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OPA homeowners to pay slightly less for member dues

Assessment reduces by \$5 annual fee structure

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—A public meeting to discuss Ocean Pines Association General Manager Bob Thompson's proposed 2014-2015 budget was a sparsely attended affair on Feb. 15, but did not lessen the significance of what was being discussed—the first assessment reduction in recent years.

An obviously pleased OPA President Tom Terry, said later he was "Absolutely thrilled that we are getting an opportunity, for the first time that I know of, to lower the dues," which will result in the annual member base assessment decreasing from \$914 to \$909.

He credited the combined efforts of the Budget and Finance Committee, General Manager Bob Thompson and his staff, and the board of directors, for a collaborative effort that pared the 2014-2015 budget downward.

Thompson said on Feb. 18, he felt the budget process went "pretty smoothly" this year. He confirmed the assessment fee reduction was a first in recent years. "Everybody really pulled together and worked for our membership," he added.

He said the board's decision to forgo paving the Beach Club parking lot this year took one of the pricier projects off the list of expenses, along with the board's insistence that the Yacht Club break even, rather than allow for a possible \$97,000 loss in the first year of the reopening. The board rejected a proposal that would have added a \$10 across-the-board charge to the assessment fee to fund a \$25 coupon for members to use at the Yacht Club, Terry also pointed out.

The OPA Budget and Finance Advisory Committee chair Dennis Hudson presented the board with the committee's annual fiscal year budget review and guidance during a Feb. 3 meeting.

OPA Vice President Sharyn O'Hare said she was very pleased with the professionalism of the Budget and Fi-

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EPA updating wood-burning stove standards

Emissions guidelines have not been modified for industry since 1988

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND—The Environmental Protection Agency is updating its emission standards for wood-burning stoves with stricter manufacturing guidelines, which industry representatives say are too aggressive and with un-vetted testing methods they said could result in an unnecessary decrease in products.

On Jan. 3 EPA Administrator, Gina McCarthy, signed a proposal to update air emissions standards for wood-burning stoves that have not been modified since 1988, according to Gregg Achman, vice president of product engineering and standards for Minnesota-based Hearth & Home Technologies Inc., which makes stoves that are sold and used here on the Lower Eastern Shore. Where they are the primary source of heat—low-income households or homes located "off the grid" in remote locations—there

are few other options, industry proponents have argued.

He said the stove manufacturing industry is not opposing the overall goal of the proposed rules and wants to work with EPA officials. But regional industry groups are preparing responses to the proposed regulations to meet a May 5 deadline for submitting comments from the public because they are hoping to find a compromise position that will meet both the EPA's standards objectives and industry's realistic production feasibility goals.

According to Achman, wood-burning stoves would be the product most impacted if the proposed rule is implemented. A specific concern for manufacturers is the EPA's requirement that crib wood be used for emissions testing purposes. They would prefer testing be conducted using cord wood instead, because it would better reflect the conditions of actual use.

According to the proposed rule, "'Crib wood' is a specified configuration and quality of dimensional lumber and spacers, which was intended to improve the repeatability of the test method in 1988. 'Cord wood' is a different specified configuration and

quality of wood that more closely resembles what a typical homeowner would use."

The last time the rules were updated was in 1988. With the new proposal, the EPA wants manufacturers to participate in a two-phased certification program that would test one sample heater in each model line, rather than requiring that each individual heater in the line be tested. "If the representative heater meets the applicable emission limits, the entire model line may be certified and the manufacturer would not be required to test every heater," according to the proposal, although individual heaters within the model line would still be subject to labeling and other operational requirements. Moreover, the EPA would continue to have the authority to conduct audits to ensure compliance, it said.

The proposed rule would phase in the new standards under a two-step procedure, which officials suggested would allow manufacturers lead time to develop, test, field evaluate and certify current technologies across their consumer product lines.

During the first phase, manufactur-

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Berlin customers to see reduction

Surcharge fee for utility cost assistance program lowered for electric rate

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Berlin electric customers may see a small reduction in their electric bills due to a recent reduction in the surcharge the town collects for the Electric Universal Service Program, which is administered by an office of the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

Town Administrator Laura Allen briefed Mayor Gee Williams and the Town Council on an administrative change in the town's electric service tariff filing during a Feb. 10 town council meeting. For the purpose of transparency and to have a public record of the change, Allen said she had been advised by legal counsel to ask the elected officials to consider officially adopting the negligible rate change, instituting the lower fee.

She explained the PSC uses the revenue collected from the USP fee to help eligible electric customers defray municipal electric costs and for weatherization projects. At the PSC's direction Berlin's Electric Utility dropped the USP rate from 37 cents to 36 cents on Feb. 1, she said.

Councilmember Dean Burrell offered a pro forma motion to ratify the town's electric service tariff modification, to reflect the lowered rate structure.

According to PSC's 2013 annual report, the program was designed to assist low-income electric customers with the retirement of utility bill arrearages, bill payments, and home weatherization following the restructuring of Maryland's electric utilities and electricity supply market.

Residential customers fund the program with a 37 cents per month fee in their electric bills. Growth in the number of residential customers and changes in the amount of revenues the program receives from non-residential small commercial and large industrial (C&I) customers cause fluctuation in the amounts collected, the report said.

Because of additional funding received from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund/Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the report noted the program had exceeded its authorized funding level of \$37 million. The EUSP Ratepayer Fund had over-collected in the previous year, resulting in an allocation of \$39,449,465, rather than \$37,000,000, it said. The commission directed the Office of Home Energy Programs, which administers the program, to file a proposal to adjust the current rate payer surcharges to align the annual fee collection with the proper \$37 million level. In December the commission approved the recommended reduction in the surcharge to residential customers from \$0.37 to \$0.36 and 14 percent for non-residential customers, it said.



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ers would be required to conduct two separate smoke emissions tests, one burning crib wood and one with cord wood samples. While the results of both tests would need to be reported to the EPA, manufacturers would have the option of choosing which method to certify their products with, officials said. Five years later, according to the proposal, during the second phase manufacturers would be required to show compliance under cord wood tests and add filters to their products during the tests to gather data on the amount of emissions released during startup and anticipated peaks.

New compliance requirements during the second phase would also establish emissions limits at the lowest and the highest of four categories of burn rates, a shift from the current practice of using a weighted average of the four burn rate categories. There would also be a labeling requirement, the preamble to the rule said.

Manufacturers would not be the only entities affected by the proposed changes, according to officials. Laboratories that test wood heaters would be subject to quality assurance requirements; and burn practices that currently apply to how owners or operators use the appliances would continue. "In addition, new pellet heater/stove owners and operators would be required to use only the grade of licensed pellet fuels that are included in the heater/stove certification tests, or better," it said.

Albeit significantly fewer Americans are heating their homes with wood-burning stoves and fireplaces these days, but the manufacturers of such appliances are still watching closely to see if the EPA will actually tighten air emissions standards that have existed for nearly two decades.

In the proposal, EPA officials said the updates would not apply to wood stoves that are already in use or for

heaters that are solely fired by gas, oil or coal. But officials do want to reduce emissions limits for new residential wood heaters and other wood-burning appliances, and to eliminate certain exemptions that have remained in place for a broad suite of residential wood stoves.

EPA officials said the reason is because smoke from residential wood stoves contains fine particles and toxic air pollutants, like benzene and formaldehyde, and the hundreds of thousands of tons of fine particles the stoves release—mostly during the winter months—can cause immediate negative health effects, including burning eyes, runny nose and bronchitis. "Exposure to fine particles has been associated with a range of health effects, including aggravation of heart or respiratory problems (as indicated by increased hospital admissions and emergency department visits), changes in lung function and increased respiratory symptoms, as well as premature death," a preamble of the proposed rule said.

