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"Reflections on still waters," taken by George Ball at the Marina Village in Ocean Pines near the Yacht Club. The shot captures Osprey Point and Isle of Wight Bay. Ocean City is in the far background.

'Ringing' in new year on Berlin's Main Street

Good things happen after midnight as crowd celebrates 2014's arrival

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN—In the fairytale, Cinderella lost a glass slipper at the stroke of midnight during a royal ball. During Berlin's 2014 New Year's Eve celebration, April Taylor accepted a diamond ring at the stroke of midnight under a descending ball. As the wider crowd was counting down the seconds as we waited for midnight to arrive, the crowd that quickly formed surrounding Tommy Cahall and Taylor held their collective breaths waiting for Taylor to give her answer.

In the midst of a massive crowd of revelers gathered in the center of Main Street, Cahall quietly dropped to one knee, cradled Taylor's left hand in his and proposed marriage. The maneuver seemed to be a bit of a surprise to Taylor. It was a much bigger surprise to most of the partygoers that surrounded them.

It showed on Taylor's face as her understanding of the event began to register. Then her hand went to her mouth, her eyes began to get misty, she nodded and said "yes."

The relationship had begun nearly seven years ago, when Taylor, 28, and Cahall, 29, were introduced to each other by a mutual friend when they met up with friends at The Party Block in Ocean City that year.

Taylor, who lives in Laurel, Del., and works at Ace Printing in Berlin, is in the first year of an early childhood education associate's degree program. Cahall is from Salisbury and works at Eastco Laundry Systems, a commercial laundry equipment company.

Taylor remembered telling the girlfriend she was with, "Oh, he's cute," when she spotted Tommy. Cahall thought the same about Taylor. The two hung out at the bar and chatted while their friends kept busy on the dance floor.

Which raised the question, was their meeting a secretly set up blind date?

Taylor tends to think it might have been. "I think she did. But she never came out and said it," Taylor said of the friend who introduced them.

Cahall was not so sure. "I think it was a coincidence," he said.

Either way, four of their friends were with them to share in the moment when Cahall finally popped the question.

"All our friends had been asking when we were going to do it, so I kind of expected it," Taylor said.

All the friends knew about Cahall's New Year's Eve proposal plans, except for April of course, including friends who were not physically at the Berlin celebration, according to Cahall. Then, after midnight the absentee *Continued on Page 5*

Requested capital for improvement brings up concerns

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY—The inclusion of an expansion of Showell Park and a new Berlin library in the county's requested five-year capital improvement plan caused concern for some people Tuesday.

During the Worcester County Commissioner's public hearing about that plan, Grant Helvey said he had lived in Ocean Pines for more than 20 years and during all that time, he had never heard neighbors say anything about wanting an expansion of Showell Park.

The county has more than enough recreational land for its residents, he said. He also questioned whether the \$900,000 figure in the capital improvement plan for approximately 100 acres was "prudent" and he questioned the statement from Paige Hurley, director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, who said the expansion would be good for economic development.

The vision, Hurley said, was "to develop multi-purpose fields. In addition to those fields, he would like the park to have bathrooms, trails and concessions to draw people and "bring in revenue as well."

Considerable revenue could result if the expansion is made, if fields and other amenities are provided and if tournaments take place at the park. Those tournaments would not just help the county, but Ocean City businesses as well because tournament players and their families would be staying in lodging establishments, eating at restaurants and spending money in various shops.

The park would continue to provide recreational activities for area residents, but "recreation has really expanded," Hurley said, and he wants to build revenue by bringing in tournaments.

"That's the future I see," Hurley said. Showell Park would be the prime location for it because the children could play in tournaments and they and their parents could also visit the beach.

As far as money is concerned, al-*Continued on Page 4*





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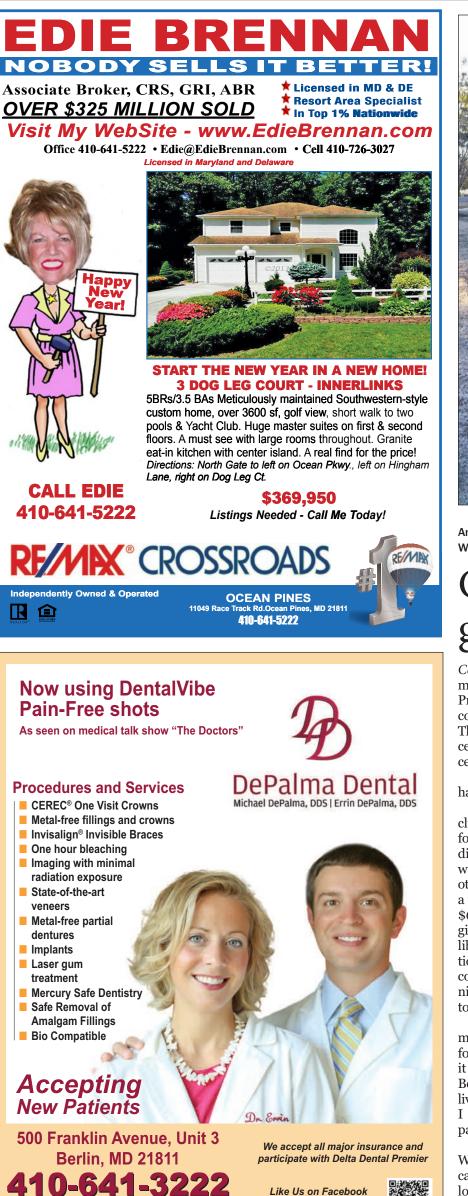
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An expansion of Showell Park is included in the requested capital improvement plan for Worcester County.

Capital improvement costs gets questioned by residents

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most all of the money would come from Program Open Space funds, which come from real estate transfer taxes. The state program would pay 100 percent of the cost of the land and 90 percent of the cost of development.

"As far as putting a number on it, we haven't gotten that far," Hurley said.

The capital improvement plan includes \$900,000 for land acquisition for the park in fiscal year 2015 and additional funds for engineering, site work, construction, equipment and other items through fiscal year 2018 for a total of \$2.3 million. It also includes \$600,000 for land acquisition and engineering and design for a new Berlin library in fiscal year 2015 and additional funds for engineering, site work, construction and equipment and furnishings through fiscal year 2017 for a total of \$4.9 million.

Ocean City resident Ellie Diegelmann thought the \$400,000 allotted for land was too much and asked why it could not be built on the same site. Berlin resident Frank Gebhart said he lives nearby and goes by it "all the time. I very seldom see many cars in the parking lot."

