Idol talent contest and the first Cruisers weekends, until the coordination tasks became too time consuming. He said he might relaunch some events, like the Village Fair, on the site of the new location.

"The new store will help open up the quieter side of Main Street," he predicted.

The most active antique season is from May through Christmas, according to Outten. "Easter kicks off the awakening," of the peak shopping period, he said.

His most popular items are glassware, including a pretty consistent demand for oyster plates and nautical items, which he said were "always a hot seller." The demand for furniture, he said, comes and goes.

Although Outten and his family hold the largest amount of retail space for antique goods, they are not the only antique shops in town. He pointed out there were also specialty shops featuring antique toys, imported items and lamps.

"Berlin is becoming known as an antique village," he said. But again, his aim is to make it the "Antiques Capital of the Eastern Shore."

For more information about Uptown Antiques, contact Bill Outten by e-mail at uptownantiques@hotmail.com or by telephone at 410-973-2054.



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Bill Outten, who already owns Town Center Antiques, is opening Uptown Antiques at 13 South Main Street, with the official grand opening planned for Feb. 1. The new location is in the former location of Donaway Furniture store and will showcase premium collectibles and furniture as well as serve as a venue for special promotions and events.

AARP Foundation to offer free income tax preparation

WORCESTER COUNTY—The AARP Foundation is once again offering free tax preparation for low to moderate income tax payers, especially those 60 and older.

The volunteers are trained to assist in e-filing returns, however, the Volunteers Protection Act requires that volunteers stay within the scope of the program. They cannot prepare rental/business income, HSA/COD returns.

The tax season starts Feb. 3. Mondays sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ocean Pines library, Thurs-

days and Saturdays at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Ocean City library, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For Ocean City and Ocean Pines appointments, call 410-213-1608. Appointments will only be taken on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during daylight hours. Do not leave a message, it will not be returned.

Tax preparation will take place at the Pocomoke City library on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 410-957-0878 for an appointment.

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Tech students redesign AGH's waiting area



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Worcester Technical High School students speak with WMDT 47 News following their presentation of a revamped design for Atlantic General Hospital's waiting room last Friday. The class spent last fall working on their design, which the Berlin hospital might use when it overhauls the waiting room in the next few years.

Teens take science and engineering from classroom and apply it to real world

By Clara Vaughn

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

BERLIN—Students at Worcester Technical High School took science and engineering from the classroom to the real world last Friday when they presented their design for a new waiting room for Atlantic General Hospital to a crowd of hospital leaders, teachers and members of the media.

Their project already won first place in the state in Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow competition, which asks students to use science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to improve their communities, and some parts of the design might very well be incorporated into the hospital's redesign of its waiting room in upcoming years.

"I am so impressed that I'm lost for words," Assistant Superintendent for Administration at Worcester Schools and Vice Chair of the hospital's Board of Trustees Lou Taylor said after the presentation. "It makes me proud."

The waiting room project stemmed from a standard class task that had the 18 seniors design an imaginary emergency room floor plan, teacher and Director of Biomedical Sciences at the school Tracy Hunter said.

"I wasn't really satisfied with the end product of that project. It was kind of limited," Hunter said, so she worked with hospital staff to turn it into a real-world challenge.

"It was really just Tracy calling me and pitching an idea," Vice President of Planning and Operations at the hospital Kim Justice said. "They have come up with a very creative, very realistic plan."

The 16 biomedical science students and two on the pre-engineering track worked together through the fall semester on the design to meet parameters from improving the flow of patients through the waiting room to meeting ADA requirements and sustainability standards. Their plan included everything from skylights and a rooftop garden to separate waiting room spaces for sick and injured patients.

Some students visited the hospital on their own time, gathering measurements and other information for the design, Hunter said.

While the actual redesign of AGH's waiting room is still several years off, "it's our hope that we can take one aspect, or a few, and incorporate them into our design," Justice said.

The class already won \$20,000 for Worcester Tech when its design out-competed other projects in the state in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition. The students will represent Maryland in the national competition, where they are in the running for \$125,000 more for their school.

"It's a great design. It really is. It's much better than what we have," President and CEO of AGH Michael Franklin said.

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Former OPA director offers tales of voyage as he sets sail

Stachurski gives travel log of what was easily part of his bucket list

OCEAN PINES—Former Ocean Pines Association Director Dan Stachurski provided a brief travel log of what would qualify as a bucket list item he is in the process of checking off this year:

On Dec. 6, I departed from Crisfield, Maryland's Somers Cove Marina to cross the Chesapeake Bay and overnight in Deltaville, Va. Bad weather made for an interesting crossing of the Bay and kept me and my first mate, Deborah Shockley, in port in Deltaville for two nights. From there, we continued down the Bay to Norfolk and picked up the Virginia Cut of the Inter Coastal Waterway (ICW for short).

We had started late in the year—most boat migrants head south in September or early October — and we paid for the delay with several extended stops to avoid bad weather and some very interesting cruising down the ICW in winds that, at times, were gusting as high as 30-35 miles per hour or more while temperatures at night were down to the high 20's.

It was something to wake up in the morning and have to scrape the frost off the cockpit in order to get moving for the day. But the weather finally began to warm up after we crossed into South Carolina and we finally could enjoy not wearing long underwear. We spent Christmas in Charleston, S.C., in their very pleasant Maritime Center, located in the heart of old Charleston.

Christmas day saw the director of the Center hosting a pot luck dinner that turned up about 20 sailors who were enjoying the holiday in the marina, including a couple who had sailed their catamaran across the Atlantic from England as well as a very salty, bearded fellow on his way back to his slip in Key West.

