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## SEWER WORK

Marvin Smith, left and Michael Campbell of Berlin's Water and Wastewater Divisions lay new sewer lines as construction to renovate public restrooms near Town Hall begins.

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## Yacht Club project includes add'l cost for storm damage

### One-time exemption granted by directors

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Board of Directors on Jan. 25 approved a one-time exemption to authorize the expansion of a \$4.3 million Yacht Club renovation project to include the wider pool complex, which incurred unforeseen storm damage.

After three days of discussion and debate over the fiscal 2013-14 budget, all but two directors — David Stevens and Martin Clarke — voted to authorize General Manager Bob Thompson to proceed with a sole source contract with Harkins Builders Inc. for an additional \$800,000 to \$900,000. The absence of alternate bidders drew everything from parliamentary skepticism to an ad homonym attack, but Thompson continued to make the case for allowing Harkins, who won the contract for phase 1 of the Yacht Club renovation, to continue as the general contractor for the parking lot, complex and pool area.

Much like the contention that ultimately led to a membership referendum resulting in the approval of the rehabilitation and replacement of the Yacht Club, the Jan. 23 meeting to initiate the new budget season began with green visor scrutiny of the \$600,000 price tag that Thompson estimated was needed to bring the Yacht Club pool and bulkhead back into useable shape in time for the Memorial Day summer season. To repair the pool, which was lifted and cracked during Hurricane Sandy, would require a specialist at an additional \$200,000, he said.

Thompson recommended that Harkins be allowed to complete the repair work in a second contract to tie into the work that has already begun on the Yacht Club, in order to maintain a continuity of design throughout the entire complex.

He said a new contractor would have to "start fresh" in the permit process

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## Proposed turbine could have alternative location

### Town-owned property is commercial and not as close to neighbors

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN— Following up on the concerns of residents living near the proposed site of an experimental wind turbine, the Town Council on Jan. 28 was told that an alternative site for the turbine could be available.

Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence said his department was considering the former site of Raynes Sand and Gravel on Old Ocean City

Boulevard as a possible option for the installation.

Lawrence said afterward that the property is already owned by the town, the area is commercial rather than residential and it would be approximately 800 feet to 1,000 feet away from the nearest residence.

The alternate site would have to undergo the same type of approval process that resulted in the Savage Substation on Schoolfield Street initially being chosen. Schoolfield Street residents had raised concerns about possible safety and environmental issues when the council discussed the proposed wind turbine earlier in the month. A group of the neighbors at-

tended the hearing with a petition in hand to deliver to the council when Lawrence made the announcement.

In other council action, Economic and Community Development Director Michael Day, along with representatives of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, requested and received the Council's unanimous approval of a special exemption for the consumption of alcohol in non-glass containers within specified timeframes and areas for six events this year. The events are:

Jazz and Blues Bash (noon to 8 p.m., May 4); May Day Play Day (5-8 p.m., May 10); International Food and Music (11 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 22); Fid-

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# Fixing pool area storm damage added to OP Yacht Club project

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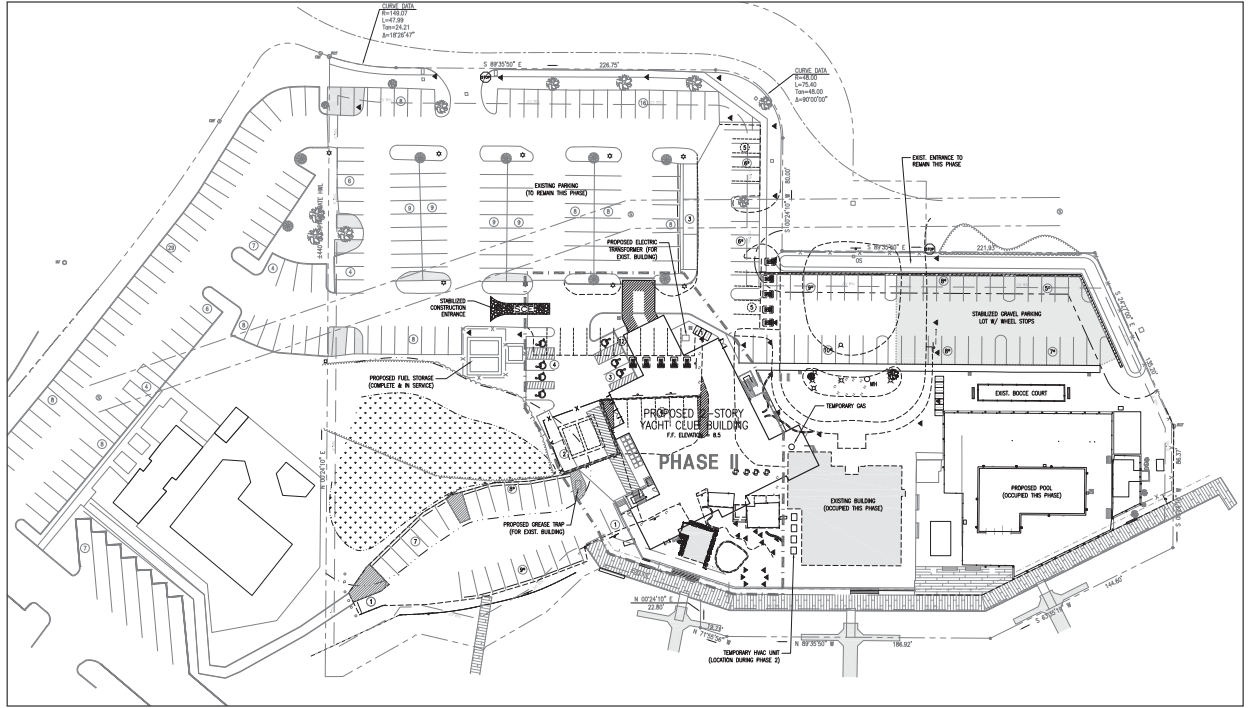
with Worcester County whereas Harkins would only have to get expansion approval for its existing permits. He also recommended that Harkins be assigned the role of general contractor to oversee the specialized work of whichever contractor was awarded the work to replace the pool and pump house, in order to coordinate utility specifications and permits.

Clarke took exception to the concept of a sole source contract that could exceed Thompson's \$600,000 estimate. He said that although Harkins had done a fabulous job on the Racket Club, Thompson's week-old Yacht Club Pool project seemed rushed. "It doesn't meet the duty of care" fiduciary requirement, he said and accused Thompson of sitting on the information only to force the board to decide on it on a rushed basis. Clarke warned about the danger that such a truncated bidding process could set a precedent for future contract planning and said he would not vote for a no-bid contract.

Director Sharon O'Hare mentioned that the timeline of the proposal was based on the assumption that the weather and other conditions would go as expected. Director Tom Unger seemed a bit dismayed that Thompson's plan seemed to be proceeding as though board approval was a foregone assumption.

Thompson told the board he was merely presenting them with an appropriate solution to continue the project. "The decision is up to the board," he said, adding that the \$600,000 proposal did not seem unreasonable.

Thompson later said the second unfunded, off-budget project was needed only because of Hurricane Sandy. He estimated that with the pool, the final cost of the repair contract would likely range between \$800,000 and \$900,000. The board decided to make



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The diagram illustrates the area of the existing Harkins Builders Inc. contract to renovate the Ocean Pines Yacht Club (marked PHASE II in center) in relation to a broader area, including the pool, pump room and parking lot, which the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voted to also assign to Harkins as general contractor. The additional construction was necessitated by damage caused by Hurricane Sandy.

an exception for this particular case.

Prior to the vote on the contract, the board on Jan. 23 approved a motion by Clarke to begin a stricter process for collecting overdue fees from delinquent members. Some members have bills that exceed \$5,000 to \$10,000, he said. The board approved unanimously Clarke's proposal to begin on March 1 to

issue final warning letters to delinquent members and then begin publishing their names while pursuing legal action.

O'Hare had asked for a grace period that would allow delinquent members facing true financial problems enough time to bring their accounts out of arrears before the stricter procedures begin.

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Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence shows a site on Old Ocean City Boulevard, which may be offered to the Berlin Town Council as an alternate installation site for an innovative new wind turbine. The prior proposed site was in a residential neighborhood, the alternate site is in a commercial area on property previously owned by Raynes Sand and Gravel.

## Possible alternative location may work for turbine project

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dlers Convention (6:30-10 p.m., Sept. 20) and (10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 21), and Octoberfest (noon to 6 p.m., Oct. 16)

The council also unanimously granted permission for the Berlin Chamber of Commerce to sell beer and wine pending approval of a permit by the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners. Day said that the chambers' event planners would be discussing the potential sales with Berlin Main Street businesses to forestall the potential for conflicts from competing interests.

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Eagle Scout Peter Marx asked the council for permission to install bat boxes in Stephen Decatur Park as a

project intended to help him reach the final rank in the Eagle Scout category. He told the council the boxes were designed and painted to blend in with the natural landscape, but he might require the use of one of the town's bucket trucks to install the boxes in the trees.

The council approved the request and Lawrence said that his department would assist Marx in installing the boxes.

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Mary Henderson of Women Supporting Women requested and received the council's approval for a special fundraising event on June 14. The organization plans to sponsor a High Heel Race that would start at 7 p.m. She asked that a section of Main Street be temporarily blocked off for the race.

## Williams strikes back after being targeted by rumors

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Apparently frustrated by a recent rumor campaign against him, Mayor Gee Williams held forth at Tuesday's Town Council meeting, issuing a statement denouncing what he described as an orchestrated attempt "to undermine my reputation and ability to serve effectively as mayor of the Town of Berlin."

Williams challenged allegations that he had "an out-of-control drinking problem that has resulted in serious misbehavior or illegal actions on my part in recent months, or possibly on New Year's Eve." He said the rumor morphed into new versions as previous ones were discredited.

"I also believe I know who is responsible for this whispering campaign, and why," Williams said, but stopped short of openly voicing his suspicions. Rather, he said, "All I can say to all this silliness is, if anyone in this community is opposed to the policies and vision I am working towards as Berlin's mayor, then simply come to a public meeting at Town Hall and make your case."

"But for those in the community who think you will diminish my determination to work for what I believe in for Berlin...then if these rumors are the best you've got ... then that's just pathetic!"

### CORRECTION

We goofed when we identified the snow-dusted Buckingham Presbyterian Church as St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We apologize for the error and thank them for a lovely winter vista.



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# OPA directors preparing to begin work on new budget

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES – As members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors began preparing the 2013-2014 budget last Wednesday, new capital expenditures will not be on the agenda.

OP General Manager Bob Thompson told the board at a Jan. 11 pre-budget briefing that significant consideration had been given to the fact that major capital projects were already underway. That contributed to the decision to refrain from recommending any new capital expenditures this year, “major or minor,” he said.

Instead, the proposed 2013-2014 budget, according to Thompson, would provide for the continuation of the board’s five-year funding plan for the major repairs, renovations and upgrades to the community’s major physical assets.

That strategy was implemented by management in response requests “by the OPA Board of Directors and as presented to our membership during the Yacht Club referendum process,” according to Thompson.

As Thompson discussed a proposal for five percent increases in certain membership fees, he told the directors most Ocean Pines’ programs have continued to operate for five years or more without an

increase in fees to residents, even though costs have continued to increase. The exceptions to that, Thompson pointed out, were the beach club, marina slip fees, and weekly pool and tennis memberships.

Salaries and wages, the administration’s most significant expense, increased only 1.7 percent over last year’s budgeted level, Thompson said. It is estimated to increase by 5.4 percent over this year’s estimated actual level. Those amounts did not include payroll costs, he explained.

Thompson also told the directors that the formula for amortizing the \$552,000 internal loan to fund this year’s drainage project capital expenditures would be included in the budget proposal.

According to Thompson, another consideration reflected in the budget proposal was the continuing economic challenges some Ocean Pines residents were facing.

Scheduling for meetings, hearings and votes on the 2013-2014 proposed budget are:

- **Jan. 29:** board feedback.
- **Feb. 2:** public hearing, 9 a.m. at the Community Center.
- **Feb. 6:** optional board working session, 3 p.m. at the Country Club.
- **Feb. 23:** board meeting to vote on the proposed budget, 9 a.m., at the Community Center.

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## Towson outfit gets Snow Hill school contract

SNOW HILL — Oak Contracting LLC, a construction management firm specializing in new construction and renovation for the education and medical research sectors, has announced that the Worcester County Board of Education has selected it to provide construction management services for the \$41 million Snow Hill High School renovation.

The project calls for renovating and enlarging the 1958 facility by adding state-of-the-art classrooms, a media center, computer labs, a science wing, a gymnasium, a cafeteria/kitchen and a new athletic complex.

When complete, the high school's current square footage will be increased to 124,000 square feet. The new school will include several highly efficient sustainable features such as a geothermal heating/cooling system, motion-activated lights, thermally insulated glass and low-flow plumbing fixtures.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Mary Henderson, of Women Supporting Women, makes her case before the Berlin Town Council for a High Heel Race scheduled for June 14. The race will raise funds to help support women battling breast cancer.

