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Suspect caught in bomb scare at local school

Showell Elementary evacuated on Thursday, but nothing found

BERLIN – On April 7 at 8:40 a.m. Troopers of the Maryland State Police – Berlin Barrack were notified of a possible bomb threat to the Showell Elementary School. The school was immediately notified of the situation. After a search of the grounds nothing suspicious was found.

After completing the search of the school the investigation continued into the origin of the threat. Warrants were issued and on April 8 with assistance of the Delaware State Police – Troop 5, the suspect, Patrick Earl McCready 23, of Mardela Springs, was located in Bridgeville, Del., and taken into custody.

McCready was to be held on charges in Delaware and will be returned to Maryland upon completion of an extradition hearing.

On April 7 school administration and Board of Education members made the decision to evacuate

the school of students and personnel. Approximately 550 students from pre-kindergarten through third grade were evacuated without incident.

Included in the response was a bomb detection dog, Gary, and his handler Deputy First Class Jeff Heath of the Wicomico County Sheriff's Department. The interior and exterior of the building was searched with nothing suspicious nor threatening located. The search took approximately two hours to complete.

McCready is being sought on additional charges/warrants in Maryland through the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office (assault in the second degree), Worcester County Sheriff's Office (violation of ex parte, harassment and telephone misuse), Maryland State Police (false statement – destructive device, arson/threat, school disturb operations).



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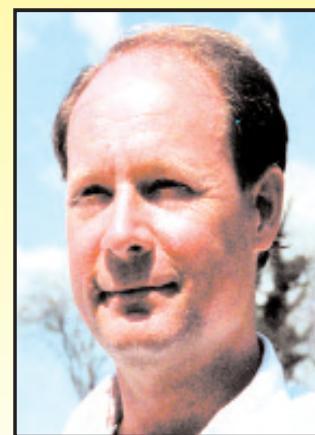
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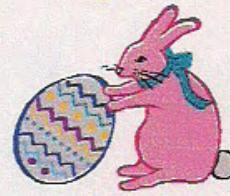
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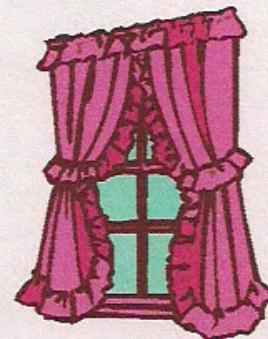


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County looking into rezoning Route 589 property

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL — Opponents of the proposed rezoning of what's come to be known as the Burbage property along Route 589 will have to wait another week or more to voice their objections. After extensive testimony and at the suggestion of the applicant's attorney Hugh Cropper, the Worcester County Planning Commission continued the hearing until 1 p.m. Thursday, April 21 in Training Room A on the third floor of the Government Center.

Located along the eastern side of Route 589 north of the Steer Inn Tavern, the property in question is currently zoned for agricultural use but Cropper, who represents the petitioning partnership between Silver Fox, LLC and Burbage/Melson, Inc., argued both that the zoning was kept that way in error and that a significant change in the neighborhood

makes the rezoning needed.

Worcester County Director of Development Review and Permitting Ed Tudor presented the staff observations and recommendations regarding the proposed rezoning. According to him the original recommendation for the property from the planning commission was to zone the property R-1, which is a residential designation.

The planning commission made the recommendation as part of the comprehensive plan the commissioners passed in 2009. Tudor said the commissioners declined to endorse that recommendation, designating it A-1 agricultural by a 4-3 vote after some debate.

County attorney Sonny Bloxom advised the planning commissioners about the rules for choosing to rezone the property based on a mistake. He said they couldn't claim the mistake was in the county commissioner's judgement. Rather, the applicant had to show that the commissioners were unaware of a condition at the time that now has a significant bearing on the property.

Bloxom also reminded the planning commission that the commissioners' primary concern at the time was increasing traffic pressure along Route 589.

The staff did not present the planning commissioners with their recommendation based on a change in the neighborhood as it was not within the

original application. They are expected to research the matter in advance of the next meeting.

Cropper said the original A-1 designation was mistaken for several reasons. Chief among them was that, unbeknownst to the commissioners at the time, Marvin Steen who owns the adjoining property had already planned a road, running from Ocean Pines Association's King Richard Road to the cornfield that now occupies the Burbage Property.

This road will eventually be able to enjoy use as a further outlet for the Ocean Pines south side residents potentially easing the traffic rather than exacerbating it.

By presenting expert testimony, Cropper also argued that not only is the amount of land insufficient to run a productive agricultural property, the soil is not conducive to it. He added that having combines and other farm machinery driving down Route 589 to get to the property would cause even greater traffic hardships and, given the lack of productivity of the land also be economically unsustainable.

As to the additional argument of the change in the character of the neighborhood. Cropper said that the commissioners did not account for the casino in the comprehensive plan documents and demonstrated that the area was

wedged in the midst of a residential and business neighborhood rather than an agricultural one.

"It is absolutely an unplanned for change," he said of the Casino at Ocean Downs. "We see that as a substantial change in the neighborhood."

Atlantic General Hospital C.E.O. Michael Franklin endorsed the plan given the likelihood it would benefit the hospital. As the medical industry adapts to an ever increasing number of the insured, demands for primary care have increased. Franklin said that if there were more primary care availability, pressure could further be reduced at the hospital emergency department driving the cost of healthcare down.

"From our standpoint this type of location enhances our ability to carry out our job," he said.

Although he said he'd only come on a fact finding mission from the OPA board of directors, general manager Bob Thompson testified at Croppers request.

Thompson said the 2009 board endorsed the original plan that the county commissioners voted down because they believed zoning the area residential would eventually lead to a King Richard Road egress. As the OPA board has been reconstituted, Thompson said they may once again consider whether or not to endorse the measure.

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Get in the ACT for Operation Medicine Drop on April 30

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Just as it took a little time to get the word out about the ecological and environmental dangers of dumping unused paint, used motor oil and other toxics into the area landfills, it's likely to take a little bit of effort and public awareness campaigns to begin to eliminate the chemicals from discarded pharmaceuticals from the area's water supply. For the second year in a row, the Assateague Coastal Trust and its civic and environmental partners are making that awareness push, sponsoring Operation Medicine Drop on April 30.

As use of both prescribed and over the counter drugs keeps pace with the area's growing and aging population, chemicals from both eliminated and discarded drugs make their way into the area's waterways. Unlike many other pollutants, there is no first line of defense that can be unaffected by the drugs. Where plants and animals can sometimes inhibit some nutrients' entering the waterways, chemicals from drugs actually either bypass or alter the filtering systems both man and nature have in place.

Among the results have been critical damage to wildlife including dual sexualization of some fish as well as a continuing build up of biological agents in the water toward a saturation point.

Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips was joined by Mayor Gee Williams, Worcester County Sheriff Reggie Mason, Berlin Chief of Police Arnold Downing and Worcester County Health Department special programs coordinator Katherine Gunby to announce the most recent push to collect and destroy unused drugs before they are released into the area waterways.

The plan is to encourage residents to establish storage for their drugs in anticipation of what Phillips hoped would become more than an annual event. Drugs should be stored in their vials with the labels on in a plastic Zip Lock-type bag. Volunteers and police agency members will be posted on April 30 at

several places around the county to help residents remove identifying labels, turn in unused drugs and recycle the vials.

Representatives from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency will then take the collected pharmaceuticals to be incinerated in the way that both illegal drugs legal collected drugs regularly are.

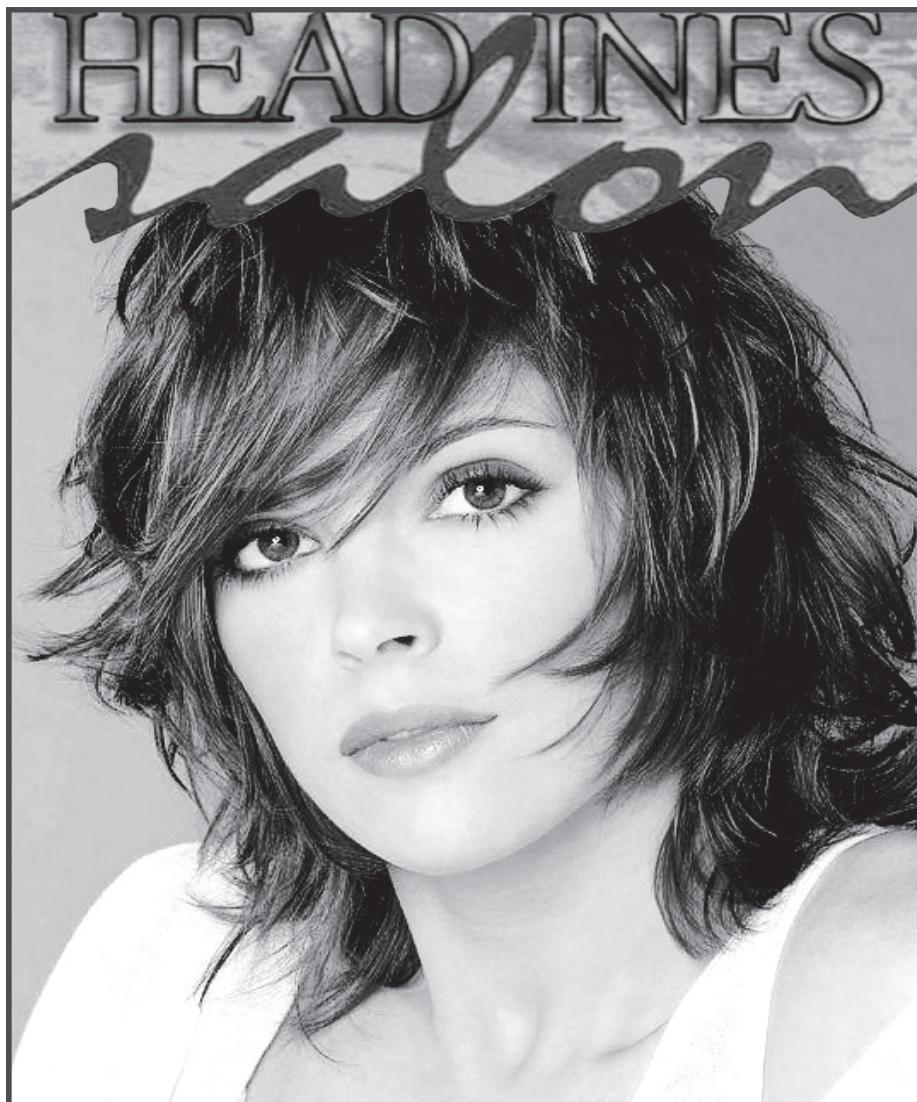
Phillips warned that people shouldn't burn drugs in fireplaces or bonfires because there is a particular method the DEA uses to minimize atmospheric and other environmental damage in their incinerating process.

As the town moves toward having one of the most efficient wastewater disposal systems in the state it made sense to announce Operation Medicine Drop in the Atlantic Hotel.

"Permanently, we will not have any detrimental affect on our environment [because of wastewater disposal]," Williams said. He added that with the help of this program he envisioned Berlin eventually doing even more to protect the waterways upon which the area depends. "The Grow Berlin Green partnership has exceeded our expectations."

Grow Berlin Green is one of the program partners.