In a number of communities, pollution from residential wood smoke either exceeds the EPA's health-based national ambient air quality standards for fine particles or is on the cusp of exceeding those standards, according to the proposal. "Populations at greater risk for experiencing health effects related to fine particle exposures include older adults, children and individuals with pre-existing heart or lung disease," it added.

But for manufacturers and retailers of the stoves, the proposed rule would apply a one-size-fits-all emissions restriction on all products nationwide. Doing so would encompass areas where smoke would be trapped over populations by geographic characteristics, such as the bowl-like landscapes in Libby, Mont. or Denver, Colo., but also areas with conditions that would easily disperse released smoke fumes, like the wind conditions generated on

the Eastern Shore.

Susan Turner, manager of Survival Products in Salisbury, said during a Feb. 3 interview that only a small percentage of the population burns wood as their primary heating fuel source. She also said that modern wood stoves were already operating with an 80 percent efficiency rate.

The EPA's proposal, she said, would call for adding new features, such as baffles to deflect the flow of smoke and manifolds to trap fumes, so the stoves will hold the heat generated within the firebox longer before the smoke is released. The idea for increasing the internal burning is to try to contain the fumes until "most of what is going up the chimney is water and carbon dioxide," she explained.

However, according to Turner, for a wood stove to operate properly it needs a draft, to create the temperature differential that allows the exhaust fumes to move. A certain amount of air flow inefficiency is necessary to allow that to happen, she indicated. To make it completely draft-free would be like covering a candle with a metal lid, without the draft, the fire inside the stove will extinguish.

Turner said of the stoves her store sells, 50 percent are pellet-burning stoves, with the other half of sales evenly split between gas-burning stoves and wood-burning stoves.

Aware of the EPA proposal, Turner said agency officials want manufacturers to design stoves with a combustion zone (fire box) that will burn at a higher level of efficiency than they currently do, in order to meet a more restrictive air quality minimum standard. If it goes forward, and there is no guarantee that it will, she said the wood stove industry could be facing at a very "expensive battle."

Calls for comment to the EPA analyst in charge of the air emissions standards for wood-burning stoves were not returned.



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With General Assembly OK, Berlin could get liquor store

Chris Denny, owner of Cheers, would like to receive Class D license

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

BERLIN—The Town of Berlin could have a liquor store again if an amendment to state law is introduced into the Maryland General Assembly. That is if the Maryland General Assembly approves, if a Berlin business owner applies for the newly permitted liquor license and if the Board of License Commissioners approves the application.

The town's last liquor store, the country-run dispensary, closed a few months ago after the county opened a new, much larger store on Route 50 east of Stephen Decatur High School and outside the town limits.

Mayor Gee Williams and many others wanted the town to have a liquor store and Chris Denny, owner of Cheers at the intersection of Main Street and Old Ocean City Boulevard, would like to add liquor to his inventory of beer and wine. He also has the capability to expand his business to accommodate the additional bottles and a 25-seat bar, which is required

as part of the Class D license to sell liquor.

Representing Denny, attorney Joe Moore sought and received approval by the mayor and Berlin Town Council last month to proceed with trying to get an amendment passed by the General Assembly that would allow a person to apply for a Class D license within the corporate limits of the town.

Shore Spirits, the county's new liquor store on Route 50, serves the traveling public, Moore told the Worcester County Commissioners during their meeting Tuesday. The location, however, is a half-mile from the corporate limits and would be a 1.6-mile trip for most Berlin residents.

The 1.6-mile trip would be onerous during summer months when Route 50 is heavily traveled and Berlin residents would have to continue driving east to turn around at the Route 589 intersection and then returning home.

"I might have to drive five miles to get a bottle of liquor," Moore, a South Main Street resident, said.

Senior citizens such as himself, he said, might be reluctant to buy liquor if it requires a five-mile trip.

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Berlin's Cheers hopeful state lawmakers OK liquor license

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Furthermore, Moore said, the municipalities of Ocean City, Pocomoke and Snow Hill have liquor stores.

"Berlin is the only one being less served that it used to be," Moore said.

Ocean City has seven businesses with licenses for off-sale liquor, the sale of liquor to go, and a proliferation of liquor stores in Berlin is unlikely, he said. The approval of the commissioners and possible approval of the proposed amendment by the General Assembly would not "open up the floodgates," he said.

In addition, he said, no wholesale liquor business would be willing to drive from Baltimore to service a small business like Cheers. Denny would be buying his liquor wholesale from the county and would become one of the customers adding to the county's bottom line.

The commissioners were swayed by Moore's argument and voted to support an amendment to the state code allowing someone to apply for a Class D liquor license so they would sell liquor by the bottle in Berlin.

Bud Church, president of the Worcester County Commissioners, said he had never believed the county should be in competition with private businesses.

"Berlin, in my opinion, should have its own store," Church said. "Berlin deserves to have their own facility."

Arts Council to offer three-day watercolor class

BERLIN—The Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin will offer a three-day watercolor workshop, March 3-5, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., instructed by local artist, Nancy Ellen Thompson.

Participants will learn new and effective ways to paint water, waves, sand, reflections and beach scenes. Thompson will be instructing techniques to create luminous water and sky using a limited palette of colors.

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 nance committee and staff, during the in-depth review of the budget. "This was a very smooth process this year," she said.

According to O'Hare, "Most of the BOD members attended the B&F meetings and listened to all the committee reports. We all worked very well together and I feel the results showed. For the first time in my recollection (and I have been here since 1975), we were actually able to LOWER the dues!"

"Pleased" was the descriptive theme from several members of the board, who were asked for comments on the budget proposal they will vote on during a scheduled meeting on Feb. 22. While Terry acknowledged that the assessment was not being decreased by a huge amount, "it is definitely going in the right direction," a sentiment that was echoed in a separate comment by the board's newest member director Jeff Knepper.

Director Bill Cordwell, who as a candidate for the board ran on a platform promise not to vote for additional assessment increases, also noted the budget process went in a more positive direction this year. "It started with the board of directors giving guidance to the general manager, the G.M. and his directors putting together a budget framework and then the budget and finance committee interviewing the di-

rectors and giving their thoughts to the BOD," Cordwell said.

The committee's guidance apparently gave the board the tools it needed to lower the annual assessment in the same year OPA is making a substantial investment in a brand new Yacht Club. "All involved worked toward the same goal, doing the best for the residents of Ocean Pine," Cordwell said. "Did we all agree on everything? No, but that is what the process is supposed to do, give everyone a voice," he said.

"It was a pleasure working with my colleagues through this process and I am looking forward to putting this budget into practice," he said.

Director Knepper, said Thompson and his staff had prepared a solid budget and the budget and finance advisory committee had conducted a thorough review and made good recommendations. The review was helpful, he said, adding that board members had also received emailed suggestions from members as well as the comments made during the public hearing. Although sparsely attended, we did receive comments there.

During the public meeting member Carol Mills voiced her opposition to a proposal to increase the fee for parking at the Beach Club. Calling the proposed fee increase "outrageous" she pointed out there had been no improvements made to warrant the increased costs. Thompson pointed out

that there had been no increased costs for the amenity during the past five years, despite increases in expenses during that time.

Director Marty Clarke also seemed pleased about the fee reduction, which he called "a step in the right direction." But he pointed out the reduction for the community's 8,447 property holders only amounted to \$42,235 and compared that to the total assessments that have ranged from \$6.8 million in 2009 to \$8 million in 2013.

