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Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson, left, D-Day veteran John Sauer and fellow World War II veteran Nate Pearson, right, raise a flag over the vacht club during a ceremony on Saturday Jan. 10.

# Flag raised for 'those who gave it all'

D-Day veteran John Sauer speaks as Normandy flag first flown at yacht club

#### By Josh Davis

Staff Write

(Jan. 15, 2015) Dozens of Ocean Pines residents braved sub-zero temperatures on Saturday to honor a 90year-old D-Day veteran and watch a flag once flown over Normandy rise up into the crystal-blue sky over the community's yacht club.

There was music in the air, as the Maryland National Guard Honor Guard blew bright trumpet blasts, and the Delmarva Chorus sang patriotic songs in appreciation of John Sauer's heroism on June 6, 1944.

Sauer, using a walker and aided by General Manager Bob Thompson (USAF retired) and World War II veteran Nate Pearson, was visibly moved by the fanfare.

He wept openly as he spoke.

"I'd like to thank the people of Ocean Pines," Sauer said. "Also, I'd like to thank everybody that has seen the graves and flown to Normandy [for] 3,000 honored men that died for their country."

OPA Director Sharyn O'Hare, who organized the ceremony, lauded Sauer's bravery.

"John was in the second wave, which means he was [among' the first guys on the beach on D-Day," she said.

O'Hare and a small group of Ocean Pines residents brought the flag back from Normandy 10 years ago, originally flying it during the opening of the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial.

"The Veteran's Memorial is a very special place and we're very honored to have this first flag here at the yacht club to be the first flag that was over at the Veteran's Memorial," she said

Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38)was the first to greet Sauer following the ceremony, sitting at his side and clutching his hands in gratitude.

"It's extremely important that our community continues to support our veterans, our freedoms," Mathias said. "We stand here today, you look at the world and you look at how free we, and that's because of our veterans, those who have gone before us, those who

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## OPA announces \$10.9 million budget draft

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) Ocean Pines unveiled preliminary budget figures for fiscal year 2016 during an OPA board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8.

Held during a particularly icy day at the Country Club when the heat happened to be off, the sparse meeting included just five of the seven board members and a small gathering of press and residents.

General Manager Bob Thompson said the community did not "go outside the box this year dramatically at all," in shaping the \$10.9 million budget, adding the primary focus of the proposal was to continue "positive momentum" of amenities including aquatics, the yacht club and golf.

Chief impact areas on the proposed budget included fuel costs, increases in the mandatory minimum wage, and health care requirements.

"We had some positive variances in budget that were impacted by ... fuel costs being down for vehicles as well as facilities," Thompson said.

"Mandatory minimum wage increases did have a dramatic impact when you look at the number of part-time, and the number of people we actually expand to during seasonal operations," Thompson continued. "It dramatically impacts the bottom line, as well as the Affordable Care Act created challenges when you're looking at individuals that exceed the 1,560 hours of working here."

The proposed budget did not include rate increases for amenities, with the exception of Pickleball.

Planned increases in the budget included software enhancements and expanded services at the yacht club, and increased food and beverage offerings and swim lessons in aquatics.

"Golf, we felt that momentum was there, however we did need to focus some efforts on the expanded Tern Grille offerings," Thompson said.

The proposal includes a \$25 increase in assessment fees, \$24 of which were triggered by increased funding requests from the fire department.

"The fire department did have a rather substantial increase request this year, and their primary area is their receivables were a lot lower than what they anticipated, in addition to some increases in expenses [making] the gap a little wider," Thompson said.

Budget and finance committee meetings on the 2016 budget began on Monday, Jan. 12. Following committee recommendations, the board will take up the budget on Jan. 26 and 27, with board approval due on Feb. 21.



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# Local leaders on hand as Pines honors D-Day vets

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gave it all, those who are out in the field today. To have this flag ... raised at the Veteran's Memorial is truly inspiring, and I'm very proud to be here with my fellow citizens."

OPA Parliamentarian Tom Terry said the event was an important reminder of "where our freedoms came from and the folks who gave it to us."

"Moments like this allow us to step back and remember the folks who've done it, not just World War II, but Vietnam, Desert Storm and all of those opportunities when people fought for our freedom," he said. "This is a great turnout, and I think it's great that this community recognizes these heroes. I think it speaks well of our community that this turnout was as big as it is today."

Thompson agreed.

"As a retired vet myself, showing the community's support here in Ocean



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 ${\it John Sauer, 90, shakes hands with Sen. Jim Mathias at the yacht club in Ocean Pines following a flag-raising ceremony honoring his service during D-Day.}$ 

Pines, we support our veterans probably more than most other communities do," he said. "We're very aware of the role they played to keep us where we are today."

Joan, Sauer's wife of nearly 70 years, sat at a table near the back of the yacht

club with two of her five children, taking everything in quietly as her husband continued to shake hands with local politicians, fellow veterans, and the scores of grateful citizens in attendance.

"I think this all means more to him than words can say," she said.

# Berlin battles commission on design standards

By Josh Davis

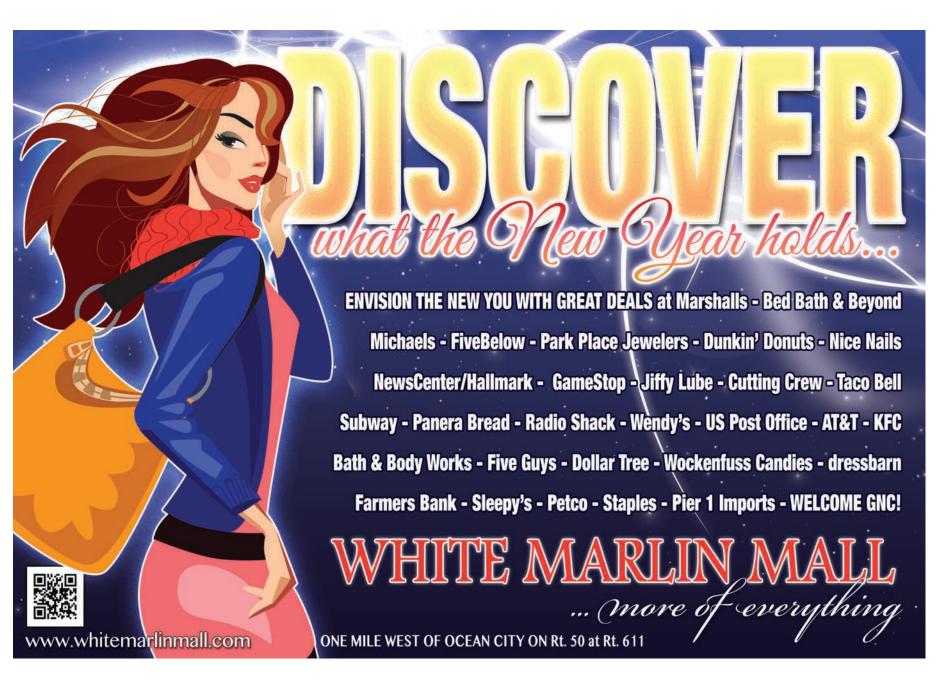
Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) Berlin Mayor Gee Williams and the Town Council continued to grapple with the Planning Commission over architectural design standards that will govern new commercial buildings during a public meeting on Monday.

Debate began as the council introduced a public hearing on an ordinance that would amend the town code to say that the commission "shall as part of its site plan review process review and approve all proposed commercial development to ensure it compliments and enhances the town's historic architectural character and uniqueness."

Several members of the council pounced on the vague wording of the amendment.

District 4 Councilmember Dean See LACK Page 5





# Lack of standards causes Berlin council stir

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Burrell said he hoped the change would not give the commission "the authority to nitpick some developer

"This is what's going to be our basis for our decisions so that I, as a member of our commission, won't have the veto power to stick my personal beliefs about diamond-shaped windows into this discussion," he

District 2 Councilmember Lisa Hall agreed.

"We spent ... 30 years to bring this town where it is today," she said. "We don't want people putting neon lights all over the front of their commercial properties in Berlin."

'I think that you need to keep the architectural integrity of this town as a Victorian town," Hall contin-

Mayor Gee Williams zeroed in on growth outside the downtown area, stating that standards needed to be complimentary rather than homog-

"We're not trying to recreate downtown Berlin, but we certainly want whatever we build or refurbish to compliment the architectural integrity of this town, which quite frankly is what the whole revitalization of this community was built on," he said.

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Dave Englehart noted that the commission has been operating under "good faith" rather than legal authority.

"This will give them some legal basis for what they've already been doing," Williams said. "It's a temporary transitional situation.