Disposal of unused and unwanted or expired medicine takes place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 30 at the Berlin Police Department, the Worcester County Health Departments in Snow Hill and Pocomoke, and the Food Lions in both West Ocean City and Ocean Pines. For more information contact the Assateague Coastal Trust at www.actforbays.org.



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

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

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

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Diakonia asks Town Council for donation

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — As the mayor and council begin budget preparation and deliberations, representatives from Diakonia presented a video showcasing the charity's good works and appealing to the council for a donation.

Diakonia provides transitional housing for homeless people and families as well as providing a food bank and other social services type functions. Among their greatest accomplishments is the elevation of people from unemployed and homeless to employed and in a stable home.

Claudia Nagle, executive director for Diakonia, testified that the charity was already overwhelmed with requests and was already unable to address the needs with which they were presented.

Councilman Elroy Brittingham asked

Nagle what the charities back up plan was for dealing with the homeless problem when they were out of funds and room. According to Nagle there is no backup plan.

Joel Todd, one of the Diakonia board members, added that for the first time in its history the charity was considering taking out a loan to meet operational demand. They requested a \$7,500 donation from the council as part of the coming year's budget.

Councilwoman Paula Lynch asked that they present the council with their proposed operating budget. Nagle consented and Mayor Gee Williams said he would have the council consider the request as part of the proposed general fund budget.

RENTAL INSPECTION

Councilwoman Lisa Hall and Town Administrator Tony Carson will be

attending a course on the need for and proper use of a rental inspection program. Hall suggested other council and staff members consider taking the course provided through the Maryland Municipal League. She worried that many town rentals were lacking upkeep.

"We don't want to look like Camden Avenue in Salisbury," she said.

SMALL MIRACLES

The council heard a request from Stacy Esham of the non-profit Small Miracle Foundation, which requested a waiver process for the charity work they do. The collection of volunteers repairs the homes of those who are too poor or infirm to make necessary repairs for themselves.

As they prepare to do their first permitted work in Berlin they asked that the council establish a process similar to the one Worcester County has wherein they present a doctors note saying that the needed work is being done for the infirm and the county waives the inspection and permitting fees.

The fee for the house in question was \$65 but the council wanted to make sure that if they passed a law of this type the Small Miracles Foundation would approach the other municipalities and get them to commit to similar waiver rules.

"You'd be surprised what we can do with \$65," Esham said.

After approving the most urgent permit for the work to commence shortly, the council directed Chuck Ward, planning and zoning supervisor, to work with the town attorney on new guidelines for similar work. Councilman Troy Purnell, along with Williams, asked that the proposed changes be short, clear and direct.

PLAY DAY

The council approved street closures for next month's May Day Play Day, a music event set to coincide with the 2nd Friday Art Stroll 5-9 p.m. Friday, May 13. The streets will be closed between Pitt, Bay and Jefferson streets along Main Street and below Gay Street along Broad Street.

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NRP charge nine recreational anglers with rockfish poaching

PRESTON – The Maryland Natural Resources Police have charged nine recreational anglers from Delaware and Texas for illegally fishing in a designated striped bass spawning area in the Choptank River. The charges come just days before the opening of trophy striped bass season on April 16.

“The majority of Atlantic striped bass are born and return to spawn in very discreet areas throughout Maryland. For the health of the population, it is illegal to fish for striped bass in those areas during the annual spawn,” said DNR Secretary John Griffin. “Disregard for this fragile ecosystem — and our state fish — will not be tolerated.”

“The spawning reaches and areas of Chesapeake Bay are closed to the targeting and catching of striped bass during the spawning season,” said DNR Fisheries Service Director Tom O’Connell.

“Spawning imposes significant energy demands on large female striped bass, and the stress of catch-and-release while spawning or in spawning areas can cause behavioral changes, including “fallback”, a phenomenon in which upstream migrating striped bass begin downstream following release.”

On April 9, NRP Officers set up surveillance in the Choptank River near Ganey’s Wharf in Caroline County after receiving tips of people fishing illegally. This area is designated as a striped bass spawning river and reach, and catching

or attempting to catch striped bass is illegal. NRP officers caught and charged four anglers on April 9 and five more the next day.

“Coastal Conservation Association Maryland believes that anglers both commercial and recreational bear the same burden of protecting Maryland’s natural resources. The recreational anglers caught poaching on the Choptank must be held accountable for their illegal actions,” said Tony Friedrich, executive director of CCA MD.

“CCA MD applauds the work of the Natural Resources Police and hopes this sends a clear message to all those who would consider breaking natural resources law.”

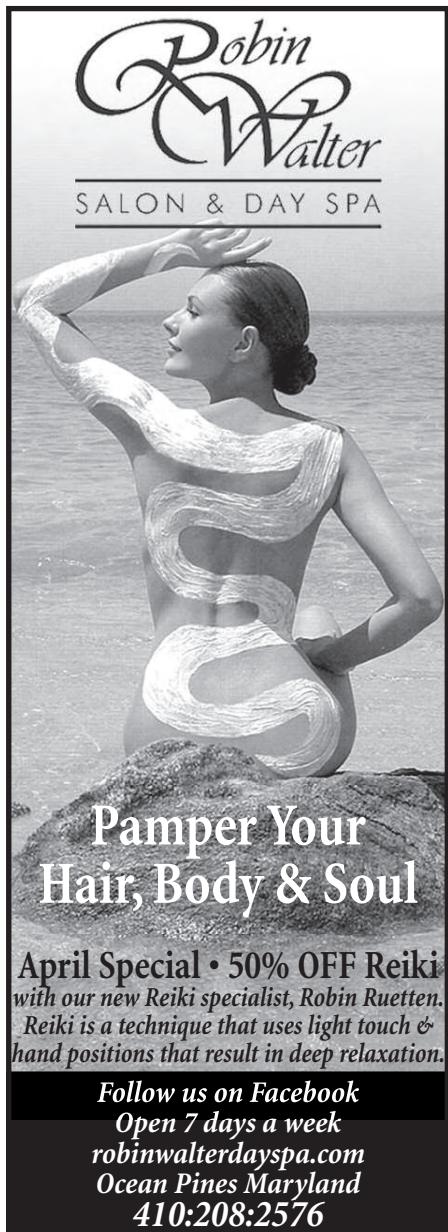
Officers charged Terry Edward Andrus of Cypress, Texas; Timothy Wayne Barnett, 31, of Bridgeville, Del.; Paul Edward Daisey, 30, of Millville, Del.; William Darr Hall, 57, of Bridgetown,

Del.; Kevin Glen Reese, 46, of Katy, Texas; Frederick Joseph Ruff, 49, of Milton, Del.; Kathy Ewing Ruff, 49, of Milton, Del.; Mark Bryan Stubbs of Katy, Texas, and Chad Edward Tingle, 35, of Selbyville, Del.

All those arrested face catch/attempt to catch striped bass in a spawning area/river between March 1 and May 31 charges. The penalty includes a fine of up to \$500 and \$1,500 per fish for each individual and a possible license suspension for up to one year.

A court date has been set for May 13 in Caroline County District Court. Charges, fines and court dates are the same for all subjects. An additional 7 warnings were also issued.

Earlier this year, NRP recovered 25 thousand pounds of illegally rockfish caught rockfish. DNR is offering a \$30,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible.



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BERLIN – Come visit the MCBP canoe, kayak, paddle board and bike stand at the Assateague Island National Seashore this Tuesday, April 19, from 4-7 p.m. for an open house.

Weather permitting, MCBP would like to public to join them and test drive a canoe, paddle board on kayak, on the house!

The week of April 16 through April 23 the national park will not be charging an entrance fee, a perfect opportunity to visit all the park's amenities and hopefully encourage visitors to purchase an annual pass.

One of the park's amenities is a canoe, kayak, paddle board and bike stand of which proceeds go towards funding the MCBP program. The program operates the stand from mid April until mid October.

The stand is located in the park on Bayside Drive, which is the second right after you pass through the toll-booth, look for the brown sign reading "Canoe and Bicycle Rentals."

MCBP is part of the National Estuary Program and represents a multiple decade commitment to restoring and protecting the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague. One of only 28 such programs nationwide, the program brings together citizens, local scientists, recreational and commercial fishermen, environmentalists, farmers, business leaders and government officials to create attainable goals for the watershed.

For more information please contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or call 410-213-2297.

Everything from sheep to shawl at annual Farm Day

BERLIN – Come celebrate domestic arts and farm life on April 30 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. as The Upper Room Studio holds their annual sheep shearing during their open house called Farm Day.

Home to sheep, angora goats, and angora bunnies where their fiber is used to spin and weave. Watch as yarn is spun directly from an angora bunny as he sits on the spinner's lap. This is an excellent opportunity for children and adults alike to see that not all clothing comes from Walmart.

Watch as demonstrators show the process of "sheep to shawl." Attendees will be able to try their hand on a loom, drop spindle, and spinning wheel, while being educated on the many types of natural and synthetic fibers available for fiber art. The Lilley family considers this art to not only be functional and beautiful but therapeutic as well, stating that "fiber arts help develop patience and perseverance while helping to continue a lost art". "Art is not just going to a class every now and then, it can and should be incorporated into daily living," stated Monika Lilley, owner of Upper Room Studio. She explains modestly that it is a family affair and it has branched out into health and wellness.

The health and wellness division is an educational outreach that provides resources on genetically modified food and provides products for healthy living. There will be demonstrations on grinding grain and baking nutritious, delicious bread. Many people that have gluten issues are able to tolerate unprocessed, fresh ground grain.

There will be a variety of resources and products available including info on the Weston A. Price Foundation and the local chapter recently started, which advocates a back to basics healthy diet and lifestyle in tune with farm life.

There will be an abundance of educational and fun demonstrations during this free open house from blacksmithing to rug hooking. Watch as silk is extracted from silkworm cocoons. There will be alpacas to pet and a variety of artisans' wares for sale in the yard sale.

This year there is the addition of music and clogging from internationally acclaimed team the RockCandy Cloggers. With over 25 years of music and dance they are sure to please the crowd. For more info, and a schedule of events, visit www.thefarmday.blogspot.com.



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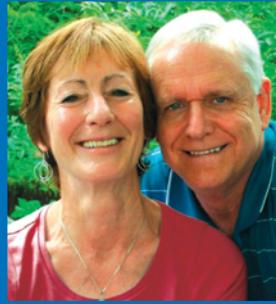
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Changing of the guard at County Jail as warden retires

SNOW HILL – Worcester County Jail Warden Ira F. “Buck” Shockley retired from Worcester County Government effective March 31 after 39 years of service to the community.

Warden Shockley began serving as a Deputy Sheriff/Jailer on Aug. 1, 1972 in the small County Jail on Court Street behind the Worcester County Court House. He was promoted to Lieutenant of Operations in 1978 and to Warden on Jan. 1, 1982.

Under Warden Shockley’s watchful leadership, a new Worcester County Jail was constructed in 1980, and this institution quickly became recognized as one of the finest correctional institutions in the state.

We are pleased to announce that upon Shockley’s retirement, former assistant warden Garry Mumford accepted the

offer of promotion to warden. Mumford joined Worcester County Government on Oct. 7, 1987 as an investigator for the State’s Attorney’s Office. On Dec. 6, 2000 he transferred to the Worcester County Jail where he began serving as assistant warden for security and custody.

“As warden my goal is to continue the success of the Worcester County Jail,” said Mumford. “Our jail is one of the finest institutions in the State of Maryland. I recognize that my job is made easier with the help of the team that makes up this great organization.”