We stayed in the ICW all the way down to Hilton Head, then "went outside" into the Atlantic to sail past the state of Georgia because the ICW in that state has the reputation for being shallow and very serpentine (about 240 miles of ICW cruising in order to get through the slightly over 100 mile width of coastal Georgia). We came back inshore just north of Jacksonville and completed our journey to Fort Pierce, Florida, in the ICW.

We arrived in our new home slip on Jan. 8, having sailed or motored 1,120 miles in 32 days. It is impossible to describe this trip without writ-

ing a book. Suffice it to say that I am very happy to have done it, but I wouldn't do this particular journey again. It's to sea with me—Freeport, Bahama, is only 85 miles from my current marina home in Ft. Pierce, and I understand that the government of Cuba is encouraging sailors to come visit (with the permission of the U.S. government).

I'll be off again in the near future — it's a totally different life cruising on a small sailboat, but one that I find most appealing. Don't kid yourself with romantic pictures — this is hard work. I lost 16 pounds on the trip down the ICW. I saw things I'd never see from any other perspective, and I expect those sorts of moments to continue as I continue to cruise.



PHOTO COURTESY DAN STACHURSKI

Former Ocean Pines Director Dan Stachurski at the helm of his boat, Windstalker, in a narrow part of the Inter Coastal Waterway in North Carolina. He was heading for a warmer climate, but apparently had not arrived there yet because he said was "wearing every bit of clothing I could find to ward off the cold."

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County Health Dept. to sponsor fitness programs

BERLIN—Get fit, lose weight, and improve your health with a free 16-week program offered Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., beginning Monday, Feb. 3 at the Berlin Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive in Berlin.

The Lifestyle Balance Program is proven to be effective in reducing the risk for Type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases, assisting in weight loss, maintaining a healthy body weight and decreasing the risk for heart disease and stroke.

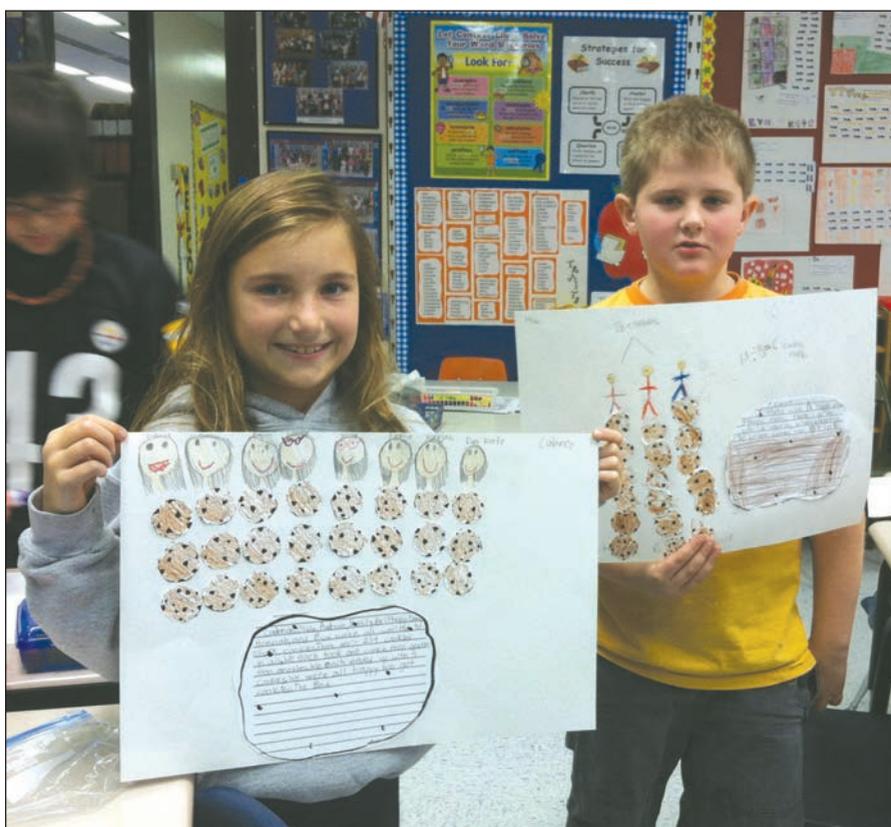
Since the Worcester County Health Department began offering Lifestyle Balance in July 2009, participants have lost a combined total of more than 2,500 pounds and have noticed improvements in blood pressure, body fat and cholesterol levels.

The free group sessions are led by coaches trained by the CDC National Diabetes Prevention Program. Instructors include a certified exercise physiologist, certified nutritionist and health educator.

Each session includes education and physical activity. All participants receive a personal lifestyle change coach who assists them with goal setting, progress and overcoming barriers. Participants also receive incentives such as step counters, resistance bands, exercise videos and cook books, among others. After the initial 16-week core program, groups will continue to meet once a month for six months.

When asked about the effectiveness of the program, a recent participants said: "I am so thankful for this program. I truly believe it helped to save my life;" and "This program has improved my health significantly."

The Worcester County Health Department is able to offer this program with funding provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. To learn more about the program or to enroll, call 410-632-0056.



DIVISION LESSON

Submitted photo/Bayside Gazette
Showell Elementary School third grade students, Cadence Hughes and Ethan Suplee, model division as they read, "When The Doorbell Rang."

Winter Arts Lecture series scheduled to begin Feb. 3

In-depth modern artist history will cover many historic periods, origins

BERLIN—The Worcester County Arts Council is presenting a Winter Art Lecture series during February by local artist and art instructor, Dr. Marina Borovok.

Lectures will take place at the Worcester County Arts Council each Monday: Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. Registration cost is \$12 per participant per lecture. Ad-

vanced registration is required.

February topics will include the History of Modern Art. Participants will have an opportunity to explore the stories, art works, and meaning of modernism as well as learn little-known insights about the works from a variety of perspectives.