Williams asked Englehart, who advises the commission, to be expedient in coming up with a more specific set of standards.

You tell them that's our intention if they want our support," he said. "I believe an overwhelming majority of people want this done.

We want immediate work done on real standards," Williams continued. "Let's get it done. That's the message I want you to send back to them.

At-Large Councilmember Thom Guylas hammered the commission for its what he saw as its lack of direction.

"I'm not real excited about having that particular board, who can't even come up with a set of guidelines, even something on a single sheet of paper, let alone have somebody here this evening ... dictate what I should or shouldn't put on the front of my building," he said. "This is too vague. It's too open. I don't like the way they've written it at all."

Englehart argued that the

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amendment was designed to be vague.

"It's intentionally giving you leeway," he said. "With a lack of standards and guidelines, which are going to take time ... to get them to this point has been the fight of the year. This is, I will admit, an interim stopgap measure.

"My recommendation would be to adopt it so that you have something," Englehart continued. "The planning commission, for at least 10 years, has been doing this function and gotten lucky that no one challenged it. No national company or no developer said, 'I don't have to do that.' People have cooperated with them when they have asked them."

We want [the commission] to be reasonably expedient," Williams said. "The clock is ticking.

"If development is going to hap-

pen in a rural community in this area ... this is the community where it's going to happen," Williams continued.

The public hearing opened and closed without objection, and the council voted 3-1 in favor of the amendment, with Gulyas voting against and District 3 Councilmember Elroy Brittingham absent.

"I'm okay with this," District 1 Councilmember Troy Purnell said. "I can work with this as an interim. But it's a little scary."

Williams planned to meet with commission Vice Chairman Chris Denny ahead of the next commission meeting on Wednesday, Jan.

"I think all these people have the best interest [of Berlin]," Williams said. "We're just saying let's go. Let's get her done.'



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# Pines golf battle brings out crowd for Casper

As board continues to mull course prospects, residents want to keep current mgmt.

#### **By Josh Davis**

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) Ocean Pines residents showed up in solid numbers to defend Billy Casper Golf's management of the community course during a special OPA board meeting on Friday, Jan. 9.

From the onset, dozens of people filled the small boardroom, spilling out into the hallway and leaving many without seats during the brief public portion of the meeting.

Board President Dave Stevens said the meeting, the public portion of which lasted less than an hour, was the product of nearly a year of preparation.



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"A committee was set up to explore alternatives to the management and/or leasing of our golf course. This happened close to a year ago," he said. "This committee has been doing exactly what it was chartered by the board to do, and we have been looking at different management alternatives.

Stevens said the community issued a request for proposals and the committee, after screening responses, would present three to the board. The committee consisted of Board Parliamentarian Tom Terry, Treasurer Jack Collins, former board member Jeff Knepper and resident Ron Olszewski.

This has been kind of a long process," Stevens said, "A lot of work was put in [and] the recommendations of this committee are that we explore further three companies.'

Stevens said the purpose of the meeting was to gather information, and that he did not anticipate a final decision on that day.

Terry noted that Casper would also give a presentation.

"They were invited to participate because we are still under contract with Casper at this point," he said.

Collins added that Casper responded to the request with a threepage letter stating its interest in continuing management. Following Casper, Collins said Affinity Management and Landscapes Unlimited would present management proposals to the board during a closed session and another group, Hailey and Marshall, would make a bid to lease the course.

The agenda allowed for a brief period of public comments, restricted to three minutes each, before the board voted to go into closed session to interview their management and lease options.

Comments began with Cannon Drive resident Don McMullen.

"I've been a property owner since 1972 and a homeowner since the mid'70s," he said. "I've continued my fulltime membership [to the golf course] over the years. The condition and quality of the course [is] the best it has been since the early '70s."

McMullen chairs two major tournaments at the course, the Ravens Roost scholarship Tournament and the Mary Mac tournament, held in honor of his sister Mary.

"We continue to bring hundreds of golfers to these tournaments throughout the state of Maryland," McMullen said. "The past golf season ... every one of our participants stated the course was in the best shape they had ever seen it.

"I've seen tremendous improvements over the past few years and I recommend you seriously consider Casper Golf as our management team," McMullen continued.

Former board member Pete Gomsak said the board's decision was larger than golf.

"I believe this is more about amenities and how they are integral to Ocean Pines as a community," he said. "The existence of the amenities [and] the diversity of those amenities is why my wife and I moved here.

Gomsak said the board has not been "extremely successful" with long-term decision-making.

"I encourage the board to take into account not what's best for next year or the year after that, but rather for the long term because it's going to affect, your decision potentially, this community for many, many years," he said.

According to Gomsak, the community lost \$536,000 during Casper's first year of management, due largely to failing greens that required costly repairs. That number dropped to \$326,000 during Casper's second year, and fell to \$88,000 in fiscal year

Fiscal year budget projections for 2016 show the course losing \$14,124 under Casper.

"I think the plan is working," Gomsak said. "I think going from over a half-million dollar deficit down to break even indicates we are [on track]."

Rich Dalton, a resident since 2006, said he canceled his golf course membership "because I perceived there was no commitment by the board and the community to do the maintenance and everything to bring that gem that we have as a golf course up to [standard]."

Dalton, who renewed his membership after Casper took over, said many Ocean Pines residents similarly avoid the course because "there doesn't seem to be a long-term commitment by the management here to maintaining that golf course."

"They can come back here, I think, once they start perceiving that there's a commitment by the community," he said. "It takes a lot of work to just stay on top of maintaining a golf course, and I think Billy Casper has done that.'

Olszewski argued that changing management now "would be a disas-

"We absolutely have the best golf course ... in the area," he said. "Casper has a lot to do with it. We've gone through a two-to-three year growing process. We are there. Let's stay there and make sure we keep this the best place in town.'

Only Charlie Wagner, a resident since 1989, spoke against Casper, saying he believed management drove away handicapped golfers by phasing out handicap accessible golf carts.

Wagner did go on to praise Casper's upkeep of the course.
"It's fantastic," he said. "It's in

great shape."

Carolyn Neal, a member of new members committee, said low membership at the course was part of a "national problem."

"I think Casper has done everything they possibly could to bring in more [members] and they will be See STRONG Page 7



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# Strong showing asks OPA to stick with Casper Golf

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doing more to market Ocean Pines," she said. "We need the community's support and we need the board's support to encourage new members."

Roger Pacella, a resident since 1983, encouraged the board to choose a management company that hand-mows the greens, as Casper currently does.

"That makes a big difference in the quality of the golf course," he said.

As the public portion of the meeting wound down, Terry again reminded residents that the process of examining new management began more than a year ago.

"At the time, there was great concern over the \$500,000 to \$300,000 loses that were being incurred by the golf course," he said. "When we got to the end of contract, which is where we were a year ago, we really didn't have a fallback position in place waiting to go. So, both Billy Casper and Ocean Pines signed a contract that said seven months into the new year Ocean Pines has the option to assess where we are.

"Our committee's job was to find the fallback position if we decide not to stay with Billy Casper," Terry continued. "We didn't want to be standing here with nobody and no alternative."

Losses of several hundred thousand dollars each year, Terry said, could not be tolerated.



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Dozens of frustrated Ocean Pines residents, including Carolyn Neal, attended a public meeting on Jan. 9 to defend Billy Casper Golf's management of the community course.

"That's what really caused this to be put in place last year," he said.

"I think the board will examine, whether it be Billy Casper or whether it be one of the alternatives that is selected, I think we have to use this point in time and the work that's gone on to make sure we have the best contract that we can, and that has to do with sustaining it into the future," Stevens said. "I think that's something that will be part of the ongoing process."

# Co. Commissioners hold hearing on \$105.6 million 'Christmas list'

By Brian Gilliland

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) The Worcester County Commissioners on Feb. 3 will hear what the public has to say about a five-year capital improvements plan that, if left unaltered, would total \$105.6 million.

That, however, is not just a big "if," but a mighty "if," as that includes everything the county departments feel ought to be done from 2016 through 2020.

Chief Administrator Harold Higgins repeated several times Tuesday, when the commissioners set the hearing date that "inclusion of a project in the plan does not constitute a guarantee of funding by the county."

Commission President M. Jim

Bunting went further, describing the plan as a "Christmas list."

Budget Accountant Kim Watts said in her memo to the commissioners that about 11.6 percent of the funds for these projects would come from the General Fund, while 53.26 percent would come from bond issues. The remaining portion, Watts noted, could come from user fees, grant funding, state match funds, designated funds, enterprise fund bonds or a bank loan.