Mumford served in the United States Army from 1982 to 1987, and he served as a member of the Board of Education from 1999 to 2011.

For more information, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at 410-632-1194.

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BAYSIDE BUSINESS

Get a taste at Rita's World of Beer, Wine and Spirits

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — If you haven't been able to make it to one of Rita's World of Beer, Wine, and Spirits' weekly Friday wine tastings, no worries. Owner Rita O'Neill has arranged it so that whenever she's open, there's a tasting going on. O'Neill recently purchased a Wine Station by Napa Technologies that allows her to keep bottles at the right temperature and ready for pouring at any time.

Although originally developed for wine bars, O'Neill has adapted the Wine Station for her own uses.

"I would love to have a wine bar, but we just don't have the space here," she said. "This way customers can get a tasting whenever they're in."

O'Neill said she chooses the wines based generally on what she feels like having or sometimes as a way to promote a vintage on special offer. Mostly, though, she said she's been able to make better use of her wine selection because she no longer has to worry about spoilage.

The Wine Station uses nitrogen to eliminate oxygen in the tank and keep opened bottles fresh for up to 90 days, although no bottle ever lasts that long in O'Neill's station. The machine



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Rita's World of Beer, Wine, and Spirits owner Rita O'Neill demonstrates her newest business addition, the Wine Station by Napa Technologies, which allows her to keep bottles at the right temperature and ready for pouring at any time.

is set for pouring an ounce at a time and allows patrons over 21 to taste up to four of the wines at no cost.

"We've had a great response so far," she said. Adding that in her experience the wine's integrity remains as in tact in the

machine as it does when freshly opened, kind of a what you taste is what you get effect.

In addition to being the perfect way to introduce patrons to different wines, the Wine Station is also a way of helping shoppers decide if they aren't sure what

they want. It also provides a no-risk way of experimenting with a wine without having to invest in an entire bottle.

O'Neill said that the new development won't keep Rita's World from continuing the regular tastings, often hosted by

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one of the store's wine distributors. Tastings continue 4-7 p.m. each Friday and will often be different wines from those in the Wine Station.

The emphasis on wine isn't anything new as Rita's World has been one of the best places for variety in the area. O'Neill has also always prided herself on her shop's selection of beer and liquor, which runs the gamut of taste and expense.

O'Neill's store also carries the right complements — from pork rinds to smoked salmon, exotic cheeses and chocolates — for pretty much any alcohol they sell as well as appropriate mixers and even cigars.

"If a hurricane comes we'll all be meeting here," O'Neill said.

Any member of the staff will happily recommend pairings if asked and will also be happy to help suggest beverages to meet whatever your need happens to be.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Private equity



By Chip Gordy

We recently had some clients ask us what private equity was because they had heard the term used in the news recently.

Like shares of stock, private equity embodies an ownership interest in a company. Unlike stocks, however, private equity investments aren't listed or traded on a public exchange. Private equity

firms often are more directly involved with management of the business than the normal shareholder. Private equity also usually entails a long-term focus before investments begin to produce any consequential cash flow (if ever).

It also typically requires a hefty investment and is available only to qualified investors such as wealthy individuals, pension funds, and institutions.

Private equity can also take different structures:

- "Mezzanine financing" happens when private investors lend money to an established company in exchange for a share in the company (if the loan isn't repaid on time). Many

times it's used to finance growth or acquisitions, and is typically secondary to other debt. So for an investor, mezzanine financing can be rewarding because the interest paid on the loan can be high.

- "Angel Investors" are individual investors who provide capital to startup companies and may have a personal stake in the undertaking, providing business know-how, industry experience, and capital.

- "Venture Capital Funds" invest in companies that are in the earlier stages of their development and may not yet have strong cash flow or financial backing. In exchange, the venture capital fund receives a share of the company.

- "Buyouts" occur when private investors purchase all or part of a public company and take it private. The idea here is that the company is either undervalued or the company's profitability can be improved. Once the company's economic condition gets better, it can be sold later at a higher price. In some cases, the private investors are the company's senior executives, and the buyout is known as a "management buyout." A "leveraged buyout" is financed not just with investor capital but with bonds issued by the private equity group to pay for purchase of the outstanding stock.

Some of the common characteristics of private equity

include:

- High costs for due diligence because of complex investment structures, the need for specific expertise, and a lack of simplicity in terms of performance communication.
- Relative illiquidity, so investors call for a higher return.
- Difficulty in establishing suitable benchmarks and thus in performance evaluation.

Sometimes private equity can provide investors with exposure to risk factors they can't get from traditional investments, exposure to specialized investment strategies, or a combination both.

Before you decide whether or not private equity is right for you, consult your investment, tax and/or legal advisor(s).

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IRS says don't fall prey to some of these tax scams

BALTIMORE — Hiding income in offshore accounts, identity theft, return preparer fraud, and filing false or misleading tax forms top the annual list of tax scams in 2011, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

"The Dirty Dozen represents the worst of the worst tax scams," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "Don't fall prey to these tax scams. They may look tempting, but these fraudulent deals end up hurting people who participate in them."

The IRS works with the Justice Department to pursue and shut down perpetrators of these and other illegal scams. Promoters frequently end up facing heavy fines and imprisonment. Meanwhile, taxpayers who wittingly or unwittingly get involved with these schemes must repay all taxes due plus interest and penalties.

Following is the Dirty Dozen for 2011:

Hiding Income Offshore

The IRS aggressively pursues taxpayers involved in abusive offshore transactions as well as the promoters, professionals and others who facilitate or enable these schemes. Taxpayers have tried to avoid or evade U.S. income tax by hiding income in offshore banks, brokerage accounts or through the use of nominee entities. Taxpayers also evade taxes by using offshore debit cards, credit cards, wire transfers, foreign trusts, employee-leasing schemes, private annuities or insurance plans.

In early February, the IRS announced a special voluntary disclosure initiative

designed to bring offshore money back into the U.S. tax system and help people with undisclosed income from hidden offshore accounts get current with their taxes. The new voluntary disclosure initiative will be available through Aug. 31, 2011. The IRS decision to open a second special disclosure initiative follows continuing interest from taxpayers with foreign accounts. In response to numerous requests, information about this initiative is available on IRS.gov in eight different languages, including: Chinese, Farsi, German, Hindi, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Identity Theft and Phishing

Identity theft occurs when someone uses an unsuspecting individual's name, Social Security number, credit card number or other personal information without permission to commit fraud or other crimes. For example, a criminal can use someone else's information to run up bills on that person's credit card, empty that person's bank account or take out a loan in that person's name. And when it comes to taxes, a criminal with someone else's personal information can file a fraudulent tax return and collect a refund.

Phishing is one tactic used by scam artists to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal or financial information online. Phishing involves the use of phony e-mail or websites -- even social media. A scammer may pose as an institution such as the IRS. IRS impersonation schemes flourish during tax season. Spyware, which can be loaded onto an unsuspecting taxpayer's com-

puter by opening an e-mail attachment or clicking on a link, is another tool identity thieves use to steal personal information.

Identity theft is a major problem that affects many people each year. That's why it's important that taxpayers protect their personal information. Anyone who believes his or her personal information has been stolen and used for tax purposes should immediately contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490. More information on identity theft and taxes is available on the IRS website.

A suspicious e-mail or an "IRS" Web address that does not begin with http://www.irs.gov should be forwarded to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

Return Preparer Fraud

While most return preparers are professionals who provide honest and excellent service to their clients, some make basic errors or engage in fraud and other illegal activities.

Dishonest return preparers can cause big trouble for taxpayers who fall victim to their ploys. These fraudsters derive benefit by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds, charging inflated fees for return preparation services and attracting new clients by making false promises. Taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. Federal courts have issued hundreds of injunctions ordering individuals to cease preparing returns, and the Department of

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Grow Berlin Green volunteer John Colley sows seeds of knowledge with students in new Berlin Intermediate School after-school garden club.

BIS students grow green thumbs

BERLIN – Grow Berlin Green (GBG), the local sustainability initiative of Assateague Coastal Trust, Lower Shore Land Trust and Maryland Coastal Bays Program, is partnering with two local schools beginning this spring to provide educational garden projects for their students.

GBG is working with Buckingham Elementary School and Berlin Intermediate School to design, install and maintain several new gardens on their campuses which will serve not only to beautify the school grounds but also provide living outdoor classrooms to teach students about native plants and how they benefit our local environment.

The projects will engage students, school staff and parents in the planting and garden care process, including the development of after-school and summertime garden clubs at one or both schools.

“Gardening and plant-based learning

open a door to discovery of the living world,” says GBG Coordinator Debbi Colley.

“Within the school environment, a garden offers an unparalleled platform to help kids achieve learning goals in ways that are recommended by the National Science Standards and most state and local educational bodies.”

The BIS garden project will feature the installation of native plants by students in the new after-school garden club in most of the beds in front of the school.

The BES gardens will include a butterfly garden in front of the school to teach students about habitat and a “sensory garden” in back filled with textured and aromatic plants providing visually impaired students with an opportunity to experience the outdoors through their other senses.

GBG partner Assateague Coastal Trust will be offering parents and other community members the opportunity to help

stock the school gardens through the discounted purchase of native perennials and shrubs from their Native and Heirloom Plant Festival scheduled for May 7 at Golden Quarter Farm on Assateague Road.

People interested in purchasing and then donating plants for the school gardens should contact ACT at 410-629-1538, or pre-ordering plants via the ACT website at www.actforbays.org. GBG staff will also be on hand at the Festival to promote and facilitate school garden plant donations.

“By working with schools and encouraging areas for outdoor education, we strive to involve the school administration, teachers, parents and students in conservation work,” said GBG’s Colley.

“Our schools are an important public setting for our projects to be seen and experienced by a larger population, and set an important example of stewardship for our children and their parents.”

Worcester Prep alumnus named Fulbright Scholar

Worcester Preparatory School Alumnus Brian Carey '07 was named Fulbright Scholar for his proposed research in seismic modeling and retrofit of non-engineered structures in Trinidad and Tobago. He is an EXCEL Scholar, who is doing research on earthquake engineering.

Carey, who will graduate from Lafayette in May with a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a B.A. in Economics, currently carries a 3.97 cumulative average. In his sophomore year he studied at Jacobs University in Bremen, Germany and while there had the opportunity to travel to nine countries including Russia, Ireland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary.

In the fall of Carey's junior year, he was inducted into Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society (equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa in liberal arts). During the interim session of his junior year he traveled to Japan as a Marquis scholar and studied the history of Japanese culture and government.

In 2010, he was inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon (International Honor Society in Economics) for highest scholastic achievement in economics and was honored with the Russell C. Brinker Prize in Civil Engineering, an award given to the junior in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department deemed most deserving on the basis of self-reliance, scholarship and student activities.

Throughout his years at Lafayette, Carey has been an active member of Engineers Without Borders. In June of 2010 he traveled with a group of Lafayette students to El Convento, Honduras, the college's adopted village. During this two-week trip, the students built a dam and laid the foundation to build a holding tank that would provide the village with clean water. Carey returned to Honduras to build the 5900-gallon holding tank, which he designed. This May he will head an eight member steel bridge team at the National Steel Bridge competition in College Station, Texas.

While at Worcester Preparatory School, Carey was an outstanding student, who received many academic honors. He played varsity sports and was an all-round excellent student. “All of us at Worcester,” said Dr. Barry W. Tull, Headmaster, “are very proud of Brian's achievements.”