In the context of those increases, which he said have ranged from a minimum of \$30 in some years, Clarke noted, the \$5 reduction was "not a big deal." For the first 10 years, according to Clarke the assessments were never more than \$100. From 1991 to 1993, the assessment was \$370 and was raised by gradual increases until the fee increased from \$575 in 2007 to \$725 for 2008 and 2009. At the time, the \$150 increase was explained as a way to bolster the OPA's reserve accounts, Clarke said.

He said he was "not real thrilled about a couple of things" that remain in the proposed budget. First, was the increase in payroll spending, although the proposal to create four new Public Works positions would be halved to two and supplemented instead with culvert cleaning equipment.

Second, Clarke said the OPA should not increase the price for beach club

parking passes, an amenity he called "a cash cow." He suggested in order to forgo a proposed increase in parking pass costs, a \$25,000 reduction in the rate of growth for payroll spending was warranted.

In contrast, he noted the revenue losses and capital expenses generated by investments for improving the golf course, which he said has drained revenue from the OPA. Clarke seemed baffled about what would justify lowering the costs for individual memberships, which cost 141 members \$1,320 in 2009 and 58 members \$1,315 in 2014, when he said, "Price is obviously not the problem." He questioned the need for additional golf course investments, "Because we are losing members like a broken fire hose loses water."

Director Terri Mohr also credited the Budget and Finance Committee for doing a great job in preparing the guidance that helped the process go smoothly this year. "I appreciate their hard work and expertise," she said, adding that Thompson and Controller Art Carmine "also did an exemplary job creating the budget."

Mohr said each budget item was well thought out and presented with supporting documentation "that definitely makes our job a little easier. We have much to look forward to in 2014 with our new Yacht Club and golf operations."

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Groundbreaking ceremony kicks off SHHS renovations

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

SNOW HILL—After years of planning and hoping, the Worcester County Commissioners joined Board of Education personnel and others in a groundbreaking ceremony for renovations and an addition to Snow Hill High School on Tuesday.

“The school is being transformed on a daily basis,” said Superintendent of Worcester Schools Dr. Jerry Wilson in the school’s media center during a reception following the groundbreaking. “We are so excited about the project, to see it up and going. I’m excited to be a part of it.”

The long-awaited construction proj-

ect is pleasing many people.

“The students are ready for a new school,” Wilson said. “And this is huge for the community.”

The project will double the size of the school to 121,000 square feet, eliminating the need for portable classrooms. It will add state-of-the-art classrooms, a new media center, computer labs, a science wing, a gymnasium, a cafeteria, a kitchen and a new athletic complex.

The school will include several sustainable highly efficient features such as a geothermal heating and cooling system, motion-activated lights, thermally insulated glass and low-flow plumbing fixtures.

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Art scholarships available

BERLIN—Worcester County’s Arts Council Student Scholarship award program is under way. The Arts Council is offering multiple \$1,000 art scholarships to graduating high school seniors, who are Worcester County residents, interested in pursuing academic careers in the arts.

Scholarships are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts..

Applications must be received by March 14, at the Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Applicants are judged on their visual, dramatic, creative writing or musical presentations in the form of DVD or CD.

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Project finish set for first day, 2015

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The first phase of the four phases of construction is under way. This phase includes construction of the gymnasium, student entrance and parking lot, mechanical room, locker rooms and band and chorus rooms.

The project is expected to be completed for the start of school in the fall of 2016.

The Worcester County Commissioners voted Jan. 7 to approve a bond bill authorizing them to borrow up to \$45 million in general obligation bonds to finance a portion of the Snow Hill High School renovations and additions project. The project is anticipated to cost \$49.6 million, with state funding of just under \$4 million.

In September, the commissioners approved the base bids of \$37.3 million. They also approved \$2.3 million for 22 bids for additional items like ceramic tile, artificial athletic field turf, studio video production hardware and software and wireless Internet devices.

Planning for the Snow Hill High School renovation and addition project has been under way since 2002.

"Snow Hill has waited a long, long time for this," said Bud Church, president of the Worcester County Commissioners, during the commissioners' meeting later that morning.



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Worcester County elected officials, Board of Education officials and others hoist shovels full of dirt during the ceremonial groundbreaking for Snow Hill High School on Tuesday morning.

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Jack Ferry, left, pictured with Worcester County Developmental Center Board President Dale Smack, was recently named the organization's executive director.

Jack Ferry named executive dir. of developmental center

WORCESTER COUNTY—On Jan. 17, Dale Smack, president of the Worcester County Developmental Center, announced acting executive director Jack Ferry was unanimously approved by the board to serve as executive director.

Ferry has been with WCDC for five years and has supervised the transition of the day program from its temporary home in Snow Hill to its start and growth in the Newark facility.

Ferry and the staff have worked together to provide more opportunities for the clients both in the facility and in the community.

Since moving to the Newark facility in January 2011, the day program team has started food service, catering, janitorial, commercial laundry, assembly/repackaging and greenhouse employment programs as well as a day habilitation area where clients receive skills of daily living training.

Prior to coming to the Eastern Shore, Ferry lived in Bethlehem, Pa., and taught high school English for 11 years. After leaving education, Ferry moved to Hazleton, Pa., where he owned and operated a snack food distributorship.

In Hazleton, as a member of the Jaycees, Ferry was involved with Special Olympics. He worked with clients from United Rehabilitation Services, a program similar to WCDC. He decided to put

his teaching and business skills together, sold the snack distributorship, and began working at URS teaching clients job skills that helped them secure community employment. At URS, Ferry supervised and helped expand the catering, janitorial and business—which included printing, engraving and mailing—programs.

Ferry was also an active member of the Hazleton Kiwanis Club and was an advisor to the Hazleton Aktion Club, a Kiwanis-sponsored program which enables adults who live with a disability the opportunity to perform community service.

One of his proudest moments as advisor was when the club decided to adopt an orphanage for disabled children in Bulgaria. The club purchased medicine, formula, vitamins and clothes for the children and on two occasions Ferry traveled to Bulgaria to help deliver these supplies directly to the children.

Ferry worked at URS for 15 years, until leaving to join the staff of WCDC in November 2008. In addition to working in concert with staff to grow the program, Ferry has spoken to many groups and organizations to help spread the word about WCDC and about the abilities of people who live with a disability.

Ferry has worked closely with Friends of WCDC and feels Friends is one of the keys to WCDC's future success.



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Groundbreaking ceremony Feb. 21

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Steven Bolgiano thinks his new company, Planet Found Energy Development, could be a way to create a real solution to the debate between farmers and environmentalists on the Lower Eastern Shore over mitigating phosphates from chicken waste—convert it into electric energy.

Bolgiano, who will serve as the Berlin-based company's executive director, was preparing for a 4:30 p.m. groundbreaking ceremony on Feb. 21 when he took time out to speak to the Bayside Gazette about the project, which he said would be the first poultry anaerobic digester facility in Maryland, once completed. The first pilot facility is scheduled to be constructed on Millennium Farms, at 1934 Boston Rd. in Pocomoke and would serve as the hub for a network of 150 electricity-producing cooperative farms throughout the state.

Scheduled to attend the groundbreaking were Maryland's Agricultural Secretary Earl Hance and Energy Administration Director Abigail Hopper, and State Sens. Jim Mathias and Steve Hershey.

Once installed, Bolgiano said a network of possibly up to 100 Maryland cooperatives would be capable of processing 100 percent of state's poultry manure. He said the process could eliminate the potential for restricting phosphates from getting into water and soil systems, leeching into local bays and ecologically sensitive environments, by remove the phosphates from the waste stream that goes out on the land.