A breakdown of the requests shows which department is looking a big ticket items:

• The Treasurer's office requested \$550,000 in 2016 for upgrades to tax software to streamline the collection See COUNTY Page 8

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# County seeking public input on 5-year plan

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and billing processes. The estimate was developed, according to the report submitted to the county, in consultation with vendors and other municipalities because the older system lacked support and can't easily handle budget changes.

- The county's 800Mhz emergency services radio system is approaching its "end of life." New consoles at the dispatch center plus related base station equipment in Berlin, Newark and Klej Grange Road are included in the \$5.3 million request.
- The new Berlin Library branch is included in the plan at a cost of \$5.18 million, taking into account \$560,000 in prior allocations for the project.
- Public Works wants \$3.1 million for the cap and closure of the Berlin rubble fill disposal station. The station is expected to be closed in 2016 and the preference of Commissioners Bunting and Chip Bertino is that it will be replaced with a station close to the current location and offer the same services.

It also requests \$1 million per year, alongside about \$753,000 in prior allocations for road paving and about \$3.8 million during fiscal 2017 and 2018 for a new storage building in Snow Hill.

• The Water/Wastewater has four requests, two totaling about \$4.1 mil-

lion for Mystic Harbour system interconnections and effluent disposal, another \$1 million for Newark spray irrigation and almost \$600,000 for the replacement of Ocean Pines' belt filter press, which is described to be in "poor" condition.

• The public schools request puts the aforementioned in perspective. Replacing Showell Elementary School and an addition to Stephen Decatur Middle pushed the Department of Education's request to \$60 million. The replacement school is estimated to cost \$50 million, with the bulk of expenditures — \$20.3 and \$19 million — scheduled for fiscal 2019 and 2020 respectively.

The addition will cost about \$9 million and will place its major burdens on the budget also during 2019 and 2020.

• The Solid Waste Department has little choice but to address the elevated methane gas levels detected near the site of the closed landfill. The Maryland Department of Environment has directed the county to take the necessary action. Another \$200,000 joins the \$400,000 already allocated for the remediation.

A new cell at the county's central landfill also needs to be constructed, and a permitting issue with the Maryland Department of Environment has delayed the project. This department

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- The Recreation and Parks department wants \$2.3 million over five years to acquire and develop land for Showell Park.
- In the public safety budgetary arena, the Worcester County Jail wants to replace its HVAC, plumbing and sprinkler, roof and generator systems at a cost of \$10 million spread over five years. The department re-

ports the current systems are 30 years old and are costing the county because of their high maintenance needs.

• Wor-Wic Community College asked for \$424,000 to renovate the HVAC of the Academic and Administrative building, the Maner Technology Center and a part of the Hazel Student Center, replacing it with a geothermal system. A new academic building is scheduled to begin its design phase in fiscal 2018. The state and Wicomico County will also be contributing to the project. Worcester County's proposed share is \$2.1 million.

# **Unpaid EDUs lead county to threaten lien on Pines Plaza**

By Brian Gilliland

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) The sale of the Pines Plaza Commercial Center on Cathell Road early last year was contingent on lowering the number of allocated Equivalent Dwelling Units, which are used to gauge sewer capacity.

The original allocation for the Pines Plaza and neighboring commercial properties was 110 but increased to 125 with the assimilation of the final properties in the area connected to the system.

To sell the property, the number of allocated EDUs was reduced to 64, reflecting the maximum allocation for the property at full capacity. In a letter dated Dec. 1 2014 and signed by Bob Waugh, vice president and chief operating officer of Pines Plaza Associates LLC, Waugh requests the number of EDUs be reduced to reflect actual usage — 24, plus an additional unit to cover possible expansion at the Dollar General Store.

The remaining EDUs allocated would be made available within the service area on a first come, first served basis.

Those 25 EDUs carried a cost of \$132,500 that has not been paid, according to Robert Mitchell, director of environmental programs for Worcester County.

Mitchell said he was fine with the reduction, but wanted to see the bill paid first. The commissioners agreed, but struggled to find the proper phrasing for their request.

New Commissioners Chip Bertino and Ted Elder want to take a hard line on the delinquency, with Bertino suggesting "the strongest possible language" and Elder recommending a lien on the property in order to impress upon the owners the seriousness of the commissioner's intent to collect.

A lien would hinder the ability for the property to be resold, since a seller needs a clear title. The lien also would have to be satisfied first before a sale could go through.

There was some debate among the commissioners as to what Bertino's "strongest possible language" might

"The tenants could pay the bill and deduct it from their rent," County Attorney J. Sonny Bloxom said.

He observed that the landlord is probably collecting fees from the tenant to pay for water and sewer already.

Payment plans, offers to contact and negotiate directly and a direct appeal to the tenants were all considered, but Elder's plan to impose a lien ultimately won the day.



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# Planning sessions to gauge public interest in new projects

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) Looking for public input on the future of the town, Berlin officials last week officially announced dates for its strategic planning sessions.

The town will introduce planning facilitator Christine Becker during a kickoff meeting at Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the kickoff was "our way of doing our homework before the community meetings start."

Williams added that the meeting would function as a public work session between Becker, the mayor and council and town staff.

Four community meetings will follow: Thursday, Jan. 29 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the multipurpose building; Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Buckingham Elementary School; Thursday, Feb. 12 from 6-9 p.m. at Town Hall; and on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the multipurpose building.

After Thursday evening meetings, on Jan. 29 and Feb. 12, the town will hold an after-hours event at the Visitor's Center.

The process will conclude at Town Hall during a pair of public meetings on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on March 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"At the end of this process, we'll have a plan that will take us through the next couple of years in detail and through the next five to 10 years conceptually," Town Administrator Laura Allen said.

Becker said the town had not yet discussed any specific ideas or issues – that will begin during the kickoff meeting – but stressed the importance of community involvement.

"We hope the community meetings will engage citizens in thinking about Berlin's future — what they love about the town, what they want it to be like in the future, and what they think are the most significant issues facing Berlin," she said. "We want to start with big picture-thinking, which will provide the basis for developing a strategic plan that will guide the town's work over the next three years.

"We hope participants will enjoy the conversations and leave feeling that they were heard and that their ideas will be considered as the strategic plan is developed," Becker continued.

Williams echoed Becker in urging public participation.

"I hope everyone will take the opportunity to come to the community meetings and be a part of co-creating Berlin's future," he said. "Now that we're cool, we want to hear from our community where they want us to go next."

#### **COUNTY BRIEFS**

(Jan. 15, 2015) The Worcester County Commissioners also discussed the following issues during their most recent regular meeting.

#### **Solid waste overview**

EA Consulting provided the commissioners with a snapshot "state of the union" presentation highlighting the county's solid waste program.

The overview explained how the current system operates and what measures will need to be taken in the short and long term to sustain it.

Of concern was the construction of Cell 5 of the central landfill, which needs to be built sooner rather than later. Also of note was the closing of the Berlin rubblefill, where EA's Darl Kolar said there would be a gap in time between the closing of the Berlin facility and the opening of the replacement.

#### **Groundwater monitoring**

Immediately following the solid waste overview, the commissioners awarded EA the contract for continuing to monitor Worcester County's groundwater at a cost of a bit less than \$16,800.

When Commissioner A. Chip Bertino expressed discomfort about awarding a contract without putting it to bid, Director of Public Works John Tustin said county staff was not able to perform the monitoring duties by it-Continued on Page 10



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#### **COUNTY BRIEFS**

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Several other commissioners joined Bertino in concern over the process of the contract, and Tustin agreed to provide a more comprehensive presentation in two years at the end of this contract.

#### **Beach replenishment**

Worcester County's portion of the beach replenishment bill totaled \$137,546.47 this year, which was reduced by \$250,000 due to the federal government picking up 2013's bill because of Hurricane Sandy as well as \$112,453.53 in accrued interest applied to the current bill.

#### **Dump truck**

A bid of \$91,710 for a dump truck to be used by the Water and Wastewater division from Barr International was accepted. Director John Tustin said none of the bids met all the criteria as listed, but the bids met the "spirit" of the criteria and said the differences wouldn't be an issue. The department had budgeted \$115,000 for the purchase.

#### **Nat. Mentoring Month**

January was recognized and proclaimed National Mentoring Month and recognized Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake.



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# **Switch to Sharp opens door for propane changes in Pines**

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) After pulling a switch on propane service at the sports core pool late last month, Ocean Pines is looking into similar money-saving moves at other amenities.

General Manager Bob Thompson on Monday spoke about the likely change over during budget committee hearings at the Ocean Pines country club.