## Berlin approves stormwater utility department, fee plan

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN — The Town Council on Tuesday unanimously approved an ordinance and resolution to begin the process of establishing a stormwater utility department that would be funded in part by a flat \$50 annual fee for residential property owners and a \$25 annual fee per impervious square footage of a commercial property.

Town Administrator Anthony Carson said the \$25 fee for nonresidential properties was based on a formula that calculated a property's landmass in equivalent residential units (ERU). The fees would apply to each ERU increment, which would equate to an area of impervious cover within a 2,100-square-foot space.

That impervious surface would create run-off to the nearest permeable space, such as the grass, or continue flowing over

a neighboring impermeable surface such as concrete, he said.

The vote came at the end of public discussion at a hearing on Ordinance 2013-01 that officially established a stormwater utility and fee system under the direction and supervision of the Water Resources Department, and Resolution 2013-01 that established a fee structure based on the square footage of an equivalent residential unit.

The public comments of the standing-room-only crowd split relatively evenly between opponents and proponents of the plan.

While there was criticism over how the plan was approached by its organizers, the council also received several comments applauding them for the stormwater mitigation proposal, even from residents who were not similarly enthused about the upcoming new fees.

## Boggs schedules town meeting

OCEAN PINES — Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs will hold her first Town Meeting of 2013 at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Ocean Pines library on Cathell Road. All are welcome to attend and participate in dialog about current issues of interest to Ocean Pines and

northern Worcester County, including updates on natural gas and development along Route 589.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Jerry Wilson, superintendent of Worcester County Public Schools. For more information, call 410-641-6158.

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# OBITUARIES

## Linda Carolyn Oehl

OCEAN PINES — Linda Carolyn Oehl of Ocean Pines passed away Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at Westside Regional Medical Center in Plantation, Fla., after a courageous battle with a long illness. Born Jan. 27, 1948, in Alexandria, Va., she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Ruth Keatts. She will be remembered as kind and thoughtful, a giving wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, neighbor and friend. At the time of her peaceful passing, she was surrounded by close family.

Mrs. Oehl grew up in the Cameron Valley area of Virginia. Her first job was during high school, working in an exclusive boutique in Alexandria. After graduating from Hammond High School in 1965, she went on to spend more than 30 years as an executive assistant, paralegal and office manager for various law firms and title companies.

In 1978, she moved to Columbia, Md., where she and her husband raised their daughters. Once her children were grown, she made the decision to retire, and in 2005, she and Barry settled into a cute little beach house in Ocean Pines. She loved living near the beach, where she could spend hours sitting on her front porch in the pines and waving to people who walked by, driving around the community looking at houses, and people watching on the Boardwalk while eating a funnel cake.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Oehl was a consummate mother, wife and homemaker, dedicating her life to creating and maintaining a warm, comfortable home. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing special meals for her family. She was a dedicated Ravens fan and enjoyed wearing purple and watching all of the Ravens football games. Traveling was also a favorite activity, and every year she and her husband visited her family in Florida. Later in her life, her hobbies included dollhouse making, and she took a keen interest in genealogy. She spent the last few years researching, collecting documents and pictures, and compiling everything she could find about her family and her husband's family.

Mrs. Oehl was actively involved with the Ocean Pines Forum, and made many good friends from the forum and the Ocean Pines community that will remember her fondly.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 43 years, Barry, of Ocean Pines; daughters, Stefani Rodriguez of Ellicott City and Samantha Jacobs and her husband, Michael Jacobs of Sunrise, Fla.; grandchildren Gabrielle Ro-

driguez of Ellicott City and Will Jacobs of Sunrise, Fla.; sister, Mildred "Middy" Faye Shawver of Santa Rosa, Calif.; brother, Thomas Keatts Jr. of Burke, Va.; cousins, Linda Florence of Las Vegas, John Page of California and Don Bilbrey and Linda Bilbrey Streat of Springfield, Va.; niece, Mindy Shambaugh; and nephew, Dan Shawver, of Santa Rosa, Calif. She joins those who preceded her in death, including her parents, Thomas Sr. and Ruth Keatts; grandparents, Caner Nelson Hall Sr and Ollie Mae Hall; aunts, Madeline Robbinette and Mildred Faye Soares; uncles, Sylvino Soares, Caner Nelson Hall Jr., Thomas J. Hall and Charles Hall; and nephew, Daryl Shawver.

A moment of reflection will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. John Neumann Church, 11211 Beauchamp Road, in Berlin. Following the service, vis-

itors are invited to a "Celebration of Life Open House" at the Oehl home, 13 King Richard Road in Ocean Pines. Linda was passionate about the Baltimore Ravens, so in honor of her love for the team, guests are encouraged to wear purple to the service and open house.

Should friends desire, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to The American Lung Association, [www.lung.org/donate](http://www.lung.org/donate).

## Donald Scott Moulder

OCEAN CITY — Donald Scott Moulder, 49, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Irvington, N.J., he was the son of Howard C. and Meredith E. Mahler Moulder. He is survived by his son, Andrew Simonson Moulder of Ocean City and a brother, Duane Darryll Moulder

of Ocean City. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Howard Moulder in 1977. He is also survived by his girlfriend Jeanette Sturgis of Onancock, Va.

Mr. Moulder worked in maintenance for the Harrison Group in Ocean City.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 27, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Interment was private. Donations may be made to Atlantic General Hospital, 97363 Healthway Drive, Berlin, Md. 21811. Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

## Maude M. Donoway

OCEAN CITY — Maude M. Donoway, 79, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at her home. Born in Quinby, Va., she was the daughter of the late John William Cropper and Mary Anne Powell Cropper. She

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A memorial service in memory of Carolyn Love Baria Johnson, an active member of the church and community for 20 years, will be held at Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Race-track Road, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

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was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Revere Donoway, in 1996. She was also preceded in death by brothers Edward, Norman and Robert Cropper and sisters, Helen Hill and Francis Davis.

Mrs. Donoway was co-owner of Tingle's Apartments in Ocean City and she also worked at Captain's Galley Restaurant in West Ocean City. She was a member of Bowen-Trinity United Methodist Church (Newark charge), where she enjoyed participating in many of the churches functions and festivities. She attended the MAC Senior Center in Snow Hill, but most of all enjoyed spending time with her family and her beloved dog, Jet.

She is survived by her six children: Linwood and wife, Joan Donoway, of Newark, Florence Donoway and companion, Troy Croom, of Newark, Mike and wife, Nancy Donoway, of Newark, Tommy and wife, Kim Donoway, of Newark, Paula and husband, Mike Turner, of Snow Hill and Wally and wife, Robyn Donoway of Newark. She was a loving grandmother to Robbie and wife, Tammy Donoway, of North Carolina, Michael and Garren Turner of Snow Hill, Brittanie Turner and companion, Travis Donaway, of Snow Hill, and Jason, Michael, Melissa, Matthew, Amber, Lee and Zack Donoway, all of Newark. She was an adored great-grandmother to Madison and Loreli Donoway, Kensi and Lizy Turner, Coulter Donaway and Lily Donoway. She also had five step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Bernie and wife, Faye Cropper, of Berlin; sister Blanche Hudson of Ocean City; sister-in-law Margaret McSheffry of Salisbury; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 27, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. The Rev. Sherwood McGrath officiated. Interment was in Trinity Garden of Memory Cemetery in Newark. A donation in her memory may be made to the Bowen-Trin-

ity United Methodist Church, (Newark charge), P.O. Box 63, Newark, Md., 21841.

### Lawrence C. Pitman Sr.

BERLIN — Lawrence Cralle Pitman, 81, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013. Born in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late John Benjamin Pitman and Frances Adelaide Lawrenson. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Sharp Pitman, and children, Lawrence C. Pitman Jr. and his wife, Lynda, of Valencia, Calif., and Sandra Ann Beatty of St. Cloud, Fla. He leaves behind 1 grandchild and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, John B. Pitman and his wife, Theresa, of Millsboro, Del., and a sister, Patricia Schlauch and her husband, Robert, of Ocean City.

Mr. Pitman graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School, Washington, D.C., in 1951. He had served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and later attended American University. Mr. Pitman worked as an artist for the Department of the Air Force at the Pentagon. After retiring, he and his wife moved to Ocean Pines, where he pursued his love of painting and became a well-known painter across the country. He also loved birds and had been an avid birder since his youth.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. Rev. Bill Sterling officiated. A donation in his memory may be made to Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, N.Y. 10018, or Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Race Track Road, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811.

Arrangements were handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

### Hugh Joseph Menghi Jr.

BERLIN — Hugh Joseph Menghi Jr., 90, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2013, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. He was the son on the late Hugh Joseph Menghi Sr. and Josephine Cosgrove Menghi.

Mr. Menghi is survived by his wife, Irene Menghi; two sons, James Peter Menghi of Colorado and William Michael Menghi of Utah; three daughters, Linda Alyce Bolduc and her husband, Mark, of North Carolina, Donna Marie Faries and her fiancé, Ed, of Delaware and Jeanne Theresa Barnes and her husband, David, of North Carolina; a sister, Jacqueline Canton; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Hugh Menghi, in May 2012.

Mr. Menghi was born in Boston, Mass., on Dec. 20, 1922. He served in WWII and retired from the United States Air Force as a lieutenant colonel

in 1967. He then retired from the State of Delaware after 15 years of service as an environmental engineer in the Department of Natural Resources.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Ocean City, where friends may call one half hour prior to the service. Father Richard Smith will officiate. Entombment will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Georgetown, Del. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Most Blessed Sacrament School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Arrangements are being handled by Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### No free dinner

A 46-year-old Fairfax, Va., man learned last week that he should not have run out on a bar tab.

According to Ocean City police, Valentino Mario Sacco and a friend left Kirby's Red Onion Grille on 137th Street on Jan. 24 without paying a \$27.25 bar tab. A staff member tried to stop them as they left.

Police found Sacco sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot of a hotel.

After he failed field sobriety tests, police charged him with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired. They also charged him with theft of less than \$100.

### Bloodied patrol car

An Ocean City police officer spent 90 minutes decontaminating his patrol car last Friday after a suspect bled in it.

The officer had stopped a Ford Mustang at 65th Street after noticing that the front seat passenger was not using the seatbelt.

As he walked toward the vehicle, he saw the passenger bend forward as if to hide something on the floor or beneath the seat.

After the passenger, later identified as Sean Patrick Kelley, 23, of Bishopville, and the driver, later identified as Christopher Shawn Lodge Jr., 21, of the Ocean Pines area, exited the car at the police officer's direction, the officer saw bits of marijuana on the floor. He found a plastic bag containing suspected cocaine and a plastic bowl with marijuana.

Searching the car's trunk, he found a hypodermic syringe in the front pouch of a back-

pack. According to the charging document, Lodge claimed possession of it.

The police officer then arrested both men and had Kelley sit in the patrol car. He then saw fresh blood all over Kelley's pants and waist area. Blood covered both of Kelley's hands and the entire rear passenger seat. Kelley's ring finger on his right hand appeared to have the fingernail or cuticle torn off.

In addition to the blood, the officer could smell marijuana in his patrol vehicle.

After taking Kelley to the police headquarters for booking, the officer returned to his car and found that the blood originated at the plastic seatbelt casing. He also saw a clear plastic bag inserted and secreted down into the hollow void. The bag contained marijuana.

He realized that Kelley had torn his fingernail while putting his finger in the seatbelt casing in an attempt to hide the marijuana.

The police officer then went inside to see Kelley. He could see marijuana in Kelley's mouth and he knew Kelley had maneuvered himself in the patrol car to ingest the marijuana and then pushed the bag into the seat belt casing, injuring himself.

Kelley was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a controlled dangerous substance other than marijuana, possession of equipment to administer a controlled dangerous substance and malicious destruction under \$100.

Lodge was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of equipment to administer a controlled dangerous substance.

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# Court finds Seacrets not liable in ejection suit

## Woman was raped after she was made to leave club due to intoxication

By Kristi Tousignant and Beth Moszkowicz  
The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — Seacrets is not liable for a rape that occurred in its parking lot, a jury decided Monday.

The case had been brought by a woman who was attacked in the parking lot of Seacrets, a resort hotspot, after bar employees noticed she was drunk, escorted her outside and left her there.

The jury, made up of five women and five men, deliberated for about two days after a trial that began Jan. 14 in U.S. District Court in Baltimore.

Joseph S. Mack of Mack & Mack LLP in Baltimore said he and his client, identified in court papers only as Jane Doe, are considering their options for an appeal.

"We are grateful that the jury took its time to consider the evidence in the case," Mack said. "We are disappointed with the result."

During closing arguments Wednesday, Mack told the jury that the bar's owner, O.C. Seacrets Inc., failed to take reasonable precautions when its

staff left her outside the bar alone. The defense, however, said the bar should not be held liable for the criminal acts of another person.

Throughout the case, Seacrets maintained the assault was not the result of any negligence on the bar's part. Seacrets' attorney Laura C. Walters, of Drechsler, Larkin & Walters P.C. in Baltimore, argued that the bar is obligated under its written policy to eject intoxicated people and prevent them from returning.