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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BEST FRIENDS – Stephen Decatur High School recently inducted 71 members of the National Honor Society in the annual candlelit Induction Ceremony. Each year the Stephen Decatur National Honor Society as a whole dedicates over 1,000 hours of school and community service. Juniors Michelle Rosinski, Ashley Hrebik, Kelly Sullivan, Karlie Straight, and Hannah Getchell at the ceremony.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BLOOD DRIVE – Worcester Preparatory School Blood Drive. Helping with the direction and organization of the Worcester Prep Blood Drive were seniors Anna Pavlos (left), Salisbury, and Brittany Flurer, Berlin. Students ages 17 and older and teachers were part of the blood drive effort.

UMES's inaugural President's Challenge Hawk Walk April 30

PRINCESS ANNE – The Exercise Science Club is coordinating the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's first "President's Challenge Hawk Walk" on Saturday, April 30, to promote health and wellness in the community.

The 2.5-mile-walk starts at the William P. Hytche Athletic Center at 9:30 a.m. and ends at the field by University Terrace on campus around 2 p.m. Participants can check-in from 8 - 9 a.m.

"There is no cost to register," said Beatrice Nelson, a lecturer in the Department of Exercise Science and Athletics. "We just want to encourage our campus and community to start moving a little more each day. It will make a difference."

Dr. Thelma Thompson is scheduled to cut the ribbon at the start of the walk, which is made possible through the support of local community leaders, area businesses and the campus community.

The event – themed "Exercising the Minds and Bodies of the Future" – will offer samples of healthy food, T-shirts, water bottles, and care packages with life-style tips for participants, said Nelson.

Richard Warren, president of the UMES Exercise Science Club, said the Hawk Walk was planned after conducting research on the overall health of area residents.

"After reviewing the findings, we knew that we needed to promote health and wellness within the community," said Warren, a UMES senior. "We also need to inform the community about various initiatives that they can take to stay active and become physically fit."

Nelson added that students currently taking the "EXSC 200: Introduction Class" have also played a major role in the planning process.

"Somerset County is a rural area where health disparities are common in all segments of this population," Warren, 21, said. "It's important for individuals in the community to take control of their health. Changes take time, but if we can take steps toward improving our health and wellness, we will be able to live longer and possibly prevent chronic diseases."

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HEALTH

BAYSIDE

Blood test may predict diabetes risk years in advance

BY VICKI CONTIE

BERLIN — Scientists have identified five molecules in the blood that can foretell diabetes risk years before typical signs of the disease appear. The finding might help to identify at-risk people who could take steps to delay or halt the disease.

Diabetes is marked by unusually high levels of blood sugar. The sugar is normally converted into energy with help from the hormone insulin. Diabetes occurs when the body can't properly produce or use insulin.

Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease, develops gradually over many years. By the time it's diagnosed, the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas may already be damaged.

Several factors are known to raise the risk for diabetes, including excess weight and inactivity. But a more accurate indicator, such as molecular biomarkers in the blood, could lead to more targeted interventions.

Drs. Thomas J. Wang and Robert E. Gerszten and their colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston University analyzed blood samples gathered as part of the Framingham Offspring Study, a long-term community-based study sponsored by NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI).



The new analysis was funded in part by NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).

Of more than 2,400 participants with no signs of diabetes in the early 1990s, about 200 went on to develop type 2 diabetes during the 12 years of follow-up. The original blood

samples from this latter group were analyzed and compared to samples from age-matched participants who did not develop diabetes but had similar risk factors.

The scientists used an approach called metabolomics, which focuses on the unique mix of chemicals, called metab-

olites, that reactions throughout the body leave behind. These chemical fingerprints can provide clues to the body's health.

The researchers used new technologies to rapidly measure the levels of 61 amino acids and other metabolites in the blood samples. The results were reported in the March

20 advance online edition of Nature Medicine.

The researchers found that elevated levels of five amino acids—iso-leucine, leucine, valine, tyrosine and phenylalanine—seemed to predict a future diagnosis of diabetes. High levels of these amino acids were detected up to 12 years before onset of disease. Further analysis showed that a combination of three amino acids was an even better predictor of diabetes risk. The scientists confirmed their results by analyzing blood samples from more than 300 participants in an independent study of cancer and diet.

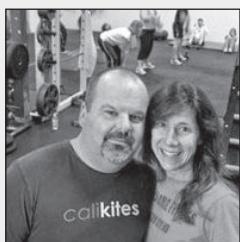
Even in participants closely matched for traditional risks factors, such as obesity, these amino acid levels could help differentiate people at greatest risk. Participants with the highest levels of the 3 most predictive amino acids were 4 to 5 times more likely to develop diabetes than those with the lowest levels.

"These findings could provide insight into metabolic pathways that are altered very early in the process leading to diabetes," said Wang.

"They also raise the possibility that, in selected individuals, these measurements could identify those at highest risk of developing diabetes so that early preventive measures could be instituted."

FITNESS ADVICE

OC Half Marathon April 30



By David & Lisa Long

Lucky number seven! This is the seventh running of this race and there are over 1,600 runners registered with 2 weeks to go, have you registered yet? April 30 is race day and there is still work to be done to make this a successful event. If you have been training for either distance, keep up the good work - race day is almost here. If you've put off training or running just isn't your thing you can still get involved. We are looking for volunteers to hand out water and you can never have enough cheering fans.

Both races begin at the inlet, the half marathon start is at 7am and the 5K is at 7:30am. The 5k will begin and end on the boardwalk.

The ½ marathon will begin in the inlet, head onto the boardwalk, turn onto N. Division Street where runners will run under the Boardwalk Arch, over the Rt. 50 Bridge, through the Park & Ride and onto Old Bridge Road which will lead them to Rt.611, runners will travel down 611 to the finish line inside Assateague Island State Park. Please beware of the runners as you head out Saturday morning.

Almost anyone can complete a 5K. Can you make it from Thrashers French fries to 17th Street and back again? If so, you are able to finish a 5K. The Half Marathon is a bit more challenging, 13.1 miles. Runners receive a tech shirt, refreshments and post race party at the Francis Scott Key.

There will also be awards for the top finishers. We would love to see some friendly local faces out along the course; the runners really appreciate the support. Help support an event which promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, plus brings folks to town!

To register for the race visit: www.octrirunning.com, if you'd like to help out with either race please contact www.livelongfitness.com or call 410-213-1078.

Thank you to the town of Ocean City for allowing this event and with support from the city and the locals this race can only get better.

Lisa and David Long are trainers who own Live Long Fitness in West Ocean City. 410-213-1078, www.livelongfitness.com, livelongfitness@live.com

Health Department sponsors free fitness program in Ocean Pines

SNOW HILL – The Worcester County Health Department's next Lifestyle Balance Program will be held in Ocean Pines beginning in May.

The Lifestyle Balance Program is an evidence-based program that effectively reduces the risk for type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases, assists in weight loss and maintenance of a healthy body weight, and decreases the risk for heart disease and stroke. Participants learn how to eat healthier, to become more physically fit, and to lose weight or maintain a healthy body weight.

The free fitness program taught by a certified exercise physiologist, certified nutritionist, and a health educator, will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m. beginning on May 17 for 16 weeks at the Tidewater Physical Therapy, 11022 Nicholas Lane in Berlin.

Since the program's inception in July

2009, participants have lost a combined total of more than 1,000 pounds and noticed improved blood pressure, body fat and cholesterol levels as a result of program participation.

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

Each session includes an education component and participation in physical activity. All participants receive their own personal lifestyle change coach who will assist them with goal setting, progress, and overcoming barriers. Program participants also receive incentives such as step counters, resistance bands, exercise videos, and more.

To learn more about the free program or to enroll, call 410-632-1100.

IRS tips

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Justice has pending complaints against dozens of others.

To increase confidence in the tax system and improve compliance with the tax law, the IRS is implementing a number of requirements for paid tax preparers, including registration with the IRS and a preparer tax identification number (PTIN), as well as competency tests and ongoing continuing professional education.

The new regulations require paid tax preparers (including attorneys, CPAs, and enrolled agents) to apply for a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) before preparing any federal tax returns in 2011.

Higher standards for the tax preparer community will result in greater compliance with tax laws, increase confidence in the tax system and ultimately lead to a better experience for taxpayers.

Filing False or Misleading Forms

IRS personnel are seeing various instances in which scam artists file false or misleading returns to claim refunds to which they are not entitled. In one variation of this scheme, a taxpayer seeks a refund by fabricating an information return and falsely claiming the corresponding amount as withholding.

Phony information returns, such as a Form 1099 Original Issue Discount (OID), which claims false withholding credits, are usually used to legitimize erroneous refund claims.

One version of the scheme is based on the bogus theory that the federal government maintains secret accounts for its citizens and that taxpayers can gain access to funds in those accounts by issuing 1099-OID forms to their creditors, including the IRS.

The IRS continues to see instances

in which people file false or fraudulent tax returns to try to obtain improper tax refunds. The IRS takes refund fraud seriously, has programs to aggressively combat it and stops the vast majority of incorrect refunds.

Because scammers often use information from family or friends in filing false or fraudulent returns, beware of requests for such data. Don't fall prey to people who encourage you to claim deductions or credits you are not entitled to or willingly allow others to use your information to file false returns. If you are a party to such schemes, you could be liable for financial penalties or even face criminal prosecution.

Frivolous Arguments

Promoters of frivolous schemes encourage people to make unreasonable and outlandish claims to avoid paying the taxes they owe. The IRS has a list of frivolous legal positions that taxpayers should avoid. These arguments are false and have been thrown out of court. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law or IRS guidance.

The IRS has identified returns where taxpayers report nontaxable Social Security Benefits with excessive withholding. This tactic results in no income reported to the IRS on the tax return. Often both the withholding amount and the reported income are incorrect. Taxpayers should avoid making these mistakes. Filings of this type of return may result in a \$5,000 penalty.

Abuse of Charitable Organizations

The IRS continues to observe the misuse of tax-exempt organizations. Abuse includes arrangements to improperly shield income or assets from taxation and attempts by donors to maintain control over donated assets or income from donated property.

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LISA CAPITELLI/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Stephen Decatur's Tyler Coppinger competes in the 110-meter high hurdles event during the April 7 meet in Berlin.

County Rec Dept to offer summer sports camps

SNOW HILL – Worcester County Recreation and Parks (WCRP) is gearing up for its 2011 summer recreational and sports summer camp season, which is expected to deliver action and excitement for school-age children entering grades 1-8.

For the third consecutive year, WCRP will offer Early Bird, Sunset, half-day and full-day camp options. There are also a greater number of sports and recreation camps to participate in than ever before.

In total, WCRP will offer 23 camps at the Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill and other sites across Worcester County.

"We're excited to offer so many options for parents in our county," said program manager Myro Small, who will oversee the basketball, flag football and track camps this summer.

WCRP will offer traditional camps that teach fundamental skills in traditional sports, such as basketball, soccer, baseball, tennis and volleyball. Participants will take part in daily drills, modified games, and full game situations by the end of the camp week.

The diversity of the camps includes golf, flag football, and track camps. For children that cannot decide on just one sport, WCRP is offering Sports Combo Camps and Recreation Sports Camps that will cover a wide range of traditional and non-traditional sports.

Sports Combo Camp, for example, will include traditional sports such as basketball, soccer, volleyball, and flag football. The camp will also aim to expose campers to other sports such as badminton, table tennis, and much more.