Mark Thomas, director of the Worcester County Library, said few cars are in the branch library's parking lot because "it's a walkable, bikeable place to go.'

The library building, which was built in 1970, is "woefully inadequate for that community," Thomas said.

Libraries are no longer just places

for lending books; they are places where a variety of educational programs are offered to people of all ages.

"I feel real confident about the need for that building," Thomas said. As for Diegelmann's concern about

the need to purchase land for a new library, Thomas said the county does not own the land where the Berlin branch library is located. The Berlin Fire Company owns it and could use it.

"Building onsite is not an option," Thomas said.

Additional items in the requested five-year capital improvement plan for fiscal year 2014 through fiscal year 2018 include \$10 million for a replacement and upgrade of the jail's HVAC system, \$3.1 million to cap and close the Berlin rubble fill, \$3.6 million for a new county storage building in Snow Hill, \$1.1 million for a 500,000-gallon leachate storage tank and \$951,437 for an expansion of the recreation center in Snow Hill.

The projects total \$142.6 million, with \$15.5 million or 10.9 percent to come from the general fund and \$82.6 million of 57.902 percent to come from bond funds. The remaining funds would come from user fees, grant funds, state match funds, designated funds or enterprise fund bonds.

Inclusion in the requested capital improvement plan does not guarantee funding.

"This is a plan," said Bud Church, president of the Worcester County Commissioners. "Without a plan, we don't know where we're going. It's just a plan, nothing more, nothing less."

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SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE During Berlin's 2014 New Year's Eve celebration, April Taylor accepted a wedding proposal and diamond ring from Tommy Cahall at the stroke of midnight.

April Taylor begins her new year with wedding proposal

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friends began calling in their congratulations—two to Cahall, at least 20 to Taylor.

Taylor said she received 40 to 50 "likes" on her Facebook page overnight.

Cahall said he had bought the engagement ring before Christmas. But then decided he did not want to give it to April for Christmas. He didn't want to diminish the moment as just another Christmas present. That left him with the dilemma of trying to decide on a time he could give the proposal and ring to Taylor that was far enough away from a connection to the Christmas holiday. That was when he decided on New Year's Eve.

The mere numbers of people the proposal attracted, however, might have taken Cahall a bit by surprise.

During the proposal a crowd immediately began encircling the couple. To Cahall, Taylor's response seemed to take an especially long time. To those of us who were not laying our hearts bare in front of a crowd of strangers, Taylor's response took seconds.

Asked what he was thinking at that moment, Cahall said the one thing on his mind at the time was, "She'd better say 'yes'."

Taylor said she had been sensing that Cahall would soon be popping the question. "But I didn't expect the proposal to come on New Year's Eve," she said.

The couple has not set a wedding date yet, but Cahall said it would probably not be this year.

Cahall said when he returned to work after the holiday his co-workers had one question on their minds: "Are you engaged?"

Their family members had the typical happy response to the news, they said. Although Cahall added, "There were a few who asked "What took you so long?"

So why on New Year's Eve at the stroke of midnight in the middle of Main Street?

Cahall's answer was, "If you're going to go, go big."

OP Players Youth Theater's 'Annie' coming to West OC

OCEAN PINES–The Ocean Pines Players Youth Theater will present a production of the Broadway musical, "Annie."

Shows will take place, Friday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. and 7 pm, and Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy this iconic Broadway musical featuring 60 actors, ranging in ages from 4 to 20-plus. All performances will take place at the OC Jamboree on Route 611 in West Ocean City. Advance tickets are available at the Ocean Pines Community Center for \$12. At the door, tickets cost \$15. For students ages 5-18, the cost of admission is \$10. Children 4 and younger admitted free.

For additional information, contact the Ocean Pines Youth Theater at opyouththeater@yahoo.com.



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Berlin Main Place eyes growth

Local developer seeks to expand property for medical practice offices

By Sheila R. Cherry *Associate Editor*

BERLIN—Now that the Town of Berlin has extended water and sewer service further along North Main Street to where it extends across Route 50 the developer of Berlin Main Place, a small campus of medical office buildings, is expanding.

Developer Palmer Gillis, president of Salisbury-based firm Gillis Gilkerson, Inc., has applied to the Berlin Planning Office for a building permit for a proposed 10,000 square feet medical office building at the site near the corner of Routes 818 and 50. Brad Gillis, who is the real estate agent for the development, said during a Jan. 6 interview, the project would be the second building on the property.

The project is being built on speculation for a local medical office, but could be available for either sale or lease, Brad Gillis said.

If the permit application is approved and the project begins before April, Brad Gillis said, the project could be completed by the latter part of this year. He said it would be a "turn key" property that would be totally built out in order to be ready for a new occupant to move directly into it.

In November 2013, Planning Director Dave Engelhart explained that the developer was refreshing an original site plan that was approved in 2009 for four buildings at the site, which previously housed a gas station. Phase one of the project has already been built and the developer has obtained a permit packet to start on the second phase, with a new building.

Although the site is within town limits, it had been difficult to entice development without being able to offer all public utility services. In 2012, Mayor Gee Williams and the Berlin Town Council approved an appropriation for \$28,000 to pay engineering company Davis, Bowen and Friedel to design an extension for water and sewer service along Main Street north of Old Ocean City Boulevard — and across Route 50.

The extension of services came about due to the council's previous decision to build a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant that allowed the town to expand its Equivalent Development Unit (EDU) capacity.

According to Gillis the lease price of the property would be \$20 per square feet and the sale price would be \$275 per square feet.

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Berlin preps for busy season

Visitor's Center facility to be more visible, user friendly for area tourists

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN-The year is beginning with a flurry of activity going on in the Berlin Visitor's Center, with both Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joya Canfield and Main Street Coordinator Megan Houston preparing for upcoming events and marketing opportunities.

The Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner and induction of new officers meeting has been scheduled for late January.

Canfield said she was in the process of firming up the details.

The current 2013 Executive Board includes President Stephen Barrett, of Barrett Chevrolet; President- Elect Tom Sholtis, of Ocean 98.1 FM; Vice President Chris Hoen, of Ameriprise Financial; Past President Elaine Brady, of the Bayside Gazette; Secretary Mike Wiley, of the Church Mouse Thrift Shop; and Treasurer- Ryan Bergey, of Bergey & Company, P.A.

The Chamber's Board of Directors currently includes Peggy Hagy, of the Berlin Coffee House; Sophia Christian, of Legal Shield; Stacy Schaffer, of Taylor Bank; Steven Taylor, of Avers Creek

Adventures; Chris Carbaugh, of Atlantic Group & Associates; and Member Emeritus Jessie Turner, of the Shoe Box

Meanwhile, Houston was busy revamping the Visitor Center facility, aided by intern Ryan Staley. Houston's goal appeared to be to make facility more visible and user friendly.