"The management and staff of Seacrets would like to thank the judge and jury for their careful attention to this matter," Walters said.

Walters declined to comment further on the outcome, saying it was her firm's policy not to discuss verdicts.

Jane Doe, then 24, headed to Ocean City in 2008 to spend the Memorial Day weekend with friends.

At around 1 a.m., bar cameras show the woman swaying before falling sideways in the bar. A doorman at the time, William Arvin, escorted her outside and left her on a bench.

While there was evidence that Seacrets has a policy of trying to reunite people it ejects with other members of their party, Arvin testified that the policy does not apply during the peak summer season because the staff does not have enough time.

Around 2:22 a.m., parking lot secu-

rity cameras show "a violent assault" against a woman, before the attacker moved the woman behind a building, according to court documents.

Jane Doe's lawsuit sought \$1 million in damages for negligent ejection and premises liability.

She also said that Seacrets chose to place a security camera in the parking lot, but failed to use it to provide effective security.

Walters, however, argued during the case that the woman had ignored both taxi and bus rides and left the bench where staff left her.

The woman's assailant, Lorenzo Ivan Garcia-Moreno, pleaded guilty to first-degree rape, kidnapping and other crimes in March 2012 and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Judge William M. Nickerson presided over the trial. Last year, Nickerson denied a motion for dismissal or summary judgment in which Seacrets argued that the lawsuit was a dram shop liability action. Under dram shop actions, which Maryland does not recognize, bars are liable for over-serving alcohol.

Nickerson denied the motion in August, saying Seacrets had policies in place to deal with drunk patrons since staff members are told to search for their friends and even alert other staff when they can't find the friends.

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# McDermott bill would trash confiscated cigs, not sell them

## Another bill would add fee to traffic convictions, use revenue for training

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — Recent legislation introduced by State Delegate Michael McDermott (R-38B) would authorize political subdivisions to destroy rather than sell seized tobacco contraband, add a new fee to traffic convictions and use the additional funds for law enforcement training, and offer a tax credit for gas stations that invest in generators that can be used during disasters.

McDermott introduced HB0147 on Jan. 17. It would amend the law governing how local governments dispose of tobacco contraband by authorizing the state comptroller to allow political subdivisions to destroy contraband tobacco products seized and forfeited under specified circumstances.

Under existing law the Comptroller instructs subdivisions to “sell at public auction a conveyance that is seized under this title in connection with contraband tobacco products and forfeited.”

The proposal was reassigned from the House Ways and Means Committee to the House Economic Matters Committee on Jan. 23.

McDermott also introduced HB0186 on Jan. 21 to add a \$5 fee to certain traffic and criminal violations if a guilty verdict is reached. The revenue is intended to help fund the state’s Law Enforcement Training and Technology Fund.

Revenue from the fund is distributed by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to local law enforcement agencies annually on a per capita basis based on the number of full-time sworn law enforcement personnel specified manner, according to the legislation. The

purpose of the fund is to assist local law enforcement agencies in paying for training and technology costs, it said.

The fee revenue would also help pay for “Equipment used to increase law enforcement officer efficiency and minimize the time law enforcement officers spend working in the office, including mobile data terminals, in-car cameras, e-ticket equipment, cellular communications, and secure wireless internet hotspots,” according to the bill.

A hearing on the proposal is scheduled for the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. If approved, the legislation would take effect Oct. 1.

Under a proposal the state House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to discuss on Feb. 6, gas stations that invest in generators capable on keeping their pumps operating when disasters interrupt electrical service would be eligible for a tax credit to offset the expense of the purchase and installation.

McDermott introduced the bill (HB0188) Jan. 21. It would direct counties or municipalities to grant a property tax credit of up to \$7,000 for generators or wiring and transfer switches by a retail service station and would apply to the tax year in which the equipment was installed.

Local jurisdictions would determine the particulars of the tax credit, such as when it would be granted, the amount, certain procedures for approval, defining certain terms, and providing for the application and termination of the tax credit.

The credit would apply to generators capable of operating all fuel pumps, dispensing equipment and payment-acceptance equipment at a retail service station for at least 72 hours after a power outage.

If approved, the bill would take effect for five years beginning June 1 and would be applicable to all taxable years. It would automatically expire June 30, 2018.

# Measures from Mathias look to make changes in Somerset

## Senator’s first bills this session deal with administrative changes for treasurer

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — A recent legislative proposal by State Sen. James Mathias (D-38) would allow Somerset County officials to make several administrative changes, including expanding their wine tasting licenses later this summer, transferring the Crisfield boat ramp from the county to the city, and consolidating the county’s treasurer’s duties.

On Jan. 24 Mathias introduced legislation that would allow Somerset County officials to expand their wine tasting licenses to include beer in time for summer. The proposal (SB0351) is exclusive to Somerset County and would become effective July 1.

Under the provisions of the bill, Somerset County’s Board of License Commissioners may issue a beer and wine tasting license to businesses that have already received of a beer, wine and liquor license or a beer and wine license. Under existing law, wine tasting licenses are limited to holders of Class A beer and wine (off-sale) licenses.

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# Council does housekeeping measures on public festivals

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The proposed beer and wine tasting licenses would allow beer or wine to be sold under beer, wine and liquor licenses, or allow beer and wine tastings for which no consideration may be charged.

The county's Board of License Commissioners would be authorized to regulate the quantity and number of bottles of specified alcoholic beverages to be served, according to the legislative language. In addition to the annual \$150 beer and wine tasting license fee, a \$100 issuing fee would be charged for the expanded licenses.

While Crisfield currently is scheduling family-friendly "Freedom Fest" events for the July 4 holiday, according to the bill, "the privileges granted by this BWT license may not be exercised during a festival event."

In other legislation, a Feb. 6 hearing is scheduled before the Maryland Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on a proposal introduced by Mathias to abolish the elected position of the Somerset County treasurer and transfer the duties and functions of the office of county treasurer to the county supervisor of tax collection.

Under the bill (SB0154), the supervisor of tax collection would function under the direction of the county finance direc-

tor. The appointed position of deputy treasurer would be eliminated, according to the bill, which if enacted would become effective Oct. 1.

The committee hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m.

A bill (SB0155) introduced by Mathias on Jan. 17 would authorize the Somerset County Commissioners to sell the county boat dock at Crisfield's small boat harbor to the City of Crisfield in a private sale, but under specific conditions.

According to the Crisfield Web site, the city's protected harbor encourages both local fishing businesses and cruising tourist vessels. "Many crabbers and oystermen bring in their catches of the day via this harbor which is lined by seafood packing plants. The downtown area rests directly on the waterfront where there is a large city pier, perfect for visitors who want to experience the true flavor of the Crisfield culture," it said.

The small boat harbor dock would revert back to the county commissioners if the City of Crisfield either attempts to restrict the public use of the property, assesses any fees for the use of the property, or attempts to transfer the property to any other person.

A hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee is scheduled for Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Roger Lewis left, a supervisor for Bishopville-based general contractor David A. Bramble Inc., and Ted Abbott Jr., a consultant with the State Highway Administration, examine new pavement along Broad Street in Berlin. The construction project will make passageways along Broad Street compliant under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Rick Holland, president and "King Lion" of the Berlin Lions Club, says the fraternal organization's "Whole Hog Sausage Sale" will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the club, 9039 Worcester Highway. The sale is an annual fundraiser for scholarships and vision-related charity projects.

# Berlin Lions Club prepares to go 'whole hog' Saturday

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN – The Berlin Lion's club has been taking names and orders for the past few weeks as they prepared for one extremely busy Saturday of cutting through the pork.

Richard G. Holland, president and "King Lion," said up to half of the 70 members of the club were preparing to start a morning of butchering to fulfill pre-orders that have been queuing in the telephone message bank for their annual "Whole Hog" sale on Saturday.

Walk-in purchases will begin at 8 a.m. and Holland predicted the sale could last until 1 p.m. that day. Small items like pig's feet and soup bones will be available for \$1 the day of the sale, he said.

Holland said the members would begin cutting 25 fresh hogs (received in halves) for packaging to be sold by the pound in the form of sausages (\$3.75), pork tenderloin (\$4.75), scrapple (\$5 per 2 lbs.), and ribs (\$4). The minimum order for securing pre-sale purchases was 10 lbs., Holland said. The final deadline for pre-sale orders was Wednesday.

Last year the organization sold 3,100 lbs. of sausage, he said. To get a head start on the order, pickups and walk-in traffic this year the members will start cutting at 6 a.m.

Revenue from the sales help the Lions fund scholarships and their vision-oriented philanthropy projects. Helen Keller was one of the founders, Holland said. The fundraiser generates an average \$10,000 annually, he said.

The Berlin Lion's Club has been sponsoring its "Whole Hog" sale for more than 20 years, according to Holland. Specifically, the revenue raised is used to help support local high school scholarships, eyeglasses for low-income children, preschool vision care at Buckingham Elementary School and Worcester Preparatory School and the Wilmer Eye Institute at

Johns Hopkins University, he said.

The Wilmer Eye Institute describes itself as "an internationally-renowned eye institution that specializes in the diagnosis and management of complex medical and surgical eye disease; and serves as a pre-eminent provider of routine eye care and refractive, optical, cosmetic, and eye trauma services for the Mid-Atlantic region."

According to the Web site of Lions Clubs International, there are 46,000 local clubs and 1.35 million members worldwide, which the organization said "make us the world's largest service club organization."

The Berlin Lion's Club is located at 9939 Worcester Highway, off Route 113.

## Free tax prep offered by AARP

WORCESTER COUNTY — AARP Tax-Aide is offering free tax preparation for 2012 tax season, beginning Feb. 2. Preparation is available to all and you need not be a member of AARP. AARP Foundation operates the AARP Tax-Aide program under a cooperative agreement with the IRS and all information is strictly confidential.

Preparation is done by trained volunteers and free e-filing is included. Appointments are required.

Filings will be prepared at the following locations: Ocean City library on Thursdays and Saturdays (410-213-1608); Ocean Pines library on Mondays and Thursdays (410-213-1608); Community Church at Ocean Pines on Saturdays (410-213-1608); MAC Center in Salisbury on Mondays (410-742-8569); Pocomoke library on Feb. 15, March 1, 15 and 29, and April 12 only (410-957-0878); and Snow Hill library on Feb. 15, March 19 and April 2 only (410-632-1277).

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## Tax deadline extended for some

Comptroller Peter Franchot announced penalty relief last week for Maryland farmers and fishermen who may be forced to file estimated payments late because of this year's delayed start to the tax season.

Following the Internal Revenue Service, current-year personal income tax returns are not being accepted or processed until Jan. 30. Farmers and fishermen are expected to pay their 2012 taxes by March 1, and missing the deadline typically results in interest penalties due for an underpayment of estimated taxes.

Maryland and the IRS are providing relief from the interest penalties and pushing back the deadline to April 15. The recent enactment of the American Taxpayer Relief Act by the federal government caused the delay in filing returns.

— Daily Record Newswire



# BUSINESS

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## AGH announces two new board members

### Hospital also names nine to Atlantic Gen. Hospital corporation

BERLIN — Atlantic General Hospital recently appointed the following new members to its board of directors:

■ Edwin Castaneda MD, FACP, an internist/hospitalist at Atlantic General Hospital, received his medical degree from St. Louis University Medical School and completed an internal medicine residency at Hackensack University Medical Center (a University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey program) in Hackensack, N.J. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of the American College of Physician Executives. He is an immediate past Chief of the Medical Staff and a former Chief of Medicine.

He provides internal medicine care in his private practice in Berlin.

■ Heather E. Stansbury, Esq., is a partner at Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand, P.A. in Ocean City, where she focuses on family law matters such as divorce, child custody, child support, guardianships and adoptions. She is the attorney for the Ocean City Board of Zoning Appeals and the Ocean City Board of Adjustment and Appeals. She is a member of the Trial Court Judicial Nominating Committee, First Judicial Circuit of Maryland and Rackliffe House board of directors, and she is a member of the grant committee for the Women's Fund.

The following individuals were recently appointed as new corporate members at Atlantic General Hospital:

■ Joan Wharton, vice president and business manager for Sound Advice Audio Specialties, Inc., received her bachelor's degree from Salisbury University. She is an immediate past president of the Salisbury Sunrise Rotary Club, a board member of Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, a volunteer for the Cancer Support Community and a mentor for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's "Team In Training."



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■ Sally Dowling, M.D., a family physician at Sally H. Dowling, MD, LLC, in Selbyville, Del. She is certified by the American Board of Family Physician and a member of the Delaware Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Dowling received her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Va. She is a volunteer with the Worcester County Humane Society, and the chair of the Parish Council and Christian Formation Committee at Holy Savior Catholic Church.

■ Dr. Jon Andes, a Professor of Practice at Salisbury University, graduated with his doctorate degree from the University of Maryland. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators and the Snow Hill Rotary Club. He serves on the Executive Board of the Delmarva Council Boy Scouts of America, and is a member of the Troop Committee of Boy Scout Troop 261. Andes served as the superintendent of the Worcester County public school system for 16 years.