"The Recreation Center programs are great. The confidence my children have gained since participating in them is unbelievable," said Diane Hurney, whose three active children participate in many WCRP programs.

This year, WCRP will also offer three sessions (two weeks each) of swimming lessons for children ages 3 and up at the Pocomoke River State Park in Snow Hill.

Session One will begin Tuesday, July 5, at 8:30 a.m. with Level 1, 2, and 3. Starting at 9:30 a.m. Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Swimmer, and Advanced Swimmer will be offered.

Session Two will begin Monday July 18, at 8:30 a.m.

Seahawk track teams win again

BY LISA CAPITELLI
OCEAN CITY TODAY

BERLIN – The Stephen Decatur boys' and girls' track teams took top honors during the April 7 six-school meet at Seahawk Stadium in Berlin.

The Decatur boys' squad scored 262 points to win the competition. Parkside was second with 123 points.

Seahawks who placed first in their events were Dan Cericola (200m, 23.2

seconds; 400m, 53.3 seconds), Shameal Stanley (100m, 11.4 seconds; triple jump, 38 feet .5 inches; long jump, 19 feet 3.5 inches), Chris Hurley (800m, 2:11.7) and Brad Hollowell (pole vault, 13 feet).

Decatur Coach Pat Russo said Greg Petersen had a standout performance in the high jump. His jump of 6 feet 4 inches was just shy of the school record (6 feet 6 inches), which has stood for more than 10 years.

Hurley, Brett Lueders, Lance Ward and

Dan Winters outran their competition in the 3,200m relay race (9:01.2). Cericola, Hurley, Winters and Hollowell were victorious in the 1,600m event (3:42). The 800m relay team of Stanley, DJ Johnson, James Mapp and Kyle Kelly won their race in 1:35.5.

"The boys did very well. It was a good meet for us," Russo said. "The weather conditions weren't good and we have a few injuries that caused us to scramble

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Track

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around a bit, but we came out fine."

The Lady Seahawks were also dealing with several injuries and illness, but the squad earned a 71-point victory. The Decatur girls' scored 184 points and Parkside was second with 113.

Crossing the finish line first in their races were Isabella Iampieri (300m intermediate hurdles, 53.8 seconds), Jessica Galuardi (100m high hurdles, 17.8 seconds), Ravyn Saunders (400m, 1:04.2; 800m, 2:39.1), Chloe FauntLeRoy (1,600m, 5:53.4) and LyVea Oliver (triple jump, 27 feet 9 inches).

Saunders, Carly Bodolus, Liz Davidson and Kelly Cosgriff won the 3,200m relay race (10:50.4). Iampieri and Alex Saunders joined Ravyn Saunders and Bodolus in the 1,600m event, which the foursome won in 4:36.9.

"The girls did well," Russo said. "We had to rearrange some things because we had some girls out, but the girls we put in did a nice job. Everyone performed quite well."

Decatur's next meet is scheduled for April 14 at 4 p.m. in Berlin.

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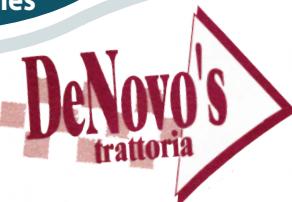
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Students win Sea Gull Century scholarships

SALISBURY – Sea Gull Century riders raise thousands of dollars annually for charities including the Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society and area nonprofits. One other group that benefits is Salisbury University students.

Each year, proceeds from the century and extra donations from riders provide scholarships to deserving students who

have participated or served as event volunteers.

This year, 10 scholarships were awarded in memory of the late D. Page Elmore, who since 2003 had served the Eastern Shore community as a representative in the Maryland House of Delegates. He also was a board member for the SU Foundation Inc. and the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

The recipients are: Lili Afkhami and Jon Nolan, both graduate students from Salisbury who are studying post-secondary education; Rebecca Brannock, a junior biology major from Church Creek; Kandice Hancock, a senior exercise science major from Westover; Jessica Koller, a junior athletic training major from Salisbury; Amy Matonak, a senior mathematics and computer science major from Hagerstown; Tara McGovern, a junior nursing major from Yorktown Heights, N.Y.; Kimberly Palenchar, a junior psychology major from Princess Anne; Amanda Weisgerber, a junior physical education major from Salisbury; and Erin Will, a senior athletic training major from Westminster.

Elmore's wife, Carolyn, attended a luncheon reception honoring the scholarship winners. She reminded them of the importance of serving others and being leaders on campus and in their communities.

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Twisters men's USAG team wins 9 state titles at State Championships

BERLIN - The Twisters' Men's Gymnastics Team competed at the USA Gymnastics Men's State Championships on March 12 and 13, 2011. The Championships were hosted by Sportsplex Gymnastics and were held at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Center in Landover, Maryland. The Twisters Team came home with a combined 9 state titles.

Finley Stearn, Level 4, and Brett Kim, Level 7, were state champions. Stearn set a Twisters' Men's Team record by earning first place on every event and in the all around. His scores were floor, 14.8; pommel horse, 15.7; rings, 15.5;

vault, 15.5; parallel bars, 15.5; high bar, 15.2; and all around, 92.3. Kim was the Level 7 state champion on rings (14.4) and vault (15.1). He was third place all around with an 81.0.

Also, in the Level 7 competition, Ross Dickerson finished fourth place all around with an 80.8. In a separate age division, Cade Solito was fifth place all around with an 84.1.

Next up for the Twisters' Men's Gymnastics Team is the Regional Championships on April 9 and 10. Twisters Gymnastics' Men's Team is coached by Fran Fennell and based in Berlin, Maryland.

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Machado ready to lead Shorebirds to postseason

BY TONY RUSSO
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SALISBURY — This time last year Manny Machado was preparing for graduation as well as for the Major League Baseball draft. The high school standout was widely considered one of the top prospects in baseball before he even received his diploma but even he was surprised to be taken third overall by the Baltimore Orioles.

“I thought I might go high, but I didn’t think I’d go third,” he said. “Right now I’m just looking forward to getting out there.”

Machado began earning his keep almost at once, driving in what would turn out to be the game winning run with a triple in his first game as a Shorebird and ending the first home series in the top three of each offensive category.

For his part, Machado already has his eye on the closest prize, a Shorebirds trip to the South Atlantic League playoffs. It’s one they haven’t made recently but after an impressive enough start, it is a goal that already appears to be realistic.

“I have that mindset,” Machado said. “We all want to get that playoff win.”

Machado joins prospects Kieron Pope and Mychal Givens who both return from injuries to an organization and a team looking to make a sustainable, longterm turnaround. They’re part of a



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After reaching third on a fielder’s choice top prospect Manny Machado takes some instruction and encouragement from former player turned manager Ryan Minor.

significant Orioles retooling that starts at the Single A level with the Delmarva Shorebirds.

Pope, who missed a chunk of the last

two seasons after breaking his femur after a routine run through first base, is back and already showing glimpses of why the team held on to him. Though

significant, his injury wasn’t career-threatening and Pope has taken his time to make sure his legs are ready to go all game, all the time.

“I try and get in early to get a little extra stretching done but I’m fine now and ready to go,” he said.

While the outfielder’s skills are already top notch, Pope has spent the early part of the season mainly at designated hitter. He said his mission this year is to get all the at-bats he can to bring his game up to the next level. So far this year Pope has a home run and a pair of doubles and no strike outs through the first three games as he tries to reestablish himself as a power hitter who can get on base as well.

Givens, who is also returning from an injury — he chipped a bone in his thumb last year — has rehabbed successfully as well and has returned to the middle infield, shifting over to second base.

“We’re here to make a change,” Givens said adding that he was excited about adjustments throughout the organization. “We want to, too.”

The Shorebirds are working toward establishing themselves as a hitting team that’s also defensively stingy. But as much as they’re working toward becoming dominant in the South Atlantic League, the overriding mission is to build the kind of farm team that will help keep the Orioles in contention for the foreseeable future.



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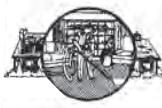


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EDITORIAL

Planning Commission should approve rezoning Rt. 589 land

Next week the Worcester County Planning Commission will hear continued testimony before rendering a decision on whether to recommend to the county commissioners rezoning a section along Route 589 north of the Steer Inn Tavern for commercial use.

The only thing that speaks against the project is the county commissioners rejected the planning commission's previous recommendation to rezone the property R-1 residential. Everything else speaks for it.

Upon completion, the proposed project will provide a third outlet from Ocean Pines, something former boards of directors have already endorsed. It would also allow for an additional traffic light, which should calm traffic and ease anxiety for those entering via other points along this corridor of Route 589.

Most significantly, the vision for the now proposed medical parks jibes with Atlantic General Hospital's plans to respond to what CEO Michael Franklin characterized as an expected increase in demand for primary care.

When they last considered the measure, the commissioners listed traffic pressure from the proposed housing as their primary concern about the land, which is neither ecologically sensitive nor agriculturally viable.

It isn't difficult to see that while the county doesn't lack housing, reducing non-emergency hospital visits is something the region requires. It would be too bad if concerns about an additional three minutes added to a commute stifled the county's ability to respond to the increasing demand for primary care and the good jobs the development would bring.

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Don't move OP polling place

Editor:

It has come to my attention that Ms. Kay Hickman, President of the Worcester County Board of Election Supervisors, a political appointee, is contemplating relocation of the primary Ocean Pines polling place (District 5) from its current location (Ocean Pines' south-end Fire Department) to the Ocean Pines Community Church on Route 589, some 2 miles away. Her preferred location is not only outside of the Ocean Pines Community, but is in an entirely different voting district (District 6) from the voting population it serves.

Such a move makes absolutely no sense, and compels me to question if there maybe some ulterior political motive behind Ms. Hickman's decision.

The current polling location has served the Ocean Pines

community extremely well for many years. It is centrally located to the District's voting base, making it convenient for District 5 voters to get there, and thereby encouraging higher voter turnout. In fact, I am told, during the 2008 Presidential Election, District 5 voter turnout was a record 76% (an all-time high), providing strong testimony to the convenience and popularity of this site among Ocean Pines voters.

Both Worcester County Commissioners and the OPA Board President, Tom Terry, have written Ms. Hickman, voicing strong opposition to her decision.

Yet, she reportedly persists, apparently citing safety considerations as her main concern, and inconvenience to Fire Department workers and lack of access to a kitchen facility as secondary reasons.

I am advised the Fire Department location has been previously surveyed by safety

experts and declared safe. Further, in all these years, there has never been a single safety incident at this site. Further, poll workers typically carry their own lunch and have no need for kitchen access. And, finally, despite the minor, two-day inconvenience, the Fire Department Board has repeatedly voted to make its facility available for polling as a service to the Community.

Could it be that Ms. Hickman's apparent determination to move this voting site outside of the Community and to another voting District (despite strong objection by both County and Community leaders) be motivated by political considerations? As a politically aligned appointee, could she be attempting to thereby reduce voter turnout in an effort to impact election results?

You be the judge!

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William "Bill" Lewis Sr.

BISHOPVILLE – William Daniel Lewis Sr. "Bill", age 78, died Sunday April 3, 2011 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Girdletree, he was the son of the late Eba Daniel Lewis and Ethel Virginia Tarr Lewis

He was preceded in death by his wife Sarah Elizabeth Lewis in 1999. He is survived by his children; William Daniel Lewis, Jr. and his wife Linda of Ocean City, Maurice Donald Lewis of Berlin, David Ellis Lewis and his wife Jackie of Ocean Pines, Sharon Elizabeth Lewis of Berlin, and Cheryl Ann Hastings and her husband Craig of Berlin.

