

A sidewalk becomes so complicated

Path to park was paved with many obstacles

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) Despite suffering repeated setbacks at nearly every stage, from inception to construction, the long-discussed sidewalk connecting downtown Berlin and Stephen Decatur Park appears to be edging ever-closer to reality.

The town sent requests for proposals on the project and was set to move toward construction as far back as July when easements from a sole property owner put a proverbial wrench in the works.

Frustrated, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams asked legal counsel David Gaskill to personally reach out to the homeowner.

"This is ridiculous," he said during a council meeting on Monday, Aug. 25. "Fortunately it happens very seldom when an entire community's interest is being held hostage by someone who just doesn't want to respond. We'll go through all the hoops and everything we have to do, but this town will not be denied a sidewalk and safety so they can have access to the park."

Public Works Director Jane Kreiter underscored the necessity of the project at the time.

"That's a heavily traveled area, and if somebody is walking and there aren't sidewalks then you're sharing the road with all the cars that are coming and going," she said. "It's a safety issue."

A month later, the project appeared to be back on track. Kreiter announced during a council meeting on Sept. 22 that the holdout homeowner had acquiesced.

On Oct. 14, the mayor and council approved a \$61,402.60 bid by Worth Construction to build the sidewalk, apparently running from South Main Street down Tripoli Street to the park. The motion approved 4-0 with Councilmember Dean Burrell absent.

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Planning cool parade

(Nov. 20, 2014) The 44th annual Berlin Christmas Parade, "The Coolest Christmas Parade in America" is set for Thursday Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

The Berlin Main Street Program is sponsoring this year's parade event.

There will be a rain date of Thursday, Dec. 11 if needed.

The parade line-up is completely full with 85 entries. Categories for the parade include: adult, student- and school-spon-

sored floats, performing youth units, adult and youth marching units, vehicle clubs and motorcycles and antique cars. Trophies for first, second and third place will be awarded in each category.

In anticipation of this parade being the biggest and "Coolest" parade yet, a shuttle service will be provided to help with parking. Hooper's Crab House and Ocean Downs have donated shuttles and drivers to the town for this event.

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Mediacom isn't going anywhere

Residents get riled, but buy it anyway

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) The Mediacom stranglehold on Ocean Pines became one of the sole sources of contention during an otherwise smooth General Manager meeting on Nov. 13.

The problem dates back nearly four decades, when the community signed a 15-year exclusive contract with Triad CATV, Inc. in 1978 with options that could have extended the run through 2003. In 1992, the company was assigned to Simmons Cable and then acquired by American Cable TV. Five years later the contract was transferred to Mediacom and amended, creating a new 15-year deal with a single five-year option.

Mediacom replaced the existing cable television infrastructure as part of the deal, upgrading to fiber optic systems and allowing for more channels and the addition of internet services. The community also received video equipment and training used to establish cable channel 78, which now broadcasts board meetings.

Ocean Pines President Dave Stevens wrote a Mediacom Fact Sheet published on Oct. 4, 2009 stating, "It seems likely that Mediacom will continue to be our cable service provider at least until 2013 and more likely through 2018." At the time Stevens speculated that new technology could make the current systems obsolete, but representatives from companies like Verizon, "indicate that they be five years away from making an investment in a market of our size."

Several Ocean Pines residents came early to the meeting, held in the Recreation Center, and snagged front-row seats solely to ask about the ongoing status of the Mediacom contract.

General Manager Bob Thompson said the company, "came in and did a major infrastructure investment in the community at a time when there were no other people trying to get into it."

Thompson said the current contract

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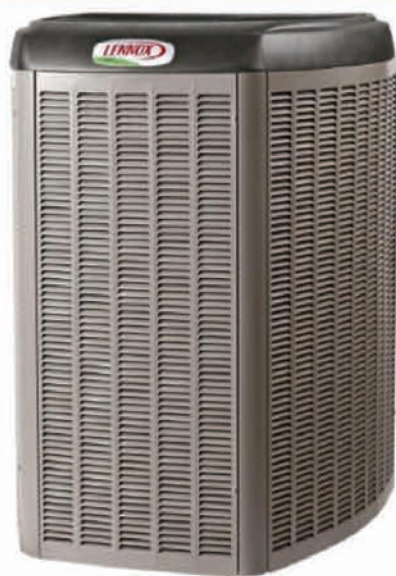
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Cannery Village gets commission OK

Affordable housing project will feature rent-to-own option

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) Berlin continued moving toward providing new affordable housing, as the town Planning Commission approved the final site design for Cannery Village during its meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

The development, located on Cannery Way at Flower Street, includes 45 lots that will be developed into 36 four-bedroom rancher style homes, eight two-bedroom ranchers and one community center. Two-bedroom homes start at \$400 a month, and four-bedroom homes start at just \$500.

After 15 years, renters have the option to rent to own the properties. Planning Director Dave Engelhart said a public works agreement is the next step for Cannery.

"They have to get that together, get the plat recorded, and then it will go to the final permitting," he said. "That's it, really. I would say that would happen in the next few weeks."

Andrew Hanson, a developer at Osprey Property Company, briefed the commission during the meeting, and offered a rough timetable as to when Cannery would begin accepting applications.

"He said when they start construction they will put up signage that will direct people to contact information that will direct them to start getting on a list," Engelhart said. "If he gets started in January, it will probably be later in the spring before he would be able to take any applications from anybody."

The commission is also in the process of finalizing commercial architectural design standards for Berlin.

"We're going to have a work session on Dec. 3, the week before the next formal meeting," Engelhart said. "Hopefully, we'll have a document together that they can vote on."

Engelhart expects the full membership of the planning staff to take part in the work sessions. Town employees are also welcome to attend.

The Planning Commission meets again on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Town Hall.