■ Lois Sirman, stockholder and officer at J.W. Shockley and Sons, Inc., received her bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She serves on the board of directors for the Farmers Bank of Willards and Osprey Point Homeowners Association. She is also on the Finance Committee for the Community Church at Ocean Pines, and she is a former member of the Worcester County Drug and Alcohol Task Force and the Worcester County Library Board of Trustees.

■ Matt Repass, partner and investment advisor with PKS Investment Ad-

visors, is a member of the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants and the Society of Certified Retirement Financial Advisors.

■ Charles Nichols, president of BSC America, serves on the board of license commissioners and the board of trustees for Worcester Preparatory School.

■ Bill Badger is the director of the Worcester County Economic Development, received his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Towson University in Towson. He is a member of the International Economic Development Council and was awarded the designation of Certified Economic Developer by IEDC in recognition of his extensive knowledge and experience in the field of economic development. He is an active member of the Maryland Economic Development Association, where he serves as immediate past President. In addition to serving on the Atlantic General Hospital corporate board, Badger serves on the board of the Maryland Coastal Bays Foundation.

■ Gregory Tawes, area executive and senior vice president at BB&T, serves as president of the Life Crisis Center in Salisbury, and is a board member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. Tawes earned his bachelor's degree from Salisbury University in business administration and is pursuing a master's in real estate at Johns Hopkins University.

■ Velda Henry, supervisor of human resources for the Worcester County Board of Education, received her bachelor's degree from Wilmington University in Georgetown, Del. Henry is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management, Maryland Association of School Personnel Association, Association of School Business Officials, Maryland Association of Board of Education, and Maryland Negotiation Services. She is also involved in many community/community activities, including Wor-Wic Community College and Blood Bank of Delmarva boards of trustees, Duncan Showell Post #231 Auxiliary and Greater Berlin Minority Scholarship Committee.

## FINANCE

### Life insurance not for everyone; it depends on you

We've all heard about how important it is to have life insurance, but is it really necessary? Usually, the answer is "yes,"



Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC

but it depends on your specific situation. If you have a family who relies on your income, then it is very important to have life insurance protection. If you're single and have no major assets to protect, then you may not need coverage.

In the event of your premature death, your beneficiaries can use funds from a life insurance policy to replace many different types of expenses including: funeral and burial expenses, probate, estate taxes, day care, and any number of everyday expenses. Funds can be used to pay for your children's education and take care of debts or a mortgage that hasn't been paid off. Life insurance funds can also be added to your spouse's retirement savings.

If your dependents will not require the proceeds from a life insurance policy for these types of expenses, you may wish to name a favorite charity as the beneficiary of your policy. Your estate could potentially get a tax benefit for your bequest as well.

Whole life insurance can also be used as a source of cash in the event that you need to access the funds during your lifetime. Many types of permanent life insurance build cash value that can be borrowed from or withdrawn at the policy owner's request. Of course, withdrawals or loans that are not repaid will reduce the policy's cash value and death benefit.

When considering what type of insurance to purchase and how much you need, ask yourself what would happen to your family without you and what type of legacy you would like to leave behind. Do you want to ensure that the funds will be sufficient to pay off the mortgage as well as achieve other goals?

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Cropper IV named chairman of the board

Wayne Benson, president and CEO of Bank of Ocean City, along with the board of directors, has announced the appointment of Hugh Cropper, IV as chairman of its board of directors.



H. Cropper IV

Cropper has been a member of the board of directors since 2000. He will replace Sara Jarmon, who will continue to serve as vice chairman of the board of directors.

Cropper's father, Hugh Cropper III, has been a member of the board of directors since 1992, and his grandfather, Hugh Thomas Cropper Jr., served as president of the Bank of Ocean City for many years.

Cropper is a local attorney and a partner in the firm Cowdrey Thompson, P.C. He is a graduate of the College of William & Mary (1985) and the University of Maryland Law School (1988). He and his wife, Jennifer, have 9-year-old twins, Myra and Hugh Thomas, who attend third grade at Worcester Preparatory School. Cropper is also a member of the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Directors, where he serves as chairman of the Board Quality and Patient Safety Committee.

Bank of Ocean City is a locally owned, independent bank, established in 1916. The bank has six offices, four in Ocean City, one in Ocean Pines and one in Berlin.

### Mandes joins Komen Maryland

The Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® announces the hiring of Margo Mandes as the Eastern Shore Race and development coordinator. Her responsibilities will include developing, promoting and executing fundraising activities and third party events on the Eastern Shore. Additionally, she will be responsible for all sources of Race revenue for the Komen Maryland Ocean City Race for the Cure, including sponsorship recruitment and retention, donation and team program development and general Race registration promotion and production.



Margo Mandes

Mandes brings more than 10 years of development and event planning experience to Komen Maryland.

"Margo brings with her a wealth of experience in development and event planning," said Robin Prothro, CEO of Komen Maryland. "Margo's background will be a valuable asset as we focus on expanding our sponsor efforts on the Eastern Shore and growing the Ocean City Race for the Cure as a destination event."

### Marshall Auctions announces new hire

Doug Marshall, president of Marshall Real Estate Auction Company, Marshall Home & Land Company and The Amphitheater at Heron Ponds, has announced that Scott Cocklin has joined the Marshall Companies. He will work on marketing and Web site design, with a focus on growing the companies' use of social and Internet marketing.

Marshall graduated from Salisbury University with degrees marketing and public relations. He gained experience and knowledge through various classes he took and the marketing competitions in which he competed, which include a Google AdWords Campaign, DMAWEF MAXI Competition, and the Target Case Study Competition.

### Davis achieves National Board renewal status

Judy Davis of West Ocean City, a retired special education teacher for Wicomico County Schools, achieved renewal status for



Judy Davis

the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in October 2012. Her certification is Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood, valid until November 2023.

Davis was a special education teacher with Wicomico County Schools from 1993 until her retirement. She taught at Mardela Middle High School, Salisbury Middle, Charles H. Chipman Elementary, Pemberton Elementary and Pittsville Elementary Middle School. Currently, Davis is volunteering at Wicomico High School working with students receiving special education services. Her renewal submission was earned through her work at Wicomico High. As a

member of the Wicomico Retired Educational Personnel, Davis is Community Service Coordinator.

Davis is a 1977 graduate of Salisbury State College, with a bachelor's degree in education. Her master's degree was earned in 1997 in special education at University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Davis also worked part-time for three years as an adjunct professor at Univer-

sity of Maryland Eastern Shore in the Special Education Department.

### Valliant joins ResortQuest West Fenwick office

ResortQuest Real Estate has announced that John O. "Skip" Valliant is now located at the firm's West Fenwick location on Route 54, adjacent to Food Lion.

## FINANCE

### Life insurance does have benefits

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Do you want to ensure that your children's college expenses will be taken care of in your demise? Would you like to leave a sizable donation to your favorite charity? Life insurance may be able to help you meet your intentions and give you the peace of mind that your family will be taken care of financially.

The cost and availability of life insurance depend on factors such as age, health, and the type and amount of insurance purchased. As with most financial decisions, there are expenses associated with the purchase of life insurance. Policies commonly have mortality and expense charges. In addition, if a policy is

surrendered prematurely, there may be surrender charges and income tax implications. Any guarantees are contingent on the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company.

If you are considering the purchase of life insurance, always consult a financial and/or legal professional to help explore your options.

— *Chip Gordy, MBA, CRPC is a financial advisor with Coastal Wealth Management, LLC, located at 10441 Racetrack Road, Unit 1, in Berlin, who specializes in wealth and retirement planning. He can be reached at 410-208-4545 or chip@coastalwealthmgmt.com.*

### Nominate top restaurant in state

MARYLAND – (Jan. 29, 2013) The Restaurant Association of Maryland's Awards Gala nomination process is in full swing. Sponsored by McCormick and Company, the gala celebrates the industry's best in such categories as Maryland's Favorite New Restaurant, Chef of the Year and Favorite Food Truck, among others.

Voting will begin the week of Feb. 18, and winners will be announced April 15, during the 59th Annual Awards Gala at Martin's West in Baltimore. Members of the Maryland dining public are encouraged to visit [www.marylandrestaurants.com/](http://www.marylandrestaurants.com/) to nominate their favorites in the following categories: Chef of the Year, Favorite Restaurant, Wine & Beverage

Program of the Year, Craft Brew Program of the Year, Favorite Bar or Tavern, Favorite New Restaurant, Favorite Food Truck, RAM Restaurateur of the Year and RAM Allied Member of the Year.

To purchase tickets, or for more information about the Fire and Ice Gala, contact Laura Kimmel at [lkimmel@marylandrestaurants.com](mailto:lkimmel@marylandrestaurants.com) or 410-290-6800, Ext. 1023.

The Restaurant Association of Maryland (RAM) is a 2,000-member statewide trade association operated for the purpose of promoting, protecting and improving the foodservice industry in Maryland. For more information, visit [www.marylandrestaurants.com](http://www.marylandrestaurants.com).

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# Court rules out-of-state taxes paid also deductible locally

By Steve Lash

The Daily Record Newswire

MARYLAND — Maryland's top court on Monday struck down as unconstitutional the state's refusal to deduct from city or county taxes the income tax Marylanders pay to other states when they earn money there.

In a 5-2 decision, the Court of Appeals said the statutory bar on such a credit violates the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause by discouraging Marylanders from earning money outside the state.

Without the tax credit, "a taxpayer with income sourced in more than one state will consistently owe more in combined state income taxes than a taxpayer with the same income sourced in just the taxpayer's home state," Judge Robert N. McDonald wrote for the court. "This may discourage Maryland residents from engaging in income-earning activity that touches other states."

Under Maryland law, Marylanders can deduct the income taxes they pay to other states from their Maryland tax, but not from their local taxes.

Andrea Mansfield, of the Maryland Association of Counties, voiced "some level of concern" with the effect the high court's decision could have on county tax revenue coffers. "From the counties' perspective, budgets are still tight," said Mansfield, MACO's legislative director. "Something like this could add to the fiscal difficulty."

The decision was a victory for Brian and Karen Wynne, who challenged Comptroller Peter Franchot's decision that they could not deduct from their Howard County tax bill the \$84,550 they paid in income taxes to other states in 2006.

The Wynnes' out-of-state income was derived from Brian's ownership share in Maxim Healthcare Services Inc., which operates nationwide.

The Office of the Maryland Attorney General, which represented Franchot in court, said it is "reviewing the court's ruling and considering our next steps."

The Wynnes' attorney, Christopher T. Handman, praised what he called the court's "lengthy, scholarly opinion that walked through the constitutional underpinnings of the arguments and carefully studied these theories."

In dissent, Judge Clayton Greene Jr. said the state's denial of an out-of-state tax credit for city and county taxes is not only constitutional but ensures fairness among neighbors, not all of whom might have earned income outside of Maryland.

"[I]f the taxpayers were allowed to pay a lesser amount of county income tax, it would have the possible absurd result of the taxpayers paying little or no local tax for services provided by the county while a neighbor with similar income, exemptions and deductions might be paying a substantial local tax to support those services," Greene wrote.

"The Howard County tax, assessed without a credit, does not expressly discriminate against interstate commerce," he added. "As the comptroller argues, the

Howard County tax is directed at income earned by residents of Howard County, not interstate commerce."

Judge Lynne A. Battaglia joined Greene's dissent.

The Wynnes challenged the comptroller's decision in Howard County Circuit Court, where Judge Louis A. Becker III ruled in June 2011 that the state's refusal to apply the out-of-state tax credit toward local taxes violates the Commerce Clause.

Becker's ruling in the Wynnes' favor overturned decisions by the Maryland Tax Court and the comptroller's Hearings and Appeals Division regarding their 2006 return.

Franchot appealed the ruling to the intermediate Court of Special Appeals. But the Wynnes, seeking a definitive ruling, successfully asked the Court of Appeals to decide the issue.

Local taxes in Maryland in 2012 ranged from a low of 1.2 percent of taxable income in Worcester County, to a high of 3.2 percent in Baltimore City and Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and Queen Anne's counties, according to the comptroller's office.

These charges have earned the nickname "piggyback" taxes because they are in addition to the Maryland state tax.

Daily Record legal affairs reporter Kristi Tousignant contributed to this article.

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**ART HONORS** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
 Stephen Decatur High School senior Isabella Iampieri earned second place in the Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Art Show for her drawing, "Nesting." The art show was held Jan. 19-20, at Random Juxtaposition in Ocean Pines. Iampieri's art teacher is Christy Powell.



**FRIENDS BID FAREWELL** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
 Kathleen and Jim Judge, long-time residents of Ocean Pines, were recently honored with a party at the home of John and Kay Hannigan. The Judges are relocating to Silver Spring, Md.

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**STOCK MARKET STANDOUTS**

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur High School juniors Phil Anthony and Shay Parker placed first in the Lower Eastern Shore, and 28th out of 969 teams in the state, in the Stock Market Game challenge. The SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game gives high school students from around the country the chance to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in an online portfolio. Parker and Anthony made a \$6,000 profit in a 10-week period. Both Parker and Anthony are students of Stephen Decatur High School finance and economics teacher Kurt Marx.