—Part I: Feb. 3: Modernism from 1850s to 1880s. The origins of Modernism: Neoclassicism, Romanticism, Realism

—Part II: Feb. 10: Impressionism and Avant-Garde

—Part III: Feb. 17: Modernism from 1880s to 1930s: Post-Modernism, Fauvism

—Part IV: Feb. 24: Expressionism, and Cubism

To register or for more information, call the Arts Council at 410-641-0809 or register online at www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

Canned items are needed to benefit Md. Food Bank

WORCESTER COUNTY—Worcester County Volunteer Services and Liquor Control are hosting a canned food drive for the Maryland Food Bank, Jan. 27 through Feb. 7.

All county employees and the public are invited to participate. Canned food items can be deposited in specially-marked Maryland Food Bank barrels at these participating locations:

- Worcester County Jail in Snow Hill
- Worcester County Branch Libraries: Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke
- All Department of Liquor Control Shore Spirit Retail Liquor Store locations
- Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill
- Central Landfill storage building in Newark

• Isle of Wight offices in Bishopville

Nearly 12.7 percent of Worcester County residents, including one in five children, are food insecure, meaning they are uncertain where their next meals are coming from. That is the third highest food insecurity rate on the Eastern Shore, behind Somerset and Wicomico counties.

The greatest need exists among the working poor – our friends, our neighbors, the children your children attend school with, and maybe even the person standing behind you in line at the grocery store. Many of these families fail to qualify for federal or state assistance, because on paper they do not meet the minimum standards.

Every pound of food donated to the MFB equates to 1.3 meals, and every donated dollar is stretched to provide 2.7 pounds of food. Those receiving food from the MFB or its partner agencies never pay out of pocket for this assistance.

For more information about the Worcester County food drive, contact Volunteer Services Manager Kelly Brinkley at 410-632-0090. Organizations interested in hosting food drives are invited to contact MFB Managing Director Jennifer Small at small@md-foodbank.org.

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Inquiries flood FEMA

FEMA came to Worcester County last Thursday and received quite a reception.

Almost 250 citizens showed up, many of them property owners, to review preliminary flood insurance maps. The session was held at Stephen Decatur Middle School. It was such a robust meeting, that it seemed to take the FEMA officials by surprise.

FEMA officials came ready to discuss just how proposed flood insurance map changes would impact specific property lots. Predictably, the most consistent question from the homeowners was "how will the changes affect my insurance rates or coverage?"

Doug Huber told Bayside Gazette that he has lived in Snug Harbor since 1963 and has been "flooded out" many times. He attributed the floods to marshlands being filled in to construct new developments, thus forcing storm water into the outer boundary areas, including unfortunately the area where he lives.

He has seen some houses float out to sea.

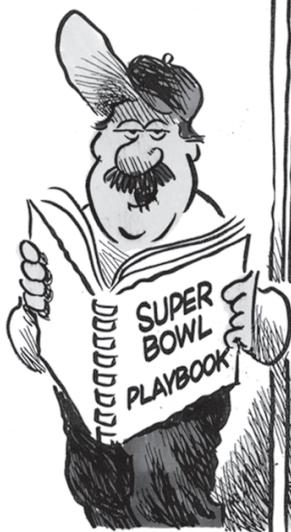
Other homeowners came to the meeting seeking information on flood insurance rate increases. They find themselves in the position of not being able to afford rate increases, but still having to find a way to pay or face the risk of flood damage.

Still others came because they heard that non-residents in places such as Ocean Pines have heard that their flood insurance premiums might increase for four consecutive years, and then the policies would be eliminated.

FEMA was there to address concerns, but it also explained proposed changes to flood insurance rate maps that could move thousands of property parcels from flood zone classifications. It is important, the property owners learned, to stay on top of FEMA's intent, because the agency isn't planning direct notification of property owners affected by the changes.

This leaves it basically up to you, the homeowner whether you own property in Berlin, Ocean Pines or elsewhere to stay on top of. Here is a FEMA website we believe will answer more of your questions. Go to <http://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>.

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Helping parents begin next phase of life

Elder financial planning has own challenges

When the time comes to help your parents begin the next phase of their life, they may come to you in search of a little guidance. The truth is that elder financial planning is a lot more complicated than it should be. Still the realities are what they are so it's important that your parents not be under any misconceptions and that they know how to handle their money.

If your parents ever come to you for help with financial planning you should make sure you have all the facts on the table and you should be as honest with them as possible. With these rules in mind it's possible for them to maintain a satisfactory quality of life.

One of the first things you need to do with elder financial planning is outline all your parents' expenses. What are their annual property taxes? If they don't own their home what is their monthly rent? What about medications? Utilities? Regular doctors' visits? Food? Transportation? Incidentals?

Next you need to figure how much income your parents have coming in. When you are talking about elder financial

planning that income can take a variety of forms: Social Security, a pension, 401k distributions, investment income, or some other work-related income.

If your parent(s) ever get an inheritance or a similar one-time payout, you shouldn't count that as income. Instead, use these to pay down debt and cushion their savings. Also, do your parents have any stock investments, bonds, mutual funds, bank CD's, outdated accounts, or other overlooked investments which could be added to the list?

Once you've figured their income and expenses, the next thing to do with elder financial planning is to figure how much is left over each month. There will hopefully be an ample amount left over so that your parents can continue to live with the quality of life they deserve to enjoy. Just like anything else with financial planning, there could be a small margin of error so you may want to make sure that you have as much information as possible.

At the end of the day elder financial planning is a pretty basic thing; the particulars and complexities lie in the individual variables combined with the unexpected health issues which plague many elderly people. If you can't figure it out

or you need some help then it's a good idea to talk to an experienced and objective financial professional that specializes in this area. Look for an individual that's not only impartial but also experienced in handling situations like yours.