Thompson said the community paid close to \$3 per gallon for piped propane from supplier Sandpiper Energy. Under new supplier Sharp Energy, which is owned by the same company, Chesapeake Utilities, as Sandpiper, the community is already saving a substantial amount.

"We put the tanks in at the sports core pool recently," he said. "The pricing to fill the initial tanks was approximately \$1.24 per gallon. Pretty significant differential."

"It's our intent to continue in January. We've already got pricing to put tanks in at the other facilities,"

Thompson said. "Sports core is now finished. That went seamlessly. That went well and now we're looking at the other facilities based on location and where we could either put a tank in the ground or replace [existing infrastructure.]"

Thompson estimated the community could switch other amenities over to Sharp or a similar provider during the next 60 days.

"They'll be in long in advance to impact [the fiscal year 2016] budget," he said.

"Sharp did a very, very good job putting [tanks] in at sports core pool," Thompson continued. We've actually looked at all our facilities where we could put the tanks in, so we're going to keep moving forward with that initiative."

Thompson said the community negotiated a "very attractive package" with Sharp to offset the cost of installation and the use of the propane tanks.

"They did a great job for us and we're very, very pleased," he said.

# Berlin book drive could have international impact on kids

**By Josh Davis** 

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) Looking for ideas for new service projects for children, Berlin-based Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services Inc. turned inward.

The nonprofit group, which provides mental and social health care services for all age groups, asked the children they serve in the Berlin Youth Club program to come up with new ideas to serve people within – and outside – the Berlin community.

The brainstorming session produced a book drive of international proportions.

"One of them brought up helping people in Africa," Melanie Windsor, youth project coordinator, said. "I asked them how they wanted to do that and gave them a few suggestions, one of which was the idea of sending used books. That got them excited."

As part of the "help our neighbors" mission, the group also decided to give books to local children.

"[Children] often work on projects like handmade scarves, dog toys, and cards for different local causes, but this is the first child-led project where they developed the idea themselves," Windsor said. "We are hoping to find a place for books that are just sitting on someone's shelves unused."

Under the program, members of the public may drop off gently used children's books to the offices at Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services.

"We ask that they leave their name

and email so that we can say thank you for helping us," Windsor said.

The nonprofit will send books locally to students in the HeadStart Berlin program, and internationally though the Books for Africa agency.

Along with book donations, the Berlin Youth Club hopes to raise additional money to offset the 50-cent per book shipping costs.

"Only one-third of the schools in Kenya have libraries," Windsor said. "We discussed as a group how hard it would be to have a lesson in school if no one had the book to follow along. The children were shocked that there may be a school somewhere with no books."

The club will collect books and monetary donations through the end of February. If the children collect enough books to line their hallway, end-to-end, they get a pizza party as an award.

In addition, the Berlin Youth Club will present a game night with a Dr. Seuss theme on Feb. 13 from 5-6:30 p.m. It will be open to Berlin children ages 3-11. There is no charge for the event, but children who bring a new or gently used book receive a chance to win a Dr. Seuss prize pack.

"We hope the children will learn about helping their local community, but also looking at the larger global picture and learning about the realities of other children," Windsor said. "We also hope to encourage more projects like this throughout the year."

For more information, call 410-641-4598 or visit www.gowoyo.org.



FILE PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ami Reist of Ocean Pines donates blood during the 2014 OC Cares Blood Drive, presented by the Blood Bank of Delmarva at the Ocean City convention center.

# Flu season, holidays lead to Delmarva blood shortage

By Kara Hallissey

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) Each person who donates blood will help save three lives when the Blood Bank of Delmarva's OC Cares Blood Drive returns to the Ocean City convention center for the 17th year on Wednesday, Jan 21.

Blood donations can slow during the winter months, which makes the OC Cares Blood Drive so crucial to the members of the surrounding community," said Michael Waite, BBD director of marketing and community relations, in a release.

In previous years, the blood drive was held over a two-day period. For 2015, organizers have condensed it to one day with extended hours to

better meet donor's schedules.

"It is a challenge, we have found ourselves in a pickle, which I like to call the perfect storm," Waite said.
"The holidays were in the middle of the week this year and people forget we are here. In addition, to an awful flu going around. Unfortunate incidences have caused a more than usual usage of blood and we're in a tough position right now."

Since its inception, the Blood Bank of Delmarva has collected blood from 7,576 donors at this event. Every year, organizers set a goal and at least 500 people need to sign up in order to reach it in 2015.

In 2014, during a two-day drive, 470 people donated blood, which re-See BLOOD Page 12





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# **Blood badly needed during OC drive**

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sulted in 414 units being collected.

Weather was a major factor in last year's numbers, Waite said.

"Had the weather been more cooperative, we would have seen a better turnout," he said.

Donating blood only takes about 5-7 minutes, but the entire appointment takes about an hour. The donation appointment includes a mini-physical (blood pressure, temperature and pulse), medical history review, giving blood and post-donation refreshments.

"With this one blood drive, residents of Ocean City and its surrounding areas can help supply the blood needs of the hospitals on the shore during a critical time of year," said Suzanne Murray, BDD account executive, in a release.

All donors will receive a chance to win a flat screen television, in addition to other prizes.

Members of the Ocean Pines Kiwanis Club are volunteering at the event and many local businesses will be providing free refreshments for donors to enjoy after giving blood.

The businesses and food provided will include pizza from the Dough Roller, doughnuts from Wawa and chocolates and candy from Candy Kitchen and Wockenfuss. Applebee's will provide brownies; coffee and hot tea will be available from Center-

place Catering and the Worcester County Girl Scouts have donated 15 cases of cookies for the event.

All blood types are urged to schedule an appointment in order to ensure an adequate supply of blood for all patients during the winter months. Every blood donation saves three lives in the community.

Anyone who is between the ages of 17 and 79 years old (ages 80 and older should contact the Blood Bank of Delmarva eligibility coordinator at 1-888 8-BLOOD-8 for medical approval), weighs at least 110 pounds, is in general good health, and meets the minimum eligibility requirements may give blood as often as every 56 days. All donors must provide a photo ID or two other forms of identification, including date of birth.

Organizers ask people who have active cold or flu-like symptoms such as fever or sore throat on donation day to choose another time to donate. Those on antibiotics for infection must wait 24 hours after they are finished to give blood.

Donors who got a tattoo or body piercing must wait 12 months to donate.

Those who have travelled to certain parts of the world may be deferred due to a potential risk of contracting an infection that may be transmitted through blood transfu-

cion

A few tips for giving blood are to stay hydrated and drink eight to 10 glasses of water a day leading up to the blood donation, avoid highly caffeinated energy drinks and get a good night's sleep. Eat a substantial meal within three hours before giving blood and afterward avoid participating in strenuous physical labor or athletic activities for 24 hours. Resume normal activities the next day.

The blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the convention center inside Dockside Hall on 40th Street, and walk-in donors are welcome.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.DelmarvaBlood.org or call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8.

Blood Bank of Delmarva is a non-profit, community service program that provides blood for hospitals in the region. The organization provides the majority supply of blood for 18 hospitals and a few secondary ones. More than 350 blood donors are needed every day to meet the needs of patients at these hospitals.

"We welcome people with open arms for this critical mission to have blood on the shelves for traumas and surgeries," Waite said. "Giving blood is the most personal and satisfying philanthropy to experience because you are giving a part of yourself."

# Atlantic Hotel 120th b-day bash celebrates Berlin

(Jan. 15, 2015) The Atlantic Hotel will host a special fundraiser on Friday, Jan. 30 to benefit the continued promotion of "Cool Berlin" during 2015.

This event will honor the families who were responsible for the 1980's restoration of The Atlantic Hotel. Join them and hotel management and staff in celebrating the 120th anniversary of this iconic landmark.

A tapas and wine tasting evening will feature food and appropriate wines from France, Spain, Italy and Germany.

Tickets for the fundraiser will be available at The Atlantic Hotel as well as the Berlin Chamber office, located at the Berlin Visitor's Center, 14 Main Street.

The event will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. in The Atlantic Hotel Ballroom, Main Street, Berlin.

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# Berlin Dr. Rush says 'higher calling' led to mission work

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Jan. 15, 2015) A chiropractor at Healing Hands in Berlin by day, Dr. Tracy Rush said she has a "higher calling to help others" that has motivated her into international mission work.

Rush first became involved in missions after a patient told her about the Appalachia Service Project in 2007, a volunteer effort that repairs homes in rural West Virginia and Kentucky.

"I did it as, not as a chiropractor, but just building a house, " she said. "And then from there I thought I would like to do something different."

When the Community Church of Ocean Pines announced a missionary trip to Galapagos in 2010, Rush immediately signed up.