**ROSENKRANZ VISITS KIWANIS CLUB**

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

President-Elect Dick Clagett welcomes University of Maryland Extension Commercial Horticulture Educator Ginny Rosenkranz to the Ocean Pines Community Center, where she spoke to members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City during the club's weekly Wednesday 8 a.m. meeting. She discussed the 2011 Fertilizer Use Act, which specifies what fertilizers to use, emphasizing the need to know about soil and how to grow in it by getting the soil tested. For more information on Lawns and lawn care see <http://www.hgic.umd.edu/content/onlinepublications.cmf#Lawns>.

**Arts Council show showcases glass and mixed media**

BERLIN – The Worcester County Arts Council will present a new visual arts exhibit featuring glass sculpture by Jason Giusti and mixed media artwork by James Coltellino. Both artists will be present from 5-8 p.m. during the free public reception to be held on Friday, Feb. 8, at the Arts Council Gallery. The exhibit will be on display from Feb.1-28.

In addition to the featured artists' exhibit, the Arts Council Gallery also displays artwork created by artists and members of its Cooperative Gallery.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday and some Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Giusti graduated from The Fulton School of Liberal Arts at Salisbury University, Maryland in 2006, with a bachelor of fine arts concentration in hot glass. He also took intensive classes at The Studio of The Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y.

Giusti's work is a study in color application as well as form. His work explores the effects of layering different colors to provide depth and a sense of space.

Giusti works as a teaching assistant at the Hot Glass Studio of Salisbury University. He is also a production assistant at The Studio on 24 in Lewes, Del.

Coltellino, also known as "Jungle Jim," operates Gecko Image Laser Works. He was born in Long Island, N.Y. but has lived in the Berlin area for the last 23 years.

His interest in art began with a fascination of the tattoo art form. Although he is not a tattoo artist, his arts experiments with media such as acrylic and watercolor painting, glass, wood and Corian.

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## O'Malley's gasoline tax plan would fund transportation

By Alexander Pyles  
*The Daily Record Newswire*

MARYLAND — Gov. Martin O'Malley's chief of staff signaled some flexibility on transportation funding Monday, saying the administration was open to putting money for roads, highways, bridges and mass transit into a raid-proof lock box and tying the state's gas tax to inflation.

"The administration is very willing and able to engage on those issues," O'Malley's aide, Matthew D. Gallagher, told an assembly of business leaders at the Greater Baltimore Committee's annual legislative forum at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel.

Gallagher said that had the General Assembly tied the gas tax to inflation when the levy was last increased in 1992, another \$4.5 billion would be in the state Transportation Trust Fund, which analysts predict will have enough money to pay only for maintenance by summer 2017.

Later, Gallagher said in an interview that the administration was looking forward to seeing a Senate bill expected to be introduced this week by Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-Calvert and Prince George's. Miller plans to call for a 3 percent sales tax on gasoline and create regional transportation authorities that could levy a separate tax in conjunction with local governments.

O'Malley had previously said he preferred a "one Maryland" approach, in which a statewide revenue stream would be created for transportation, including the Red Line and Purple Line light rail projects. That stance, however, has softened.

"I think we're always open," Gallagher said. "We want people to be confident. ... We are pursuing all of our options."

Gallagher said the fate of the regional model would depend on how Miller defines the regions' boundaries, a sentiment also expressed last week by House of Delegates Speaker Michael E. Busch, D-Anne Arundel.

"The devils are in the details on that," Busch said, adding that some jurisdictions could object to their inclusion in a particular region. Busch stressed, how-

ever, that he wasn't ready to tear up the bill before it's even written.

Many lawmakers believe that Miller's proposal is unlikely to be the ultimate solution to the state's transportation funding problem, but the same legislators also think the senator's plan could jump-start debate that had stalled after O'Malley turned his attention toward gun control, a repeal of the death penalty and the launch of an offshore wind energy program in the early going of the legislative session.

Sen. Richard S. Madaleno Jr., D-Montgomery, an influential member of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, expressed some doubt that Miller's plan would succeed as drafted.

"That may not be the best idea," Madaleno said. "But we're going to have a conversation about how to move forward."

Moving forward is critical, business leaders and lawmakers have said, because cars are often not moving at all on congested state highways. Maryland's infrastructure problems were emphasized Monday afternoon when the Super Bowl-bound Baltimore Ravens were late to an Inner Harbor pep rally because charter buses carrying the team were stuck in traffic on Interstate 695.

But consensus has not emerged on how to pay for mass transit in urban areas while still maintaining roads and highways in rural areas. Republicans have labeled any increase in the statewide gas tax a nonstarter, and have also asked for some guarantee that money intended for transportation is actually spent on transportation.

The lock box proposal would address one of those issues, preventing raids on the Transportation Trust Fund. O'Malley's apparent willingness to discuss a lock box pleased House Minority Leader Anthony J. O'Donnell, R-Calvert and St. Mary's, who also attended the legislative forum.

But O'Donnell said raising taxes should not be an option, and that the state needed to drop its transit agenda while money remains in short supply.

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### EDITORIAL

## Stormwater utility makes sense

The Berlin Town Council this week approved an ordinance to create a storm water utility, along with a resolution to pay for it by setting fees for residential and commercial property owners.

As with many issues, it can be can be debated whether more should have been done in years past as development spread throughout the region, and it probably should have. But that does not solve the problem going forward. What is done is done and now is the time to act by putting in place real solutions for the future.

Earlier concerns from business community members on the method of paying for it were resolved, although some still felt the significantly higher fees for large commercial properties were unwarranted, with a preference for a flat fee structure.

However the fee structure being implemented is based on the amount of impervious surface for each entity, and as that is the primary cause of flooding seems the fairest way to offset the cost.

Not certain is the county's reaction to the fee structure, as the largest fee being assessed is to the four public schools in Berlin collectively. The schools, along with Atlantic General Hospital, Worcester Preparatory and the shopping center at Route 50 and Old Ocean City Blvd. will be the largest ratepayers, while small businesses, churches and residential property owners will only see a small annual fee, mostly offset by the recent reduction in property taxes.

Berlin certainly isn't the only community on the Eastern Shore looking for ways to resolve the issue, as flooding in low-lying communities is a universal issue. However, Berlin is the first community in the area to take a serious stab at finding a more permanent solution. Like wind energy, the stormwater utility will allow Berlin to try something innovative and, hopefully, be a model for communities, not only in our region, but also throughout the country.

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### LETTERS

#### GOLD issues thanks for holiday support

Editor,

On behalf of all those served by Worcester County GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity), Inc., we would like to thank everyone who had a part in making the Christmas season merrier for the poor around us through our Helping Hands for the Holidays program.

As is evident all around us, this is a challenging time for businesses, families, and also for us here at GOLD as we daily attempt to help with emergencies such as food, housing, fuel, utilities and medicine for those referred to us by local agencies. In 2012, Worcester County GOLD was able to assist more than 2,100 local citizens with emergency services.

As our 16th annual Helping Hands for the Holidays project approached, hundreds of requests poured in on behalf of less fortunate families, and we served more people than ever before. Thanksgiving kicks off our holiday season, and with the continuing efforts of David Gaskill of the Worcester County Bar Association providing every referred family with a turkey and a box of food, we set new records in serving the needy in 2012.

With Worcester County GOLD's small staff, this level of daily and

holiday service would not be possible without caring and generous community friends who partnered with us by giving of their time (hundreds of hours), talents (several men refurbished bikes to look brand new) and resources (Ocean City Elks gave 110 winter coats and sponsors bought gifts for hundreds of children) to meet the needs of others during this Christmas season and every day.

Again, we thank all of you who gave in any way to help others have a merrier holiday season.

Darlene Onley,  
executive director

Worcester County GOLD85

#### CPR Challenge great success

Editor,

The Lower Shore Society of Women Leaders would like to thank your paper and our partners, the Carl M. Freeman Foundation-Freeman Stage at Bayside, Atlantic General Hospital, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, OC Marlin Club and The Wedding Center at City Center for promoting the Jan. 15 CPR Challenge, which was held at the Marlin Club in West Ocean City.

The mission of the Lady's Night Out-CPR training is to introduce basic CPR to as many women on the shore as possible. The evening

was a great success with a room full of enthusiastic young mothers, professionals and grandmothers. When participants began to ask, "When will you hold another CPR training like this, I'd like my friends and family to attend next time," we knew the program was a success.

Learning basic CPR is one of the most important life saving skills that one should know. When a child or an adult goes into cardiac arrest, knowing basic CPR can mean alter the lives of individuals and their families forever.

The next scheduled "Lady's Night Out" 45-minute CPR training will be held in Salisbury on Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m., at the Wedding Center at City Center. To register, contact Patti Miller at 443-880-7795 or patti@peckmiller.com.

On behalf of the Lower Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross, we again thank our partners for supporting a program which will be implemented in Ocean City, Salisbury and in communities from lower Delaware to the Cape Charles, Va. Together, we'll change lives and save lives on the Eastern Shore.

Patti Miller, ambassador  
Lower Shore Chapter of the  
American Red Cross  
SWL-CPR Training  
Committee Member



# BAYSIDE LIFE



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Anna Foulz, 86, holds a tribute banner signed by Girls Scouts in her honor. She said it is one of her most prized possessions.

## Agencies join for 'Go Red'

BERLIN — All too often women do not realize they are suffering from a heart attack until it is too late. More women die of cardiovascular disease than from the next four causes of death including all forms of cancer.

In 2003, the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute took action against the disease that was claiming the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year and the Go Red for Women campaign was born. The goal is to raise awareness about heart disease being the number one killer of women and how women can reduce their risk for developing the chronic disease.

Since 2004, Atlantic General Hospital, Peninsula Regional Medical Center and the Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester County health departments have partnered to sponsor a free "Tri County Go Red Event" that highlights the impact of heart disease on women. The event is designed to educate women about how to reduce the risk for developing heart disease, as well as how to recognize the signs and symptoms of having a heart attack.

The 2013 Tri County Go Red Event will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Berlin Intermediate School, 309 Franklin Ave., in Berlin. A light dinner, free health screenings and vendors will be available from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Speakers, ballroom dancing, and Zumba demonstrations will be provided from 6:30-8 p.m. The free event is open to individuals of all ages and participants should wear red.

Pre-registration by Feb. 4 is encouraged. Participants may register online at [wicomicohealth.org](http://wicomicohealth.org). For more information about the event, call Atlantic General Hospital at 410-629-6820 or Peninsula Regional Medical Center at 410-543-7028.

## Foulz uses her Scout skills in philanthropy

### Girl Scouts member for more than 60 years says it gave her confidence to go out and become charities' champion

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES — Anna Foulz is an 86-year-old perpetual motion force of nature. She is also the oldest active Girl Scout ... and a pretty sweet cookie.

Girl Scouts of the USA will celebrate its 101st anniversary on March 12 and Foulz is one of their most active promoters. She said she joined the organization in her 20s when her daughter asked to join the precursor to the Girl Scouts, the Brownies, in the first grade. When she began checking on the organization she realized that she wanted to join as well.

The Girls Scouts have grown into 112 chartered councils and a membership of 3.2 million since Juliette Gordon Low founded the group in 1912 and it was chartered by the United States Congress in 1950.

Foulz was a full-time homemaker and mother of four, who moved frequently with her late husband, Carl, who was a section chief and troubleshooter for the Federal Aviation Administration. She said the first thing she'd do in a new town was to locate the nearest Girl Scouts chapter. She has been in the Eastern Shore area for 20 years, she said.

"Every girl should be in the Girl Scouts, even if it is only for a couple of years," Foulz said. She has been a member for more than 60 years and credits the leadership skills and self-esteem building the organization teaches for helping her pursue her own goals with confidence.

Listening to Foulz's enthusiasm about the Girl Scouts, it is hard to imagine her ever being shy, which is the way she said

she started out. But she did a lot of volunteer work for the Scouts and helped make the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital No. 1 nationwide in cookie sales.

How did she do it? She hosted week-long entertainment events in the Springfield Mall to lure in potential cookie customers. And once the audiences and local dignitaries were in place, Foulz and her chapter would whip out the Thin Mints and S'mores. That strategy worked wonders for four to five years, she said.

While the Girl Scouts are a primary passion for Foulz, it is not her only one. She founded a charity organization with her late husband five years ago, Star Charities: All Volunteers in Action, which helps to fund causes as varied as wounded veterans

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COURTESY ANNA FOULTZ/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

In this Sept. 10, 1978 picture, Anna Foulz, second from right, parties with "violet eyes" herself, screen legend Elizabeth Taylor (when she was married to then-Virginia Sen. John Warner, at the Gala on the Mall Ball, to benefit muscular dystrophy programs. Pictured, from left, are Taylor, Jack Herrity, Foulz and Irene Hunsicker.

## Guide tours set at Furnace Town

SNOW HILL — Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum will provide the community with a guided nature hike to explore the Pocomoke Forest and Nassawango Cypress Swamp on Saturday, Feb. 2.