He leaves six grandchildren; Doug Lewis, Dean Lewis, Tara Price, Jenny Carven, Billy Lewis and Tyler Lewis, five great-grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew.

Mr. Lewis was a graduate of Snow Hill High School, and was a United States Air Force veteran, and a United States Army National Guard veteran.

He had worked for many years with the Ocean City Police Department and the Worcester County Sheriff's Department. He later worked and retired from the Town of Ocean City as Administrator for the Sanitation Department.

Mr. Lewis was a member of: Sinepuxtent 193 A.F. & A.M., Snow Hill (Master Mason degree), Baltimore Scottish Rite and Salisbury Scottish Rite, 33rd degree Inspector General Honorary, Asst. Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Maryland, Diplomat for Scottish Rite Orient of Maryland at Salisbury Scottish Rite, Vice President of Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Inc., Secretary/Treasurer- Eastern Shore Scottish Rite Club, Past President of the Eastern Shore Shrine Club, Boumi Temple- Baltimore, York Rite, Eastern Shore Shrine Club of Virginia, Ocean City Shrine Club, Royal Order of Scotland, and Past Patron of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Lewis was very active in the Shriners Mini Clinics. The local Mini Clinics are held to evaluate children with orthopedic disabilities and burn issues. After evaluation they would be scheduled for trips to Shriners Hospitals.

The Shriners provide the transportation for these children and their parents. Bill volunteered his time to be a driver for these trips and had served as Chairman of this committee.

A Masonic funeral service was held on April 7 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Park in Berlin. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital 950 West Faris Rd. Greenville, SC 29605.

Dennis Ray Bryant Sr.

WILLARDS – Dennis Ray Bryant Sr., age 76, died Monday, April 11, 2011 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he was the son of the late William Lonnie Bryant and Nora Alice Frits Bryant. He is survived by his wife Patricia Bryant.

Mr. Bryant was a United States Air Force veteran having served from 1951-1955. He had worked for many years as a plumber with Roto Rooter. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW in Knoxville, as well as the VFW in Powellville.

Along with his wife he is survived by a son, Dennis Ray Maklin Bryant Jr. of Willards; a daughter, Rebecca Michelle Birch and her husband Ronald of Bishopville; two brothers, Orville Bryant and his wife Maxine and Larry Bryant all of Knoxville; two sisters, Fay Pierce of Dayton, Ohio, and Rosemary Fox of Knoxville; three grandchildren, Ronald Birch, II, Steven Ray Birch and Brittani Birch; five great grandchildren, Ronald "Tre" William Birch, III, Nicholas Chase Ray Birch, Maklin Scott Birchm, Jeramiah Frank Lee Birch and Azariah Mae Birch.

He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William Bryant and Paul Bryant.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1138 Parsons Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801.

United Way celebrates leaders and volunteers

OCEAN CITY – The United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore held its Annual Meeting Celebration on March 31 at The Carousel Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City, with over 180 community members representing more than 100 local companies and organizations.

The announcement that the 2010 United Way campaign has reached the \$1.6 million goal was followed by a special honoring of award winners and Hometown Heroes. With United Way currently providing critical dollars for 57 local programs in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, and Dorchester Counties, the success of this campaign is even more poignant for those who need help on the Lower Shore.

United Way Executive Director Kathleen Momme said: "Today is yet another demonstration of how our community is Living United. We celebrate and thank the 600 volunteers and over 12,000 donors from all economic levels who give help and hope to the less fortunate on the Lower Shore through the United Way."

The United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, established in 1944, is the largest non-government funder of local non profit programs, touching the lives of

over 100,000 of our neighbors in need every year.

The impact of this funding is far-reaching and is directed to programs helping children and youth succeed, our aging and vulnerable populations, and critical emergency and crisis assistance.

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Dorchester County – Lorenzo Hughes, Dorchester County Board of Education

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Local grillers in BBQ competition

Pork in the Park this weekend in Salisbury

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

POWELLVILLE — Three local men will be going just short of whole hog when they make their first foray into competitive cooking this weekend at the Pork in the Park Festival in Winterplace Park this weekend. Danny Morris, team spokesperson for the Station 7 Smoke Eaters team said they decided to enter in every category of the Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned BBQ Competition except for whole hog because it would have been difficult to find the right butcher on such short notice.

Morris, along with teammates Pat Townsend and Bob Croll of Bishopville, decided only a few weeks ago to actually compete, though it was something they'd discussed before.

As regular Pork in the Park attendees and self-described weekend warriors of the barbecue grill, they often talked about competing in the competition. Checking out some of the competition last year Morris said they felt as if they could cook as well as any of the other teams but let the subject drop.

For Christmas Morris' wife, Carol, got him a grill made from a converted heating oil tank. These grills are common on the competitive cooking circuit as well as at civic barbecues. After convincing a welder friend to make the necessary modifications, including adding a chimney and redoing the ventilation, Morris, Townsend and Croll began experimenting on the grill, having serious cookouts of all different sorts.

They were content in that until the Station 7 ownership approached them and offered to sponsor their participation in the competition. The three assented immediately and

began preparing a menu consisting of the items they felt they prepared the best consistently.

"Bob is the sauce guru," Morris said. "Pat and I keep the temperatures right and do the basting."

Their wives, he said, are all also integral members of the team.

The major difference between cooking competitively and cooking in your backyard for friends and neighbors is that competitive cooking has a clock. If you're feeding company they're often happy to have another beer while they wait but the judges are a little less forgiving, which is Morris' only real concern,

"We have a 10 minute window to get the food in," he said. "That's what we've been practicing and talking about."

Preparation is one thing, making sure that something which can take a few hours to cook is ready within a certain time period is a different problem altogether. Start too

early and the food could be cold or dried out, start too late and it might not be ready to serve. Getting everything together at just the right time is key to making sure the work it took to be ready isn't wasted on the judges.

Morris said that, for his team, the competition is as much a matter of curiosity as it is a matter of pride. Unlike many if not most of the competitors, they have no plans of joining the competitive barbecue circuit. One event each year is sufficient for them. But they would like to get an idea about whether their food is as objectively good as the people they've already fed claim it to be.

"We'd like to see where we stand," Morris said. "We thought it would be interesting to see how we held up."

Whatever the case, the three have decided to go on a butcher hunt in preparation for next year, hoping to improve their main ingredient and become even more competitive.

Spring Celebration in Berlin April 23

BERLIN — Spring is in the air and the Berlin Chamber of Commerce is kicking off the season with the 16th Annual Berlin Spring Celebration on Saturday, April 23, in historic downtown Berlin.

Schedule of events include a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Rayne's Reef. Seating's available at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Cost is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Call (410) 641-4775 for reservations. Following breakfast, the Worcester County Arts Council, 4-H Club and Berlin Parks & Recreation will be offering wonderful workshops for children.

Hop down to the Taylor House Museum for the Eggstravaganza Hunt at 11 a.m. for children ages 2-10. Sponsored by Beach LaCrosse. After the Egg Hunt, stroll down to the Atlantic Hotel to enjoy National Recording Artist, Ray Owen whip up a veritable feast of classic American songs and mixed with a healthy helping of humor for family audiences and all ages to enjoy. Ray Owen will be performing at 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the front porch.

Throughout the day there will be face painting by Gramma Bunny, Mermaid Hair by Oh My Hair!, pony rides by Autumn Grove Stables and amusement rides by Jolly Rogers. Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Center will have a children's activity center with fun games, prizes, pizza and refreshments. Keep a look out for Mayor Gee Williams in his top hat handing out shiny new quarters.

Night of Dancing Under the Stars at Merry Sherwood

BERLIN — Kick up your heels and help kick off the 4th Annual Berlin Jazz & Blues Bash! Join the Berlin Chamber of Commerce for a Night of Dancing Under the Stars on Saturday, April 30, from 6-9 p.m. on the beautiful grounds of Merry Sherwood Plantation in Berlin.

The Brian Perez Jazz Trio will entertain you with an eclectic mix of Jazz to keep you dancing all night. Festivities include New Orleans style food, Silent Auction, Cash Bar, dance instruction and a chance to win the Grand Prize - One night stay in Washington D.C. and tickets to the D.C. Jazz Festival in June. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased online at www.BerlinChamber.org or by calling the Chamber office at 410-641-4775. All proceeds benefit Berlin's Jazz & Blues Bash on May 7.

Coastal Hospice honors volunteers during National Volunteer Week

BERLIN – In honor of National Volunteer Week (April 10 through 16) Coastal Hospice and Palliative Care salutes its more than 300 volunteers who work to help patients with life limiting illnesses and their families, in Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset and Dorchester.

Hospice volunteers deserve special recognition for the difference they make, says Judy Hunt-Harris, Volunteer Services Manager for Coastal Hospice. One such volunteer is Alice Tweedy, who was honored by the Worcester County Commissioners this week for her volunteer spirit with a Maryland's Most Beautiful People Volunteer Award.

"Alice and all of our volunteers play an indispensable role in enabling Coastal Hospice to offer the best care possible for patients living with life-limiting ill-

ness, their families and caregivers," she says. "By sharing their time, energy, and expertise, volunteers bring compassion and caring to the lives of those in need."

Although we have a wonderful group of volunteers, Coastal Hospice needs more volunteers to help with our newest endeavor – a new thrift shop in the Berlin Shopping Center. Volunteers are needed to assist customers, create displays and receive and price donations. Contact Thrift Store Manager Kaye Hearn at 410-641-1132, or email khearn@coastalhospice.org to learn more about volunteering at the shop.

The purpose of the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop is to provide financial means to build and support a planned Hospice Residence on six acres off of Broad Street in Berlin. The Hospice Residence will provide home-like patient rooms, with room for family, shared family kitchen and living rooms, space for contemplation, conversation, a community support room, and work space for home care nurses.

This is the first thrift shop for Coastal Hospice, but hospice thrift shops are common across the country. Across the country there are an estimated 468,000

trained hospice volunteers that provide more than 22 million hours of service every year to our nation's hospice programs. It is federally mandated under Medicare that five percent of all patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers. This regulation reflects the vital role that volunteers play in the hospice philosophy of care and ensures that a hospice program has roots deep in the community.

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KEY CLUB – Stephen Decatur High School Key Club members Jenna Brower, Taylor Tobak, Brooke Harman, Rachel Slotter, Lydia Logan, and Maura Smith hosted local Kiwanis members during the annual Key Club breakfast on March 29. Stephen Decatur Key Club members just returned from the 62nd Annual District Convention in Arlington, Va. where Slotter retired as District Governor after serving for the past year.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

AMERICANISM ESSAY WINNERS – Third and fourth grade students from Ocean City Elementary were invited to enter the annual Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the American Legion Post 166. First place winner, Alex Bean from Mrs. Kirsten Danisavich's fourth grade class. In second place the winner is Sophia Emm from Mrs. Kirsten Danisavich's class, and third place winner is Chadwick Fischer from Mrs. Faith Murray's fourth grade class. Bean's essay has been selected to be judged at the state level.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FULL COLOR SPIRIT – Stephen Decatur High School senior Natalie Bush and junior Alan Odom hosted a literary reading of Full Color Spirit, the school literary publication, on March 29. Students, parents, and teachers. For information about the literary magazine or to obtain a copy, contact Dawn Russell at 410-641 - 2171.