"We went to the Galapagos Islands, and a team built a church from the foundation all the way to the roof in 10 days," Rush said.

Rush is an avid traveler, but had never been out of the country at that point.

"It was incredible," she said. "To get there was a day because you have to go through Ecuador, so it's planes, trains and automobiles.

The mission set up a base in the mountains, literally at cloud level.

"It's a beautiful place and it's right on the equator," Rush said. "You

would think it would be warm, but it's not warm. I was unprepared for how

'In Galapagos, there are animals that you don't see anywhere else, and the people were so humble," Rush continued. "That's what really gets to your heart, because they had nothing. It was literally dirt floors and four walls and nothing else. They're so grateful that you're there and you're providing and you're loving on them. That really stirred up my interest."

Rush relished the experience, but after spending two trips erecting buildings rather than using her medical training, she found herself wanting to try something different yet again.

Then, in 2011, Rush heard about a different kind of mission while attending the Ocean City Worship Center.

'They have a relationship with a mission in Ecuador and they had a medical clinic associated with it, " she said. "So, a couple of nurses, a doctor and myself went there to provide medical health and chiropractic health."

Ecuador has its share of doctors and chiropractors, but Rush said many of the impoverished people could not af-

"Treatment is expensive, so many of the natives don't have a place to go, be-See BERLIN Page 14

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Healing Hands Chiropractor Dr. Tracy Rush has taken four international mission trips during the

# **Berlin chiropractor made mission trips family affair**

Continued from Page 13 cause they're working for \$2 a week," she said. "The medical clinic is a free service, so when they heard that we were there it was flooded with people.

Rush saw scores of cases claiming lower back pain, thanks to the intense physical labor many natives have to endure, but one circumstance in par-

It was incredible."

ticular stood out.
"A gentleman brought his 8-yearold daughter in because she had been

in an accident, "Rush said. "She had been hit by a car and she didn't walk right. You could see that things weren't right with her spine and her hips."

Rush advised the man to get x-rays at a neighboring clinic and return with his daughter.

"He brought them back and I was really impressed and I showed him what was going on in the x-rays through an interpreter and I started adjusting her," she said. "I adjusted her three times while I was there, and he was going to continue with her care.

"Just to be able to help him see that his daughter didn't have to grow up that way was just incredible," Rush continued. "It was so satisfying to know that I changed the life of an 8year-old for her whole future."

Two years later, in 2013, Rush and her husband became involved with the Christian Chiropractors Association after having a life-changing experience during a church revival meeting.

"I just felt God ... saying, 'You need to get out of this area. You need to get your talents out and you need to do a mission trip.' So I got in touch with Christian Chiropractic, "she said. "Ultimately, my husband and I know we're going to be in the mission field. We know that God is calling us to help others with our talents."

After conferring with the organization, Rush agreed to travel to Jamaica to offer her services as a chiropractor. Her husband, Chris, her partner at Healing Hands, came along.

Although the country is a tourist destination, Rush said she saw far more disadvantaged people than sandy white beaches.

"It's definitely a class society," she said. "It's a beautiful place, but when you get away from the oceanfront and move inland, it's very impoverished."

The two spent most of their time in schools adjusting students and teachers.

"We were there for two hours and we adjusted as many kids as we could in that time slot," she said. "We're talking from four years old to 11 and 12 years old. When you go into the schools, they're so excited to see white people, and of course they're laughing because you're touching them. It's all very different.

"We first went we went to the poorest schools, and we noticed how the kids had no shoes, or the shoes had holes in the soles of their feet and you could tell the clothes were passed down, "Rush continued. "Seeing that, you just become so grateful for what we have in America and what we take for granted here."

In 2014, Rush went back to Jamaica with her 17-year-old son Jacob, a student at Stephen Decatur High School.

"He was support staff, and to be able to experience that with him was priceless, "she said. "Just to be able to see how people live and just the love they have for you and how happy they are. When we got to schools they were all over us."

Rush plans to continue her mission work, and advised others to follow her lead, especially internationally.

"There are impoverished areas in the United States, but there are always opportunities," she said. "You can find an opportunity some place. In Jamaica and Ecuador and Galapagos, there's not much of an opportunity. There's really not a whole lot there."



# SHORE UP! to help with heating and electric bills

(Jan. 15, 2015) SHORE UP! Inc. is accepting applications from people who need help paying their home heating bills and electric bills.

Residents of Somerset, Wicomico or Worcester counties who meet state income guidelines may qualify for assistance.

To receive help, an individual must complete an Energy Assistance application and provide supporting documentation. Anyone who has already mailed in an application for assistance this year (July 1, 2014 - May 31, 2015) should not do so again.

Applications can be received from www.shoreup.org (Go to "Energy Assistance and Family Support Programs" and click on link to state application) and from Www.dhr.state.md/us/meap (Click on "Download Applications and Brochures," in the "MEAP" section) or by calling or going to the nearest office during the week, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

•Wicomico County–500 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Md. 21804, 410-341-9634

•Somerset County—12409 Loretta Road, Princess Anne, Md. 21853 (at Loretta Village), 410-651-1805

•Worcester County-6352 Worcester Highway, Newark, Md. 21841 (at Snow Hill Head Start), 410-632-2075

To process the application, the following information is needed:

•Proof of all household income for the past 30 days for anyone 18 years old or older, including Social Security, SSI (award letter or direct deposit statement), pension, retirement, wages, TCA, TDAP, unemployment, child support (6-month printout needed), alimony (current documentation)

•Identification (driver's license or photo ID)

•Names, Social Security cards and dates of birth for all household members

•Current electric bill – Bill must be in applicant's name for EUSP.

•Bill for main heating source – Gas and propane customers must provide this.

•Renters need landlord's name, address, telephone number, lease agreement and most recent rent receipt.

•Homeowners need deed, payment information or tax assessment.

Completed applications, along with all documentation, can be brought to one of the offices listed above. To make an appointment for application processing, call the nearest office.

All mailed applications should be sent to SHORE UP!, 520 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, Md. 21804 and must include copies of supporting documentation

For more information, contact SHORE UP! at 410-341-9634 or 410-749-1142.

# Berlin to test notification system

(Jan. 15, 2015) The Town of Berlin will be utilizing the CodeRED Emergency Notification System on Jan. 15 to call the entire community.

The calls will occur in the afternoon and will continue until the entire database has been attempted.

This call will give Town of Berlin personnel the chance to operate the system as if there has been a community wide disaster.

The message that is being delivered directs recipients to the Town of Berlin website to add additional contact numbers, and it also asks that recipients spread the word by mentioning the system to family, friends and neighbors.

Mary Bohlen, deputy town administrator, suggests that "all individuals and businesses should take the time to visit our website and add contact information to include cellular phones and other non-traditional phones as well as email and text addresses. If your contact information is not in the database you will not receive a call when an urgent message is sent."

In particular, businesses should register, as well as individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number recently, and those who use a cellular phone exclusively or have VoIP phones (such as Vonage) as their primary numbers.

Bohlen urges citizens to log

onto the Town website at www.berlinmd.gov and follow the CodeRED link in the upper right hand corner.

Those without Internet access may call 410-641-2770 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for assistance. Required information includes a street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes) for location purposes, and a primary phone number. Additional phone numbers, email and text addresses may also be entered.

More information about the CodeRED system is on the website and any questions should be directed to the Town of Berlin at 410-641-2770.



## Wednesday, January 21 8AM – 6PM

Ocean City
Convention Center
4001 Coastal Hwy

This year, 20,000 Delmarva patients will need blood.
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# **OPINION**

**BAYSIDE GAZETTE** 

Please send all letters to editor, notices, calendar events and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

# Waiting for real set of design standards

It is not the people who are serving who need to be considered when granting a government body the authority to impose subjective standards, it is the people who might serve in the years ahead.

That is the situation with the town's proposed amendment to the zoning code giving the Planning Commission the legal right to require new commercial buildings to meet design criteria that reflect the town's image.

Although there is no argument that the code ought to make legal what the commission has been doing anyway, with the cooperation of businesses, it is difficult to embrace the entire program without knowing exactly what it will entail.

Mayor Gee Williams believes, for instance, that architectural standards as applied to development beyond downtown should ensure that the appearance of projects compliments the architecture of the town, but not necessarily mimics it.

That's fine, but the code doesn't say that, yet, which is why he and the council majority want these design standards created as soon as possible, so there's less room for personal interpretation of whether a building does or doesn't meet the test.

Although current commission members have worked successfully with commercial operators, there's no guarantee that their successors will, absent a well-defined set of procedures and standards for them to follow.