The Winter Walk, from 2-4 p.m., will be led by Bob and Kathy Fisher. The Nature Conservancy's trail north of Old Furnace Road will be used. It

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# Federal officials publish policies on farms, pain meds for dogs

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — Federal agencies recently published regulations that could affect local farm, veterinarian and fishery businesses with policies relating to financing organic farming, seeking approval for information collection from objectors to land management proposals, disclosing farm worker visa documents, approving pain drugs for use for dogs, and consolidating marine sanctuary rules.

## Organic farming aid

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Jan. 24 that 16 states, including Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, were design-

nated as eligible for federal assistance through a cooperative agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service for allocations from \$1.425 million in organic certification cost-share funds. Grant funding would be available to states with organic food producers.

The grants are intended to help states provide cost-share assistance to help offset the expenses of organic crop and livestock producers that are either attempting to receive organic certification or incurring expenses for continued certification during the period of Oct. 1, 2012 through Sept. 30, 2013.

According to a public notice, eligible states interested in participating in the program must submit a completed Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424),

by Feb. 7, via <http://www.grants.gov> and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with AMS for the allocation of funds.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/01/24/2013-01409/notice-of-agricultural-management-assistance-organic-certification-cost-share-program>

## Pain drugs for dogs

The Food and Drug Administration is amending its animal drug regulations to reflect the recent approval of the use of new anti-pain and inflammation drugs for dogs.

The agency announced Jan. 28 that it had approved in December the use of injections of the drug Meloxicam, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory that veterinarians use to help control signs of arthritis in dogs or to control pain following a surgical procedure.

It also approved the oral application of Cefpodoxime Proxetil, which is used in tablet form as an antibiotic to treat skin, bladder and respiratory infections in dogs.

## Farm work visas

On July 1, the U.S. Department of Labor will make "appropriately redacted copies" of certain visa documents and permanent labor certification documents available for public access through its iCERT Visa Portal System. The system was previously known as the iCERT Labor Certification Registry (LCR), and is a component of DOL's Open Government initiative.

Documents that will be available in the federal database include visas for H-1B specialty occupations, Department of Defense cooperative research and development project workers, and fashion models, H-1B1 certain specialty occupation professionals from Chile or Singapore, H-2A temporary agricultural workers, H-2B temporary non-agricultural workers, and E-3 certain specialty occupation professionals from Australia.

Public access to the iCERT LCR will be available at <http://icert.doleta.gov> beginning July 1.

## Marine sanctuaries

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration published proposed rules Jan. 28 that would consolidate and amend existing guidance on designations for marine sanctuaries.

The proposal would consolidate existing regulations on sanctuaries, amend procedures for identifying sites for possible national marine sanctuaries designations, adopt standard boundary descriptions,

Comments on the proposed rules must be received by Mar. 29 and identified as NOAA-NOS-2011-0120.

Comments can be submitted electronically at [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NOS-2011-0120](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NOS-2011-0120); or by mail to Meredith Walz, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, Silver Spring, Md. 20910.

# Foultz will be a Scout forever

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to cancer support groups to the Humane Society.

On Jan. 19, Foultz's Star charities sponsored its Annual Beef and Beer benefit for wounded soldiers in Maryland, which was hosted by American Legion Post #166, in Ocean City. The event raised \$3,000, which will be presented to Gen. James A. Adkins, the adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard at a ceremony on Jan. 31, she said.

In 2012, Star charities raised money to help Alzheimer's patients and a similar fundraiser is planned again for August of this year. Then there are the fundraisers

she sponsors at the local casino to help the disabled, and at Diakonia, which provides emergency and transitional housing for men, women and families on the Lower Eastern Shore.

While Foultz's philanthropic exploits have been well documented, she said she doesn't do what she does for publicity (although she is quite adept at using her promotional prowess for the benefit of her causes). "It comes from our hearts," she said.

But her longest campaign remains the Girl Scouts, which she is likely to continue forever. "You are going to have to drag me out of it when I die," she said.

# Nature hike set at Furnace Town

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is maintained by The Nature Conservancy volunteers, including Gary Marine, who also serves as a member of Furnace Town's board of directors.

Walkers will learn about the 300-acre pond, which used to be in that specific area. There will opportunities to see majestic tulip poplar trees, a search for the emerging Skunk Cabbage, and the chance to discover hundreds of cypress knees along the Nassawango Creek.

The Winter Walk will begin and end at Furnace Town and will last approxi-

mately two hours. Hikers are encouraged to wear sturdy, water-resistant shoes and take binoculars. All walks are a part of Furnace Town's educational program.

Reservation may be made by calling Furnace Town at 410-632-2032. Each walk costs \$5 adults; \$4.50 for AAA members, guests with military ID and those 60 and older; and \$3 for children ages 3-18. Members of the Furnace Town Foundation or The Nature Conservancy will receive free admission with their valid membership cards.

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### KIWANIS CLUB

Wednesdays  
Meeting 7:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for third Wednesday which meets at The Woodlands in Ocean Pines. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

### DELMARVA CHORUS

Mondays  
The Delmarva Chorus under the direction of Carol Ludwig meets 7-9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. For more information call 410-208-4171.

### SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS

Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month except for July, August and December at the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

Democratic Women of Worcester County meets 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m., the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members welcome.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturdays  
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, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

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### BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays  
Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or [www.beachsingles.org](http://www.beachsingles.org).

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### TACO NIGHT

Thursdays  
VFW Post 8296, 66th Street, Ocean City. Benefits veterans. Three tacos and a Corona plus dessert, \$8 per person.

### BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus #9053, every second and fourth Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon.  
\$8 per person, half price for 12 and younger. 9901 Coastal Highway,



## SARAH'S PANTRY RECEIVES FOOD GRANT FROM MARYLAND FOOD BANK

SUBMITTED PHOTO /BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Sarah's Pantry at the Shepherd's Nook is an outreach ministry of the Community Church at Ocean Pines. Although volunteers regularly purchase food from the Maryland Food Bank, they recently received a grant through the Food Bank and received additional food to supplement the staples they make available to those in the community. The food included macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned soups and stew, rice and other foods that have a substantial shelf life. Sarah's Pantry has been able to help about 75 families per month (an average of 215 individuals) and at Christmas provided more than 50 baskets, which included a complete holiday meal, to families who may not have had a special meal for the holidays. The food bank is open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food donations are always welcome. Pictured, from left, are volunteers Roy Betts, Ken Waters, Frank Phillipi, Judy Chuvala, Bryan Mertz and Chairwoman Cheryl Mertz.

Ocean City, rear St. Luke's Church. Info: 410-524-7994.

### SI BOC GROUP

Second Tuesday of every month, the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines, 6 p.m. dinner, social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Info: President Marty Cropper, 410-213-1592.

### LIFE AFTER LOSS

Non-denominational support group will meet 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at The Community Church at Ocean Pines, room 38 in the Thomas McKelvey Family Life Center. Info: 410-641-5433.

### AARP

Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 meets at the Elks Lodge, 138th Street and Sinexpient Avenue, 9:30 a.m., on the second Thursday of the month (January, June, October and November)

### SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Meets the third Wednesday of everymonth 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free

of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or [www.jessespaddle.org](http://www.jessespaddle.org)

### WEEKLY SALE

Fridays  
Stevenson United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 5 Stevenson Lane, Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m..

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, chapel, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org).

### DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Skyline Bar & Grille at The Fenwick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing until 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

Mondays  
Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in

Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

### ELKS 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. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

### FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Monthly book discussion. Take a book you've enjoyed or one that you want to discuss. Get ideas for new authors to try. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-0650.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 31

**CAKE DECORATING WITH FONDANT**  
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1 p.m. Learn how to decorate cakes and desserts with fondant. Featuring cake artist Christine White. Info: 410-957-0878.

### 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.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 1

**'STEEL MAGNOLIAS' PERFORMANCE**  
Riverfront Theatre, 2 S. Walnut St., Milford, Del., 8 p.m. Featuring the Second Street Players. Tickets cost \$17 and can be reserved online at [secondstreetplayers.com](http://secondstreetplayers.com) or by calling Brown Paper Tickets, 1-800-838-3006.

### 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.

### '55 ALIVE' SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Ocean Pines AARP chapter. Cost is \$12 for national AARP members and \$14 for non-members. To sign up, call Dave Lloyd at 410-641-6278. Several auto insurance companies provide three-year discounts for those taking the course.

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# CALENDAR

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## FREE ENERGY, COMMUNITY RESOURCES AWARENESS FAIR

One-Stop Job Market, 31901 Tri-County Way, Salisbury, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Open to residents of Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties. First 100 people in attendance receive gift bags. Opportunity to apply for assistance with home heating and electricity bills, apply for assistance from human services agencies and attend workshops on topics such as energy efficiency and the Maryland EMPower Program. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held Feb. 8. Info: 410-749-1142.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 2

### BENEFIT DANCE FOR PHIL ENGSTROM

Ocean City Volunteer Fire Company Headquarters, 1409 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7-11 p.m. Food, dancing, door prizes and auction. Phil Engstrom, a hand dancing instructor and member of the DC Hand Dancing, suffered a massive stroke in April. His insurance stopped in September. Cost is \$25. Tickets: Gina, 240-765-9457. All proceeds will go to Engstrom and his recovery. Donations can be made through Philengstrom.webs.com or can be mailed to Phil Engstrom, 778 94th St., #304, Ocean City, Md. 21842.

### 'STEEL MAGNOLIAS' PERFORMANCE

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### 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.

### VIOLIN CONCERT BY KIDS FOR KIDS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Play along with rhythm instruments and learn about the violin and how it works. Take a turn trying to play the violin. All ages. Info: 410-208-4014.

### INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway in West Ocean City, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast and lunch. Soups and baked goods. Table rental: 410-629-0926.

### WRITE IT! CREATIVE WRITING FORUM

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St.,

10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, nonfiction and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciation as well as market leads and writing exercises. Info: 410-641-0650.

### FRIED CHICKEN BUFFET

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mount Pleasant Road, Willards, 11 a.m. All-you-can-eat fried chicken, vegetables, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children and free to those 5 and younger. Bake table and carry-outs available. Info: 410-835-8542.

### CIVIL WAR HISTORY & TRIVIA DAY

VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 1-4:30 p.m. With renowned Gettysburg speaker Matt Dodd. Cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Meal and show, cornbread, pinto beans, pork, apple pie and ice cream. Take your artifacts. Public welcome. Call: 410-524-8196.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 3

### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

#### SCRAMBLE 2013

Eagle's Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagle's Nest Road, Berlin. Tailgate party with 18-hole scramble tournament. Scoring in traditional football manner, awarding points for touchdowns, field goals and extra points, and penalizing for safeties. Tailgate party starts at 9 a.m., game starts at 10 a.m. Tickets cost \$50 per player, and include green fees, cart and tailgate party. Prizes awarded. Sign up: 410-213-7277.

### 'STEEL MAGNOLIAS' PERFORMANCE

Riverfront Theatre, 2 S. Walnut St., Milford, Del., 3 p.m. Featuring the Second Street Players. Tickets cost \$17 and can be reserved online at secondstreet-players.com or by calling Brown Paper Tickets, 1-800-838-3006.

### GRANVILLE TRIMPER

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Ocean View American Grill, 1601 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, 8 a.m. to noon. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, juice and sodas. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-9 and free to kids 5 and younger. Info: Lisa Aydelotte, 410-289-1413 or ocdowntownassociation@verizon.net.

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City. Post opens at 12:30 p.m. All-you-can-eat buffet from 5 p.m. until the end of the game. Turkey, ham and roast beef sandwiches, chicken fingers, chili, hot dog bar, chicken and dumplings, baked ziti, mac and cheese, pasta salad, chips, pret-

zels, dips, veggie tray and brownies. Cost is \$8. Happy hour prices all day. Info: 410-289-3166.

### ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

Berlin Fire Company, 214 N. Main St., Berlin, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$9 for all-you-can-eat and \$6 for carry outs.

## MONDAY, FEB. 4

### 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.

### DOLORES ANDREW'S COLOR & DESIGN WORKSHOP

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street in Ocean City, Feb. 4-6, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with lunch break from noon to 1 p.m. Exercises designed to help students analyze their own work, try a different color palette and work on stronger compositions. Take watercolors, acrylics or oils with all six colors of the color wheel, plus ivory and black. Call or e-mail for complete supply list. Cost is \$85 for members and \$102 for non-members. Info: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Great Books focuses on works that shape our culture and provide a deeper appreciation for what it means to be human. Info: Don Winslow, 410-208-4014.

### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin. Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Additional clinic offered for those who are apprehensive about the idea of using CPAP. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

### HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month at Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

### WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY SEMINAR

Berlin Main Place Complex, 9956 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-6 p.m. Receive information about the lap band and gastric sleeve weight loss procedures. Pre-register: 410-641-3960.

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, first Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m. All welcome. Altrenia Wright will discuss laboratory testing. Info: Darlene Jameson, 410-629-6877 or the Atlantic General Hospital diabetes education program, 410-641-9703.