She has consolidated tourist and activity brochures, marketing materials and local newspapers in the entrance way's "brochure room," which is always accessible.

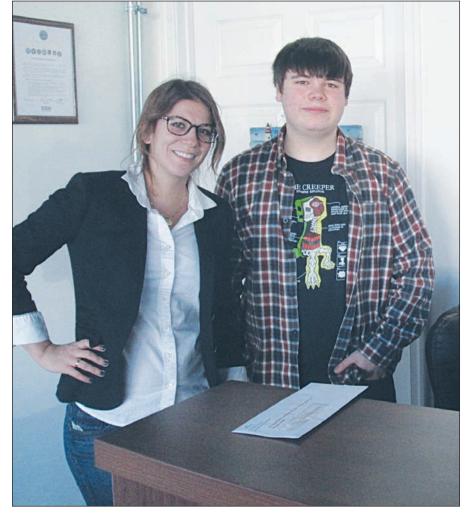
Inside, Houston is planning to exhibit a wall of historical photographs and artifacts to provide visitors with information on the town's early years, a gallery space to feature local artists, and a retail space to market a wider selection of town-themed merchandise items and clothing.

Staley, who is assisting Houston on the refurbishment project, is a 17-yearold senior at Stephen Decatur High School. He recently moved to the area from southern Virginia.

He said the internship was through his government class and that he was planning to major in software engineering in college.

Houston said the Victorian Christmas Design Committee was also providing help with the décor and design in the revamped space.

She predicted the project would be completed near the end of the month.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Megan Houston is revamping the Berlin Visitor Center facility, aided by intern Ryan Staley a 17-year-old senior at Stephen Decatur High School. Houston is consolidating marketing brochures, marketing materials and local newspapers into a single location to make them accessible 24 hours a day seven days a week: adding a wall of historical photographs and artifacts; a gallery space to feature local artists; and a retail space to offer a wider selection of town-themed merchandise items and clothing.



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New Patients Welcome

Seaside Village request approved by commission

Wor. Recreation Center seeks 6,300-square-foot addition to SH facility

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

COUNTY-The WORCESTER Worcester County Planning Commission discussed the following topics and made the following recommendations and approvals during the Jan. 2 meeting in Snow Hill.

WORCESTER COUNTY RECRE-ATION CENTER ADDITION

The commission reviewed drawings of the proposed addition, but made no comments. No approvals were needed.

The 6,300-square-foot addition will be constructed on the east side of the existing recreation center and its façade will match the existing façade.

The main vestibule at the recreation center will be used as the entrance for the addition.

Paige Hurley, director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, said the after-school program now held in the front lobby will be held in the new area. Zumba and aerobics, which are now held in a corner of the existing gym or on the main court will also be moved to the new space.

The new area will also provide

space for storage, laundry facilities and workout equipment such as ellipticals and treadmills.

Project funding of \$728,996 is included in the adopted fiscal year 2014 Recreation Department budget. After the project is completed, Program Open Space will reimburse 90 percent of the total cost.

SEASIDE VILLAGE

The commission approved the establishment of fee simple lots for phases 2-4 at the Seaside Village residential planned community in West Ocean City north of Route 50 and east of Golf Course Road.

The request mirrors that of the earlier request for the first phase. Infrastructure is already in place.

Brooks Commission member Clayville said he did not like the stone on part of the façade of the residences.

'Stone isn't something we use around here," Clayville said.

The county's Design Guidelines and Standards for Commercial Buildings discourages stone on buildings, but the structures at Seaside Village are residential so those guidelines and standards do not apply.

Attorney Mark Cropper, representing Seaside Village, said he would ask the architect and developer if something other than stone could be used for the facade.

Clayville voiced his opposition to

the stone façade again and mentioned that some buildings along Route 50 on the way to Ocean City have stone facades.

"It's like nails on chalkboard every time I do by," he said.

Planning Commission Chairwoman Marlene Ott was not in favor of the proposed façade either.

'I don't think it's appealing," Ott said.

Despite the proposed stone of the façade, the commission voted to approve the establishment of the lots and the preliminary and final plat review.

TEXT AMENDMENT

The commissioners voted unanimously to send a favor recommendation to the Worcester County Commissioners for a text amendment that would permit up to 12 children in a daycare home. First however, they want the fire marshal to review it.

The current county code now permits up to eight children in a daycare home.

The change is proposed because, state regulations permits up to 12 children in a daycare home and this would make the county regulations match the state regulation.

Zoning administrator Jennifer Burke said someone had applied to the state to have a large daycare home in the county.

Children's classes available at Arts Council in Berlin

BERLIN-Classes are being offered for children at the Worcester County Arts Council in Berlin this winter.

Classes are designed for children ages 5-10 years old. Young artists will be introduced to drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media and many other art projects and techniques. Registration fee is \$25 and includes all supplies.

•Wood panel painting: Jan. 21-22, from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Inspired by artist Jasper Johns, students will create their own letter or number using acrylic paint on wood. Students will be taught various techniques using acrylic. They will also be shown a variety of Johns' works.

•Keith Haring Symbols: Feb.4-5, from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Inspired by Keith Haring's symbols, such a "radiant baby" students will create their own symbol on a stamp. On the second day of the class, students will use their stamp to create a print.

•Chiarosuro Still Life: Feb. 18-19, from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Chiarosuro in art means the contrast for light to dark. Students will be shown a variety of works that represent this. Using acrylics on canvas students will create a black and white still life.

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Council offers scholarships for high school-aged artists

BERLIN–Worcester County Arts Council's Student Scholarship award program is under way. The Arts Council is offering \$1,000 each art scholarships to graduating high school seniors, who are Worcester County residents, interested in pursuing academic careers in the arts. Scholarships are also available to college art majors wishing to continue their education in the arts.

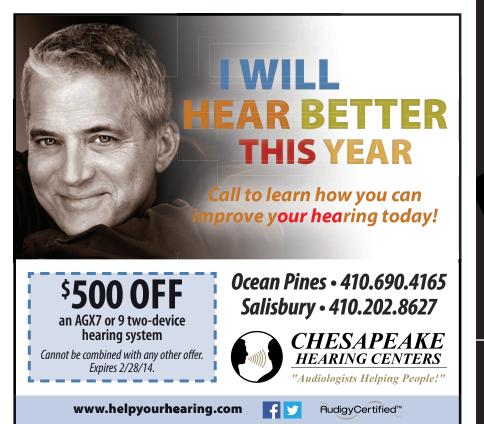
The Worcester County Arts Council's scholarship program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage talented students who demonstrate excellence in dance, music, theater, visual arts and creative writing.