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Tripoli sidewalk: just one thing after another

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During another council meeting, this time on Oct. 27, Kreiter reported that construction on the sidewalk would begin on Nov. 10. As of press time no construction has taken place.

This time, Kreiter believed the problem was with the Maryland Department of the Environment, who are required to conduct an onsite pre-construction survey before work can start.

“The only update is that the contractor has still been trying to get a hold of MDE because the plans require a mandatory meeting 48 hours in advance of construction beginning,” Kreiter said. “For whatever reason MDE has not been getting back with them – or so I’m told. That’s all we’re waiting for. As soon as that meeting occurs it will happen 48 hours after that.”

Kreiter said it was “not the town’s responsibility” to make contact with the department.

“I’m assuming the contractor is on the up and up and truly nobody is getting back with them,” she said. “I did make another phone call to MDE to see, but at this point I haven’t heard anything.”

The town has not previously had any problems with Worth Construction, according to Kreiter.

“They’ve done a lot of good work in town,” she said. “I don’t think that’s the issue. I think there’s been some reorganization at MDE and I think maybe it might just be a bad time for them.”

A representative from Worth Construction, who asked not to be named in the article, said he had spoken to MDE.

“I called and played phone tag for a little bit. It wasn’t very long,” he said. “The guy said he was busy, but

that if it met certain criteria we wouldn’t have to have a meeting. So now that’s pretty well ironed out. Now it’s just sitting down with the town of Berlin and coming up with a schedule. We’re in that process.”

The representative said the project has taken more than a year in planning alone. He confirmed that two bids came in, and that his was the lowest.

“They wouldn’t have awarded it otherwise,” he said. “But it was very close – maybe \$800 or \$900.”

The current holdup seems to be the busy schedule of holiday events in Berlin.

“I know that’s a bust street and they’ve got the Christmas parade coming up, which is another concern,” he said. “I don’t want to leave a mess that’s going to cause problems. Especially turning on Tripoli, it’s tight so I don’t want to mess anything up if you have a parade that comes down, turns in there and goes up that side street. We’re trying to work it so – hey, it took this long, let’s do it right instead of having a big, fat mess.”

The representative said he was only contracted to do the first phase of the sidewalk, running from South Main Street, down Tripoli, and stopping just before hitting a ditch on the way to the park. The ditch is currently marked with orange safety cones.

“Next year they’ll bid out the other phase,” he said.

Cold weather is a factor in construction, and delays have previously pushed projects from late fall to the following spring. Still, the representative was confident the Tripoli Street sidewalk could be completed by the end of the year.

“I don’t think [it will be delayed],” he said. “I’m meeting with the town again. It’ll happen.”

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Mediacom will be in OP for many years to come

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runs through 2015 with an, “auto-matic five-year extension.”

Residents, in turn, complained about phone, internet and cable service provided by Mediacom.

“I called them last Sunday, they told me they couldn’t have anybody out until the following Monday – nine days until somebody would come out,” one resident said. “How do you allow us to have a company like that?”

Berlin planning one cool parade for Christmas

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The shuttle route will start at Berlin Intermediate School, drop off at the corner of Main Street and William Street and then loop back around. The shuttles will begin at 5:45 p.m. and run until 7:15 p.m. and then again from 8:45 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Space on the shuttles is limited. If interested in volunteering for this year’s parade, contact Megan Houston, 410-973-2051, JoAnn Unger, 410-641-3858, or Sharon Timmons, 410-629-1716 for more information.

Mediacom does have an exclusive contract for cable television services, but Ocean Pines does not have restrictions on satellite dish-based services including DirecTV and Dish Network. Additionally, residents are not required to purchase phone or internet bundles through Mediacom.

Board Director Bill Cordwell said the association is using the lessons learned in dealing with Mediacom during its ongoing negotiations with Sandpiper Energy.

“We don’t want to be stuck in another Mediacom situation where Mediacom controls all the cards,” he said. “The only way we can do something with Mediacom is if another company would come in and completely buy all the infrastructure, so they pretty much control everything.”

Although he was displeased with the cable monopoly, Cordwell did admit the company had made progress.

“I think they’ve come a long way in the last couple years,” he said. “In the last two hurricanes we had we never lost any service – we never lost TV service, we never lost internet service. Five or six years ago with Mediacom a 10-mile an hour wind and they were out for two or three days. Mediacom used to be horrible, horrible, horrible.”

“They’ve come a long way, I believe, with service,” Cordwell continued.

“Would I like to see more competition? Yeah. But we’re pretty much stuck with it.”

Stevens said he could not remember going to a town hall in Ocean Pines without hearing complaints about Mediacom.

“The history is on the webpage,” he said. “I wrote it five or so years ago because I was tired of all the questions. I’d say, ‘go read the webpage.’”

Stevens concurred with Cordwell that any new prospective cable company would have to purchase the existing infrastructure in order to take over.

“People just can’t understand. ‘What do you mean you can’t do anything about it?’” he said. “We’ve never heard of anybody who has come in and said, ‘look, Mediacom really stinks. We can do a much better job and we want to take this thing over.’”

The community launched a Communications Advisory Committee five years ago, and the group arranged a meeting with executives from Verizon in order to inquire about their FIOS cable, internet and phone service.

“Verizon basically said, ‘we’re not really interested in doing that,’”

Stevens said. “I don’t think we’ll see FIOS in the next five years. It’s all economic. Aside from this little pocket in Ocean Pines we’re an extremely rural county.”

The real head scratcher, Stevens said, was why Ocean Pines residents

continued to purchase additional services from Mediacom.

“If you really think Mediacom is that bad why in the world would you buy that bundle?” he said. “A

lot of people are going to [cellphones] and Dish and DirecTV, all of which have problems. Those are alternatives – what you can’t get is another cable TV company.”

Stevens said he did extensive research into the Mediacom contract five years ago, but has not revisited the issue since.