### AARP CHAPTER 4507 MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Social time is at 9:30 a.m., meeting starts at 10 a.m. Guest speakers will be Judy Stinebiser from Shepherd's Nook and Ethel Betts from Sarah's Pantry. Take canned goods for Sarah's pantry. Info: Larry Walton, lrwalto@yahoo.com or 443-831-1791.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 5

### GENEALOGY SEMINAR:

#### DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1-3 p.m. Thomas Dempsey, member of the Sussex County Genealogy Society, will show participants how to find answers about their heritage. In the four-week seminar participants will learn the best reference materials to use, how to accurately record their findings and what all of it means. Pre-registration is required by calling 410-208-4014.

### HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, Clarksville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

### YOGA

James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, rotunda, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 5:30-6:45 p.m. All levels welcome. Cost is \$72 for eight sessions or \$10 drop-in fee for first time. Info: Georgette Rhoads, 410-641-9734 or grhoads@atlantic-general.org.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

### 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. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 4:45-6 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

### BINGO LUNCHEON

St. Andrew Catholic Center, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City. Luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m. with 18 games of bingo to follow. Tickets cost \$25 for 17 games (not including the "Split the Pot"). Organizations and individuals can sponsor regular games for \$40 and special games for \$60, which includes recognition in the printed program. Info: 410-250-0300. Tickets: Pat Luckett, 302-436-0351.

### STORY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children ages 2-5. Info: 410-524-1818.

### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS, INTERNET

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 8 a.m. This four-part class provides a foundation for using a computer and the Internet. Advance registration is required by calling 410-208-4014.

### FOREIGN POLICY KEY ISSUES: DISCUSSION GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Reading and discussion of major foreign policy issues. Group meets bi-monthly, February through May. Study guide provided. Register: 410-208-4014.

### TRAVEL PRESENTATION

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 4 p.m. The Worcester County Library Foundation Travel presentation "The Canadian Rockies" informational seminar for September trip. Rockies Rail Highlights Vacation. Info: 410-208-4014.

### E-READER TECH ZOO

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St. Learn how to download ebooks from the public library to your Kindle, at 2 p.m.; your Nook, at 3 p.m.; and to your iPad, at 4 p.m. Info: 410-641-0650.

### AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Feb. 6 and 13, 6-8 p.m. Dr. Clara Small, Salisbury University professor, will lead two-week course in tracing African American heritage. Register: 410-632-3495.

### HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month.

Trenia Wright will discuss laboratory testing. All welcome. Info: Ellen Lurz, 443-814-5450, elurz52@mchsi.com or the Atlantic General Hospital diabetes education program, 410-641-9703.

### TRI-COUNTY GO RED EVENT

Berlin Intermediate School, 309 Franklin Ave., Berlin, 5:30-8 p.m. Annual Go Red Event for Women featuring dinner, health screenings and vendors, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Speakers, ballroom and zumba demonstrations, 6:30-8 p.m. Wear red to this free event. Register: wicomicohealth.org by Feb. 4. Info: Atlantic General Hospital, 410-629-6820 or Peninsula Regional Medical Center, 410-543-7028.

### GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

First Presbyterian Church, 1301 N. Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, bacon, sausage, country ham, homemade biscuits, hash browns, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 or \$6 to carry out. Milk, sodas, orange juice available. Info: 410-289-9340.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 7

### 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.

### BARISTA AND BOOKS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, crafts, cocoa and pastries for children, infant to 5 years old and freshly brewed coffee for their caregivers. Info: 410-208-4014.

### WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Discussion of the proposed budget, dues and organizational concepts. Membership year is September 2012 through August 2013 for a fee of \$5. Refreshments served. Info: Susann Palamara, 410-208-2821 or smpall1@verizon.net.

### FREE RESUME WORKSHOP

Wor-Wic Community College, Hazel Center, room 302, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury, 6-8 p.m. The workshop is designed to help students, alumni and member of the community prepare for the college's job fair on March 20. Pizza and soda served. Reserve a seat: 410-334-2903 or careerservices@wor-wic.edu.



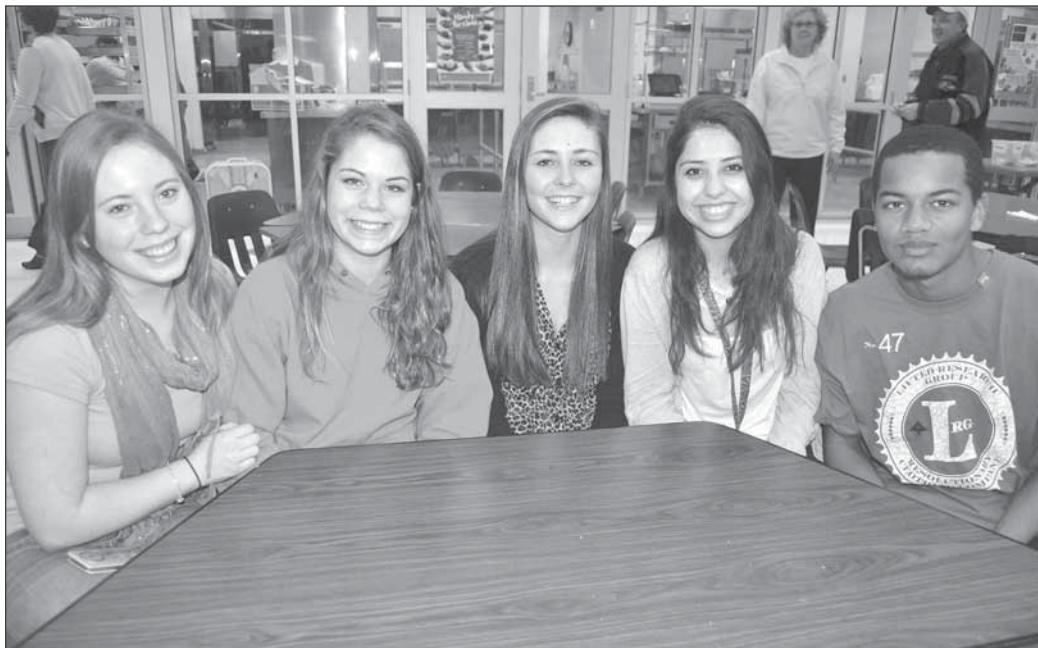
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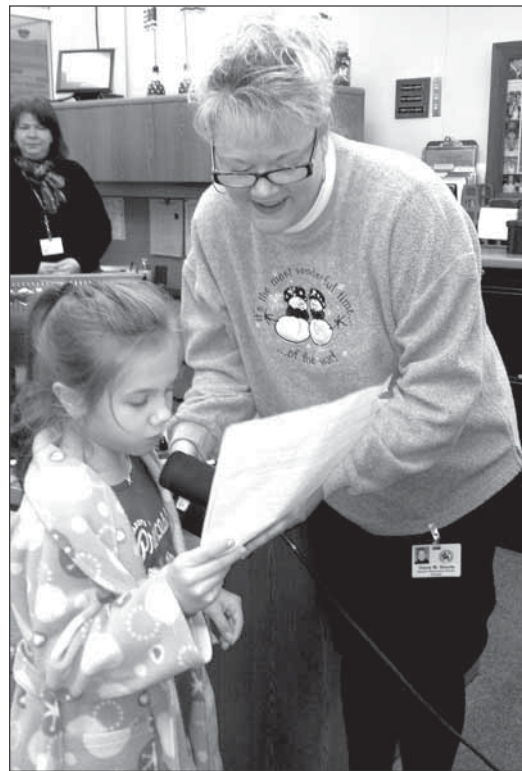
**DICE AND DOTS** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Showell Elementary kindergarten students, Sarah Cooke and Neil Zlortorzynski, in Jennette Mears' class are having fun rolling dice and adding the dots together to develop fluency in addition.



**ON A ROLL** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Karin Lertora's third-grade students at Showell Elementary School, Jillian Joyce and Kelis Sandifer, are playing a dice game to learn multiplication.



**TACO NIGHT AT SDHS** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Enjoying the fourth annual Taco Night, sponsored by Sonrise Church and the Berlin Ministerial Association, are Stephen Decatur High School juniors Courtney Burrs, Holly Getchell, Kiley Cooke, Yesenia Vega and Diamond Henry. Approximately 500 people attended the January event, and more than 1,000 tacos were served.



**CASHING IN** Paige Wisniewski, a second-grader at Showell Elementary School, assists principal Diane Shorts with the morning announcements. Paige earned this reward by cashing in 50 "Willet Bills" at the school. Students at Showell are given "Willet Bills" by staff members when they are caught following the four school rules of respect: yourself, others, learning, and the environment.



**THANK YOU!** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Showell Elementary students, Zachary Powers and Jasmine Luu, are spreading their gratitude. After reading a story about being kind to others, Karin Lertora's third-grade students wrote a thank you note to a person in the school who has made a difference in their lives.



**POPEYE'S FUNDRAISER BENEFITS SDMS** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE Salah Hassauien, right, owner of Popeye's Chicken in West Ocean City, presents a check to Theresa Torpey, vice principal of Stephen Decatur Middle School. The \$150 check represents proceeds from a Jan. 17 fundraiser to benefit Berlin school.



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Wednesday - 1 lb. Shrimp with 2 Sides \$12.99

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## MARLIN MARKET

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# LIVE MUSIC



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- **19<sup>th</sup> Hole**  
 9636 Stephen Decatur Hwy.  
 410-213-9204  
 FRIDAY - Dave Sherman  
 SATURDAY - Walt Ferozic
- **BJ's on the Water**  
 75th St. Bayside, Ocean City  
 410-524-7575  
 FRIDAY - Chest Pains  
 SATURDAY - No Byscuylts  
 WEDNESDAY - Christopher Dean Band
- **Globe Theater**  
 12 Broad St. Berlin  
 410-641-0784  
 FRIDAY - Live Music  
 SATURDAY - Live Music
- **Harborside**  
 12841 S. Harbor Rd.,  
 West Ocean City  
 410-213-1846  
 THURSDAY - Opposite Directions  
 FRIDAY - DJ Billy T  
 SATURDAY - Simple Truth / DJ Jeremy  
 SUNDAY - Opposite Directions



No Byscuylts @ BJ's On the Water

- **Harpoon Hannas**  
 142nd St., Fenwick Island  
 800-227-0525  
 FRIDAY - Dave Hawkins  
 SATURDAY - Dave Sherman  
 WEDNESDAY - Bobby Burns
- **Ristorante Antipasti**  
 3103 Philadelphia Ave.  
 410-289-4588  
 FRIDAY - Linda Sears & Michael Smith

- **Clarion Resort**  
 101st St., Ocean City  
 410-524-3535  
 FRIDAY - Power Play  
 SATURDAY - Power Play
- **Dead Freddie's**  
 64th St. Bayside  
 (410) 524-3733  
 FRIDAY - DJ Wax  
 SATURDAY - DJ Wax

- **DeNovo's**  
 South Gate - Ocean Pines  
 410-208-2782  
 THURSDAY - Al Prescott  
 SATURDAY - Al Prescott  
 TUESDAY - Al Prescott

- **Fager's Island**  
 60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City  
 410-524-5500  
 FRIDAY - DJ Hook  
 SATURDAY - DJ Groove / Animal House  
 SUNDAY - Everett Spells