It can be difficult sometimes to watch your parents get older; but if you can help them get through this new phase of their financial lives your parents and your conscience will both be the better for it.

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THURS. Jan. 23

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the Bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served, followed by a presentation from Dave Coffland, founder of "Catch A Lift." Coffland works with wounded post-911 veterans, to help them recover through gym memberships and gym equipment. All Democrats and interested Independents welcome.

WEST OCEAN CITY ASSOCIATION JANUARY SOCIAL — Waterman's Seafood Restaurant, 12505 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Current members, neighbors and friends are invited to come and discuss issues affecting the community.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. The Executive Board meeting begins at 6 p.m.; speaker at 7 p.m. Ron Pagano, political activist and attorney, will discuss the recent Supreme Court case, Shelby County, Ala v. Holder. Info: 443-944-6701.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON — The Dough Roller Restaurant, 4103 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting begins at 11 a.m. Delegate Ron George, representing District 30 in the House since 2006, will discuss important issues facing this year's Maryland General Assembly. Cost of the luncheon is \$15. Reservations: Ann Lutz, 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net by Jan. 21.

FRI. Jan. 24

BINGO — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

AARP '55 ALIVE' SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM — The class will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To sign up for this class or a later one, call Dave Lloyd at 410-641-6278. Several auto insurance companies provide a 3-year discount to those who have completed the course.

SAT. Jan. 25

SPAGHETTI DINNER — Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 3-7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free to children 5 and younger. Carryout available. Info: 410-641-2578.

FREE HOME-BREWING BEER MAKING CLASS — Brews Up, 9028 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginner class. Five gallons in two hours. Reserve seat: 443-513-4744 or www.brewsup.net. Other dates available by appointment.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods, honey and more.

BULL & OYSTER ROAST — Peaky's, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 2-8 p.m. Too Much Stuff live from 3-7 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes draft beer. Benefits Junior Achievement of The Eastern Shore, Inc. Tickets: 410-250-ROOF (7663).

SUN. Jan. 26

MBS OPEN HOUSE — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Berlin, noon to 3 p.m. MBS is a pre-k to eighth school that offers a learning environment grounded in Catholic values and based on the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ. Info: Lisa Edmunds, 410-208-1600.

MON. Jan. 27

DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

HAND DANCING — House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal Highway, Fenwick, Del. Free lessons from 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-10 p.m. No cover charge. Info: DC Hand Dance Club, 302-541-0728.

WED. Jan. 29

FREE WINE MAKING CLASS — Brews Up, 9028 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 6-7

p.m. Beginner class. Reserve seat: 443-513-4744 or www.brewsup.net. Other dates available by appointment.

SIMPLE SUPPER — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, last Wednesday of each month, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 11 and younger. Reservations: 410-524-7994.

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

FREE FLU CLINIC — Atlantic General Hospital, Employee Health Office on second floor, 3-6 p.m. No appointment necessary. The vaccine is made from eggs. If you are allergic to eggs, consult with your health care provider. Info: 410-641-9190 or cmumford@atlanticgeneral.org.

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ONGOING EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Municipal Airport's Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through April 27. Serving pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage. Suggested donation is \$5, as a fundraiser for the Huey Veteran's

Memorial Display at the airport. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

FREE JOB SEARCH SEMINAR — Wor-Wic Community College, Hazel Center Room 302, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, Jan. 23, 5:30-7 p.m. John Romanowski of Fruitland, author of the e-book called "Best Way to Find a Job is to Effectively Manage Your Job Search," will be the presenter. To reserve a seat, contact Wor-Wic's career services office at 410-334-2903 or register online at <http://tinyurl.com/ozkt5xk> by Jan. 17.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP — Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Speakers, discussions, exercise, etc. No reservations, no fees. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to stop by.

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES ON THE BOARDWALK — Weather and ridership permitting, horse and carriage rides will board passengers near Thrasher's at the Inlet lot and travel around the pier and down the Boardwalk to Fourth Street and back on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through April 30. Cost is \$10 per person, kids 3 and younger ride free. Info: Randy Davis, 443-783-1409.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP-OC — Meets every Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m. October through April. Info: 410-641-7330.

GRIEF SHARE — Grief recovery support group. Fall cycle begins Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sign up: Carole, 301-509-2002 or griefshare.org. Sponsored by SonRise Church, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin.

AUMC THRIFT SHOP — Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 410-289-4458.

FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY — Group meets the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. Discussions on library and volunteer needs and often include interesting speakers. Followed by refreshments. New Friends always welcome.

Wild, scenic free films offered

Series to open at Globe in Berlin with feature on shark populations

WORCESTER COUNTY—Assateague Coastal Trust will be sponsoring a series of environmental film screenings during the first two months of 2014. Kicking off on Thursday, Jan. 30, with a free film event at The Globe in Berlin, the series will continue on Friday, Feb. 21 with the third annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Seacrets' Morley Hall on 49th Street and will conclude with a special family-focused version of the Wild and Scenic Festival on Feb. 22, to be held at the Sarbanes Center near the entrance to Assateague Island.

The series launch at The Globe on Jan. 30 will feature award winning, "Sharks: Stewards of the Reef," produced by local filmmaker Holiday Johnson.

This film examines escalating threats to shark populations including habitat destruction and overfishing. Johnson, who also sits on ACT's Board of Directors, will be on hand to introduce the film and answer questions from the audience. Admission for the film is free, but attendees are encouraged to come early and stay after for dinner at The Globe.

A portion of the proceeds from dinner and drinks that night will be do-

nated to support ACT's local advocacy and education activities. Reservations for the film and dinner can be made at the Globe by calling, 410-641-0784 and are strongly encouraged as space will be limited.