That has to be done before the support of the mayor and council for this amendment goes any further, conditioned as it is on the premise that more specific regulations will be forthcoming in the near, rather than the distant, future.

Most everyone agrees that the image of the town is its primary marketing asset and that steps should be taken to protect it. Yet, it is only reasonable for the mayor and council to apply a little bit of wait-and-see to this proposition before going all in.

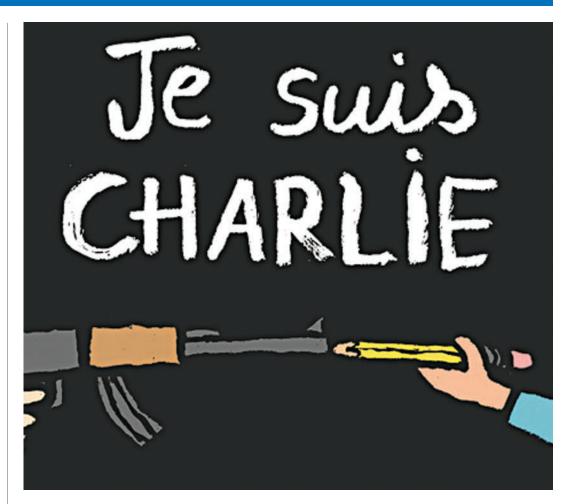
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## Food drive to benefit seniors, kids

Most-needed items include high-protein meats and stews

(Jan. 15, 2015) Worcester County Volunteer Services will hold its second annual food drive for the Maryland Food Bank on Jan. 26-30.

The focus of this food drive is to provide ready-to-eat canned meals. Canned items most needed include meats that are high in protein – such as tuna, salmon and chicken – and hearty stews.

"The 2014 statistics revealed that one in every five children and senior citizens are food insecure, which means they don't know what or when their next meal will be," Volunteer Services Manager Kelly Brinkley said.

"No one should have to carry the stress of wondering whether or not they will eat on any given day. You and I working together can help alleviate this stress from our neighbors by donating canned goods that are whole meals in themselves. Together, we can provide them with a healthy and nutritious start to 2015."

Beginning Jan. 26, canned food items can be deposited in specially marked Maryland Food Bank barrels at these participating locations:

•Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill.

•All five Worcester County Branch Libraries: Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke.

•Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill.

More than 45,000 people on the Eastern Shore can't depend on having a meal every day and 16,000 of them are children. In Worcester County alone, the food supply is not dependable for 12.8 percent of the population. That is the fourth highest such rate on the Eastern Shore, behind Dorchester, Somerset and Wicomico counties.

Thirty-eight percent of these families fail to qualify for federal or state assistance because on paper they do not meet the minimum standards.

For more information about the Worcester County food drive, contact Brinkley at 410-632-0090. Organizations interested in hosting food drives are invited to contact food bank Managing Director Jennifer Small at small@mdfoodbank.org.

## **LETTERS**

# Fifth grader looking for info on state

Editor

I am a student at Cascade Christian Schools [in Washington state], and I am writing a report on the state of Maryland.

We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can about our state.

I would like to ask for any pictures, postcards, used license plates, facts, products, etc. from your state. It would be greatly appreciated.

Jansyn Fifth grade student, Cascade Christian School 601 9th Ave. S.E. Puyallup, Wash., 98372



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An architect's rendering shows the exterior of Coastal Hospice at the Ocean that will be built off of Broad Street in Berlin. The capital campaign has exceeded the halfway mark with a \$250,000 gift from the Gudelsky Foundation.

# Foundation donates \$250K to Berlin hospice

(Jan. 15, 2015) Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care this week announced that the Homer & Martha Gudelsky Foundation has given \$250,000 to support the campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

This is the foundation's second gift to the campaign. In 2013, it made a grant of \$50,000 to Coastal Hospice at the Ocean.

The Gudelsky gift will be commemorated in the naming of the Family Room at the new facility. The Family Room will be part of the care offered as a warm and inviting place where the family and friends of residents can gather and relax.

The projected cost to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean is \$5 million, and with the Gudelsky gift, the total raised toward the project to date is \$2.8 million, exceeding the halfway mark.

"This generous gift to our capital campaign takes us one step closer to breaking ground on this much-needed care facility that will serve the entire Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland," said Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice. "The Gudelsky Foundation's vote of confidence in the project assures its future success."

John Gudelsky, the president and CEO of the foundation, and the son of Homer and Martha Gudelsky, said they were making the gift to encourage others in the community to make similar investments in Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, ensuring the future of quality healthcare on the Lower Shore.

Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will be a hospice residence and outreach center to be built in Berlin. Its leadership says it will address a growing and unmet need here: a residence for hospice care for patients who are not able to stay in their homes during their final days.

When built, Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will feature a home-like atmosphere for residents. It will also serve as headquarters for the hospice team that cares for 40 to 60 patients in their own homes each day in Worcester and Somerset counties.

In addition, Coastal Hospice at the Ocean will offer palliative care clinics (to treat the physical, emotional and spiritual pain that comes with serious illness), and facilities for grief support and community education.

The Gudelsky Foundation has a long history of philanthropic activity in

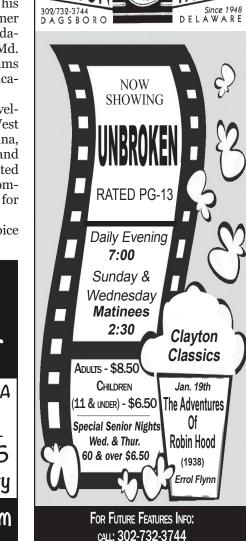
Maryland and the nation. It is an active supporter of the University of Maryland Medical System, UMBC's Department of Marine Biotechnology, Public Television, Lynn University, and Baltimore's Hippodrome Foundation, among others.

Born in Baltimore, Homer Gudelsky was president and CEO of the family's aggregate businesses in the Washington, D.C area. The Gudelskys purchased vast tracts of land in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs, some of which was developed into the new city of Columbia, Md. and the Tysons Corner Center, Va. Homer and his wife, Martha, established The Homer & Martha Gudelsky Family Foundation Inc. in 1968 in Silver Spring, Md. to contribute to charitable programs devoted to improving health, education, the arts and the community.

Locally, the Gudelsky family developed much of the waterfront in West Ocean City, including Sunset Marina, the Ocean City Fishing Center and Martha's Landing. They also donated land for Homer Gudelsky Park, commonly known as Stinky Beach, for public use in West Ocean City.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice

is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. The organization serves Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset counties.



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# **SNAPSHOTS**



Commodore Frank Watkins, left, presents a special Award of Appreciation to Pat and Richard

Marchesiello who have retired from the Ocean Pines Boat Club Board after 15 years of invaluable

PHOTO COURTESY JUNE FREEMAN SECOND-PLACE TREE

#### Ocean Pines Platform Tennis was awarded second place in the Ocean Pines tree lighting ceremony on Nov. 29. Pictured, from left, are Tom Herrick, Beth Hershey, Meg Herrick, Coralee Powell and Cliff Berg.



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The Delmarva Condominium Manger's Association (DCMA) donated \$6,075 to the students of Cedar Chapel Special School in Snow Hill. The group also generated a large donation of school supplies. Through the generosity of local organizations like DCMA, Cedar Chapel is able to implement unique programs that meet the needs of each individual student. Pictured are DCMA President, Joe Groves;



**THANKS** 

support and service to the club.

The Sassy, Classy Ladies of Ocean Pines enjoyed a merry celebration at Barn 34 in Ocean City. They exchanged gifts, shared stories of their most memorable Christmas celebration, which was highlighted by a visit from Santa. Pictured, from left, are Nancy Taylor, Kim Crame, Deanna Lowe, Andrea Watkins, Janet Morse, Sandy Fennell, Chris Whittenberger, Gloria Moyer, Norma Kessler, Barbara Loffler, Judy Baumgartner, Betty Lou Bowman and Betty De



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

#### **BEAR HONORED**

Volunteerism and organizing charity drives are familiar grounds for Stephen Decatur High School senior Katie Bear, who received a special surprise distinction on Dec. 17: American Legion Junior Auxiliary Member of the Year for Maryland. In addition to organizing the Veterans Day Project at Stephen Decatur High School for American Legion Unit 166, Bear assists with the "Metals for Miracles" campaign, collects coupons for military families, and helps with several American Legion Unit 166 functions. Bear is a member of the National Honor Society, Connections, and the Leo Club. Pictured with Bear, center, are Assistant Principal Kathy Cater, John and Dawn Bear, Department of Maryland American Legion Junior Activities Chairman Starr Purnell, American Legion Unit 166 Activities Chair Rosie Garlitz, American Legion Unit 166 Auxiliary First Vice President Tina Preziotti, and American Legion Unit 166 Americanism Chairman Ellen Salafia.