According to an announcement on the groundbreaking ceremony, "The Planet Found Project is a 26kw system, which will annually process 1,500 tons [of] manure from approximately 1 million chickens." It said farmers would profit from the initiative "with revenue returns from electrical and heat energy, plus other tangible revenue returns."

With a process in which manure is composted with water and heat, the digester will produce methane gas that can fuel combustion generators and heaters for poultry farms, according to Bolgiano. He described a process that would essentially use every aspect of the manure taken in, from solids to liquids to gasses.

The inert fibrous material could be separated out of the manure to be recycled for

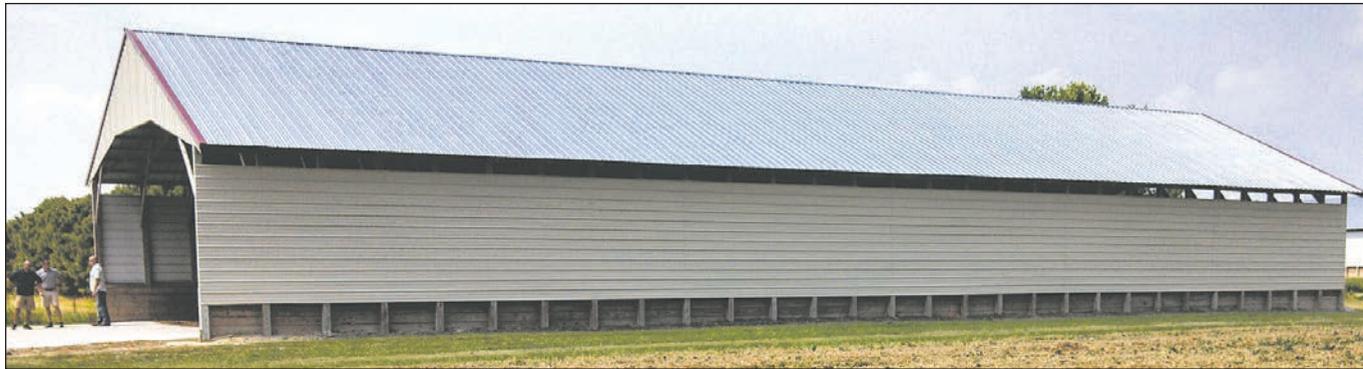


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A groundbreaking ceremony for a pilot facility of Berlin-based Planet Found Energy Development will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 at Millennium Farms, at 1934 Boston Rd., in Pocomoke. Executive Director Steven Bolgiano says the facility will be the first poultry anaerobic digester facility in Maryland and could be a solution to the phosphates debate between farmers and environmentalists, by converting chicken waste into electric energy.

chicken house bedding or nursery mulch material; a nutrient capture system would isolate phosphates from the composted materials for use in nonagricultural commercial products; nitrates would be transformed into compounds to be used on farms; and the water would be available to be recirculated, in a closed-loop distillation system, to be reused again in the bio-

digestive process, he explained.

The Senate Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee held a hearing on Feb. 18 to consider a proposal by Sen. Paul Pinsky (D-22) that would establish an official program to help establish energy-generating cooperatives that process poultry litter, according to a legislative analysis.

The program would be administered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture, assisted by an Energy-Generating Cooperative Advisory Committee, and in coordination with the Maryland Energy Administration. Program officials would be required to submit a report on the program to the General Assembly by Dec. 31, 2015, the analysis explained.

Manage day-to-day risk when financial planning

When you start to create or recreate your own personal financial plan, or even some type of risk management scheme, there are some ways that you can manage your day-to-day risks. It should be first pointed out that some techniques are required by law, like car or flood insurance. Nevertheless, not all risks are as controlled or as apparent as a flooded garage.

When gauging the perils in terms of your financial well being, we're each responsible to a certain extent to make the decision on how we'll manage them. The following are three common methods to manage risk.

Risk transfer. A very popular risk management technique is risk transfer. Transferring risk from one party to another helps reduce a possible liability or other financial damages when engaging in an activity that exposes you to potential a loss.

There are two major ways to transfer risk; insurance and non-insurance. Risk transfer through insurance is also referred to as one of the methods of financing or



Chip Gordy,
MBA, CRPC

"outsourcing" your risk management. By purchasing insurance you're actually transferring the financial risk of potential losses to another insurance company.

Non-insurance transfers can also occur through legally binding contracts, such as insurance. However you can also decide to transfer risk to another party through the use of services and subcontracting.

The use of third parties through contracts will put the financial liability of damages on them, alleviating you of the risk and any sub-sequential loss.

Risk avoidance. Avoiding a particular risk completely will eliminate any probability of loss from the event. Choosing to completely avoid a risk is only possible for a few hazards of everyday life.

Deciding not to put a trampoline in your backyard will help avoid the risk of someone getting injured. However, we can't completely avoid the risk of storm damage to your primary home or property because we have very little control over it.

Risk retention. The last of the common risk management techniques is retaining the risk. This technique is almost the opposite of risk avoidance. When you

make the decision to not avoid nor transfer the risk you're essentially financing the risk yourself. All losses that happen through this method of managing a risk threat will be paid by you.

Businesses that have an enough of a capital cushion often times decide to retain some risks rather than buying insurance to cover any potential losses (if they've done their homework and can determine that the risk vs. reward is positive).

Many individuals also sometimes decide to retain some risk through the use of a high deductible insurance policy.

Safeguarding your financial future starts with some degree of financial planning and suitable risk management. And as always, it's a good idea to seek a qualified financial professional for assistance when determining whether any of the techniques mentioned above are a good financial decision for you.

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Celebrities to lend star power to help Main St. Program

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN— Natalee DeHart, from Good Clean Fun Life, and Mike Ruark, from the Atlantic Hotel's Drummers Café, will lend their star power for an event to benefit Berlin's Main Street Program, by guest bartending at Burley Oak Brewery on Monday, Feb. 24 starting at 6 p.m.

During the event, the Brewery, which is located at 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., will donate all tips, raffle money, silent auction proceedings and 10 percent of the bar ring to the Main Street Berlin program. Baltimore band Bond & Bentley will be rocking the live music.

Main Street Coordinator Megan Houston is inviting everyone to stop in for what she said "Should be a great time!" She explained that "Main Street" is a national program run throughout many states and that the Town of Berlin is a member of Maryland's program. Houston said the Main Street Program "helps fund most of our awesome events around town such as Victorian Christmas, May Day Play Day, New Year's Eve, Oktoberfest and our Arts and Entertainment Committee."

Things like free carriage rides, events and decorations, like Santa visiting town, all are pricey, Houston said, so donations are great for helping cover those costs. The Main Street Program also funds the beautification of downtown, will help revive the visitor center, and allows the town to provide the business district's helpful way-finding signs, she added.

"I think this event will help keep our town 'Maryland's Coolest Small Town' and hopefully soon 'Americas Coolest Small Town!'" Houston said.

She also offered the reminder, "Vote for Berlin" at www.coolberlin.org.

For more information on the event contact Megan Houston at mhouston@berlinmd.gov.

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Md. fourth graders invited to enter 'If I were mayor' essay

Municipal League's contest draws nearly 3,000 entries annually

MARYLAND—Fourth graders throughout the state are invited to take part in the Maryland Municipal League's annual "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest.

The contest, which draws nearly 3,000 essays annually, challenges Maryland fourth graders to share their thoughts on how they would engage with citizens to make their municipality a better place to live and work if they were mayor. Students must submit their essays to MML no later than March 31.