“Once I got past the point that it’s not going to change then I stopped going back and reading the contract,” he said. “My private view is Mediacom ain’t all that bad. We have them for cable TV and we have them for internet, and if my internet goes down it just takes a phone call to get it back. I’ve not had any lingering difficulties with them.”

‘They’ve come a long way, I believe, with service. Would I like to see more competition? Yeah. But we’re pretty much stuck with it.’
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GM issues upbeat report at ‘Town Meeting’

Discusses progress at golf course, yacht club at ‘helpful session’

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) Delivering his first “town hall” session in more than a year, Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson appeared upbeat last Thursday at the Recreation Center as he painted a picture of a robust community with a flourishing array of amenities

Thompson provided updates on the yacht club and golf course, complete with an interactive slide show, and fielded questions from the audience for more than two hours.

The Ocean Pines Yacht Club, which saw numerous controversies during the last few months after some community organizations booked functions elsewhere, showed strong numbers during its first season, Thompson said and brought in more than \$400,000 during 60 events.

Early 2015 numbers also appeared promising. The venue has already booked 41 events next year worth more than \$370,000.

“The type of product we now have is very, very different than the club we had previously,” Thompson said. “From our perspective ... we’re looking at it kind of like a startup. You’re

going to learn things as you start going down the path – things that work well and things won’t work well. We’ll have to make adjustments.”

Thompson’s winter to-do list of improvements at the club included finishing construction, making adjustments in the kitchen, decorating, adding new furniture and addressing the booking complaints of community and civic groups.

Thompson said groups were unclear when and how they could use the club, and that he and a small workgroup were developing pricing strategies, menu options and deciding whether Ocean Pines residents would receive discounts or priority booking. Leasing the club to outside management, according to Thompson, is not on the table.

“We figure we’ll get a year under our belt ... and then we can make some better decisions,” he said. “Things you guys are telling us we’re writing it down. You just can’t correct everything right away. It’s kind of a learning process. Your feedback has been helpful [and] we’re asking you to bear with us as we’re kind of going through this together as a group.”

Golf revenues were up \$146,200 over last year’s numbers, when the community lost \$30,620.

“All the metrics that we can track from July, August, September and



Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson provides updates on the yacht club and golf course, complete with an interactive slide show, during his first town hall session in more than a year on Thursday, Nov. 13.

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October have all been going in the direction you would hope they would go,” he said.

Ocean Pines recently published a request for proposals on outside companies leasing or managing the course, and Thompson said he was gathering data, “to see what we might look like with [current golf club management] Billy Casper over somebody else.”

Construction on the newly approved White Horse Boat Ramp, according to Thompson, could begin as early as this week. Another construction project, the Racquet Sports Complex, is nearing the final stages of the design process and could see a board vote on Nov. 22.

Thompson declined to give an update on the negotiations with electric utility Sandpiper Energy.

“I’m not going to talk about con-

tract negotiations – that’s something the board will do,” he said. “The board is trying to look out for the entire organization ... and make a decision that’s in the best interest for everybody.”

Thompson fielded questions about the missing chipping and putting nets on the golf course [“there was a delay ... it’s been a little longer than it should have been”], the ongoing battle with geese [“it’s a multi-pronged approach”] and improving handicapped access at the recreation facility [“we can look at it”].

Audience feedback included calls for electronic signs at the three main entry points to the community and the addition of trivia at the yacht club.

Asked, “was this meeting helpful or not?” Thompson received a round of applause.

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Two requests spur multiple bids

Trash collection query re-sent after getting one initial response

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) Less than a month after the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors questioned its own "Request for Proposals" (RFP) procedures, the community appears to have found corrective action.

In October, the board reviewed a single bid for the new White Horse Boat Ramp and then balked at the questioned whether the bid qualified as sole source. The board called a special session a week later and accepted the bid, but continued to question procedure.

This month, Ocean Pines received another single bid, this one to award an exclusive three-year franchise to collect refuse and recycling in the community.

"We would have opened [bids] Friday, but as of 1:30 Friday we only had one sitting on the desk," General Manager Bob Thompson said during a town hall meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13. "Given the last RFP with only one bidder I said, 'We're going to wait.'"

Instead of opening the bid, Thompson re-sent the requests for

proposals and received four bids in return.

"We're going to open them Wednesday," he said. "I'd like to have that done by midweek so we can give something to the board of what, at least, is available to us."

Board President Dave Stevens was cautiously optimistic the association had improved its RFP process.

'We would hope the result is that there would be more attention paid up front to the question of getting four bids. That can be done by expanding your bidders list, for example, and mapping out the time flow of these things.'

Board President
Dave Stevens

"They're two different things – a service bid and a construction bid," he said. "To a certain extent, what Bob [Thompson] did get was the idea that we're just not going to give blanket approval to everything he says."

Director Bill Cordwell did not see

a problem with opening the single bid on White Horse.

"I don't know that any lessons can be learned from the boat ramp thing other than we live on the Eastern Shore. We're sometimes not going to catch three bids for everything," he said. "Resources down here are limited, and if people are going to come across the bridge to do our work, they're not doing that for free. Sometimes we're just not going to get three bids for everything."

At least one board member wondered whether the limited timeframe prevented more bidders from biting on the White Horse project.

"We would hope the result is that there would be more attention paid up front to the question of getting four bids," Stevens said. "That can be done by expanding your bidders list, for example, and mapping out the time flow of these things."

"I'm satisfied with it given where we were at the time, we had to make a decision," Stevens continued. "The board voted for it in the end once we were satisfied. Putting bidders at a disadvantage wasn't the reason that we only got one bid – at least it wasn't a very strong one. I'm satisfied. Happy – I don't want to say that."

The board will likely review the trash RFP during the next regular meeting on Saturday.