The expanded two-day Wild and Scenic Film Festival will begin on Friday, Feb. 21 at Seacrets' Morley Hall in Ocean City with matinee and evening screenings of 13 short films.

These films include documentaries on local and global environmental issues; kayak, skiing and mountaineering adventure films; and whimsical films. Discounted food and drink options, raffles and a silent auction will be offered during both the 2 p.m. matinee and 6 p.m. evening shows.

The series will wrap up on Saturday Feb. 22 with a 2:30 p.m. showing of three additional films from the Wild and Scenic Festival catalog designed to appeal to children and families. This screening will take place at the Sarbanes Center located next to the Assateague Island National Seashore Visitor Center.

Prior to the film event, ACT's Coast Kid's program will be offering a special Renewable Energy Lab, a hands-on class where participants will build solar powered toy cars and models of water turbines, and learn how wind power works.

For more information on any of the film events, visit Assateague Coastal Trust online at ACTforBays.org or call, 410-629-1538 for more details.

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SUNDAY – Everett Spells



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FRIDAY - Ladies Night w/ DJ Billy T
SATURDAY - Simple Truth / DJ Jeremy
SUNDAY - Opposite Directions

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SATURDAY – Dave Sherman
WEDNESDAY – Aaron Howell

■ **MD Wine Bar**
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FRIDAY – Troy Mawyer

■ **Schooners/Princess Royale**
91st St., Ocean City
FRIDAY – Harry O
SATURDAY – Harry O



Community Groove @ Sunset Grille

■ **Sunset Grille**
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Full Circle @ Seacrets

■ **Seacrets**
49th & the Bay, Ocean City
THURSDAY - Opposite Directions
FRIDAY - Element K
SATURDAY - Full Circle / The Benderz

■ **Whiskers Pub**
Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines
FRIDAY – Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey

Realtors warn of zone changes

Proactive work informs shore property owners of revision of mapping

EASTERN SHORE—We have all heard stories, watched it on the news or maybe even experienced it firsthand – Mother Nature at her best, dishing out torrential down pours causing devastating flooding to homes, businesses, churches and schools.

These stories prompt homeowners and potential homeowners to ask specific questions regarding floodplains and flood insurance to protect themselves, their families and their homes.

With recent revisions made to area flood maps, homeowners across the peninsula will be prompted to ask those questions all over again. FEMA's updates have changed the areas designated as flood zones.

"Coastal Association of REALTORS and its members are being proactive in informing homeowners about the changes made to the flood zones and educating them on how to protect their properties through flood insurance programs, said Sheila Dodson, CAR executive director.

"Most people on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia live in a flood plain or close to one,"

said Beth Gismondi, president, Gismondi Insurance Associates. You don't have to live on a creek or river and/or only worry about flooding when a hurricane hits. It is happening everywhere because the topography on Delmarva is changing. More and more people are paving their driveways which change the flow of water when it rains. You have to take into account how much rain is falling and where it is going to end up."

Residents and business owners can contact their insurance agent or the county permitting office with questions about their flood risk and to look at the revised maps to see if their home or business falls within a flood zone.

The National Association of REALTORS recently backed legislation to delay changes to federal flood insurance premiums. New Jersey Democratic Sen. Robert Menendez and more than two dozen other senators are pushing legislation that would delay the premium increases for four years, until Congress is able to make sure the rate increases are affordable.

But insurance and tax policy experts have taken a position against the delay of premium rate hikes on National Flood Insurance Program policies, stating that the delay will put the program on unstable ground and undo important reforms to the program.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Blackened tuna with mushroom-onion relish

The whirling of angle grinders and computer hard drives are matched by the raised voices of teenagers as they make, mend and tweak their robot during the third week of the six-week build. Pencils and markers are always on hand as solutions to this year's challenge are drawn, scribbled and tweaked; re-drawn or thrown away in frustration and then finally realized.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

It is amazing what can happen when the power of collaboration is put into play. With some amazing partners in this year's robotics race, and the ability of our own sub-teams to work together, we are all of a sudden looking at a functional piece of machinery that didn't exist three weeks ago.

As the build days tend to be long, we keep snack foods on hand. On the busier days, DeNovo's gives us a mountain of food to feed the brains as they exhaust themselves in the programming and machining processes.

With other things in our lives, and beyond the days on which food comes from our sponsor, real food for dinner seems to go the wayside; not at the shop, but at home. I guess that's the call of the wild these days. Everyone seems to be in such a rush that taking the time to sit down to dinner is becoming a luxury.

I am aware of the studies, now bordering on thousands, which expound the importance of the family table. Without that one bit of community in the house, many children grow up not understanding what it's like to sit at a meal and converse with one another;

to vent on the day's tribulations and tout the day's accomplishments. The idea of interaction only exacerbates the ever-growing problems in our society of the disconnection of youth from the real world; video games, ear buds, boxed TV dinners et al.

Boy, either I'm becoming a Luddite or a pragmatic old man. "Why, these kids these days....." I imagine myself saying as I shake my one hand and place the other on the small of my back, rubbing my imaginary herniated disk. I better watch it or I'll turn into my grandfather before I know it.

But what to do with a schedule busier than any I've had in decades, including my time in the Marines? What treat will be quick and dirty but get the job done for the whole family?

I decide on an old standby, the blackened tuna sandwich. While running through the store in record time, I found some tuna and much to my surprise, some pretzel rolls.

A jog through produce landed some mushrooms and onions in the cart, and using the sundried tomatoes I already had, this quick relish topped of the sandwich adding moisture and flavor. Resting the whole thing on lemon-scented arugula made our day. It was easy. It was delicious.

When we sat down, there were no angle grinders. The computers were turned off. It was just family; eating, talking and grateful that we had this little time together.