This is a merit scholarship and award decisions are based on evalua-

tion of talent, dedication and potential, not financial need. The winners will be awarded at their respective high school's senior awards ceremonies.

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

Applications and scholarship guidelines are available at Worcester County high schools through the guidance offices and are also available at the Arts Council's office and on www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org. For more information, call the Arts Council's office at 410-641-0809.





SNAPSHOTS



NEW YEAR'S EVE IN BERLIN SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Tammy Bohn, Claire Kalber, Megan Keane and Natalie Mclain celebrate in Berlin.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joya Canfield helps spread cheer and merriment through the crowd with New Year's Eve 2014 noise makers and party favors.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines Association Secretary Terri Mohr and her sister Sharon Friedman join in the fun during Berlin's 2014 New Year' Eve party.



Berlin Mayor Gee Williams announces 50/50 winner, which was Lisa Challenger.



Berlin's New Year's Eve celebration was a huge block party with shoulder-to-shoulder revelers.



Todd DeHart, left, and Big Al Reno from Ocean 98.1 FM keep the New Year's Eve crowd 'dancing in the streets' with a great dance mix of new house party tunes and old school "dance 'til you sweat" jams. SHEILA R. CHERRY/ BAYSIDE GAZETTE





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FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Patti Backer, who paints anthropomorphic creatures, will be one of the featured artists during Berlin's Second Friday Art Stroll on Jan. 10.

FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Matt Dove and Stephanie Karn will be featured in the "Small Things" exhibit. Dove works in

acrylic, spray paint, polyurethane and paint pen on panel. He will show his series highlighting some predatory birds native to Maryland's Eastern Shore. Karn works in acrylic and spray paint on paper and frames her pieces with original tongue and groove yellow pine flooring from Berlin's Raines Reef.

About 30 artists to display in 'Small Things' show

By Sheila R. Cherry . Associate Editor

BERLIN-At least 30 local artists will be featured as part of a Second Friday Art Stroll that will serve as the beginning of the year kickoff for a near month-long exhibit that will be hosted by The Globe Restaurant from Jan. 10 until Jan. 27.

The Globe is located at 12 Broad Street and the Art Stroll event will be from 6-8 p.m.

The theme for the exhibited pieces will be "Small Things" and the participating artists were challenged to restrict the size of their creations to a canvas no larger than 16 inches by 20 inches. All pieces will be labeled with the artists' names, and the title, medium and price of the artwork.

In addition to showcasing talented local artists, the event will also serve in part as a fundraiser for the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee.

Austin Widdowson, founder of Refresh Media, the newly reinstated Arts and Entertainment Committee had had been operating on an out of pocket self-funding basis by the committee members.

According to the committee's call for artists, 20 percent of the sale price of the pieces will benefit the committee. Artists will also have the option of submitting their artwork for a separate silent auction to benefit the committee as well.

Widdowson said the funds raised would help underwrite future projects and promotions such as murals, sculpture installations throughout the town, and merchandise like t-shirts, cozies and posters.

Artists who will be featured during the event work in a variety of mediums and genres. They include, Brianna Pleasant, Adam Weir, Greg Morehead, Matt Landon, Ian Postley,

Bostik Johnson, Evan Fitzgerald, Alan Reynolds, Diana Richmond, Alexandra Poerden, Patricia Backer. Hosanna Lafazia, Zee Sage, Samantha Betts, Donna Yaxnucci, Erik White, Matt Dove, Brian Robertson, Mark Huey, Stephanie Karn and Widdowson.

Widdowson said the theme "Small Things was a play on one of the town's hashtags #MDsCoolestSmallTown, on Facebook. The other, #AnchoredInTheArts, is the hashtag for the Arts and Entertainment Committee, he said.

Berlin has won a third place nomination in the online Budget Travel's Coolest Small Towns 2014 contest, and Widdowson is encouraging as many people as possible to cast their votes for when the voting begins at the end of January. The final 10 winners will be announced mid-February, according to the contest sponsors.





Tri-County Council's citizenship award goes to Hudsons

Happy ending following family's battle against allegations of pollution

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

EASTERN SHORE—The Hudson family, targets of a lawsuit alleging a non-existent pile of chicken manure on their Berlin-area farm polluted waterways, received the Citizenship Award from the Tri-County Council of the Lower Eastern Shore last month.

"I was shocked," Alan Hudson said Monday. "Shocked and amazed. It was the last thing I expected. They surprised me. I can't thank them enough."

The Citizenship Award is given in recognition of outstanding service through leadership, responsibility, character and commitment that has produced a positive effect on Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties.

Hudson had been invited to a dinner at Great Hope Golf Course in Crisfield held by the Tri-County Council on Dec. 9. He was unaware of the reason for the dinner, but he accepted the invitation of Bud Church, president of the Worcester County Commissioners, who drove him there and who was, of course, quite aware of the award.

"I was delighted the Tri-County Council recognized Mr. Hudson for his contribution to the agricultural com-



munity," Church said Monday. "He and his family had been through so much during the past several years and hopefully, this recognition will help ease the pain."

Hudson had assumed he was being asked to speak about the ordeal he and his family had been through since Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips, executive director of the Assateague Coastal Trust, and the Waterkeeper Alliance, an environmental activist group, filed the federal lawsuit in March 2010.

That lawsuit, filed against the Alan and Kristin Hudson Farm and Perdue Farms alleged that a pile of chicken manure on the Hudson farm was causing pollution. The pile, however, was not chicken manure at all, but a pile of biosolids from the Ocean City wastewater treatment plant. Such biosolids were commonly used as fertilizer on farms.

The Maryland Department of the Environment investigated the issue, asked the Hudsons to move the pile of biosolids to a different site on the farm and concluded no further action was needed except to spread the pile in time for the next crop growing season. The pile was moved.

Neither Phillips nor anyone affiliated with the Waterkeeper Alliance ever called Hudson to ask about the pile or to ask if they could visit the farm. Instead, they just filed the lawsuit, alleging violations of the Clean Water Act. Even after the determination by the Department of the Environment that the pile was not chicken manure, they went forward with their lawsuit, but changed the supposed method of water pollution.

They came up with the idea that pollutants from poultry manure had gotten into the waterways by being blown there from exhaust fans on chicken houses and from the soles of people's shoes as they went into and out of the chicken houses on the farm.



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The Hudson family, targets of a lawsuit alleging a non-existent pile of chicken manure on their Berlin-area farm polluted waterways, received the Citizenship Award from the Tri-County Council of the Lower Eastern Shore last month.