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Belinda Gulyas, Cedar Chapel principal and Robert Paroda, DCMA vice president.



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#### **KIWANIS CELEBRATE**

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City held its holiday party at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Dec. 17. The winners of the ugly sweater and ugly tie contest, from left, are Jennie Rice, who is expecting in April and had a tree with baby shoes on her sweater; Kiwanis Club President, Carolyn Dryzga, who presented the awards and ugliest tie winner, Mike Morton.

## Wor. commission seeking noms for Women of Tomorrow

(Jan. 15, 2015) The Women of Tomorrow Awards honor young women who have made significant and outstanding contributions to their communities.

The awards are based on community service, demonstrated leadership, commitment to and pursuit of academic and future goal achievements.

The Worcester County Commission for Women seeks nominations for young women who will be recognized as Women of Tomorrow at the Women's

History Month Luncheon to be held on March 18, at the Clarion Hotel on 101st Street in Ocean City.

The women will be honored in three groups: Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12. Two awards are given for each grade level, first place and honorable mention.

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling L. Eloise Henry-Gordy at 443-235-3214. Nominations are due no later than Jan. 31.

## **Copy Central collecting** Valentines to honor veterans

(Jan. 15, 2015) Start the year off by thanking a veteran for his or her service with a Valentine card.

For the 15th year, cards will be sent to four veteran rehab medical centers to thank them for their sacrifices and to let them know they are loved, appreciated and not forgotten. All area schools, clubs, businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to participate with purchased cards (no youth cards), but homemade cards are particularly appreciated. No postage is necessary, and the card is addressed to "A Veteran.'

Through the generosity of Linda Dearing and the Copy Central staff, the cards, plus some candy, will be delivered to Charlotte Hall Veterans Hospital, Baltimore Rehab Center, Baltimore VA Medical Center and Perry Point

Drop off locations are: Re/Max Office, 11049 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines; Copy Central, Cathell Road, Ocean Pines; the Ocean Pines Library, the Ocean Pines Community Center and Recreation and Parks building.

The deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 27.

For more information, call 443-614email charlottecathell@ gmail.com or call 443-614-3957 or email louetta@mcclaflin.com.

This project is sponsored by Caring for America, a mission of the Republican Women of Worcester County.

# **MSP Berlin barrack last** to join MD FiRST system

(Jan. 15, 2015) Maryland has launched efforts to build a statewide radio system and a computer-aided dispatch/records management system to replace obsolete or nonexistent systems for the state's public safety agencies.

The system also will provide a statewide infrastructure available for local governments.

On Jan. 7, the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack became the last barrack on the Eastern Shore of Maryland to become active on the system.

The state is continuing to build MD FiRST, Maryland's first statewide interoperable radio system. Even though the terrorist attack on Sept. 11 2001 showed the need for interoperable communications for first responders, only now does Maryland have a statewide radio system despite decades of efforts.

The system covers the entire Eastern Shore and parts of central Maryland. The network is wired to allow first responders to connect in counties covering 55 percent of the state's population.

The first phase provided coverage throughout the northern I-95 corridor and the Port of Baltimore and BWI air-

In 2015, Maryland completed the in-

frastructure build out for Phase II, providing coverage for the entire Eastern Shore. Phase III began in January 2014 and the remainder of the system is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017.

In Worcester County, communications are not only enhanced but have been expanded to include Somerset and Wicomico counties in the arsenal of communication links. Another piece to the project has been the addition of being able to talk directly with Delaware and Virginia law enforcement authori-

Now Troopers have a means to focus on law enforcement activities and not be concerned about radio transmissions being received or delivered.

In Worcester County, the Maryland State Police have worked over the years to maintain a radio communication system with its partners within the county and the Town of Ocean City. The previously used 800 Mhz system will be maintained while minor issues which might arise are attended to.

Once testing is completed, the 800 Mhz system will be removed and the Berlin Barrack will become solely dependent on the MD FiRST system.





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## <u>PUZZLES</u>

#### PERSONAL STATEMENTS

BY PETER A. COLLINS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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- 1 "Aladdin" antagonist God of hosts, hear my prayer'
- 11 Beam splitter
- 16 Face an ace
- 19 Historic time
- 20 People of Kenya
- 21 Powerball, for one
- 22 Uganda's Amin
- 23 The makeup affected the appearance of all the cast of "Casino," including
- 25 Guilty
- 26 Bit of evasive maneuvering
- 27 Singer Nina
- 28 "Think different," e.g.
- 30 Mentored one
- **32** Op-
- 33 Court figs.
- **35** After the 1946 World Series, the dugout was filled with the Cardinals and their happy sounds, including
- 37 Wash
- 39 Card a 72, maybe
- 40 Son of Isaac
- 43 Ice dam sites
- 46 Grade school subj.
- 47 Whimpers
- 51 She said that when it comes to '60s teen idols, all you need to know is one thing:

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

- 54 Doll house?
- **56** One might be made
- 57 Dawn goddess
- 58 Allen's successor on late-night TV
- **60** 2008 Obama catchword
- 61 Break up, as concrete
- **62** Opa-, Fla.
- 64 Early Mexican
- 66 Headed up
- 67 The bartender poured beers for all the action movie stars, including
- 71 I.M. sent to a construction site?
- 73 Co-founder of the **Black Panthers**
- 74 "Star Trek" crew member
- 75 Bedouin
- Lee, singer with the 2011 #1 album "Mission Bell"
- "And giving up the chimney he rose"
- 81 French bloom
- 82 Complete 83 SAT needs
- 85 The members of the Metropolitan Opera were hit with a host of problems, including
- 88 Cause for an insurer's denial, maybe
- 89 It's east of S.A.
- 91 Schwarzenegger, informally
- 92 "Enough, I get it!"
- 93 Prior listings?

- 97 C.S. Lewis's lion 99 At Thanksgiving
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- 104 Quarry, e.g.
- 105 Hundred Acre Wood denizen
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        - playboy 16 "Carmen"
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        - 18 Al Kaline, for his entire career
        - 24 Best at an inspection, say
        - 31 Do some farmwork
        - 34 World leader in 1979 headlines 36 Record
        - 37 What toasters often hold
        - 38 Work night for Santa 40 Pulls back
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      - **45** Cig
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- 76 Woody offshoot? 77 News station

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# week's puzzles

# CUISINE

**BAYSIDE GAZETTE** 

# Pricey picatta can be cooked on cheap

Years ago, my wife and I travelled with an employer and his wife to the Bahamas for a business trip, which



By Paul Suplee, CEC PCIII

Ocean City.

Fish Fry.

was a lovely five days at The Atlantis on Paradise Island in Nassau. The goal was to observe the hospitality facets of this massive property and to help us gauge how to improve things at the property in

After the first four days of eating on-campus, I convinced everyone to eat lunch at Fish Fry, a small gathering of restaurants in Nassau that attracted tourists and Bahamians alike. I kept asking the locals where they ate (surely they didn't venture to The Atlantis for their dining-out adventures), and in unison they mentioned

It was here that I learned how to shuck live conch, although I didn't do it myself. All you need is a hammer with a claw and a boning knife and – voila! – your scorched conch (a Bahamian specialty) is shortly at hand.

We happened upon the food village at 10 a.m., and I was excited to try some indigenous foods. The only place that was open was a little conch shack and there were already four or five locals sitting, eating and drinking Kalik Beer.

The others in our party were fine with waiting for Goldie's, so I went to a bar stool alone, ordered a Kalik and "whatever they're having." Everyone laughed, because the house specialty was literally one item: scorched conch.

I watched, sipping my beer, as the gentleman behind the counter gracefully shucked the conch, cleaned it and then delicately smashed it with a tenderizing mallet. In hindsight, I think it was the head of a sledgehammer, but you get the gist. The conch was then finely cut and doused with a Scotch Bonnet hot sauce, sour orange and lime — as simple as it gets.



It was delicious.

But this story is not about conch. Nor is the picture that of scorched conch. But it all happened on the same trip. In fact, it was the chicken upon which I dined that motivated me to get off The Atlantis campus to try some local foods.

On our third night in the Bahamas, we ate at the property's Italian restaurant, a sister property to the flagship in Manhattan. I ordered the chicken scaloppine with lemon and butter, a close second to my favorite Italian dish, chicken picatta.