Blackened Tuna Sandwich

for 4 sandwiches
4 5 ounce tuna steaks
blackening Spice, as needed
1/4 cup brown butter (recipe follows)
4 pretzel rolls
1 cups mushroom-onion relish (recipe follows)

2 cups lemon arugula (recipe follows)

Pat tuna dry and then season liberally with blackening spice.

Heat butter in a pan large enough to fit the steaks with room to spare. Don't let the pan get overcrowded as this will cool it too quickly.

Sear on first side for about 4-6 minutes, or until it has a deep sear but is not charred.

Turn to other side and cook to the temperature of your liking.

When cooked, place lemon arugula on pretzel roll and top with tuna.

Top tuna with mushroom relish and any sauce that you feel might complement this.



Brown Butter

makes about 1/2 cup

1 cup whole, unsalted butter

Melt butter on a medium heat in a sauce pan small enough so that you can spoon foam off the top.

Once butter has melted, scrape foam from the top.

You will be left with oil and the layer of water and solids underneath. Allow butter to cook until water has evaporated and the solids begin to brown.

Once butter takes on an overall aroma of roasted nuts, remove from heat. Run through cheesecloth and set aside until ready to use. I learned recently that nothing on this green earth goes better with steamed clams than brown butter!)

Mushroom-Onion Relish

for 2 cups

1 medium white onion, diced

1/4 cup sundried tomatoes, diced

2 tbsp. ev olive oil

good white vinegar, to taste
2 Portobello caps, diced
2 tbsp. butter unsalted
S&P to taste

In a little oil saute onions until they begin to soften.

Add tomatoes, remaining oil and mushrooms.

Cook for 20 minutes or until everything is tender.

Add vinegar and butter.

Season to taste and allow to cook longer if it needs more time.

Lemon Arugula

enough for four sandwiches
2 cups baby arugula
ev olive oil, as needed
lemon juice, as needed

Sprinkle a touch of the oil and juice on arugula just before service.

Toss lightly and serve.

— Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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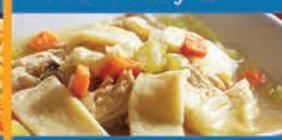
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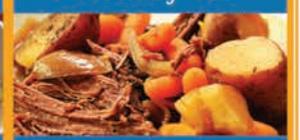
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OBITUARIES

JoAnne Sutton Quillin

BERLIN—JoAnne Sutton Quillin, age 65, died Thursday Jan. 14, 2014 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.



JoAnne Quillin

Born in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Joseph A. Sutton and Bertha Mae Rohm Sutton Aydelotte. She was also preceded in death by her step-father, John Aydelotte.

She is survived by her husband, Horace "Skip" Quillin, formerly of Davis Ice and Coal and a retired director at Calvin B. Taylor Bank. She is also survived by her daughter, Jodi Bounds Danzi, and her husband, Rick Danzi, of Piney Island in Bishopville; a sister, Mary Jo Mathos, and her husband, Dave, of Salisbury; a nephew, Joseph McCarthy, and a niece, Katie McCarthy, and a half brother, John Aydelotte of Parsonsburg.

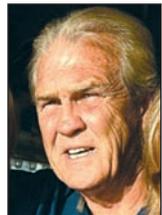
Mrs. Quillin had been a clerk treasurer for the Town of Berlin, had owned and operated the Added Touch Frame Shop in Berlin, was an associate with Davis Ice and Coal, was a member of Stevenson United Methodist Church and had been a bookkeeper and real estate appraiser.

Cremation followed her death. A memorial service will be announced at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to Atlantic General Hospital, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, Md. 21811, or to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Maryland Chapter, 2219 York Road, Suite 302, Timonium, Md. 21093, or to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md., 21811.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Brent Sharp

WEST OCEAN CITY—Brent Sharp, 66, of West Ocean City died peacefully at his home on Friday, Jan. 3, 2014.



Brent Sharp

Born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., he was the son of the late Robert Sharp and June (Hambridge) Sharp.

He was a retired lieutenant of the New York Department of Corrections and also an employee at PRMC in Salisbury. He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed doing home improvement projects, landscaping, boating, fishing, and was an avid sports fan.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Straka Sharp; brother, Denny Sharp; his two children,

Brent Robert Sharp and Brittany Lynn Sharp; two stepchildren, Kelsey Marie Straka and Sarah Elizabeth Straka; niece, Kelly Anderson, as well as many extended family members

and friends.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014, at Whatcoat United Methodist Church in Snow Hill. The Rev. Andy Frick officiated.

The family would like to thank Coastal Hospice as well as Whatcoat United Methodist Church. Donations may be made in his honor to Coastal Hospice by the Ocean or Whatcoat United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

Charles J. Sewell, Sr.

SELBYVILLE—Charles J. Sewell, Sr., age 86, of Selbyville and formerly of Baltimore died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

He was born in Baltimore and was the son of the late Charles and Margaret Cheatlet Sewell.

He had been an accountant with Westinghouse for many years. He was a member of the Ocean City Elks Lodge, the Ocean City American Legion Post 166 and the Ocean View Mason-Dixon VFW Post 7234. He was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene R. Sewell of Selbyville; a daughter, Beverly James of Parker, Co.; two sons, Charles J. Sewell Jr. of Stewartstown, Pa. and John W. Sewell of Arodisia, Va.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 17 at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville with Father David Archibald officiating. Burial was in Delaware Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Roxana Vol. Fire Co., 35943 Zion Church Road, Frankford, Del. 19945. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.hastingsfuneralhome.net

Margaret M. Bunting

SNOW HILL—Margaret Mary Bunting, age 79, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2014 at her home.