Kiwanis aiming for 100 coats in annual drive

(Nov. 20, 2014) The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City recently received a challenge from the Greater Millsboro Kiwanis Club to collect 100 coats for local agencies who administer the providing of coats to those in need.

All of the Kiwanis Clubs in District 5 received the same challenge, which is meant to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Kiwanis in 2015.

The Ocean Pines–Ocean City Club accepted the challenge, but moved it to December, as the cold weather begins earlier than 2015, and designated Worcester G.O.L.D. as the recipient.

Kiwanis Club member, Reverend David Herr, is chairing the project and encouraging all members to gather new or gently used, clean coats for children and adults by the Dec. 3 deadline.

If the public wants to participate, bring donations to the Kiwanis Club's meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center As-sateague Room.

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Residents falling prey to con artists

Elderly often targeted in 'prize winner' fraud

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) Multiple suspected cases of fraud caused Berlin law enforcement to issue a warning to area residents last week.

Police issued a press release on Wednesday, Nov. 12 after receiving at least two calls involving telephone and Internet scams on the same day.

"Because of that we wanted to get something out to let people know this was happening," Lt. Jeffrey Lawson said. "Two of the same type of thing in a short amount of time – that's a lot. And if we're receiving an increased number, imagine the number of people who are not reporting it."

Lawson said the elderly were frequent targets of fraud, and cases generally involved information gathered over the Internet.

The incidents were not limited to Berlin.

"It's all over," Lawson said. "It's not just here, it's everywhere. I think there's a connection with certain things people may do business with where they have access to some information."

"It's not a big secret that marketing companies have access to this information. They learn how to target people with certain kinds of products – and that's legitimate – but there's also people that have the same capability that are using it for illegitimate purposes," he said.

Lawson said one incident involved a Berlin resident receiving a secret shopper notice and a phony check for \$5,000.

"They cut them a check, but the check is not actually any good," he said. "By the time the check gets processed and they get the cash it's too late."



The other incident involved what Lawson called an "age-old" swindle.

"Somebody is selling a car, let's say, on Craig's List," he said. "You'll get a call from a guy that says he's in Nigeria. He wants to buy that car and you're selling it for \$4,000. Obviously to get it to Nigeria it's going to be have to be taken to a port and shipped to get it there, and that's going to cost several thousand dollars to have it shipped – actually more than what the car is worth. So the person from Nigeria will tell the individual, 'I'm going to send you a cashier's check for \$18,000. It costs \$5,000 to ship it. You keep \$4,000 and send the rest to me.'"

In these cases, according to Lawson, expired or spent cashier's checks have been machine-altered to appear authentic.

"Most of the banks know to watch

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Berlin tourism aided by 'cool' designation

**Marketing summit
discusses how towns
promote themselves**

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) More than 200 members of the state tourism industry gathered in Ocean City last week for the 34th annual Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit.

Held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on Nov. 12-14, the summit is a three-day war room-style preparation for Tourism Day 2015, when tourism industry leaders lobby their legislative representatives in Annapolis.

"We've obviously got a big transition with the state government right now and tourism is a huge part of the state's tax revenue," Kevin Atticks, chair of the Maryland Tourism Coalition, said. "We need to kind of gear up for the legislative session and for all-new agency heads and probably a new chairman in Annapolis, and make sure everything is in order so we can make the best case about

tourism and the tax revenue we bring. The funding that state tourism gets from the state budget to market Maryland out of state is going to be tied to the administration and the new legislature as well."

Past coalition Chairman Ross Peddicord said the conference helps bring industry personnel together in preparation.

"All the top tourism officials all over the state come here to network," he said. "There's a lot of education going on and a lot of great speakers."

Although the state has an Office of Tourism Development, government agencies and employees cannot act as lobbyists. The coalition, however, doesn't face such restrictions.

"This is the advocacy group for the tourism industry," Peddicord said. "We're the ones that lobby the legislators on behalf of the tourism industry, so it's really important to be here, find out what's important, find out all the trends, talk to all of these folks and get on the same page."

Tourism is one of the top-10 industries in Maryland, producing

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Police warn of fraud, but not all pay heed

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out for this now, so when you try to cash something like this they'll tell you right away it's not any good," Lawson said. "But, there have been some bank employees who have made mistakes. They go ahead and cash them, they send this money off or wire it, and by that time they're a victim."

Unfamiliar buyers in foreign countries are often a red flag, but Lawson said many cases of fraud originate in the U.S.

"I know a case that I was familiar with a little while ago coming out of Las Vegas where a group of individuals rented an office space, they set up shop, they do their business and then they're gone in two weeks," he said. "So by the time law enforcement catches up and has enough to do a search warrant, when they go there the office is totally empty."

In rare cases, the parties will contend they are a legitimate company even when facing state or federal prosecution.

"They'll say they're not promising the people anything, but what they do is they make it sound like they're with, let's say, Publisher's Clearing House, but in fact they're not — they're not affiliated in any way whatsoever," Lawson said. "That's another scam we're seeing where they contact someone, they want to know direc-

tions to their house and say they're going to send somebody by with the roses and all that and they're going to be getting a big award, but, 'we need you to send \$19.95 for a processing fee first.'"

Two weeks later, the victim will receive another call asking for more money.

"They'll say, 'oh, we still need another \$39.95 to process this,' and the people are gullible and they keep sending money in," Lawson said.

In one instance, a Berlin resident sent tens of thousands of dollars to a fraudulent company.

"When somebody is that extreme, they're not going to believe you no matter what you tell them," Lawson said. "I've talked to people myself and said, 'Hey, you do realize this is a scam?' 'No it's not. I believe that I'm going to win this.' It's just that sad. It's just so widespread it's unreal."

Lawson urged the public to remain alert, use caution and report any suspicious activity to the local police department.