"They never should have gone as far as they did," Hudson said. "If they cared about what they said they cared about, they should have come and talked to us. I've never spoken to Ms. Phillips. Throughout the trial, they wouldn't even look me in the eye in the courtroom.

"I've never had a conversation with her. She never called. All she ever had to do was call me and I would have talked to her.

"They had this pre-planned," Hudson said. "They went so far and they just couldn't back down. They were grasping for straws."

The Hudson family did not back down. Aware that defending themselves against the false allegations *Continued on Page 13*



After difficult allegations, family given award

'Three hard years for me and my family,' Alan Hudson says

Continued from Page 12 could have resulted in personal bankruptcy and the loss of the family farm, the Hudsons fought back and won.

Because of their determination, people through the state and the country became educated about the plight of the Eastern Shore poultry industry and gained a new respect for the Eastern Shore farmers who remain committed to the land and were the first environmentalists, according to a press release issued by the Tri-County Council.

"Alan Hudson has always humbly given credit to the individuals, neighbors, agricultural community, and others whose significant help supported him and his family throughout this ordeal through to his ultimate success," the Tri-County Council said in its press release stated. "We know, however, that the Eastern Shore and its critically important agricultural industry is better understood, stronger and more appreciated because of the character and commitment of the entire Hudson Family."

Hudson and many others anticipate that the Waterkeeper Alliance will file additional lawsuits against farmers. For that reason, www.SaveFarmFamilies.org will remain in existence to help other farm families who become targets of lawsuits.

The University of Maryland law clinic provided free legal services to the Waterkeeper Alliance. Fundraisers such as crab feasts and chicken and dumpling dinners, plus donations to www.SaveFarmFamiles.org, helped the Hudsons pay their legal bills. But even with all that help, Hudson still had to pay part of the cost.

He did not specify how much he paid, but said it was "quite a bit." In addition to the financial hit, they had to take time off from work and spend time going back and forth to Baltimore.

Even though Judge William Nickerson declared in his Dec. 20, 2012 finding that the Waterkeeper Alliance had not met the standard of preponderance of evidence in its claim that the Hudson farm had discharged pollutants into the waterways, life has still not returned to normal for the family. And maybe it never will.

"It's better, but you still look over your shoulder," Hudson said. "It's been three very hard years for me and my family."



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THURS. Jan. 9

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

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

OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING -

MAC Senior Center, 41st Street, Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Chris Bitters, General Manager of the Delmarva Shorebirds is guest speaker. Numerous travel opportunities for 2014 will also be presented. All persons age 50 and older are welcome. Info: aarp1917.org or 410-352-5748.

FRI. Jan. 10

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

ITALIAN NIGHT SPAGHETTI DINNER -

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner with homemade sauce, sweet Italian sausage, garlic bread, fresh garden salad and drink. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10 and free to those 3 and younger. Carry outs available. Also bake sale table. Info: 443-235-6761.

DANA TRUITT FUNDRAISER – Seacrets, 49th Street and the bay, Ocean City, 5-9 p.m. Truitt is a regular volunteer at St. Paul's by-the-Sea and was critically injured in the church fire. Lite dinner fair, beer and wine, music, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Purchase at: 12417 Ocean Gateway #C24, Ocean City; The Greene Turtle North, 11601 Coastal Highway; Madison Beach Motel, 9 N. Baltimore Ave.; Marianne Buas, 443-497-0524; or Jessica Lynch, 410-213-9556. All donations welcomed: OCRooms.com or Bank of Ocean City.

SAT. Jan. 11

ANNUAL BEEF 'N BEER FUNDRAISER -

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5:30 p.m. Entertainment by the Imagine Band, the Philadelphia Woodland String Band and vocalist Sharon and Charles Sorrentino and Lee Taylor. And an all-you-can-eat buffet. Cost is \$26. Benefits Home of the Brave. Tickets: Barbara Mazzei, 410-208-0430; Mary Evans, 410-596-5498; Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667; or Joan Jentile, 443-465-2400.

A DIGITAL DAY WITH LEWIS KEMPER -

Lewes Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 133 Kings Highway, Lewis, Del., 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Featuring Lewis Kemper, an elite Canon Explorer of Light Photographer. No cost for admission, however tickets are required. Tickets: www.coastalcameraclub.com.

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

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

FREE HOME-BREWING BEER MAKING

CLASS – Brews Up, 9028 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginner class. Brewing a Cream Ale, 5 gallons in two hours. Reserve seat: 443-513-4744 or www.brewsup.net. Other dates available by appointment.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING -

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Bill Mahoney of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program will present the new upgraded CCMP, Coastal Conservation Management Plan. Some of the more interesting subjects for discussion will be oyster restoration and "ghost" crab pot removal. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

SUN. Jan. 12

SUNDAY NIGHT HYMN SING – Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 7 p.m. A night of good singing involving the congregation. Info: 410-641-2578.

MON. Jan. 13

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

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

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

TUES. Jan 14

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE 24TH ANNUAL OCEAN CITY MAYOR'S

PRAYER BREAKFAST – Clarion Resort Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Jan. 17, 7-9:15 a.m. Speaker will be Robert Douglas, founder of National Police Suicide Foundation, Inc. Tickets cost \$16 in advance and must be purchased by Jan. 14. Tables of 8-10 may be reserved on a first come basis. All are welcome. Info: 410-641-1300 or 443-235-2669. Tickets available at City Hall, Third Street and Baltimore Avenue; Long and Foster Realty, 120th Street; Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Route 50, West Ocean City; and Cropper Oil Company, Route 50, Berlin.

WED. Jan. 15

BINGO – Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Best payouts and Jackpots. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Info: 410-250-2645.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB -

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING -

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

RETIRED NURSES OF OCEAN PINES MEET-

ING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 3 p.m. Michelle Clifton will discuss Medical Home which is a new program of patient care to enhance education and wellness. All are welcome. A 50-50 raffle for the nurses scholarship fund will be held.

FREE WINE MAKING CLASS – Brews Up, 9028 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 6-7 p.m. Beginner class. Reserve seat: 443-513-4744 or www.brewsup.net. Other dates available by appointment.

RELAY FOR LIFE KICKOFF PARTY – Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 6-7 p.m. Food, fun and fellowship in the fight against cancer. Light fare and drinks served. Info: dawnhodge@comcast.net, 443-497-1198 or www.relayforlife.org/northworcestermd.