M. Bunting

Born in Havre de Grace, Md., she was the daughter of the late George and Ann Snyder. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, William H. Bunting, Sr. and sons; William H. Bunting, Jr. of Snow Hill, Michael Kassab of Sicklerville, N.J., and Louis J. Kassab, and his wife Marie of Franklinville, N.J.

She was adored grandmother to; Katlyn and Alexandra Bunting, and Diane, Jeanine and Joshua Kassab. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, George Snyder.

Mrs. Bunting was a homemaker, a member of Snow Hill Christian Church and active member of the ASPCA, and strong advocate of no-kill shelters. She leaves behind her beloved dogs, Goldie and Buffy.

A funeral service was held on Mon-

day, Jan. 20 at Snow Hill Christian Church in Snow Hill. Rev. Dale Jacobs officiated. Interment followed in Snow Hill Christian Church Cemetery.

A donation in her memory may be made to: Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48 Berlin, Md. 21811, or www.ASPCA.org. Letters of condolence may be sent to www.burbagefuneralhome.com. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Snow Hill.

George B. Clark

OCEAN VIEW, DEL.—George Bertram Clark, age 78, died Friday Jan. 17, 2014 at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, Del.

Born in Newark, N.J., he was the son of the late Joseph A. Clark and Frances Marie Hagan Clark. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elaine Walsh Clark, sons; George Brian Clark of Raleigh, N.C., Glenn Clark of Piscataway, N.J., and daughter Sue Ellen Humza of Nazareth, Pa.

There are four grandchildren; Brittany Clark, Michael Clark, Jenna Humza and Travis Humza.

Also surviving is a brother, Francis M. "Bob" Clark, of Old Bridge, N.J. and sisters; Mary Cain of Ocean City, Md., and Margaret "Peggy" Bundas of Oyster Bay, N.Y., and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Clark had worked for the New Jersey Bell Phone Company in maintenance management. He had been a member of the Navy Reserves, St. Luke Catholic Church, the Irish American Club, and enjoyed gardening and boating.

A mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 23 at St. Luke Catholic Church in Ocean City. Rev. Richard Smith officiated. Entombment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Dagsboro, Del.

A donation in his memory may be made to: Tunnel Cancer Center, 18947 John Williams Hwy., Rehoboth Beach, Del. 19971. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Donna S. Campbell

MILLSBORO, DEL.—Donna Sylvia Campbell, age 73, of Millsboro, Del. passed away at home in the loving care of her family on Jan. 16, 2014.

She was born in Lewes, Del. to the late William A. and Ruth Hastings Steele on May 29, 1940. She was a graduate of Millsboro High School in 1958, where she played basketball. She also attended Wesley College, Salisbury University and Emory & Henry College.

She retired from a career as a social worker for the state of Delaware, serving in Georgetown and Laurel.

Donna loved to travel worldwide. She was devoted to her family, and had a sterling reputation as a good person who was always there to help people, and especially always there for her family. She never had a bad thing to say about anybody.

She is survived by her children; Erik

Campbell, of Millsboro; Karen Campbell, of Las Vegas and step-children; Audrey Balzart, of Las Vegas; Robert Campbell, Jr., of Lorton, Va. and Annette Bartholomew, of Manassas, Va.

She is also survived by her siblings, Brenda Burbage, of Berlin and Darrell Steele, and his wife Sunell, of Lewes, Del. along with several nieces, nephews and extended family members and an enormous group of friends she diligently kept up with over the years.

Lastly, she leaves behind her beloved canine "grand-daughter" Lilly.

A Memorial Service, and Celebration of her life was held Jan. 22, 2014 at the Watson Funeral Home in Millsboro. Pastor Edward Kuhling officiated. Interment was private in Millsboro Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions to Grace United Methodist Church; P.O. Box 566; Millsboro, Del., 19966.

Send electronic condolences to www.watsonfh.com.

Robert D. "Bob" Korb, Sr.

NORTH CAROLINA—Robert D. "Bob" Korb, Sr., 67, of Manteo, N.C., beloved husband of Mary Fay Kemp, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014 at his home.

Born in Baltimore, Robert was the son of the late Berner and Audrey O'Neal Korb. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Robert Korb, III.

Bob was a member of the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, the Manteo Masonic Lodge, an amateur radio operator "K4ORB" and a retired volunteer firefighter.

Bob was a compassionate man who enjoyed helping others, living by the ocean and tinkering with electronics.

Bob is survived by and was extremely loving and proud of his three children and two step children, Kevin Korb, and his wife Debbie, of Stevensville; Robert Korb, Jr. and his fiancé, Angela Gainer, of Salisbury; Courtney Brassell and her husband, Jim, of Singapore; Jamie Daniels and his wife, Nadine, of Manteo and Mary Avery Paradine of Manteo; his grandchildren, Cassidy and Kristopher Korb, Connor Brassell, Logan and Ainsley Daniels.

He is also survived by his sister, Susan Resavage, and brother, William Korb, of Glen Burnie, as well as his many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew and other friends.

A celebration of life for Bob will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, 6658 Hwy 64, Manns Harbor, N.C. 27953.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the Outer Banks S.P.C.A. at PO Box 2477, Manteo, N.C., 27954 or to the Mount Carmel church.

SNAPSHOTS



GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS

The Ocean Pines Garden Club held a ceremony to install 2014 club officers at the Ocean Pines Country Club Jan. 9. Pictured are the new officers, from left, Gail Jankowski, president; Barbara Ferger, vice president; Sharon Puser, corresponding secretary; and Carolyn Henglein, treasurer. Recording Secretary Sharon Cooper was unable to attend.

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GUEST SPEAKER

On Jan. 15 the guest speaker during the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines - Ocean City was Kelsi Owens of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake. She's pictured with Kiwanis Club president Dick Claggett after she spoke about the group's initiatives.