"People need to be smart about this," he said. "There's hundreds of these things that go out every day in the mail in this region. Usually people open it up and think it's junk and throw it in the trashcan, but maybe five out of those hundreds will say, 'man, there's something to this.'"

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State tourism numbers show rising popularity

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more than 130,000 jobs. Ocean City, of course, is a major source of fuel in the state tourism engine.

"Ocean City is huge," Atticks said. "You've got ... a very diverse group and each area brings a different type of visitor, and once they're here they're eating, they're sleeping, they're fueling up, they're continuing to support Maryland's economy."

"We've been to Ocean City many, many times," Peddicord said. "People love coming here. This is tourism country down here."

Another Worcester County town, Berlin, also became a big player in state tourism this year thanks to the "America's Coolest Small Town" designation provided by Budget Travel magazine.

"Something like that is huge because it becomes a part of your brand," coalition Vice Chair Wini Roche said. "I'm sure if you asked [Worcester County Tourism Director] Lisa Challenger she would be like, 'It's the best thing that happened during all of last year.'"

Peddicord said there were "Berlins all over Maryland."

"We had 35 million tourists last year in Maryland," he said. "About 40 percent were Marylanders traveling around the state and 60 percent were coming from all over the world and the rest of the country. Maryland is within 500 miles of about 50 percent of the population of the U.S. It's pretty amazing."

"Diversity is our strength and unity is our power," Atticks said. "You

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Kevin Atticks, new chair of the Maryland Tourism Coalition, speaks during the 34th annual Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

have a group like this where you've got so many different businesses represented in this room and organizations represented in this room. We each have our own agendas and our own marketing agendas and budgets and skillsets, but when we work together and go to Annapolis that's an amazingly powerful day. One day can make all the difference because you've got all of these folks reaching out to their elected officials. They're completely unique stories, but it's the same common theme: tourism, tax revenue, jobs, the economy."

The Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit is sponsored by the Maryland Tourism Coalition, the Maryland Office of Tourism and AAA.

Hometown Christmas in OP

(Nov. 20, 2014) Area residents are invited to enjoy a cup of hot cider and treats by a warm bonfire and kick off the holiday season with the Ocean Pines Association's 4th annual "A Hometown Christmas" and tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines.

Trees decorated by Ocean Pines businesses, clubs, families and individuals will be on display and lit during the event, which is free and open to the public. Local choral groups will also perform, and Santa Claus will make an appearance.

Any business, organization or individual interested in sponsoring a tree may do so for \$45, which includes an 8-foot to 10-foot tree and sign. Trees must be decorated by Thursday, Nov. 27.

For more information about the event or to sponsor a tree, contact the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Dept. at 410-641-7052.

Pines offering holiday show

(Nov. 20, 2014) Ocean Pines will offer one-stop-shopping for a variety of seasonal needs at the Holiday Vendor Show on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

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Manning the Worcester Health table during Berlin's Just Walk event at Stephen Decatur Park on Nov. 8, from left, are Patricia Dufendach, Kathy Wool, Mimi Bean and Kerri Day.



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Worcester County Economic Development officials honored Shaneka Nichols, owner of Stages Early Childhood Learning Center in Berlin, with a proclamation crediting her business with creating jobs in the county and providing necessary resources to the community. The ceremony took place in conjunction with Maryland Capital Enterprises, a lender that provides micro loans for business owners and entrepreneurs in Maryland, and occurred as part of the celebration of Economic Development Week, Oct. 27-31. Nichols employs a staff of 12 highly qualified individuals and provides daycare services and after school care programs for approximately 54 area children.

DWC gets more than it expected

Christmas collection results overwhelming

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) Walking into their monthly meeting on Monday at the Ocean Pines Recreation Center, members of the Worcester County Democratic Women's Club were astonished to see tables overflowing with blankets, basketballs, stuffed animals, robots, board games and Disney storybooks.

Although members expected donations for their two signature holiday drives on Sunday and Monday, they did not anticipate just how much support they would receive.

Judy Baumgartner, who chaired the drive, said she only noticed a few things on the table when she first arrived at the Recreation Center's Asateague Room on Monday.

"I was a little concerned because there are 40 women," she said. "Then it just seemed like I turned around and got come coffee, and 'oh my gosh, what happened?' It's kind of like the loaves and fish with Jesus. It was amazing."

Barbara Schmid, who co-chaired the drive, was particularly amazed at the variety of donations.

"We were just told to bring toys for kids whose mothers were in jail – that's all we were told," she said. "If you look at all of those toys, it goes the whole spectrum. It's boy's toys, girl's toys, teenager's toys, baby's toys. It was the weirdest thing that no one coordinated this thing, and yet there's something for everyone."

The blankets will be delivered to Meals on Wheels over the holiday as part of the Blankets: Gifts for the Homebound program, and toys are given to the children of 40 women currently serving time at the Worcester County Jail in Snow Hill under the Santa's Sack initiative.

"The gifts are for the children or the kids in their lives," said Terri Humphrey, a club officer. "We bring them gifts and wrapping paper and wrapping materials and they can select for their sons and daughters or nieces and nephews or granddaughters and grandsons."

The club will deliver will deliver the toys on Dec. 3 along with a small gift bag for the women, usually filled with beauty care items like lip balm, shampoo and deodorant. The jail determines which women receive donations.

The club started the program in 2004. President Judy Butler said the club usually receives between 125 and 150 toy donations.

"We do this for those forgotten children who can't get a present," she said. "Some of these women are not

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Democratic Women's Club members, from left, Harriet Batis, Judy Baumgartner, Sandy Miller, Sandy Glassman, Barbara Doyle Schmid, Eileen Larson, and Debbie Ritter of the Worcester County Commission on Aging, pose during a meeting at the Ocean Pines Recreation Center on Monday, Nov. 17 with toys and blankets donated by DWC members for the club's Santa's Sack and Blankets for the Holidays drives.