My employer was raving about the massive portion size of this dish at the New York location, enough to serve three people, so I was excited. But when the plate came – the plate that had a fairly steep \$37 price tag – the serving was puny. There were maybe six ounces of chicken on the plate.

It was delicious, but I vowed to find out what exorbitant chicken prices the property must have been paying to rationalize the plate cost.

The next day, I introduced myself

to the executive chef of the property who promptly set me up for a tour with his executive sous chef, Rosie. She was great and spared a better portion of her morning going through every restaurant and facility on property. I kept asking about chicken prices and she kept asking, but no one knew.

Finally, a purchaser was able to pull up the per-pound cost of boneless, skinless chicken breast at the property. It was a staggering \$3.75. No, I did not type that incorrectly. The chicken dish had around a 5 percent food cost in the chicken. Even with the other ingredients, we're talking about a 10-12 percent cost on the plate, well below the standard 26-36 percent in most restaurants. It was then that I was told that the property as a whole celebrated a 9 percent food cost.

It was a powerful lesson for me, in that I made the assumption that things are overly costly in an island economy. I asked my boss if I could charge so much for the portion and he just laughed. Not quite.

Years later, I still fondly remember that trip, and when it pops into my head, my thought doesn't go straight to the chicken scallopine, but rather the picatta, the more evolved cousin to this magnificent dish that helps to keep memory and story alive.

#### **Chicken Picatta**

Serves 3, normal-sized portions 1# Chicken breast, boneless and skinless

Salt & Pepper Flour, as needed 6 Tbsp. Grass-fed Butter Olive oil as needed 1/2 c. Dry white wine 1/2 c. Brown chicken stock 3 Tbsp. capers Juice of 1 lemon

Juice of 1 lemon Zest of 1 lemon

Minced Italian parsley

Slice chicken horizontally into thin slices and lightly pound with a mallet to tenderize.

Season chicken and dredge (lightly coat) with the flour.

Heat half of the butter in a pan on medium-high heat until sizzling subsides

Add a touch of olive oil and add chicken carefully.

Cook until brown and turn, cooking for approximately another three minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

When all of the chicken is cooked, remove from pan and pour out fat, leaving the fond or goo at the bottom of pan

When the pan is nice and hot again, deglaze with white wine and reduce by half, which will not take long.

Add stock and reduce again by half.

Add capers, lemon juice, zest and parsley and pull off heat.

Serve sauce on the chicken and that's it.

— 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.



# CALENDAR

**BAYSIDE GAZETTE** 

#### THURS. Jan. 15

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, Marlin Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Planning meeting for 2015. Info: 410-208-3032.

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

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

**CHAIR AEROBICS** — St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter's Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

#### FRI. Jan. 16

#### 41ST ANNUAL EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S AND AQUACULTURE TRADE

**EXPO** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seminars, gear, equipment and more. Admission costs \$15. Info: www.marylandwatermen.com or 800-626-2326.

**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.

#### SONGWRITERS BY THE BAY VOL. 4 —

Fager's Island, 201 60th St., Ocean City, 6-10 p.m. Food and drink specials. No cover. Info: www.fagers.com.

#### **SAT. Jan. 17**

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#### NAUTICAL & WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL —

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: www.ocshows.com or 800-626-2326.

#### GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION OF PER-FORMING ARTS CENTER — Performing

Arts Center, Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., celebration 6:30-10 p.m. Ribbon-cutting ceremony and performances by the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and the OC Stars. Tickets range from \$25-\$45 and include complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Available at www.ticketmas-

ter.com or at the convention center box office. Black tie optional. Info: 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

**DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB** — Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-9 p.m. Music provided by Tor and Coastal Storm. Admission costs \$5. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

#### **NEW YEAR'S CLEANOUT FLEA MARKET —**

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to noon. Featuring gently used clothing, children's items, household items, collectibles and handmade items. Info: 410-641-7052.

**DRESS MAKING PARTY** — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. Make dresses and shorts for children living in poverty in third world countries. Take a sewing machine. Donations of pillowcases accepted. Unused eyelet and other trim is welcome too.

**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. Info: 410-524-8196.

**FARMERS MARKET** — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, seafood and more. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

#### SUN. Jan. 18

## 41ST ANNUAL EAST COAST COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S AND AQUACULTURE TRADE

**EXPO** – Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission costs \$15. Info: www.marylandwatermen.com or 800-626-2326.

#### NAUTICAL & WILDLIFE ART FESTIVAL -

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: www.ocshows.com or 800-626-2326.

#### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET -

Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., 7:30-11:30 a.m. Menu includes belgian waffles, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, cereals, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for carry-outs, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free for children 4 and younger. Info: bfc@berlinfire.com.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, noon to 1 p.m. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

**SHARING SUNDAY** - South Fire Station, Ocean Parkway (south gate), 1-3 p.m. The Democratic Women's Club of Worcester County will collect non-perishable food, toiletries and paper prod-

ucts. Supplies will be shared with a local food ministry. Info: 410-641-8553.

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 - At-

lantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAM- ILY GROUP MEETING** — Woodlands in Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

#### **MON. Jan. 19**

## DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY MEETING — Ocean

Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, on the third Monday of each month. Coffee at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Sandra Hurley, curator of the Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, will be the speaker. Info: 814-322-2119.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Coastal Drug, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 103, Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

**CPAP MASK FITTING** — Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

**LIVING WELL WORKSHOP** — Northern Worcester Senior Center 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 23. Free, six-week workshop that teaches how to live a quality life with chronic disease. Pre-registration required by calling Laura Small, 410-629-6820.

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING -

Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. Meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

**DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY** — The Delmarva Chorus,
Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday from
7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community
Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Info: 410-641-6876.

#### TUES. Jan. 20

#### ART EXHIBIT FORMAL PRESENTATION -

Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, 6-8 p.m. "Shared Visions" is the collaborative works of local literary and visual artists. Refreshments served. Exhibit on display through January. Info: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

Please send calendar items to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your events are printed. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

**WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING** — Ocean Pines library,
11107 Cathell Road, 5-6:30 p.m. Open to
the public and women of all ages are invited to attend. Info: L. Eloise HenryGordy, 410-641-2556.

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING -

Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Info: jeanduck47@gmail.com.

**ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE** - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5 p.m. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

#### **WED. Jan. 21**

#### **BLOOD BANK OF DELMARVA BLOOD DRIVE —**

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Walk-in donors also welcome. Appointments: www.DelmarvaBlood.org or 888 8-BLOOD-8.

#### SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP -

Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.choosetolivemaryland.org.

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

## KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY — Meets every

Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

**BAYSIDE BEGINNINGS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

#### OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEET-

**ING** — Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Info: 410-641-1700 or kbates@taylorbank.com.

**ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE** - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support group. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

#### **NOW PLAYING**

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15th St. & Baltimore Ave. Ocean City 410-289-7192 www.captainstableoc.com Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue

#### **CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS**

10218 Racetrack Road Berlin 410-641-0600 Jan. 17: Sol Knopf, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; New Dawn Duo, 9:30 p.m.to 1:30 a.m.

#### **DUFFY'S TAVERN**

130th Street in the Montego Bay Shopping Center 410-250-1449 Jan. 16: Bob Hughes, 6-10 p.m.

#### **FAGER'S ISLAND**

60th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-5500 Jan. 16: Songwriters on the Bay, DI Hook Jan. 17: DJ RobCee, Scotts New

Jan. 18: Everett Spells Jan. 19: Bryan Clark

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#### **HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL**

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 Jan. 16: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T Jan. 17: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m. Jan. 18: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.

#### **HARPOON HANNA'S**

Route 54 and the bay Fenwick Island, Del. 800-227-0525 302-539-3095 Jan. 16: Dave Hawkins, 6-10

Jan. 17: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.

Jan. 21: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m. Jan. 22: Aaron Howell, 6-10 p.m.

#### **HOOTERS**

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd. West Ocean City 410-213-1841 Jan. 16: Ladies Night w/DJ BK, 8 p.m.

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#### **OCEAN CLUB NIGHTCLUB**

In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535 Every Thursday-Sunday: DJ Dusty, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Jan. 16-17: On the Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

#### **SEACRETS**

49th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-4900 Jan. 16: The JJ Rupp Band, 9

Jan. 17: Jon Maurer Band, 5 p.m.; Steal The Sky, 10 p.m. Jan. 22: Full Circle, 5 p.m.

#### THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES **YACHT CLUB**

1 Mumford's Landing Road Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 Jan. 16: Remy & Smooth, 6-10 p.m.

#### WHISKER'S BAR & GRILL

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 443-365-2576 Jan. 16: Karaoke w/Donnie Berkey, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.



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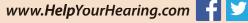
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