Since 2001, MML's "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest has given fourth graders the opportunity to learn about municipal government through sharing their thoughts on how they would govern as mayor. Each 275-word essay must open with the line: "If I were mayor, I would..." and answer three questions that address the theme, "Engaging My Community."

All Maryland students enrolled in the fourth grade during the 2013-2014 school year may participate in

the contest. Entries must be submitted by the student's teacher. The 11 regional winners will be presented with a \$100 cash prize and a governor's citation at the Maryland State House in front of their immediate family, their teacher, their municipality's mayor and other local dignitaries on May 16.

"This contest is a testament to the value we place on building our next generation of local leaders by helping students learn more about how their municipality works," said Scott A. Hancock, executive director of the Maryland Municipal League. "Engaging My Community is a fantastic theme that will frame these fourth grade students' vision for how communities can work together better."

The contest is sponsored by Maryland Municipal League, in partnership with the Maryland Mayors' Association, Local Government Insurance Trust, and Injured Workers' Insurance Fund.

Essays are judged based on: essay relation to contest topic; displayed knowledge about municipal government and the role of a mayor; creativity; and proper use of grammar. To apply, download a form from www.md-municipal.org/essay.



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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Committee's good job

A great deal of gratitude is owed to the Town of Berlin's Pedestrian Safety Committee.

The group, made up entirely of community members, worked in what seems a record amount of time with the State Highway Administration to secure commitments for new projects to improve safety along U.S. Route 113 between Old Ocean City Boulevard and Germantown Road.

Berlin resident Patricia Dufendach has worked with unending energy and urgency to see these commitments made since last November 8th's tragedy on Route 113 when a Tymeir Dennis was struck and killed by an unmarked state police vehicle. His brother, Tyheim Bowen, was seriously injured in the same accident.

Among other commitments, the SHA ha agreed to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph from the area located one-half mile north of Old Ocean City Boulevard to the area located one-half mile south of Germantown Road.

Also, hazard lights will be installed at each end of the area to alert drivers to the lower speed zone. Signage will also alert drivers that they are entering a populated area. A cross walk will be installed at Bay Street and Route 113 by mid to late March. In about nine months, SHA will install equipment that will allow pedestrians to initiate the traffic signal. It will include an audible alarm and a visible countdown meter.

There are even more improvement also promised.

Right now the town is involved in a contest, vying to be the coolest small town in America. But with concerned citizens such as Dufendach, the town should also be known as a community that overcomes challenges. In this case, in a hurry.

We want to give Kudos to the committee, the Mayor and Council and the State Highway Administration for making these improvements happen.

They just probably saved future lives.

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“Of course I’m wearing shorts and flip flops, it’s 43 degrees out here!”

Drinking beer from Cazenovia, N.Y.

Mayor Williams makes wager in race to be coolest

By Phil Jacobs
Editor

The gauntlet has been dropped ladies and gentlemen.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and Cazenovia, N.Y. Mayor Kurt Wheeler have made the “America’s Coolest Small Town” contest just a little bit more, shall we say, interesting.

Our own mayor wagered a 64-ounce growler (bottle) of Burley Oak Brewery beer. Should Berlin win, (it held a four point lead at press time), then Mayor Wheeler will be sending Williams a growler from the Empire Farmstead Brewery, which has just started construction.

Hmmm.

It’s difficult sometimes to get overly competitive when you are dealing with Mayor Wheeler, who seems like an absolutely wonderful person. He is a Cazenovia High School history teacher and the coach of his school’s cross country and track and field teams.

He spoke to Bayside Gazette while overseeing a track practice.

“We’re all excited about the contest,” said the mayor. “It’s

really created a great deal of civic pride for our town.” The mayor added that the high school students are involved in spreading the word, as are shops, nearby Cazenovia College and even on the social network.

Wheeler complimented Berlin when he said, “Berlin looks like an absolutely beautiful place. It reminds me of our community. We’re near a beautiful lake, and there’s a lot of outdoor activity.”

Williams said that word of the contest has gone statewide. Media outlets from all over Maryland have interviewed him. The mayor said that the contest would be a launching pad of great marketing for the town probably for years to come.

“It’s been a lot of fun,” he said. “But he said with a twinkle in his voice, “I’m going to enjoy drinking their beer.”

The mayor also said that between the two towns, no matter who wins, it will turn out to be a positive experience for both.

Jason Emerson, editor of the Cazenovia Republican, said, “everybody’s excited about the contest. It’s been great for the town. People are putting up signs on the street and in tons of businesses. Our high school students are really pushing it, and the college kids

are really getting into it. Our state senator even put something on his website.”

Cazenovia, like Berlin, has a long history. The town, which located in the Syracuse region, was founded in 1793. Berlin also got its start in the 1790s.

“We’re a day stop four tourists,” said Emerson, “We’re hoping that the publicity from the contest will attract people to the town.”

The contest ends at 12 a.m., Tuesday, February 25. Mayor Williams said he plans to convene the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting set for 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24. When the meeting is done, he’s going to walk over to the Burley Oak Brewery and “sweat it out” until midnight.

You can cast at least one vote a day from one IPO address by going to www.budgettravel.com up until the witching our on Tuesday just before it becomes Wednesday.

Soon as we learn what happens, we’ll let you know.

“Of course, a Burley Oak beer will be a highly sought antidote for Berlin supporters everywhere,” said the mayor, “whether we come in first or second place, but I’d think it will taste better than ever, when we win.”

Stay tuned....and keep voting.

LETTERS

Disappointed to see no new Open Space funding

Editor,
Farmers and other landowners are profoundly disappointed to see that Maryland's proposed 2015 budget eliminates any new funding for Program Open Space. Since 1969, this program has created state and local parks, preserved irreplaceable rare species, and protected farmland and historic sites.

We have significant need to protect and conserve the lands and waters of the Eastern Shore and Maryland's coastal bays behind Ocean City and Assateague for both present and future generations. The state's tourism trade rests squarely on the back of clean water. And few things protect water quality better than undeveloped land.

Residents of Maryland pay a half a percent real estate transfer tax specifically to allow landowners to voluntarily protect their land from future development. This year that transfer tax generated approximately \$156 million, but none of these funds will be applied to their intended purpose of land conservation. This violates the public trust.

Ironically, these draconian cuts to land conservation come after a Maryland State Parks Economic Impact and Visitor Study found that State Parks have a \$650 million estimated annual economic benefit to local economies and the State. For every dollar the State invests, visitors spend \$25.56 locally during their State Park visits.

These resources, both the parks and tourism revenues, are vital to our region. Likewise with every development right sold, the state is relieved of the future tax burden of cleaning up pollution caused by septic systems, impervious surfaces, and toxins.

While the proposed budget includes some bonds to pay back funds removed in previous years, funding for this program should be restored.

We think that giving farmers and other property owners the option of voluntarily selling development rights is a better way of protecting the environment than regulating them into oblivion. We hope that Members of the General Assembly can find a way to restore these funds in this year's budget.

Dave Wilson
Executive Director
Maryland Coastal Bays Program

Keep voting for Berlin as 'Coolest Small Town'

Editor,
About the same time the railroad came to Berlin a man wrote a short children's story that exemplifies optimism and hard work. This short story has been read by millions and will come to mind.

As Berlin has gone through a renaissance with its smart development while keeping its historical flavor and past in mind, it has become a popular place to live, raise a family, have a business or just visit.

Thanks to some believers, visionaries and people who really cared about Berlin, the area is alive and now an Eastern Shore must see. The area is scenic with unlimited activities. The public schools excel for the children and the sports programs and activities are endless.