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Coastal Hospice looks for ‘angels’

Nonprofit provided more than \$500,000 in charity care in 2013

(Nov. 20, 2014) Coastal Hospice is urging its Lower Shore neighbors to be angels this year and include Coastal Hospice in their holiday giving. “Spread Your Wings” is the theme of this year’s campaign.

The drive provides money the hospice needs to offer care to patients who have no ability to pay. Last year, Coastal Hospice cared for nearly 1,000 patients and families on the Lower Eastern Shore and provided more than \$515,000 in charity care.

The effect of donations is immediate for patients. For example, a \$40 donation pays for one day of medication for an inpatient at Coastal Hos-

pice at the Lake. A \$100 donation provides one month of oxygen for a patient at home. A donation of \$1,000 pays for an entire week of hospice care at a patient’s home.

Donations may be made in honor or memory of a loved one, whose name will be printed on a red angel ornament that will be hung on one of Coastal Hospice’s “angel trees” on display in various locations — including libraries — throughout the four Lower Shore counties.

Donations can be made online at CoastalHospice.org, or for more information, call 410-742-8732.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions, but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible.

Coastal Hospice cares for patients



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in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. The organization serves Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset counties.

Dem women get much more than expected

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there because they committed a crime. Many are undocumented immigrants, and that’s one of the hardest things that we see there.”

Butler said the facility keeps unused toys in a “birthday closet,” allowing children of women serving time in the jail to receive birthday gifts throughout the year.

The Blankets program, new this year, helps Worcester County residents served by Meals on Wheels.

“There are 40-plus people in the Meals on Wheels program that are homebound, and we got 43 blankets, which is just enough,” Butler said. “This group of women are very generous and they have always been.”

Baumgartner said the blankets, mostly 50 by 70 inches, are delivered by Meals on Wheels in December.

“Folks that are getting their meals can also get a brand new warm, comfy blanket,” she said.

Sandy Miller collected blankets at the South Side Fire Station in Ocean Pines on Sunday, along with more than 30 bags of food and \$180 in donations.

“It’s impressive,” she said. “We do this food drive every third Sunday, so we got a huge amount of food, and we just asked everybody if they could bring a blanket or a toy – that was extra.”

Debbie Ritter, volunteer coordinator with the Worcester County Commission on Aging, helped coordinate the Meals on Wheels drive.

“It was wonderful,” she said. “We have so many needy people in Worcester County and it’s wonderful to be able to give them – not only a warm meal – now we can add a little Christmas present to it as well.”

The club will continue to accept blankets and toys for its holiday drives through the end of the week. It’s next food drive is Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Southside Fire Station from 1-3 p.m. Donations benefit the N.O.E.L. Christmas dinner hosted by St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Ocean City. For more information call 410-208-1551 or visit www.dccwc.org.

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Big Brothers, Big Sisters set golf tourney

Organization hosts 22nd ‘Santa’s Open’

(Nov. 20, 2014) Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake will present the 22nd annual Santa’s Open Charity Golf Tournament, sponsored by Delmarva Power on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Ocean Pines Golf & Country Club.

Santa’s Open began in 1992, with the goal to provide funds to benefit children and families who are in a need of support and encouragement here on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

Local businesses and residents have been involved by sponsoring or golfing for the cause during the season of giving.

There are various options available for sponsorships including: Toy Shoppe Tees, Santa’s Cheer Cart, Mrs. Claus’ Breakfast, Golfers Gifts or a North Pole Presenting Sponsor. Sponsorships will include promotion of business or organization depending on the chosen options listed. PNC Bank is sponsoring Rudolph’s Reception.

Golf registration is open to the general public, which is \$75 per player. The format is four-man teams. Golf registration includes golfing fees, T-shirt, breakfast, rides on the cheer cart, reception, access to contest and gifts.

Each participant should also contribute an unwrapped gift for a child between the ages of 7-17. These gifts are for local children who are in need of support and encouragement.

Register to golf or view sponsorship options at www.biglittle.org/SO2014.

For more information, on the agency or the event, go to www.biglittle.org or call 410-543-2447 ex.225.

Gift donations are welcomed from all and can be dropped off at Ocean Pines Golf on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake is a nonprofit, youth development organization, which is committed to helping children reach their fullest potential through professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships and a full range of youth programs with measurable impact.

The programs are tailored to the needs of the children and the availability of the volunteers. Research proves that through Big Brothers Big Sisters, children facing overwhelming odds can thrive with positive adult role models who provide guidance and friendship.

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It ain't all that bad

Only by coincidence are they related, but the answer to the question of how Ocean Pines is doing and how Mediacom's service is perceived did arise during the course of the same meeting.

And that answer would be, to quote Ocean Pines Association board President Dave Stevens, "It ain't all that bad." Stevens was referring to Mediacom when he told the audience that during General Manager Bob Thompson's Town Meeting last week and what he meant was that despite the grumbling about the occasional problem with community's sole cable service provider, it actually does a decent job.

The same thing could be said of the Ocean Pines Association itself, based on Thompson's report to members that same night. For all the debate over who is and isn't booking the Yacht Club and what might be done about it, the numbers themselves are more than acceptable.

Even though 2015 is still fair distance away, the club already has bookings worth \$370,000, which isn't that far off from what the club has taken in this year. Moreover, this is just the beginning, with a workgroup looking at how to improve the club's appeal to potential customers.

Meanwhile, the golf course has done considerably better financially this year and that should continue to get better as well.

Sure, there are problems – there will always be problems – and there will always be debates and disagreements about how different situations should be handled.

This is often more of a matter of style than substance, since it does appear that the association's various initiatives are moving in the right direction.

All in all, residents should feel good about what's been happening in the community. There's always room for improvement, but it really isn't all that bad.



"I'm sorry we're late for our reservation. We would have been here sooner but my date wore the wrong shoes."