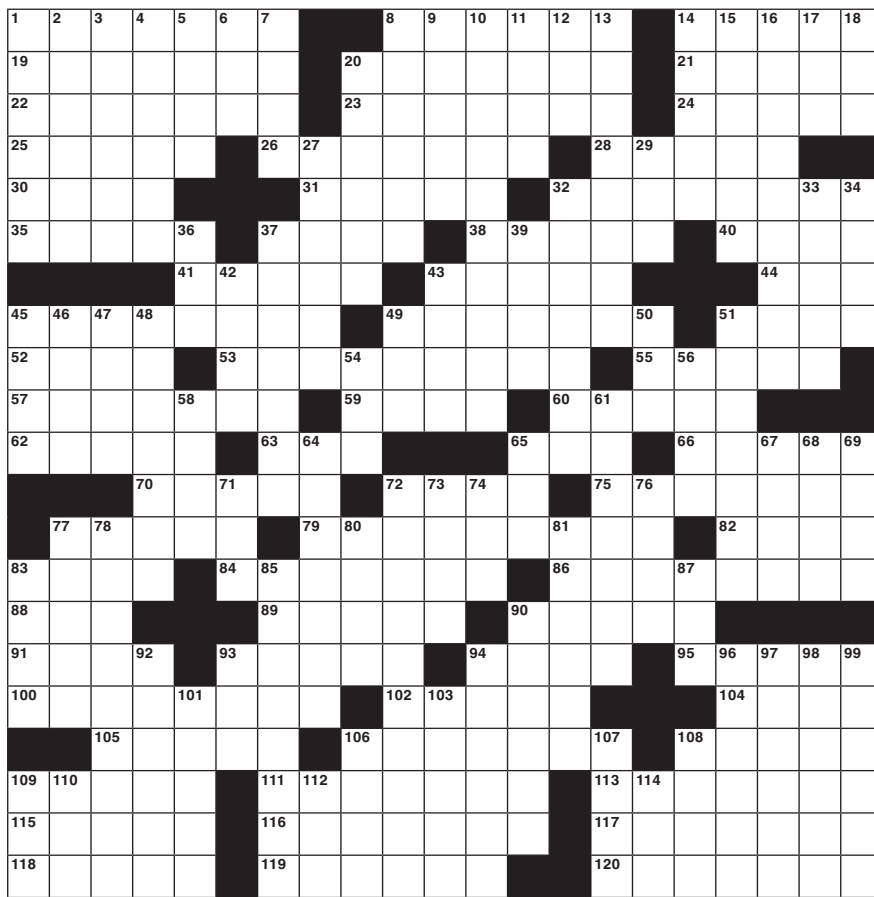
Everett Spells @ Fager's Island



# PUZZLES

BLACK CATS By Jeff Chen / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across
- 1 Break in poetry
  - 8 Costumed animal, perhaps
  - 14 Something media executives keep an eye on?
  - 19 The hare, notably
  - 20 One on the verge of croaking?
  - 21 Prompt again
  - 22 Allowed aboard
  - 23 Molecules in natural gas
  - 24 Acrobat developer
  - 25 Chains
  - 26 "Take that!"
  - 28 Egg-sorting device
  - 30 Offense that's provoked by lurid news
  - 31 —
  - 32 "Fine, have it your way!"
  - 35 Davis of "I'm Not Rappaport"
  - 37 Mom-and-pop orgs.
  - 38 Salty stream
  - 40 Aforementioned
  - 41 New England seafood staple
  - 43 Author who wrote about frontier life
  - 44 —
  - 45 Vehicle that's out of this world?
- For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.
- 49 Person on tap?
  - 51 Cold war fighters
  - 52 Shred
  - 53 Villain in many a fairy tale
  - 55 Winged
  - 57 Salon request
  - 59 27-Down predators
  - 60 Diamond unit
  - 62 Water park feature
  - 63 Sowed one's wild oats
  - 65 —
  - 66 \_\_\_-dozen
  - 70 Metals giant in the Dow Jones industrial average
  - 72 Monterrey cheddar?
  - 75 Sanitariums
  - 77 Chaise scene?
  - 79 Villain in many an action movie
  - 82 Darkens
  - 83 \_\_\_ mater
  - 84 Paparazzi payer
  - 86 Biblical resting spot
  - 88 Base of Asti wine
  - 89 —
  - 90 Sandwich spec
  - 91 First responders, for short
  - 93 Pop's pop
  - 94 Where the Mets once met
  - 95 Back-to-back competitions?
  - 100 ETs
  - 102 Dominatrix's wear
  - 104 —
  - 105 Sampling
  - 106 \_\_\_ Sea, body of water north of Norway
  - 108 In itself
  - 109 Really hurts
  - 111 More poker-faced
  - 113 Show time
  - 115 Act impulsively, as young lovers
  - 116 Without any oomph
  - 117 More dirty, as Santa's boots
  - 118 He wrote "One Step Forward, Two Steps Back"
  - 119 Dramatist Sean
  - 120 Swaddles
- Down
- 1 It may be spotted in a pet store
  - 2 Last Oldsmobiles
  - 3 Hinders
  - 4 Wife of Woody
  - 5 Fancy flower holders
  - 6 The Pied Piper of Hamelin, e.g.
  - 7 Years abroad
  - 8 "Misty" crooner
  - 9 Leigh Hunt poem "Abou Ben \_\_\_"
  - 10 Middle weights?
  - 11 Traffic director
  - 12 Cry with an accent
  - 13 Mosaic tiles
  - 14 Screwball character on "The Simpsons"
  - 15 Moistens, in a way
  - 16 Make the Billboard charts, say
  - 17 Unwieldy boat
  - 18 Victorian leader?
  - 20 Foursome
  - 27 Ink holders
  - 29 Return address letters?
  - 32 Bonding measurement
  - 33 Feudal vassal
  - 34 P.M.'s and such: Abbr.
  - 36 Sigmoid curve
  - 37 In on
  - 39 Actress Sommer
  - 42 —
  - 43 Cry like a feline
  - 45 Participants in some rivalries, briefly
  - 46 Going rate?
  - 47 Yours, in Ypres
  - 48 Number-cruncher's numbers
  - 49 Hwy. that ends near La Guardia
  - 50 Word often seen before 3, 4 or 5, but never 1
  - 51 Precocious Roald Dahl heroine
  - 54 Apollo 10's Snoopy, e.g., for short
  - 56 —
  - 58 Hero's spot
  - 61 Magazine of the National Space Society
  - 64 High-fiber cereal
  - 65 Raptors' home: Abbr.
  - 76 Modern R&R option
  - 77 Well-rounded
  - 78 Source of talk, often
  - 80 Jack of old westerns
  - 81 "My turn"
  - 83 Double agent Aldrich
  - 85 Shakes on
  - 87 Cherry, e.g.
  - 90 Master of literary twists
  - 92 Sautéed seafood dish
  - 93 Intl. standard
  - 94 Intense, as a gaze
  - 96 Not fazed by
  - 97 Kind of pass for an overseas passenger
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- 73 Lake connected to Sandusky Bay
- 74 Roll around in the yard?
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- 77 Well-rounded
- 78 Source of talk, often
- 80 Jack of old westerns
- 81 "My turn"
- 83 Double agent Aldrich
- 85 Shakes on
- 87 Cherry, e.g.
- 90 Master of literary twists
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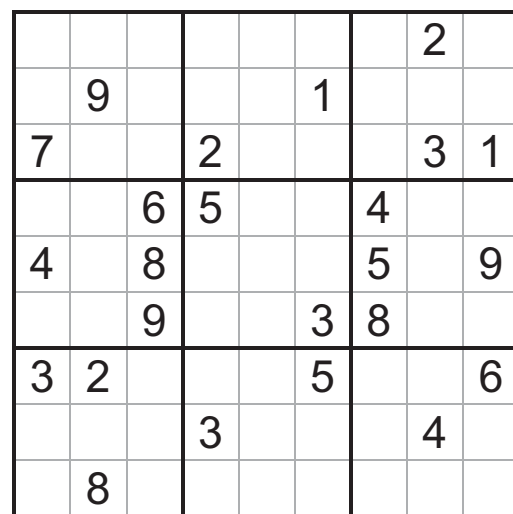
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### HARD - 6

Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



### Answers to last week's puzzles

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# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## This truffle mac and cheese no dining trifle

I should not be watching "Braveheart" as I try to craft another miniature of culinary waywardness. It's hard to concentrate when the dandy son of King Longshanks spends his days practicing his archery skills but still can't seem to hit the target.



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

It bugs me. I haven't seen this movie in possibly 15 years, and I'm pretty sure

that the prince gets what's coming to him, but I have to wait. As much of a movie buff as I am, I don't possess faultless recall. The bad news is that AMC has this flick slated for four hours and I simply don't have the attention span for four hours.

As I shift gears to try to make this thing coherent, I realize that I have to knock it out so I can get to my other tasks for the evening — getting ready for six classes and a final exam; the latter my first of many this semester.

It has been a busy weekend and I have to make it quick, but as you now know, that's not always possible. Not wanting to share my secret of the Uno's pizza we pulled out of the freezer last night, I think I'll just talk about a great copycat dish I made inspired by a quick stop in Annapolis at Noodles & Co.

On our way back from Baltimore last weekend, we stopped to grab a bite, and we've eaten at their location in the Inner Harbor before. Once we learned there was one in the Annapolis Mall, we knew it would be quick 'n painless.

The first thing my wife pointed out to me on the menu was the Truffle Mac 'n Cheese, one of my all-time favorites. Surprised that it was on a fast food joint's menu, I ordered it with the shredded pork on top.

And boy was I surprised. The pork rivaled mine and the truffle sauce was creamy and delicious, bordering on demure. When I cook with truffles, I tend to be a bit heavy handed. But, with this, it didn't exactly pop out on me, but



rather built in flavor and offered a full mouth-feel and the perfect balance to accompany my medium soda. I wonder if Ruth Reichl ever wrote that.

While my wife and I enjoyed it, only 25 percent of our offspring appreciated the flavors and she has been asking me to make it since we got back. It was simple enough and I found that I could rival the one we ate in Nap Town. Plus, now we have a container of the sauce in the fridge. If I want some later in the week, I can just heat it up and go.

Topping it off with some braised mushrooms, the complementary flavors abound.

Braised mushrooms, you say? Yes, braised mushrooms. That's just fancy talk for sautéed mushrooms that you top off with some liquid and simmer for about 10 minutes.

I do large batches of the braised mushrooms. They cool beautifully and will store for up to a week in the icebox. As I need them, I just pull out what I need and heat and serve. They absorb the flavors of the liquid over the week and will taste better as you go along. Just imagine marinated mushrooms and you'll get the idea.

And now my time has come to an end. I am fed, I am tired, the movie is over and it's really time to get down to business. And the business at hand is bookwork. I'll be asleep in no time.

### Truffle Mac 'n Cheese

(serves 6)

3 cup Truffled Cheese Sauce (recipe follows)

1 cup cooked pasta per person

braised mushrooms (recipe follows)

Parmesan cheese

Italian parsley for garnish

### Truffle Mac Sauce

(makes 1 quart)

2 ounces butter

2 ounces flour

1 garlic clove, minced

1/4 white onion, diced

2 cup whole milk

1/2 cup chicken stock

2 cup shredded Sharp Cheddar

1/2 cup high-quality shredded Parm

Truffle oil, to taste

Salt and pepper to taste

Step 1: Melt the butter and add the flour. Cook for 5 minutes but do not burn. Keep it "blond," which will cook out the raw flavor of the flour and add a little flavor

Step 2: Add the onion and cook for 2 minutes, stirring frequently

Step 3: Add the garlic and cook for 2 minutes

Step 4: Add the chicken stock while whisking

Step 5: Slowly add the milk until well incorporated while whisking

Step 6: Cook for 20 minutes on a medium heat, stirring frequently to prevent scorching on the bottom of the pan

Step 7: Season and strain the sauce and clean the pan

Step 8: Place the sauce back in the pan and bring back to a simmer

Step 9: Add the shredded cheese and stir until smooth

Step 10: Toss the pasta in the sauce, plate it up and then top with the braised mushrooms and Parmesan cheese

### Braised Mushrooms

1/4 cup butter

3 cup Button mushrooms, sliced

2 cup Portobellos, sliced

juice of 1 lemon

1 cup Dry white wine

2 garlic cloves, minced

Step 1: Heat the butter and sauté the mushrooms

Step 2: Add the remaining ingredients and cover, cooking for 10 minutes or until the flavors have really come together. This can be done with red wine as well, which goes great with the cheddar or with steaks, lamb and other meats

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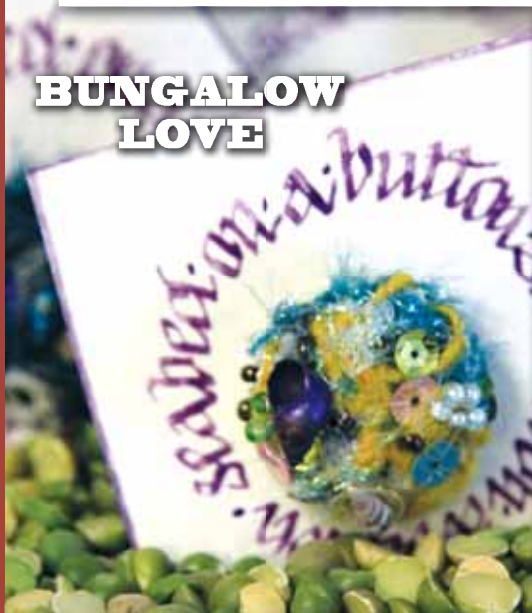


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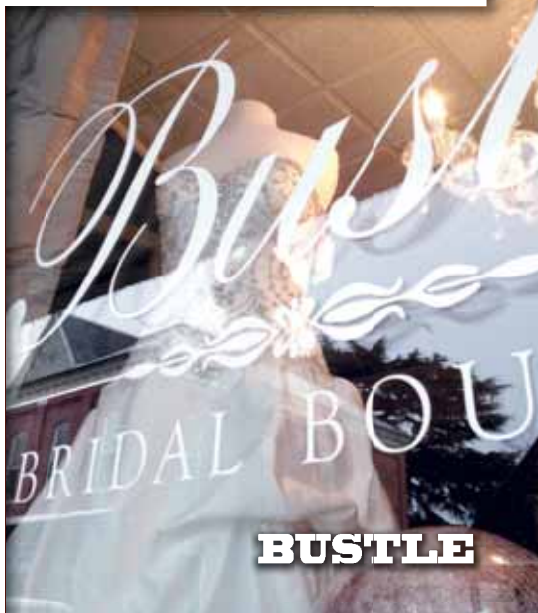


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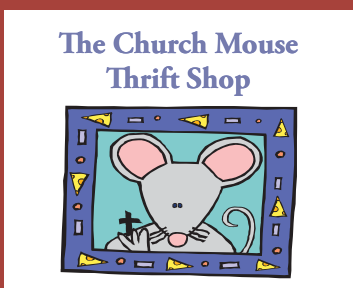
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