PHOTO COURTESY D.J. LANDIS, SR.



BEST TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Buckingham Elementary School congratulates its Teacher of the Year, Ramona Smith, a third grade classroom teacher who is actively involved in leading the after-school STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program as well as an internal coordinator for the Accreditation for Growth plan. She will represent Buckingham Elementary School at the county Teacher of the Year banquet on March 28. Pictured, from left, are Assistant Principal Terry Smith, Smith, and her husband Skip Smith.

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LITERARY LADIES CELEBRATE

The Literary Ladies of Ocean Pines celebrated 2013 at a luncheon held at The Inn on the Ocean in Ocean City. Pictured, from left, are Sharon Armstrong, Kay Gibbons, Marlene Lombardi, Mary Jo Scarbath, Shirley Schaefer, Muriel Hinz, Marilyn Mengel, Jeanne Stielh and Diane McGraw. Members missing are Sharon Glassman and Sally Kohler.

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For additional information, please contact Donna at (410) 289-0652 or e-mail to office@stmarystaroftheseaocmd.com

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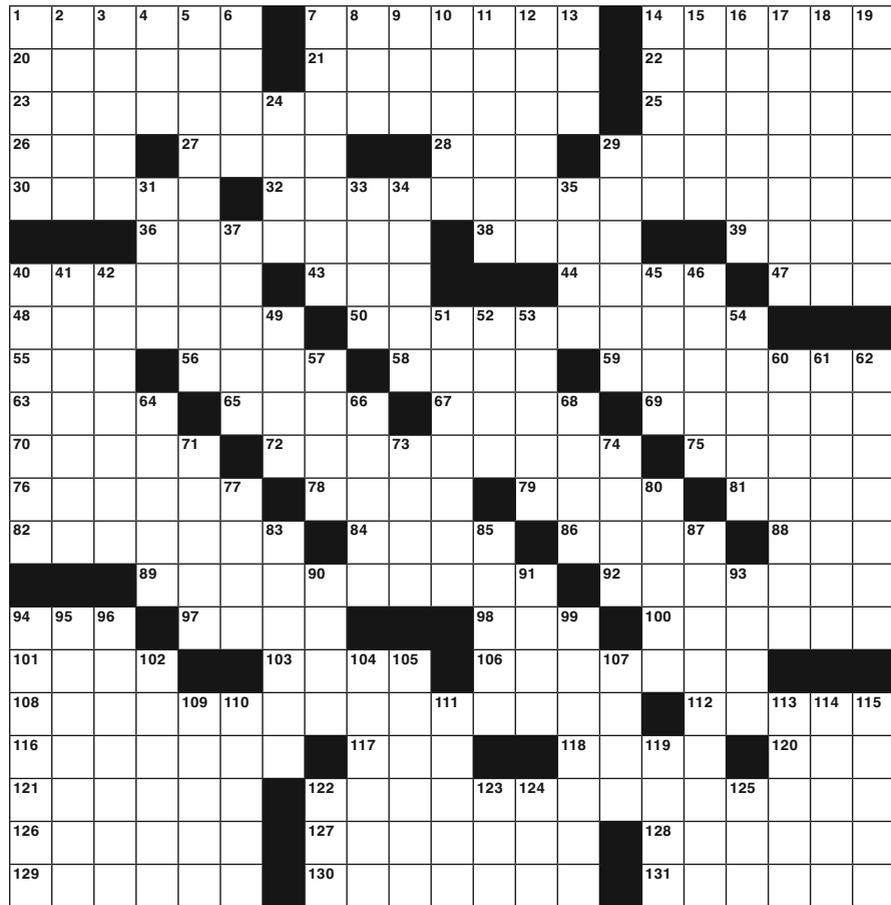
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- 74 Push
- 77 Leader after Mao
- 80 Guck
- 83 Try to hit, as a fly
- 85 Indian head
- 87 Like clockwork
- 90 Trying to break a tie, say
- 91 Spa class
- 93 "Lohengrin" lass
- 94 Cure, in a way
- 95 Support
- 96 As a rule
- 99 To-dos
- 102 Stella _____ (beer)
- 104 1997 Demi Moore title role
- 105 Jittery
- 107 Cigar butt?
- 109 Singer John with the 1988 title track "Slow Turning"
- 110 "Cómo _____?"
- 111 Like beef for fondue
- 113 Dish in a bowl
- 114 Odyssey maker
- 115 Features of much Roman statuary
- 119 Georgia O'Keeffe subject
- 122 Gullet
- 123 See 9-Down
- 124 See 9-Down
- 125 Pennant race mo.

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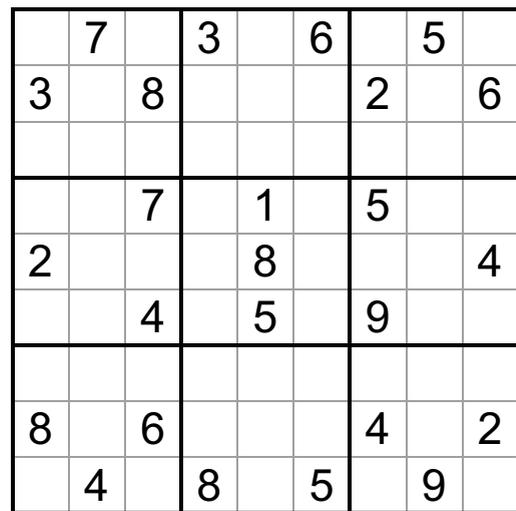
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



Answers to last week's puzzles

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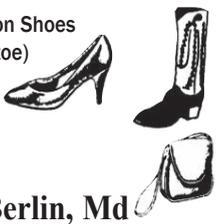
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