This process began a few decades ago by people who were optimistic and hard working. Many of these visionaries, sadly, are no longer with us. Their names are known and the citizens, businesses, communities and visitors should be thankful.

As that children's short story reminds us all, to be successful in anything you must be optimistic and work hard. The book I was referring to was written in the early 1900's when Berlin when just on the verge of becoming a thriving area. The author was Watty Piper and the book was "The Little En-

gine That Could."
Now, Berlin is proving it is "The Little Town That Could." Keep voting for Berlin [for "Coolest Small Town"] and make everyone in the area even more proud of a special place to live, visit and enjoy.

Jay Stulz
Ocean Pines

Warm welcome at senior center

Editor,
In February, 2011 and again 2012 I wrote a brief article to the Ocean City Today newspaper expressing my appreciation for the welcome my wife and I received and functions in which we were invited to participate at the Worcester County Ocean City Senior Center.

I wrote that letter in hopes to encourage seniors living near Ocean City to visit the center located under a huge water tower next to the convention center off Coastal Highway at 40th Street and enjoy the services it had to offer that is available to them.

Though circumstances prevented our visit in 2013 my wife and I are once again this year visiting OC and returning to the center with hopes of reconnecting with people we previously met there. We did just that, almost as though time had not passed us by ... and we shared exciting yells of reconnection. Names were for-

gotten but faces were recognized right away and names reintroduced.

As with our previous visits, we received a cordial recognizing welcome from the Center's Activity Director Ann Toney when we signed in at the door and entered the dining room.

My wife joined with women in the huge activity room working on some projects and playing games while I joined the pool players in the two-table poolroom. Thank you Ann for your welcoming and friendly greeting. You are truly an asset to the OC Center.

Perry and Pat Phipps
Severn, Md.

Kudos for Prom Night fundraiser

Editor,
I want to send kudos out to Wayne Littleton of Believe in Tomorrow for putting together the night at the Prom – what a fun event that was very one of a kind. There is no better place on earth to live than Ocean City – where the support and love shines through each and every day. Congratulations to all the king and queen nominees as everyone was successful and true royalty – it was a night where everyone was a winner – especially the kids that come to Children's House by the Sea.

Patricia Ilczuk-Lavanceau
Ocean City

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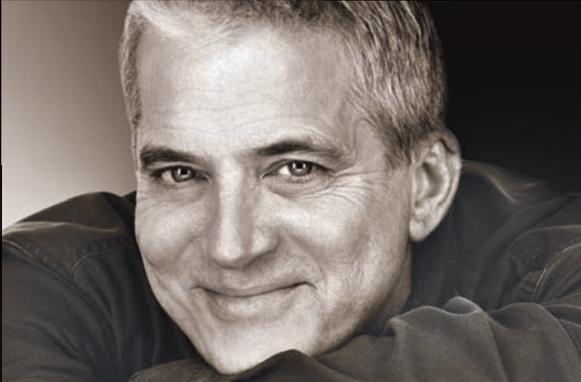
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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Learning to cook requires practice, patience

(Reprinted from Feb. 21, 2013 issue)

Bram Stoker wrote that "we learn of great things by little experiences" and

you would be hard pressed to find any aspect of life to which that philosophy doesn't apply.

In the kitchen, we often find ourselves overwhelmed by learning how to cook, a concept that is further re-



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

moved from society than ever before due to the convenience products aplenty. All we have to do is go to the store, buy pre-made product, heat and serve. I know this to be true for three reasons.

Firstly, as we walk down the freezer aisle of the largest supermarket we can find, we are presented with a dizzying array of colors and images designed and developed to lure us into their trap. Secondly, there simply isn't enough time in many people's lives to cook a fresh-scratch meal every day of the week. Thirdly, I do it myself.

People regularly approach me to ask me the best manner in which to tackle the skills of cookery and nourishment. The only thing that I can ever say is to start cooking and don't stop.

When we make bread for the first time, it's not supposed to be perfect. We have to make it again and again in order to understand the feel, smell and taste of the dough and the finished product.

When we are learning how to grill, it is expected to have a charred outside and a raw inside until we hone the skills needed to successfully master the task. My analogy is learning the piano or guitar. One does not simply sit down, read



some music and then rock out. One needs to learn how to read the music or hone their playing by ear before they plan on taking on Chopin or Haydn. We must walk before we run, and crawl before we walk.

In offering up these menus every week I try to emphasize to readers to enjoy the kitchen and be ready for things not to work out all of the time. With a bit of practice, the kitchen craftsman will be able to adjust any recipe to his or her tastes, likes and skill level.

And what we are left with is an ability; a skill set. With this skill set will come the joy that comes from developing menus based on everything learned through trial and error and practice.

And when all is done, all of these little lessons or experiences will lead us to great things, even if they are enjoyed only in our homes. Actually, if that is the only place where such things are enjoyed, then we have won the battle against the foods in the freezer section that do nothing to nourish us; neither physically nor mentally.

Chicken Perigueux

serves four
4 chicken breasts, skin on

Brine (recipe follows)
Sauce Perigueux, as needed (recipe follows)

12 oz. green beans (recipe Follows)

1# purple potatoes (recipe follows)

Soak the chicken breasts in the brine for three hours, drain them and pat them dry

Brush with oil or clarified butter and season with salt and pepper

Grill until mostly cooked and finish in the oven, or finish on the grill if you know that won't burn the outside of the chicken

Plate the beans and potatoes

Top with the chicken and drizzle with the sauce

Serve at once, piping hot

Chicken Brine

1 gal. warm water

1 1/2 c. salt

1 lemon, halved

4 sprigs thyme

6 garlic cloves, lightly crushed

Combine all ingredients and stir until salt is dissolved

Refrigerate until cool and store until ready to use

Sauce Perigueux

1 shallot, finely diced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

small bunch of parsley stems

1 sprig fresh thyme

1 tsp. black peppercorns

1 1/2 cup Madeira Wine

1 cup dry red wine

1/4 cup brandy

1 quart fresh veal stock or high quality stock or demi-glace mix

2 ounces foie gras, small dice

2 Tbsp. Fresh or canned black truffle, small dice

Step one: Place first eight ingredients in a saucepan and reduce down to 1/2 cup

Step two: Add the veal stock and reduce down to two cups or until it creates a thickened and unctuous glaze

Step three: Add the foie gras and truffle and cook for three minutes, making sure not to scorch the sauce

Step four: Add 1/4 cool butter at the end (off the heat) and swirl in to incorporate

Step five: Serve at once or keep covered and warm, but not too hot

Green Beans

Serves four

12 oz. Fresh green beans, snapped

one gallon heavily salted water

clarified butter, as needed

salt and pepper to taste

Step one: Bring the water to a boil

and add the green beans

Step two: Bring it back up to a simmer and cook for about 5-7 minutes or until the beans are al dente

Step three: Shock the beans in a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking

Step four: When ready to serve, sauté the beans in the clarified butter and season to taste

Roasted Purple Potatoes

serves four

one pound purple or fingerling potatoes

one gallon salted water

clarified butter, as needed

salt and pepper to taste

Step one : Cook the potatoes in the same manner as the beans but do not shock in ice water

Step two: Toss in butter and seasonings and place in 400F oven

Step three: Roast until crispy on the outside and creamy on the inside

— 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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THURS. Feb. 20

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Refreshments at 9:45 a.m., business meeting at 10 a.m. Free craft project to follow the meeting. Guests welcome. Info: 410-208-3032.

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.

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, Asateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting starts at 7 p.m. MDGOP 1st Vice Chairman Collins Bailey will speak on government, Christianity and the Tea Party. Meet local candidates for the upcoming primary election. Info: 443-614-7214.