THURS. Jan. 16

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

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ONGOING EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Ocean City Municipal Airport's Terminal Building, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 11 through April 27. Suggested donation is \$5, as a fundraiser for the Huey Veteran's Memorial Display at the airport. Info: Airport Ops, 410-213-2471 or Coleman Bunting, 410-726-7207.

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

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP

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

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES ON THE

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

CPR/AED, BLS AND FIRST AID COURSES – The American Heart Association is offering these life saving skills. Weekly classes offered. To sign up, call 302-462-5594.

Military group considered

'The Adjutant General's Own' has performed at many area locations

By Sheila R. Cherry *Associate Editor*

BERLIN—The Berlin Parks Commission discussed at their Jan. 7 meeting, a proposal to invite the 229th Maryland Army National Guard Band to perform a free concert in Stephen Decatur Park later this summer, Deputy Administrator Mary Bohlen said. The preliminary date for the event is July 15.

The Parkville, Md.-based band, which is also known as "The Adjutant General's Own," performs classical, patriotic, rock, pop, jazz, fusion, and chamber music according to its web site. It has performed in multiple locations on the Eastern Shore, including several "concerts in the park" performances. The judges for the Stephen Decatur Park Mural Contest have begun preliminary review of artwork that was submitted for possible inclusion in a mural intended to update the weatheraged mural on the racquetball walls that serve as a backdrop for the park's tennis courts.

The commission members discussed ideas for recruiting sponsors who could provide or lend supplies and equipment once the application phase of the project begins, according to Bohlen. She gave as examples of the types of items that would be needed tarps and scaffolds.

Bohlen said the commission members decided to put the project to install horseshoe pits and game tables in Henry Park on hold temporarily. The members decided to wait until Public Works Director Michael Gibbons had a chance to meet with game enthusiasts supporting the project to collect logistical information on the optimum placement of the tables and pits.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The home of Lee and Barb Phillips, located at 76 Ocean Parkway, received the most votes in three of the four categories – "People's Choice," "Most Creative" and "Most Lights"– during the Ocean Pines Association's annual "Light up the Pines" outdoor display contest. Approximately 350 votes were cast in the contest, which was open to all Ocean Pines residents.

Phillips' home wins contest

More than 350 voters select favorite displays in annual light competition

OCEAN PINES – The Ocean Pines Association has announced the winners of its annual "Light up the Pines" outdoor display contest.

This year, area residents were given the chance to vote for all of the winners in the contest's four categories.

The home of Lee and Barb Phillips, located at 76 Ocean Parkway, received the most votes in three of the four categories - "People's Choice," "Most Creative" and "Most Lights."

The home of Ron and Barbara Fer-

ger, located at 5 Oxford Court, received the most votes in the "All-Around Top-Notch" category.

The winners will be given a gift bag filled with goodies and a gift card good at any Ocean Pines amenity.

Approximately 350 votes were cast in the contest, which was open to all Ocean Pines residents. Subscribers to the Ocean Pines Association's e-mail list received a link to the online ballot. People could also vote by visiting the Ocean Pines Web site and via text messaging. The last date for voting was Jan. 1.

For more information, contact Teresa Travatello, director of marketing and public relations for Ocean Pines, at 410-641-7717 ext. 3006.

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 FRIDAY – DJ Hook
 SATURDAY – DJ Groove

 The Globe Restaurant & Bar 12 Broad Street, Historic Berlin
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 SUNDAY - The Poole Brothers

Harpoon Hannas
 142nd St. Bayside, Fenwick Island
 FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins
 SATURDAY – Dave Sherman
 WEDNESDAY – Aaron Howell

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



Community Groove @ Sunset Grille

Sunset Grille
 12933 Sunset Ave., West OC
 THURSDAY – Doug Segree
 FRIDAY – Opposite Directions
 SUNDAY – Community Groove



Melodime @ Seacrets



Full Circle @ Seacrets

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



CUISINE BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Cook your dinner from scratch, Suplee says

We were watching television the other day as my wife and I had a little kid-free down time to enjoy some ran-



dom shows. Truth be told, we didn't have the remote, weren't in any hurry to get up and weren't really paying attention to the telly since we were talking. I made the

comment that

digital cameras

By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

have seemed to make every kid a photographer. Phones with 40 megapixel cameras do most of the average teenager's pictographic grunt work that would have taken Ansel Adams days to accomplish. Most don't understand the composition and lighting that makes for truly artistic photography (No, I do not consider myself in this category so settle down), but how many photography pages have you seen crop up online overnight? Come on, be honest.

I then mused that software suites have made it possible for anyone to be a web designer (albeit not a formidable one, but you get the point). Other applications made it easy for people to work in desktop publishing and postproduction, and the list goes on.

But, I concluded, at least I still have writing; that one last bastion holding out in the world of the food writer and photographer. People hate to write, after all, and I am safe in my infinitesimal realm of writing. Right?

No sooner had the words passed my lips did a commercial come on the television that we both watched with wide eyes marking the irony.

Dictation software so simple, any-

one could use it. The woman in the ad summed up, and I paraphrase, "Are you tired of making your hands move up and down, left and right just to make letters and words? Do you hate writing and wish you could just sit there and jibber-jabber, all the while having a machine type out everything you just said; correcting as it goes? If so, do we have a great tool for you!"

We laughed at how much easier technology has made accomplishment. And by easier, I mean less effort, and I'm not sure this is a good thing. How much less work do we want people to perform in order to improve themselves intellectually, spiritually and physically? It has been said that it takes on average ten thousand hours of practice to reach mastery in any given craft or art. Modern technology is doing everything in its power to make sure that's simply not the case.

The truly exceptional artists are always to be applauded and no amount of software or gimmickry will take that away from them. What makes me pensive is the fact that the work of true artists is lost in the sea of computer generated and manipulated media. I fear that it gives rise to an even broader population of starving artists, but I would be thrilled to be wrong on that count.

I guess the ideology at play is right in line with the food movement in two parts. The first, which is to buy premade food, crack the can and go; easier is better. The second is the sham of the exercise industry that regularly announces the newest exercise craze which will help us all to lose unwanted pounds with no effort. Pills, magic berries, workouts, shakes, supplements and funny looking clothing all promise to do the one thing we don't want to; put forth sweat to achieve health.

As for the former, I can't say much



since I was at the store a few weeks ago and the customer in front of me recognized me and started talking to me about my articles. She then looked down and had the most perplexed look on her face. I peered down, realizing that everything was canned, dried or frozen. C'est la guerre. I was in a hurry.

Today I'm going to compel you to cook your dinner from scratch. Get your hands dirty. Think about the food. Scrub a few pans tonight. And for now, don't count on The Jetsons' maid Rosie. For now.