Salisbury University Dance Company concert this week

SALISBURY – The Salisbury University Dance Company, directed by Mary Norton, concludes its 50th season with a retrospective concert 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 14-16, in Holloway Hall Auditorium.

Performances begin with a lively look back at 50 years of music and dance trends in an ensemble work choreographed by Staci Alexander. Dances by guest choreographers, resident faculty, current members and company alumni also are featured.

Highlights include Dr. Victoria Hutchinson's modern piece "Heavens Alighting," which premiered in 1999, and Norton's "Reflection on a Summer Day," a contemporary ballet first performed by the company in 1993.

Guest artist Stephanie Powell returns with "Wade," a traditional spiritual modern dance. An award-winning choreographer, Powell has taught dance at Goucher College and Towson University.

Former company president Katie Erdman returns to present "Pursuit of Acceptance." This contemporary dance was



the first of three adjudicated winning choreographies set by Erdman while she was a member of the company. The program also includes the adjudicated winner of the Fall 2010 Student Showcase, "Live, Lie, Leave," a contemporary work

by current company president Jennifer De Chello, as well as "Five Guys," a new jazz work by faculty member Jessica Hindman-Wheatley.

The concert concludes with Linda Hallman-Darr's driving West African ensemble piece

"Djoman." Meaning "dialogue of drums," "Djoman" premiered in 1998 and was presented again in 2004. Hallman-Darr is a nationally board certified teacher and is currently on the faculty at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts at Suitland

High School.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's concert benefits the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Admission is \$15; \$12 for seniors age 62 and over, non-SU students, and SU alumni. Children under 12 and SU ID holders are admitted free.

Reservations are not required for this hour-long, family-friendly event. For advance tickets visit www.salisbury/theatreanddance. Tickets also are available at the door. For more information call 410-548-5588.

The SU Dance Company has provided experiences in artistic dance through training, performance and production since its beginning in 1960 as the Modern Dance Club. Entrance to the company is by audition, and members earn University credit while working with nationally recognized guest artists.

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DNR kicks off annual Natural Resource Photo Contest

ANNAPOLIS – The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now accepting entries for its 8th Annual Maryland Natural Resource Photo Contest. Students, amateur and professional photographers are welcome to submit photos of Maryland's diverse natural resources through Aug. 31.

"This is a great opportunity for photographers of all skill levels," said DNR Secretary John Griffin, of the annual contest. "This contest highlights the natural beauty of Maryland."

Last year, Debbie MacArthur of Ellicott City topped nearly 200 other photographers with her winning image entitled "Chipmunk." Her charming photograph graced the cover of the 2011 calendar.

Photos entered into the 2011 contest will be judged within seven categories: birds, wildlife, insects, scenic, floral, people enjoying state parks and Maryland outdoor recreation. Winning

entries will be featured in the winter issue of The Maryland Natural Resource magazine as well as the 2012 DNR calendar.

The best overall photo will win the grand prize of \$500, a 2012 Maryland State Park Passport, a lifetime subscription to The Maryland Natural Resource magazine and five copies of the 2012 DNR calendar, which will feature the winning photo on the cover.

First place winners in each category receive a Maryland State Park Passport, a two year subscription to The Maryland Natural Resource magazine and two copies of the 2011 DNR calendar. Second place winners will receive a one-year subscription to the magazine and a calendar.

All qualifying photographs must be taken in Maryland. Photographers may submit up to three entries for a \$10 entry fee and an additional \$3 for each entry beyond three. Photos cannot be more than two years old or previously published. Non-residents may participate as long as the photos were taken in Maryland. Winners will be announced online Sept. 12.

Official rules and contest entry forms are available online at www.dnr.maryland.gov/photocontest/.

Annual spring run of hickory shad has begun

ANNAPOLIS – The recreational Hickory shad fishing season for Maryland's sport anglers has started, offering several weeks of excellent fishing until mid-May.

"Now is the perfect time to fish Hickory shad," said Tom O'Connell, director of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service. "Grab your rod, get outside and celebrate the beginning of spring and the resurgence of this fish."

Hickory shad populations declined dramatically in the late 1970s, leading to a moratorium on any harvest in 1981.

The fish rebounded in the upper Chesapeake in the 1990s and with the help of restocking efforts by DNR's Fisheries Service, populations have been rebuilding in several watersheds, including the Patuxent, Choptank and Nanticoke Rivers. As populations have grown, hickory shad have expanded to establish spawning runs in several other rivers as well.

Hickory shad, also known as "hickories" are migratory fish that spend their adult life in the near shore waters of the Atlantic ocean and coastal bays, ascending streams and rivers each spring along

the eastern seaboard, including those in the Chesapeake Bay to spawn. Hickories can be caught in numerous tributaries of the bay, with the best runs in the Susquehanna, Gunpowder, Patuxent and Choptank Rivers.

Hickory shad are part of the herring family and the lesser known relative of the iconic American shad. Acrobatic fighters that often leap multiple times as they fight, these fish can be caught by using small shad darts on ultra light spinning tackle, or on a variety of small "shad flies" on fly rods.

Hickories are smaller than American shad, averaging 14 inches in length, with large specimens topping 20 inches. The Maryland State record for hickory shad is 4 pounds, caught in the Susquehanna River in 1971.

The fishery remains a recreational catch and release fishery only, with DNR studies indicating a greater than 99 percent survival rate when properly handled.

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Ward Wildfowl Art Festival in April

OCEAN CITY – For more than 40 years, talented artists from the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia have convened in Ocean City to showcase their carving skills at the Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition and Art Festival.

The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury University, once again hosts the event at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, from Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1.

On display will be more than 1,400 wildfowl carvings, many of which are created by the world's best artists, naturalists and authors. These spectacular birds, which are coveted by celebrities and avid collectors alike, mimic wildfowl species such as red tail hawks, bald eagles, saw whet owls, wood ducks and thousands of wildfowl species from around the world.

Competitors of all levels of experience, from youth to world champions, compete against their peers for top honors, including cash awards and the world champion's carving on display in the

Ward Museum for one year.

This year, the competition introduces a new Silhouette Division for young competitors. Each entry must be a life-size replica and made of wood one-inch thick or less. World champion carver Del Herbert of Chula Vista, Calif., hopes this new division will encourage the next generation of carvers.

"The Silhouette Division gives young people a simple project to complete, which will allow them to become involved in carving and learn the fun of competition. That's one of the great things that the Ward Museum has been doing in the last few years – putting a lot of emphasis on youth involvement," he said.

In addition to viewing the plethora of fine carvings and sculptures, visitors also may purchase paintings, photography, carvings, bronze sculptures, jewelry, folk art, home decorating items and carving supplies from more than 100 vendors who will be on site.

For the avid decoy collector, or anyone who wants to begin their own collection,

Saturday's auction is a great place to bid on original carvings by top artists from around the world.

There will also be a silent auction for the two winning carvings from the Champagne Waterfowl Division. Additionally, visitors have the chance to purchase carvings directly from the artists at the Carvers Art Shop.

Activities for children are plentiful at the Kids Corner and include: creating soap carvings, carving feathers using power tools, receiving instruction from a world champion carver and decoy painting, among others.

A list of hotels offering special rates to visitors attending the show is available on the museum's web site.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday April 29, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 30, with the awards ceremony beginning at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, May 1, show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Three-day passes to the event are available for \$18.

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Fee-free days at Assateague Island National Seashore April 16-24

BERLIN – Superintendent Trish Kicklighter has announced that in celebration of National Park Week the entrance fee to Assateague Island National Seashore will be waived from April 16 through the 24. The fee waiver applies at both the Maryland and Virginia districts of the seashore.

"The fee-free National Park Week provides a great opportunity for individuals and families alike to come out and enjoy all that Assateague has to offer," Kicklighter said. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of the free admission to visit one of the east coast's finest Seashores."

First time visitors are encouraged to stop at either of the seashore's two Visitor Centers to see exhibits and get information about the many recreational activi-

ties and natural features in the seashore.

Ranger-led programs are scheduled throughout the week in both the Maryland and Virginia districts. Be sure to join in on April 23 as the park celebrates National Junior Ranger Day. Explore Assateague from beach to bay with aquarium talks, beach walks, crafts, GPS activities and much more. Program schedules may be found at www.nps.gov/asis.

The waiver of entrance fees applies not just at Assateague but at all other National Park System areas that normally charge an entrance fee. This year's focus, Healthy Parks, Healthy People, highlights the connection between human and environmental health and the vital role America's national parks play in both.

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Dates: April 20, May 4, 18, June 1, 15

Trip to the Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia in the spring
May Men's Club Meeting Speaker: Salisbury University Professor E. Tylor Claggett, PhD, CFA

"The Chinese Economy and its impact on us—a perspective from my 6 months in China."

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ON-GOING EVENTS

INTRODUCTION TO FLYING

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

FOOD DRIVE

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

CRAFT SHOP

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

NETWORKING

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

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

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

STORY TIME AT THE ZOO

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

STORY TIME

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

BABY PLAYTIME

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

KIWANAS CLUB

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

HOUSE RAFFLE

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

BINGO

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

BREAKFAST

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

BEACH SINGLES

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

Thursday, April 14th

ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

Ocean Pines Garden Club, Pintail Park, Ocean Pines. 10 a.m. Public is invited. Tree planting in memory of OPGC members and relatives. Luncheon will follow at Ocean Pines Yacht Club. For more info or reservations, 410-641-6683.

HOOKED RUG EXHIBIT

Dunes Manor Hotel, 18th annual Maryland Shore Rug Hooking School show. Rugs, wall hangings, pictures hooked in the Primitive or Tapestry style. Free. 410-289-4110 for more info.

AARP MEETING

Chapter 1917, Northside Park, Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Zoo residents and Zoo Education Technician Lara Nagle will be on hand along with zoo docents Bridget and Chip Foster to discuss what zoo volunteers do.

Friday, April 15th

NATURE WALK

Holts Landing State Park, Del. Participants meet at the main parking lot 2 p.m. Wear sturdy shoes or boots. Free. For more information, 302-227-6991.

Saturday, April 16th

TRI-COUNTY BIRD CLUB

Field trip to the Nature Conservancy's Nassawango Preserve. Meet at Ward Museum parking lot 7 a.m. Bring snacks and drinks. 410-543-1853 for more info.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Berlin Nursing and Rehab Center, Berlin. For children to age 12. \$50 golden egg hidden for each group. Visit with the Easter Bunny. Refreshments. 410-641-4400.

TOY SHOW

Fundraiser for the Berlin Fire Company, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the firehouse. \$3 for adults, children 10 and under free. Food. 410-726-9057 for more info.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Edward H. Nabb Center, East Campus Salisbury University, 190 Wayne Ave., Salisbury. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Explored will be the unique challenges of researching African-American family histories. Free. Public invited. Seating limited to 35, reservations, 410-543-6312.

PIES & CHICKEN SALAD

Showell Christian Workers, Showell UMC, 10115 Pitts Rd., Showell. Homemade pies, \$9, chicken salad \$6 pt. Pick-up orders between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

CLEAN UP DAY

Annual Take Pride in Berlin, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. clean-up activities throughout town followed from 11:30 to 2 p.m. with a free BBQ lunch for participants at Henry Park. Music, children's activities, raffle. If you are interested in participating call 410-629-1538.