FRI. Feb. 21

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.

POURING FOR A CURE — Relay for Life of North Worcester team Marvel's Marvels will be guest bartenders at Sisters, 113 N. Main St., Berlin, 6 p.m. A percentage of all sales will benefit American Cancer Society. Info: Jean Holloway, 410-422-4337.

SAT. Feb. 22

CHILI COOK-OFF, SECOND ROUND — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. Chili, hot dogs, cornbread, salad, cheese, bread, draft beer and soda. Tickets cost \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Tickets: 410-289-3166.

ZUMBA FUNDRAISER — A Zumbathon will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Most Blessed Sacrament School, 11242 Race Track Road, Berlin. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 day of event and are available at WOC Fitness. Benefits Kim Marshall and her children. Her husband recently lost his battle with cancer.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat



CHESS PLAYERS

Students from Worcester Preparatory School who participated in the 2014 Chess Tournament in Salisbury were, from left, Emily Leon, Joseph Schwartz, Pranay Sanwal, Carter McCabe and Graham McColgan. Schwartz was honored with third place in the 2014 event.

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.

SUN. Feb. 23

CONCERT AND HYMN FESTIVAL — A benefit concert and hymn festival for St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church recovery will be held at Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., Ocean City, 4 p.m. An offering will be taken. Info: June Todd, 410-289-7373.

MON. Feb. 24

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.

BERLIN MAIN STREET PROGRAM FUNDRAISER — Burley Oak Brewery, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 6 p.m. Live music, guest bartenders and Chinese auction. Proceeds will help revive the visitor center, fund Berlin events and the beautification of downtown.

WED. Feb. 26

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.

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.

THURS. Feb. 27

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.

REPUBLICAN MEETING AND LUNCHEON — The Republican Women of Worcester County will have a general meeting and

luncheon at the Dough Roller Restaurant, 4103 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Speaker Lynne McAllorum of Broker Benefit Services will talk about The Affordable Care Act. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting starts at 11 a.m. Cost is \$15. Info: 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net.

WORCESTER COUNTY NAACP MEETING — Berlin Multipurpose Center, 130 Flower St., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Worcester County Health Department's Lower Shore Insurance Assistance Program staff will offer guidance through the health insurance application process. Info: 443-944-6701 or 410-632-9230.

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.

FRI. Feb. 28

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.

LONGABERGER BASKET/VERA BRADLEY BINGO — Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Atlantic Endoscopy Relay for Life Team is holding their 11th annual bingo to benefit the American Cancer Society. Cost is \$20 in advance. All baskets and bags are filled. Event includes raffles, 50/50, door prizes and refreshments. Info: Tammy, 410-726-6043.

GREASE — Worcester Preparatory School, 508 S. Main St., Berlin, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Info: 410-641-3575.

ONGOING EVENTS

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. Info: 410-641-7330.

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

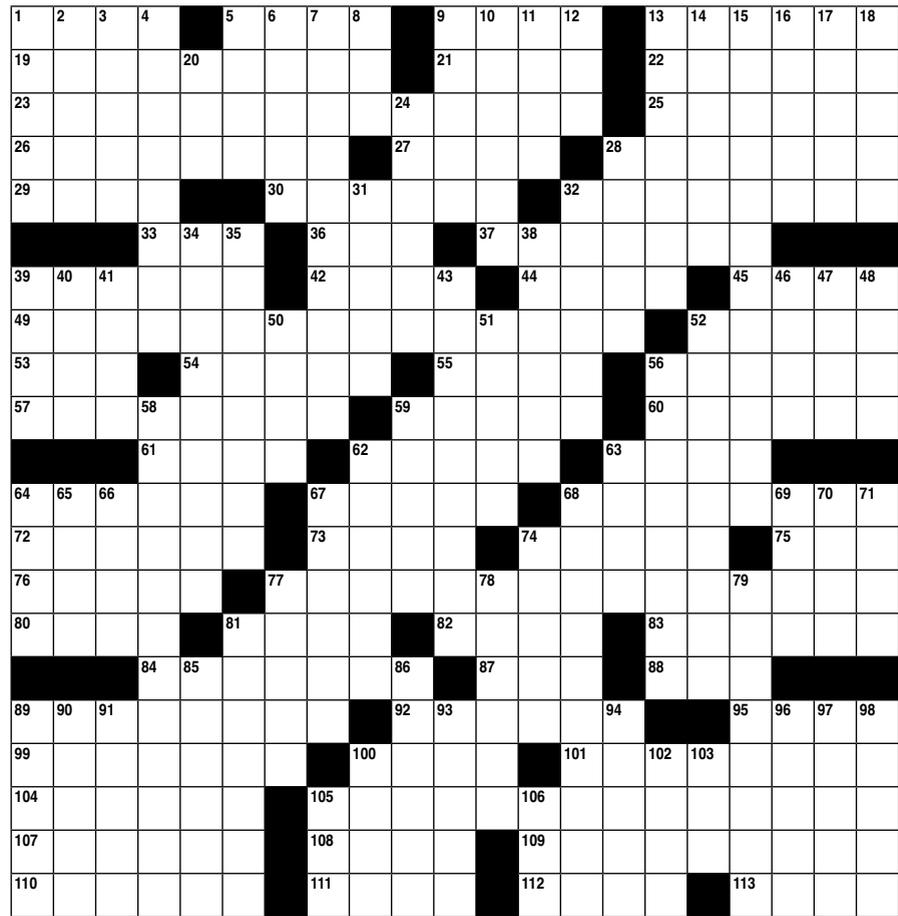
FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY — Group meets the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. Discussions on library and volunteer needs and often include interesting speakers. Followed by refreshments.

DIAKONIA THRIFT SHOP — Used to be Mine, Route 611 and Sunset Avenue, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: 410-213-0243.