Creamy Corn Chowder

Makes 2 quarts

3 oz. flour

- 3 oz. clarified butter
- 1/2 ea. white onion, finely minced

1 Russet potato, peeled 1/2-inch dice

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 shallot, minced

1 sprig thyme, picked

- 2 c. corn kernels
- 2 c. chicken stock

2 c. heavy cream Make a roux by melting clarified butter and add flour

Cook on medium heat until it starts to turn color and has a slight nutty

aroma

Remove and allow to cool while you make the rest of the recipe

In a saucepan heat some butter or oil and sauté the onion until the moisture has cooked out

Add potatoes and cook for 5 minutes Add the garlic and shallot and cook for three more minutes

Add the thyme and the corn and cook for about 5 minutes

Add the chicken stock and the cream and bring to a simmer

Ladle 1 cup of soup, without particulates, into the roux and whisk. Add more if it is too thick

Add your thickened soup to the main soup and whisk to ensure that no lumps form

Reduce the heat and let the chowder cook until the potatoes are tender and the flavors have married well

Serve with a dollop of stewed tomatoes to make it truly Eastern Shoreesque.

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



PINION **BAYSIDE GAZETTE**

Hospital as change agent

Hospitals in any part of the country spend money and time to market themselves. Typically, a smoother trip to the emergency room is a priority. It is for many hospitals the gateway to admissions. Of course the latest in imaging technology is also something a hospital would want its potential constituency to understand. Technology such as "Cyber-Knife" and MRI are all-important products offered by any hospital.

There is something, though, that we feel should be given more notice. While surfing the net, we happened on the Atlantic General Hospital's Web site and its calendar page. Nowhere were there scanning devices advertised or any particular amenity.

Instead, AGH's calendar was all about support.

Overeaters Anonymous, Diabetes Support Groups, Alzheimer's support groups, ostomy help, Yoga, head and neck cancer support groups, food distribution for the poor, ways to help those suffering from chronic pain. And much, much more.

A contemporary hospital moving forward is not just about high tech hardware. Don't get us wrong; we know full well that the hardware more than often saves lives.

But then there's the software, which are the medical and support staffs of the hospitals. Somewhere in time, maybe towards the end of 2013, you resolved to make life changes in the coming year.

Funny (or not), you made those same resolutions at the end of 2012.

Some of the issues we deal with every day, be it aging to addiction to illness, should not be what defines us in the coming year. Take a look at AGH's January schedule on its Web site. It is all about resolving to be well. Hopefully, this is the same resolve shown by most hospitals in our nation.

So if change is what is needed, then change. You live in Berlin, Snow Hill, Pocomoke, Ocean Pines or Ocean City, you can really make change happen. What you need is a change agent. In this community, it could and should be our area hospital.

It offers a calendar of hope. Get scheduled.

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How to understand credit spreads

We recently had a question about credit spreads and why they're important to investors and the economy.

Credit spreads are the difference in yield between any type of bond, and a U.S. treasury bond of the same maturity. Corporate bonds, which carry a risk of default, yield more than U.S. Treasury Bonds because the latter have no risk of default. By looking at the difference in yield between a corporate bond and a Treasury of the same maturity, you can get an idea of the extra premium investors require for the extra credit risk inherent in the corporate bond.

If you are looking at a 10year corporate bond which is yielding 5 percent for example, and at the same time the 10-Year Treasury bond is yielding 3 percent, then the credit spread is 200 basis points (2 percent). Because U.S. Treasuries are free of default risk, other bonds are compared to treasuries in order to get an idea of their credit risk.

Interest rate changes for different types of bonds don't normally occur in unison. For example, when there is hesitation in the market investors tend to park their money in safe U.S. Treasuries, causing the yield of U.S. treasuries to

drop. The yields on high yield bonds on the other hand, tend to rise in times of uncertainty as investors shun risky assets. So even though treasury yields are falling in this example, the credit spread is getting wider.

By looking at how the credit spread for a category of bonds is changing, you can get an idea of how "inexpensive" (wide credit spread) or costly" (tight credit spread) the market for those bonds is related to historical credit spreads. Investors will also look at credit spreads for clues as to where the bond and other markets may be headed.

There is a common misconception that looking at credit spreads gives you a complete picture of the credit risk of one bond compared to another. This is inaccurate, because there are other factors which combine with credit risk to make up the "spread premium" that other types of bonds have over treasuries.

For example, bonds with favorable tax treatment such as municipal bonds can actually trade at a yield which is below U.S. Treasuries. This isn't because the market considers them less risky than U.S. Treasuries, but because many municipal bonds are considered almost as safe as treasuries, while also having a big tax advantage over treasuries. Similarly many corporate bonds are illiquid, meaning it can be difficult to sell the bond once you have bought it because there isn't an active market for the bond. Investors will therefore require a higher yield than would otherwise be the case for this bond, increasing its credit spread.

Some other factors that can be included in the credit spread for different types of bonds in addition to credit risk are callability, duration, liquidity, and event risk, (natural disasters, regulatory changes etc). Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC is a Financial Advisor with Coastal Wealth Management, LLC, 10441 Racetrack Rd, Unit 1, Berlin, MD, 21811 and specializes in Wealth and Retirement Planning. He can be reached at 410-208-4545 or e-mail chip@coastalwealtmgmt.com. Registered Representative, Securities offered through Cambridge Investment Research, Inc., a Broker/Dealer, Member FINRA/SIPC. Advisory services offered through Cambridge Investment Research Advisors, Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor. **Coastal Wealth Management** LLC & Cambridge are not affiliated.

OBITUARIES

Bernice B. James

OCEAN PINES–Bernice Braun James, age 88, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 at the HealthSouth Chesapeake



Rehabilitation Center in Salisbury.

Born in Verona, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Tessie Braun. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Edward James in 2003.

Bernice James

She is survived by her sons, Chris G. James and his wife, Mairead, of Oakland, NJ, David S. James of Ocean Pines, and her daughter Elizabeth Laurice and her husband Robert of Oakland, NJ. She leaves 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her sister, Sister Mary Magdeline of Farmington Hills, MI.

Mrs. James was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She had formerly worked in advertising sales with the Oakland Observer and with Prudential Insurance in New Jersey. She moved to Ocean Pines with her husband in 1989. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, the Ocean Pines Garden Club and several bridge clubs.

A mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Rev William Mathesious will officiate. Interment followed in Garden of the Pines Cemetery at Ocean Pines.

