

BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

Mason Dixon talks unified sports, jobs

The Mason Dixon Business Association held its April meeting at the Peach Bottom Inn in Delta, Pa., where representatives from The ARC Northern Chesapeake Region and Penn-Mar Human Services were the guest speakers.

As the unified sports and recreation coordinator for Harford County, Chass Seymour runs the Special Olympics Unified Sports Program. This program includes competitive league play, where a volunteer helper partners with an ARC athlete to compete in such sports as kayaking, soccer, basketball, volleyball and bocce. This program is held in various locations throughout the county for adults and seniors.

The ARC also holds a summer youth camp known as Diverse Explorers, which is open to children of all abilities. The camp is held at Harford Community College and includes field trips, swimming, birding, geocaching, kayaking, crafts and many other activities. More than 50 children attended last year and there are some spots left for this summer's camp.

The annual Harford County Special Olympics Inspiration Walk and 5K Run was held April 24. It is the only local fundraising event and all proceeds benefit the local athletes.

Not only is The ARC addressing recreational needs, it addresses the emotional needs. Torri Dietrich, director of development at The Arc, explained the importance of developing partnerships with business and individuals for their clients. Loneliness is an issue for people with disabilities. Finding opportunities for a person to work in a business not only provides financial benefits, it also provides social interaction as well.

Reading partners, cooking partners, computer partners and mentoring opportunities are just a few areas where the ARC is seeking volunteers. Businesses are encouraged to contact the ARC to discuss partnership opportunities. Becoming more self-sufficient is a challenge and the ARC is looking for ways to create micro-enterprises which provide jobs and income for their clients.

One such program already in operation is ShARC, the Shredder. The ShARC will travel to your home or office to shred any confidential papers that need to be destroyed. Information is available at www.arcncr.org or 410-879-6785.

Penn-Mar Human Services Customized Employment Manager Casey Smith discussed the customized employment program offered to businesses to provide employment for their clients. Penn-Mar has more than 350 clients available to be placed in jobs in the northern Maryland and southern Pennsylvania area. The mission of Penn-Mar's customized employment program is to develop, secure and maintain employment with local businesses, self-employment or entrepreneurial opportunities based on the job-seeker's interests and abilities. Smith will come to the business and evaluate which tasks a client can perform. The business can free up tasks thereby lowering their operating costs and increasing productivity for its staff while providing jobs to a worker whose dedication and loyalty will exceed expectations.

Kevin Walker, vocational program administrator, announced that Penn-Mar also has developed an in-house business known as Penn-Mar INK, which recycles inkjet cartridges and provides skills training and employment to clients and value to their customers. The remanufactured cartridges sell for 30 to 50 percent below manufacturer's prices and contain more ink than the original cartridge. Kinsley Construction, Southern School District and many other local businesses are already supporting Penn-Mar Ink. Information is available at www.penn-marink.com or 410-343-1069.

Mason Dixon Business Association's May meeting will be at Basta Pasta in Upper Crossroads May 19. State Sen. Barry Glassman will be the guest speaker. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. Contact masondixonba.org or 800-382-4811. Guests are welcome to attend.

New laser tag complex opens in Edgewood

LaserNation, the ultimate live action laser tag entertainment complex, has opened its newest laser tag center in Edgewood.

The center is at 2208 Hanson Road and joins Food Lion, Dollar General, Triple Crown Martial Arts, Subway and Harford County Dental Clinic in the Edgewood Plaza Shopping Center.

LaserNation laser tag is a live-action game played by up to 30 people at a time. According to a company press release, it is an interactive, high-tech, laser game blending the simplicity of tag or capture the flag with the real-time feedback and action of modern video game systems. The ability to tailor game situations for varying scenarios makes LaserNation particularly appealing to both experienced and new players.

The facility contains a lobby/reception area with video games, four private party rooms, a briefing room, vesting room and an arena. The arena is where the laser tag action is, with intricate mazes, fast-paced music and strobe lights.

LaserNation celebrated its grand opening March 19 to 21. LaserNation said it will donate a portion of the proceeds from the weekend to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life campaign.

STC to give support to Army command

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, headquartered at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, has selected Science and Technology Corporation's Edgewood Road office to provide engineering support, research and technology support and program and integration support to the Army and other customers in the Edgewood area.

The five-year contract will support non-medical needs of the chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives defense agencies.

The Edgewood Area of APG is home to many other organizations that together form a consolidated chemical biological defense community, according to an STC company press release.

Each of these organizations and their subordinate offices will be serviced by this contract. Government organizations that are co-located with ECBC, or have major offices on the Edgewood Area include U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense; Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Chemical Materials Agency; Assembled

Chemical Weapons Activity; 20th Support Command; and the Department of Homeland Security.

Headquartered in Hampton, Va., STC has 450 employees at 25 locations in the United States.

The company has more than 30 years of chemical and biological experience and provides management and technical support services to the Department of Defense, NASA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and 15 other federal agencies.

Dr. Adarsh Deepak, the founder and CEO of STC, said: "We are very honored to be selected for the ECBC CBRNE competitive award, and for being given the opportunity to continue providing these critical services to ECBC."