PUZZLES

PASSING GRADES By YAAKOV BENDAVID / Edited by Will Shortz

- ACROSS**
- 1 Summer refreshers
 - 5 Israel's Netanyahu, informally
 - 9 Bowler and sailor
 - 13 Tracking systems
 - 19 Ports
 - 21 Memphis deity
 - 22 Actress Cuthbert of "24"
 - 23 One who turned Cinderella's pumpkin into pumpkin cheesecake?
 - 25 Drive away
 - 26 Reference
 - 27 New York's Jacob _____ Park
 - 28 Crude coconut opener
 - 29 Cherry part
 - 30 Worth mentioning
 - 32 Iglu and yoghurt, e.g.
 - 33 Bad beginning?
 - 36 _____ cycle
 - 37 Dustin Hoffman title role
 - 39 County or lake of Cooperstown, N.Y.
 - 42 Dunking cookie
 - 44 Be too syrupy
 - 45 Liquor unit
 - 49 Snorkeling bargain?
 - 52 Hip-hop artist with the 2013 #1 album "Born Sinner"
 - 53 Up to, shortly
 - 54 French noodles?
 - 55 What makes blue jeans blue
 - 56 "She's got electric boots, a _____ suit" ("Bennie and the Jets" lyric)
 - 57 Rust-causing agents
 - 59 Vex
 - 60 Stomachs
 - 61 Fit to _____
 - 62 Tin can plinker, maybe
 - 63 Challenge for a speech coach
 - 64 Oscar winner Leachman
 - 67 Setting of "The Crucible"
 - 68 Nappy fabric
 - 72 Undeveloped
 - 73 Elizabeth Taylor role of '63
 - 74 Roman ruler before Caesar
 - 75 Subj. of Snowden leaks
 - 76 Dismantle on a ship
 - 77 Transportation company that skimps on safety?
 - 80 Conk
 - 81 Wisecrack
 - 82 Of the flock
 - 83 Lawn care brand
 - 84 Mythological monster
 - 87 Addr. book datum
 - 88 Even if, in brief
 - 89 Corkscrewed
 - 92 "_____ no turning back"
 - 95 Dress accessory
 - 99 Knacks
 - 100 Reason for an ophthalmologist's visit
 - 101 It might be answered, "Muy bien, gracias"
 - 104 Sergeant's order
 - 105 Stephen Hawking's computer-generated voice?
 - 107 Church vessel
 - 108 Bring in
 - 109 Duvel pub offering
 - 110 Prepares to propose
 - 111 Kind of rug
 - 112 Buttonhole, for example
 - 113 NASA's _____ Research Center
 - 10 More wan
 - 11 Draws
 - 12 Old atlas initials
 - 13 Force under Stalin
 - 14 Keys on a piano
 - 15 Two things seen beside James Bond at a casino?
 - 16 Popular ski spot
 - 17 Butler of literature
 - 18 Register ring-ups
 - 20 Screenwriting guru Field
 - 24 Call from a balcony
 - 28 Massenet opera
 - 31 Indoor balls
 - 32 In a loathsome way
 - 34 Starting trouble
 - 35 Tryst site
 - 38 Director's cry
 - 39 "The Simpsons" character with a habit of calling things "gnarly"
 - 40 Candy bar that comes two to a pack
 - 41 Most arias
 - 43 Insect repellent ingredient
 - 46 Artery
 - 47 "That's _____!"
 - 48 Bodies of eau
 - 50 Little: Suffix
 - 51 Per _____
 - 52 Use for a résumé
 - 56 Spammer enabler
 - 58 "Oh, yeah? Let's see you hold your breath for two minutes!" e.g.?
 - 59 Better qualified
- DOWN**
- 1 Acting family
 - 2 Did a Vegas job
 - 3 Return option
 - 4 Pulled strings, maybe?
 - 5 Former '69" N.B.A.'er Hayes, to fans
 - 6 "What did _____ deserve this?"
 - 7 Comfortable state
 - 8 Suffix with age
 - 9 Band's cue



- 62 Like Bruce Willis, in his later movie roles
- 63 She "drank champagne and danced all night," in song
- 64 Crude weapon
- 65 46-Down division
- 66 Spanish alternative?
- 67 Checked (out)
- 68 Myocyte
- 69 Sweater, e.g.
- 70 "_____ it rich?" (Sondheim lyric)
- 71 Highlands refusals
- 74 Better at conniving
- 77 Handles
- 78 Triangular sail
- 79 Infuser contents
- 81 Altar no-shows
- 85 Gingerbread house visitor
- 86 Enrobe
- 89 Heap
- 90 Eucharist holder
- 91 TV actress Graff
- 93 Spotted scavenger
- 94 "Ditto"
- 96 "Take me _____"
- 97 Lifted
- 98 Hosiery brand
- 100 Kind of tissue
- 102 Coin grade
- 103 Repetitive behavior condition, for short
- 105 View from a boardwalk
- 106 Grammy Awards airer



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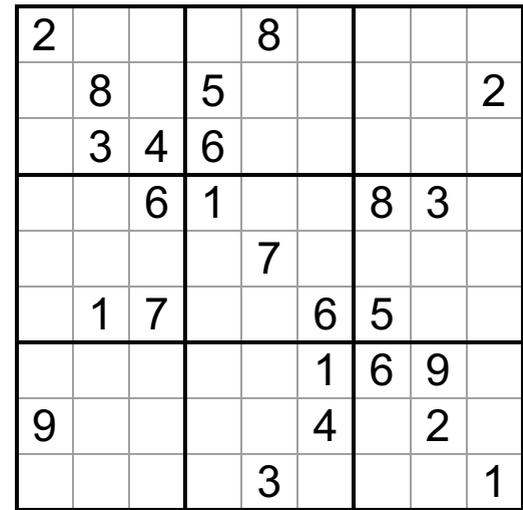
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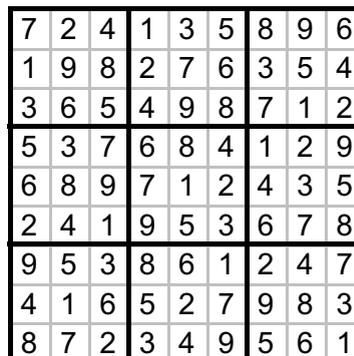
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HARD - 71

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



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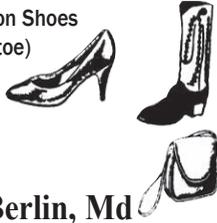
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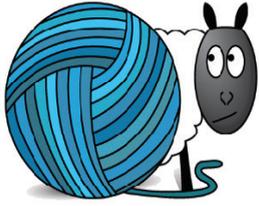
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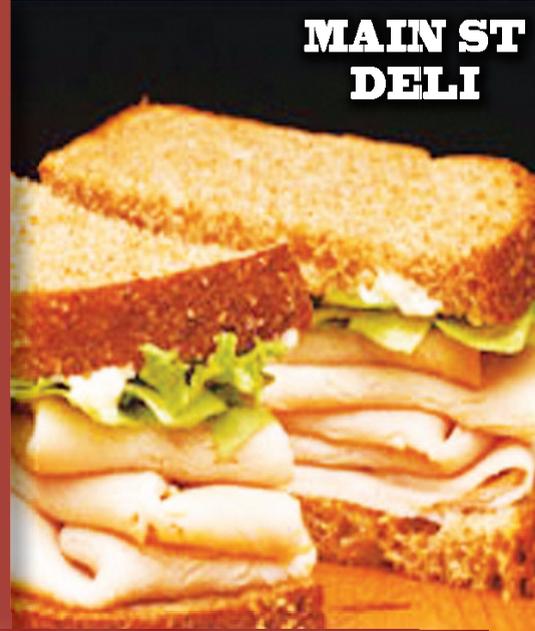


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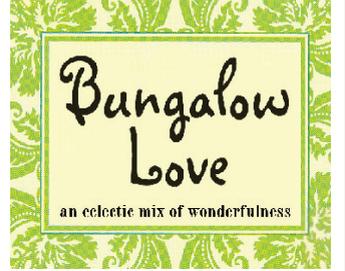
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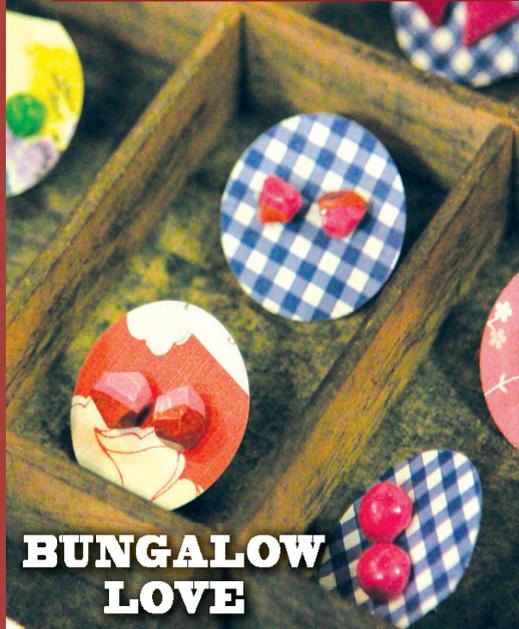
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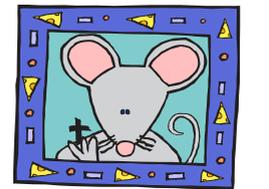


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