Deficit changes Hogan's pitch

Campaign over, reality conflicts with promises

By Bryan P. Sears

The Daily Record Newswire (Nov. 20, 2014) Republican Gov.-elect Larry Hogan said Monday that a larger-than-expected budget problem will likely affect how quickly he is able to keep a campaign promise to roll back taxes in Maryland.

The comments are Hogan's first in public since a joint legislative committee heard that Maryland faces nearly \$900 million in combined budget deficits in the current budget and fiscal 2016 budget years.

"We're going to try and get spending under control and roll back taxes as quickly as we can but obviously it's a factor," Hogan said. "We've got to figure out how big a problem we have with this deficit and how we're going to address it."

Erin Montgomery, a Hogan spokeswoman, said after the news conference that the governor-elect still planned on unspecified tax cuts in his first year in office.

Hogan made his comments during a news conference to announce six new

members of his transition team, some of whom will be charged with helping develop budgetary and economic development strategy for the incoming Hogan administration.

Among those named to the transition team are leaders in business, education and law. Many of the selections have experience in state budgets or economics including:

Former Republican state Sen. Martin G. "Marty" Madden, R-Prince Georges and Howard Counties and a former member of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and Blair Lee IV, chairman of Silver Spring-based Lee Development Group and a political columnist. Lee is the son of Blair Lee III, former Democratic lieutenant governor and acting governor. Hogan said both Madden and Blair Lee IV will be advising his transition team "on many, many issues in general."

Nancy S. Grasmick, the first woman to serve as state schools superintendent and held the position from 1991 to 2011. Grasmick, who currently is advising Towson University on its teaching programs, will serve as education adviser to Hogan.

U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Williams Jr., who will serve as Hogan's liaison to the judiciary.

State Sen. Joseph M. Getty, R-Carroll County and member of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. Getty will serve as legislative policy adviser to Hogan. Getty, who was a near-constant presence with Hogan during the campaign, previously served as legislative and policy director under Republican former Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.

Anirban Basu, chairman and chief executive officer of Baltimore-based Sage Policy Group. Basu will head up economic and economic development policy for the transition team.

Those six will join former state Sen. Robert R. Neall, a Republican turned Democrat from Anne Arundel County, who was named last week as Hogan's budget adviser during the transition.

"We're going to focus in on the budget and fiscal issues," Hogan said, adding that policies and legislative agendas will be announced around the time he takes office next year.

"It's kind of a compressed time frame to put together a See DEFICIT Page 21

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Accepting the award from the Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) Financial Education Awards Program is Margaret Mudron, left, AVP and financial education coordinator for Taylor Bank and Nancy Bradford, AVP for the Bank of Ocean City.

Taylor Bank recognized for financial education

(Nov. 20, 2014) The Bank of Ocean City and Calvin B. Taylor Banking Company recently received an award from the Maryland Bankers Association Financial Education Awards Program.

MBA's awards program recognizes member institutions that have excelled in spreading financial education in the communities they service. The Bank of Ocean City and Calvin B. Taylor Bank were awarded second place in the category of adult and seniors for their "Elder Financial Abuse Program."

This was the first time in the history of MBA Financial Education Program that two banks have collaborated on

their education efforts in the community.

This year marks the 11th year for MBA Financial Education Awards Program. Financial education has always been a top priority for MBA member banks. Over these years more than 90,000 Maryland students and adults have been taught financial education. These statistics demonstrate that Maryland bankers are committed to making a difference in their community's through financial education.

Financial education classes are available to any local group, class or organization by contacting either the Bank of Ocean City or Calvin B. Taylor Bank.

Deficit reality setting in

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cabinet and a staff and review a budget that they've been working on for a year," said Hogan, a real estate developer who has never held public office. "We're going to do it with all due haste and let you know in January what we are going to roll out."

Hogan said budget deficits discussed last week were a concern.

"The problem seems to be even greater than we expected it to be," Hogan said.

Last week, budget analysts told a joint legislative committee that a slug-

gish economy and lower-than-expected revenue will leave a \$291 million budget deficit in the current year. An additional \$593 million structural gap is projected for the fiscal 2016 budget.

"I've been talking about these issues for three years. Much of the time I was the lone voice in the wilderness talking about the problems. Now people are starting to realize that what we were talking about is true," Hogan said. "Quite frankly, even I am surprised at the magnitude of the problem. The task ahead of us is vast."



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An exercise that will shake things up

Like a Beach Boy's song: it's those good vibrations that get your body going

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 20, 2014) Low impact, high results workouts, not to mention a healthy dose of fun, are at center of Ocean Pines' newest fitness center.

Fun Fit Vibe, on 11022 Nicholas Lane, celebrates its newest location with an open house and ribbon cutting today (Thursday).

Owner Gregory Mervine grew up in Delaware and spent time at his parents' home in Ocean Pines water skiing and wrestling. Mervine discovered the whole body vibration technology pioneered by Power Plate after an extended stay in the hospital.

"I was sick and tired of being sick and tired," he said. "I came out of an eight-day hospital day that should have been four days, but things went awry and I ended up with 40 percent of my pancreas gone. It is not an easy surgery to recover from."

Mervine left the hospital weighing 265 pounds.

"They said, 'You can't run. You can't lift weights,'" he said. "But I could go sit on that Power Plate machine."

After rehabbing on the machine,

which stimulates cell acceleration, Mervine was down to 190 pounds.

"After that I determined there was a need," he said. "When you think about the Eastern Shore – Delaware in particular – it's the third most-obese state in the nation and the number one least exercised. If anybody doesn't think that doesn't spill over into Delmarva, visit your local big box store."

Celebrities, from Clint Eastwood to Tampa Bay Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, have used Power Plate technology. Mervine said the exercise is so simple, "all you have to do is sit on this machine."