This will help continue and expand our long relationship with the chem-bio community. STC is built on the principle of growth through total customer satisfaction.

This work adds to our scope of providing a wide variety of research, development, engineering, testing, information technology and management services."



Slavie Federal Savings Bank celebrated 110 years in the community during an anniversary event at its Bel Air headquarters May 1. Joining in the celebration were, from left, the Oriole Bird; Lauren Rebbel, vice president, Slavie Financial Services; Phil Logan, president and chairman of the board, Slavie Federal Savings Bank; Nolan Reimold, Baltimore Orioles; Gary Barnoff, vice president, Slavie Federal Savings Bank; Gary Geiss, vice president, Slavie Financial Services; Charles E. Wagner Jr., executive vice president, Slavie Federal Savings Bank; and Mike Tagg, vice president, Slavie Federal Savings Bank.

Slavie celebrates 110th anniversary

Slavie Federal Savings Bank celebrated 110 years of strength in the community during an anniversary event at its Bel Air headquarters May 1 — Slavie's official founding date.

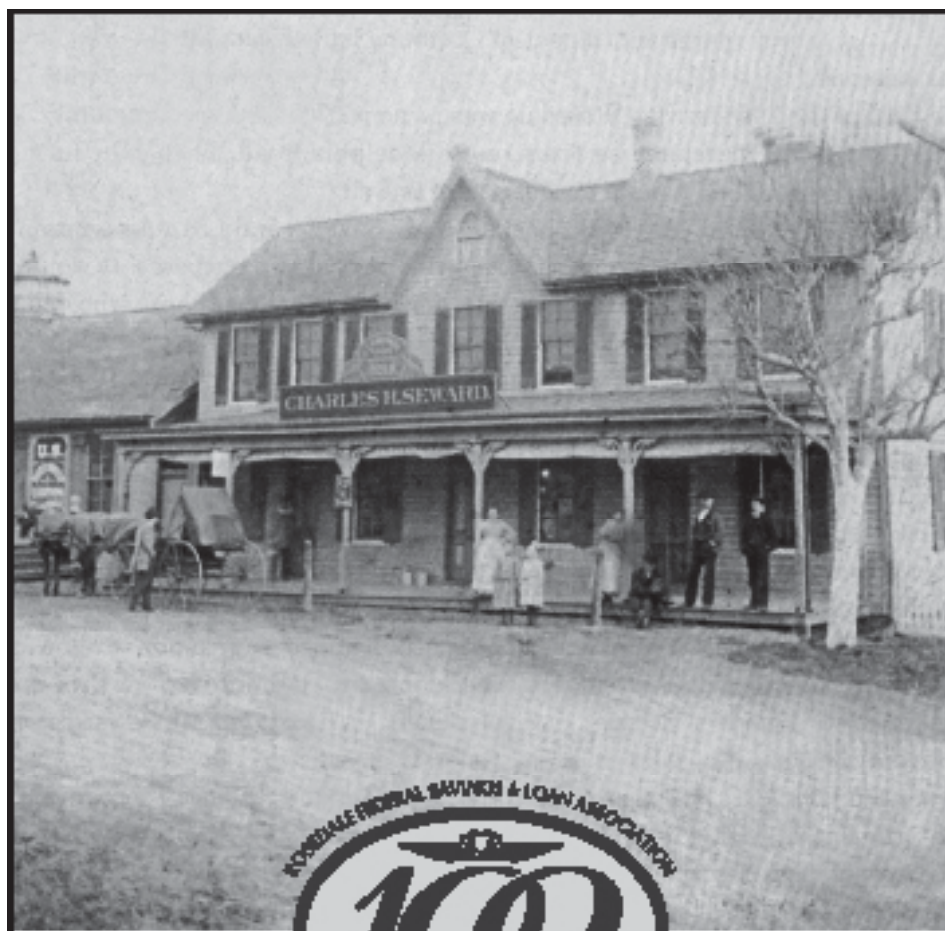
More than 300 community members attended the event which was supported by Harford Technical High School and the Bel Air High School girls basketball team.

"The show of support for our 110th anniversary was humbling and a testament to the importance of local community banks to the communities they serve," Slavie President and Chairman of the Board Philip E. Logan said in a press release. "We are firmly committed to building relationships in our community and are overjoyed with the support our community has for us. Our goal was to share the long-term integrity of community banking, while providing families and neighbors with a token of our appreciation."

The event, entitled "Slavie at 110," included appearances by Greg Carpenter

and Diane Lyn of 101.9 Lite FM, the Orioles Nolan Reimold and the Oriole Bird. Guests enjoyed a community style cookout and got a jump on Mother's Day gifts at the craft station, where children decorated flower pots and wrote special messages to mom before picking out their special plant to have potted by one of the many volunteers from Bel Air High School and Harford Technical High School. Children enjoyed a lesson on savings, with a presentation by Bubbles the Clown, who specializes in mixing financial education into his magic show, as well as balloon-making and face-painting. There were games and giveaways, including a chance to win the special grand prize — a three-night stay at the Princess Royale Resort in Ocean City.

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