GOSPEL GROUP

St. Martins United Methodist Church, 10847 St. Martins Rd., Berlin. Featuring The Taylors. 6 p.m.

Monday, April 18th

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 9:30 a.m. All welcome. 410-641-6683 for more info.

WINE TASTING

Costa Ventosa, Whaleyville. To benefit AGH Junior Auxiliary Group and the Barrett Scholarship Fund. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$25 per person for wine tasting, \$15 per person BYOB. For more info: 443-880-0511.

Tuesday, April 19th

STUDENT ART SHOWCASE

Fine Arts Festival, Pocomoke High School, Pocomoke. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free admission, open to the public. Musical performances. 410-632-5031 for more info.

EASTER CANTATA

Wilson United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. Live band. Free. All welcome.

Wednesday, April 20th

RETIRED NURSES

Ocean Pines chapter, membership meeting. 3 p.m. Ocean Pines Library. Patient Protection and how the Health Care Reform will impact Maryland will be the topic. Public invited. For more info: 410-641-7946.

Thursday, April 21st

SUICIDE PREVENTION COMEDY

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

Wednesday, April 2th

MINI GOLF TOURNEY

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

FIRST LADIES BANQUET

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

Friday, April 29th

GALA BY THE SEA

Clarion Resort, Believe in Tomorrow, House by the Sea fundraiser. Dinner, live music, auction items. \$65 per person, \$125 per couple. Reservations, 410-723-2842.

Saturday, April 30th

BOARDWALKIN FOR PETS

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

FARM DAY

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

HALF-MARATHON & 5K RACE

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

SNAP SHOTS



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

READING CIRCLE – Ocean City Elementary students from Mrs. Christine Lieb's kindergarten class read books to each other every Friday during Reading Circle Time. Pictured are Cole Myers, Brittany Chase, and Brooks Kendall.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ALZHEIMER'S WALK – Some of the Worcester Prep students taking part in the walk in support of Alzheimer's research were: (row 1) Kathleen Emche, Matthew Durkin, Kayla Baier, Lauren Cannatelli; (row 2) Katie Lawrence, Caroline Klug, Gabby D'Antonio, Alyson Hartman, Anna Pavlos, Ellie Brown, Parker Kellam, Grant Brown, Shelby Cannatelli; (row 3) Devon Zorn, Carson Wigley, Michael Dayton-Jones, Catherine Reilly, Stephen Lobo, Claire Brown, Lane Spangler, Meridith Kellam, advisor Kim Durkin, advisor Kathleen Otway, advisor Linda Bragg; (back) Kelley Chandler. The students raised over \$1,000.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PENNIES FOR PEACE – The 4th and 5th grade Sunday school class of Community Church of Ocean Pines inspired by the true story of Greg Mortenson who gave up everything to help build schools in Central Asia are collecting donations to aid school supplies for these underprivileged children.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PREAKNESS PARTY – Can't make it to the Preakness? Not to worry, the Ocean City Public Art Committee is bringing the fun to the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard By Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk May 21 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Ocean City Public Art Committee members from left are: Lauren Taylor, Caitlin Evans, Jody Veader, Donna Greenwood, Carolyn Kennington, Rebecca Taylor and Veronica Kahn. Not pictured are: Vicki Barrett, Lisa Challenger, Jill Ferrante, Louise Gulyas and Ruth Waters.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

STRIKE OUT HUNGER – The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is partnering with the Delmarva Shorebirds, Perdue, and Delmarva's three food banks, Maryland Food Bank, Food Bank of Delaware, and the Food Bank of Virginia Eastern Shore to help Strike Out Hunger. Heather Towers, ShoreCAN Volunteer Coordinator; Jennifer Small, Branch Manager, Maryland Food Bank; and Spicer Bell, President, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LOCAL GRADUATES – Wicomico, Worcester and Dorchester county jail and correctional officers who graduated in the 80th entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown, from left, Stanley L. Millbourne Sr., Peter J. Mueller and Stephanie L. Switalski of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center, and Christopher G. Horsman, David D. Kemp and Ronald G. Marvil Jr. of the Dorchester County Detention Center. In the back, from left, are Dorethia R. Carroll, Kenneth E. Lloyd, Cleavon D. Morris, Trent A. Passwaters, Lori A. Steining and Tyson A. Wilhelmi of the Wicomico County Department of Corrections.

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THURSDAY – Al Prescott

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th St. & the bay, Ocean City
410-524-5500
FRIDAY – Speaker City/ DJ Wood
SATURDAY – Animal House



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FRIDAY – Full Circle
SATURDAY – DJ Gage • Dance Party
SUNDAY – Byran Russo



Al Prescott @ Denovo's

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FRIDAY – DJ Wax
SATURDAY – DJ Wood

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FRIDAY – DJ Soulfinger/DJ Skip Dixon
SATURDAY – Mari Hill Band



Opposite Directions @ Harborside

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THURSDAY – Opposite Directions
FRIDAY – DJ Billy T
SATURDAY – Under The Outhouse
SUNDAY – Opposite Directions
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WEDNESDAY – Bob Hughes

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SATURDAY – Patrick McAllorum

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Date	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4	Bonus Match 5	Bonus
04/03/11	109	8253	152	7809	03 06 10 25 31	29
04/04/11	005	4179	810	0736	05 13 20 28 35	26
04/05/11	102	3184	227	0430	04 06 30 31 32	26
04/06/11	010	4253	800	3294	09 12 18 21 25	03
04/07/11	316	7300	200	1821	16 17 31 34 38	26
04/08/11	217	5972	039	6761	05 11 14 28 36	24
04/09/11	907	5844	766	8765	14 19 25 26 34	16

Date	MULTI-MATCH	Date	Mega Millions	Bonus	Megaplier
04/04/11	08 14 17 32 34 42	04/05/11	01 19 20 31 36	09	2
04/07/11	01 02 28 33 37 40	04/08/11	06 40 45 50 56	11	3

Date	Powerball	Bonus	POWERPLAY
04/06/11	10 18 41 55 56	15	2
04/09/11	05 14 32 53 56	11	4

For the most current Lottery information, go to mdlottery.com



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BLAZING TRAILS – Just three years after Stephen Decatur High School added the varsity sport of swimming, the boys swim team came within decimal points from taking home the 3A/4A state title. Placing second overall to Fallston High School, the team placed first in four events, including two first place finishes by junior Jake Blazer (above) in the 50 yard freestyle and the 100 yard freestyle. Blazer was also just selected as The Daily Times Swimming Athlete of the Year.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE

Grilled tenderloin of beef with fried tomato slices

I am reminiscing on the New Year's article on breaking down the beef tenderloin and despite the spotty weather I am determined to grill something. Wiping the pollen off of the grill lid and scraping down the bars, shamefully left soiled since last winter, I prepare my fiery flame thrower for the first session of the season.

GRILLED TENDERLOIN OF BEEF

- For 2
- 2 ea. 4-8 oz. beef tenderloin, free of all sinew and fat
 - 4 oz. melted butter
 - Salt & pepper to taste
 - 2 ea. Garlic cloves, crushed
 - Thyme and oregano as needed
 1. Marinate the beef in the remaining ingredients for at least an hour
 2. Preheat the grill and cook the beef to the temperature of your liking. If you are savvy enough to work with sous vide cooking, you could heat the beef in the pouch to the specific temperature, and then sear the garbage out of both sides to finish the product. There are a great many precautions in sous vide cooking, so if you are not well-versed or equipped I wouldn't mess with it
 3. Serve atop the remaining sides

GARLIC GREENS

- 2 c. Chopped kale
- ½ ea. Medium shallot, julienne
- 1 ea. Garlic clove, smashed
- S&P to taste
- Lemon juice as needed
- Lemon zest from Microplane
1. Sautee vegetables in olive oil until kale is tender and the garlic is just beginning to brown. Do not let the garlic brown or it will become bitter
2. Season to taste and set aside until ready for service

FRIED TOMATO SLICES

- 6 ea. Thin slices of tomatoes
- Flour for dredging
- 4 ea. Egg whites
- 1 c. whole milk
- 1 c. Panko bread crumbs
- S&P to taste
- Dried herbs
- 2 Tbsp. Sesame seeds
- Oil for frying
1. Set up three pans or plates; flour, egg wash (egg whites and milk) and the coating (remaining ingredients)
2. Keeping one hand dry, dredge the tomato slices one at a time in the flour, dip in the egg wash and then bread with the panko mixture
3. Set aside until ready to fry
4. Drop in a 350F fryer for approximately 2 minutes, ensuring that the tomatoes stayed



submerged. If you cannot do this, simply turn them over with tongs halfway through the frying process

FRIZZLED ONIONS

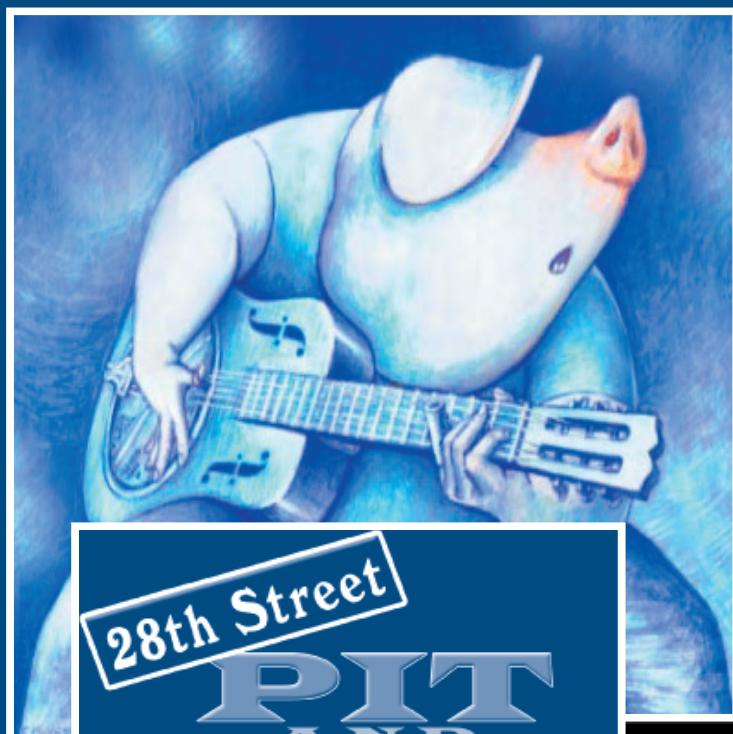
- ½ ea. Red onion, shaved very thin
- 1 c. Whole milk
- Seasoned flour

- Oil for frying
1. Soak the onions in whole milk for at least an hour
2. Dust/dredge onions in flour
3. Fry until golden and crispy

SAUCE BORDELAISE

- Butter for sauté
- 1 clove garlic, sliced
- 1 tbsp. sliced shallot
- 1 c. red wine
- ½ c. Veal stock
- ½ c. Sauce Espagnole
- 1 sprig fresh thyme
1. This is a but non-traditional as it precludes bone marrow, but I think it will still suffice
2. Saute the shallot and garlic in the butter. You only need a trace of butter to ensure that there is an even coating on the aromatics
3. Add the wine and reduce to ¼ cup
4. Add the veal stock and reduce to 1/3 c.
5. Add the Sauce Espagnole and thyme and reduce to ½ c.
6. Run through a fine mesh strainer and keep warm until service.

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