In lieu of flowers a donation in her memory may be made to: Atlantic General Hospital, 9733 Healthway Dr., Berlin, MD 21811, or to Coastal Hospice P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Daniel Vincent Marshall

BERLIN–Daniel Vincent Marshall, 38, of Berlin, went home to be with the Lord Dec. 31, 2013 surrounded by his



adoring family at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. He succumbed after a courageous yearlong battle with cancer. Dan was born in Westminster, Md. on Nov. 20, 1975 to parents, Judith Peterson

Dan Marshall

and Kevin Marshall. He graduated from Middletown High School in 1994, where he was a member of the football and basketball team. He completed an apprenticeship through the Association of Builders and Contractors and was licensed as a Master Plumber in Maryland and Delaware. At the time of his death, he was employed by Custom Mechanical as a plumber. He and his loving wife, Kimberly (James) Marshall were married on Oct. 8, 2005 and made their home in Berlin, with their two children. He was an active member of Holy Savior Catholic Church in Ocean City.

The epitome of a family man, Dan's greatest joy was being a father to his daughter Amber and son Jacob. He en-

joyed any time spent with his family, and particularly cherished camping. He loved fishing and spending time outdoors. An avid Redskins and Notre Dame football fan, Dan made a final trip to South Bend, Indiana for a football game with his uncles and cousins this fall.

Dan is survived by an enormous family all of whom adored him. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his mother and stepfather, Judy and Randy Peterson of Middletown, MD, father and stepmother, Kevin and Chris-Marshall of Westminster; tine grandparents, Ruth and Robert Wales of Middletown, Md., sister Emily (Mar-Petito and brother-in-law shall) Matthew Petito and Perry Hall, Md., brother Peter Marshall and his fiancée Kristen Adams, of Orlando, Fla., sister Molly Marshall of Westminster, stepsister Meg Peterson of Shepardstown, WVa., nephew Nicholas and nieces Julia Petito of Perry Hall, nephew Tyler and niece Kylee MacPherson of Berlin. He is also survived and remembered by an incredible extended family that includes many aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as many close friends that he considered family. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bette and Earl Marshall and his aunt Michelle (Marshall) Baluch.

Dan's legacy will always be his enormous heart and his gentle soul. He lived his life with honor, dignity and grace to the final moment. He effortlessly gave his gift of love to so many and his light will live on in the lives he touched.

A mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 6 at Holy Savior Catholic Church. Rev. John P. Klevence officiated. Interment followed in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Dagsboro, Del.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider contributing to a memorial fund to benefit Dan's family, https://www.youcaring.com/ourbelove ddan. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Ann Roche

OCEAN PINES–Patricia Ann Roche, age 76, of Ocean Pines died peacefully at her home in Ocean Pines on Monday Dec. 30, 2013.

Born in Washington, D.C. she was the daughter of the late Harry Suit and Dorothy Metz Suit. She is survived by her husband George Roche, a daughter, Kathleen Davenport and husband Pete, a son, Michael Roche and wife Rita, a sister, Rosalie Suit, and 6 grandchildren, Joseph Roche, Alan Roche, Brian Roche, Brendon Davenport and Colleen Davenport.

Patricia was born and raised in Washington, D.C. and retired from the Department of Defense at the Washington Navel Yard.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday Jan. 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Ocean Pines. Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.burbagefuneralhome.com

James R. Donovan

OCEAN PINES–James R. Donovan, Sr., age 86, of Ocean Pines and formerly of Laurel, Md. died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014 at home with his family.

He was born in Providence, R.I. and was the son of the late James M. and Gladys H. Donovan.

Mr. Donovan was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy.

He had been the director of Data Systems and an officer of the court for the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a docent at the Assateague Island Life Saving Museum, a former volunteer firefighter of East Providence, R.I., a Boy Scout leader and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ocean Pines Boat Club and Angler's Club. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Norma T. Donovan of Ocean Pines, one son, Sean R. Donovan and his wife Denise; four daughters, Colleen D. Eastman and her husband Michael, Jeanette R. Donovan, Kelley M. Donovan and Erin J. Lynch and her husband John; three brothers, George Donovan, Robert Donovan and Dennis Donovan; six grandchildren, Megan C. Eastman, Davis C. Garrison, Tyler S. Garrison, John J. Lynch III and Daniel J. Lynch.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Sean Michael Eastman.

The family deeply expresses their thanks to Mr. Donovan's devoted caregiver, Renee Chase.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville, Del. where friends may call an hour before the service.

Donations may be made in memory of James to Coastal Hospice (www.coastalhospice.org) or The Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's (www.davisphinneyfoundation.org).

Condolences may be sent by visiting www.hastingsfuneralhome.net.

Marquette E. Mason

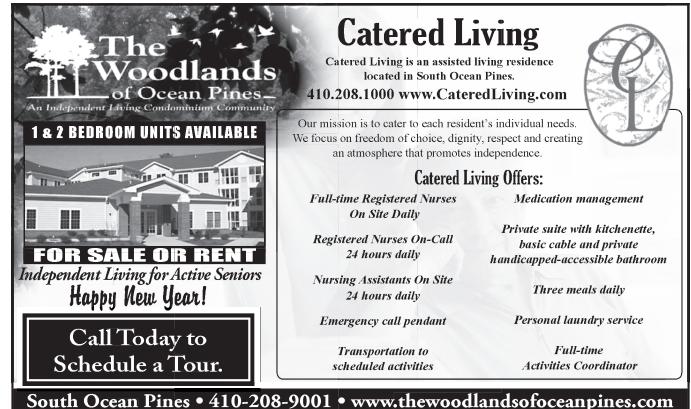
OCEAN PINES-Marquette Elizabeth Mason, 94, of Ocean Pines, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at Harrison Senior Living Center in Georgetown, Del.

She graduated from Antigo High School in Wisconsin and was employed at Arbitron in Laurel, Md.

The daughter of Edward and Anna (Jicha) Aulik, she was born Aug. 4, 1919 in Antigo, Wis. Surviving her is a brother, James Aulik, of Antigo; two sons, Edward D. Mason and his wife, Margery Klapper, of Milton, Del., and Randy Mason and his wife, Susie, of Reno; grandchild, Erika Kessler and her husband, Gabriel, and great-grandchildren, Jonah and Gwendolyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oberlin Mason in 2010, her parents, two sisters, Margaret Aulik and Dorothy Falkenhagen, and two brothers, Bernard and Raymond Aulik.

Arrangements in the care of Short Funeral Services in Georgetown.



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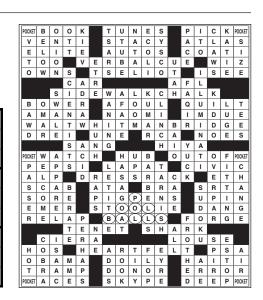
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