"I don't care what your ailment is," he said. "I have one client that's literally a quadriplegic and she gets a great workout. I've heard a thousand excuses and none of them are good."

"Today, with the cost of health care, it looks like there's going to be no limit to what people can charge," Mervine continued. "Our point is, invest a little now in yourself and save a ton later. And there's nobody else on the Eastern Shore doing this."

Fun Fit Vibe originally opened in Lewes and Millville, Del. Mervine had eyed a location in Berlin, but chose Ocean Pines after building a steady clientele there.

"I can tell you exactly how to stay out of a nursing home," he said. "If

we work with you on this Power Plate and your legs get stronger, you can stay independent for as long as you want to. If you don't take care of yourself nobody else will.

"We decided on the South Gate of Ocean Pines and our goal is to be able to help people maintain their independence for as long as they want to," Mervine continued. "When you're looking into that client's face that's the best evaluation you can ever ask for because you know immediately getting results. It's amazing the life changes you can see just by being a little bit stronger."

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce hosts the hosts the ribbon cutting from 4-6 p.m., with an appearance by Mike Bradley from WGMD 92.7 FM.

For more information, call 302-249-8000 or visit www.funfitvibe.com.



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Owner Gregory Mervine poses outside his new Ocean Pines location of Fun Fit Vibe, a fitness center specializing in Power Plate technology.

Worcester County Animal Control now open Saturdays

(Nov. 20, 2014) Worcester County Animal Control (WCAC) will extend its weekly hours of operation to include Saturdays, beginning Nov. 15.

WCAC doors will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to offer a variety of services to the public, including animal adoptions.

WCAC strives to promote adoption

and raise awareness of the proper care and handling of pets, including health and welfare issues, such as feeding and watering, adequate shelter, registering and spaying and neutering.

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Robert S. Phillips, Jr.

Snow Hill—Robert S. Phillips, Jr., age 58, passed away suddenly at his home in Snow Hill, Md. on Friday, Nov. 7, 2014.

Fondly known as "Butch," he will be remembered by all who knew him as a kind and gentle soul who truly knew the meaning of giving. Butch loved to play his guitar, fish, hunt, paint and carve. Many people have been the recipients of his unique and creative works of art. He was a true friend to so many people. When you think of him, simply smile as he was a simple man with a heart of gold.

Butch is preceded in death by his father, Robert S. Phillips Sr. and survived by his mother, Shirley Ludlam Phillips. He is also survived by his sisters and their spouses Terry and Charles (Red's) Littleton, Cathy and Dale Hastings and Valerie and David Trader; and his brothers and their spouses, William "Bill" and Sue Phillips, Glen and Val Phillips.

In addition to his siblings, he was the loving uncle to numerous nieces and nephews; Lisa Hastings and her husband, Garet and their two sons, Dalton and Holden; Meaghan Poulin and her husband, Shaun and their daughter, Cadie Littleton; Adam Phillips and his wife, Colleen and their two children, Brady and Stella; Carlye Bowen and husband, Joe

and their daughter, Madelyn "Maddy;" Hunter Phillips, Hailee Phillips, Wil Trader and Houston Phillips.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 13, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made GoGetters 703 Worcester Highway, Newark, Md. 21841.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Suzanne Kerrigan-DeLawder

Pittsville—Suzanne Kerrigan-DeLawder, age 74, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2014 at her home in Pittsville, Md. surrounded by her family.

Suzanne is survived by her husband, Gerald L. DeLawder.

Born in Chicago, Ill. Suzanne was one of nine children. She attended school at Saint Scholastic Academy class of 1958 and went to college at De Paul University. She made a career at City Tavern Club in Georgetown, Washington D.C. and retired after 35 years.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home, 108 William St. Berlin, Md. 21811.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com.

Kathleen T. Zisk (Price)

Ocean Pines—Born, April 1, 1950, Kathleen T. Zisk (Price) of Ocean Pines, Md. formerly of South Philadelphia, passed away suddenly on Nov. 3, 2014.

She was the loving wife of the late Edward J. Zisk and devoted mother of the late Edward J. Zisk, Jr., and daughter of the late Catherine and Richard R. Price, Jr.

She is survived by her daughters; Kathleen M. Altobelli and her husband, Gregory, Kelly Drewke and Megan Zisk and her fiancé, Frank Ciliberto, and her son Patrick Zisk (PJ).

Kathleen adored her grandchildren, Michael Cerminaro, Francesco and Caramia Ciliberto and Scott, Andrew and Jessie Drewke.

Also surviving are her brother, Richard Price III and his wife, Donna; sisters, Lorraine Thompson and her husband, William and Janice DelRossi and her husband, Michael.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Barbara Braciszewski Curtin and Karen Webb.

She will also be missed by many loving nieces and nephews. Kathleen loved spending time with her family, she was a good hearted person and was proud of her "Price" strength, which carried her through until the end.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 7 at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Ocean City, Md. Arrangements were in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com.

Elizabeth Louise "Betty" McDonald

Ocean Pines—Elizabeth Louise "Betty" McDonald, age 90, died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014, at her home in Ocean Pines.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Arthur B. Nalley and Louisa Lecker. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 62 years, Kenneth Earle "Mac" McDonald on Oct. 24, 2014.

Betty is survived by her children; Mary Beth Clark and her husband, John, Anne Lennox and her husband, Pat, Jane Brown and her husband, Mickey, Kevin McDonald and his wife, Laura, and Terri McDonald; 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. She is also survived by a brother-in law, Carroll McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. She was a member of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve known as the SPARs,



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created by a bill signed on Nov. 23, 1942 by our 32nd President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The following quote from former United States Coast Guard Commandant, Admiral J. W. Kimes, at the SPARs 50th Anniversary Commemoration, conveys the sentiment of the wartime years: "More than 10,000 of you set to work showing your eagerness for the war effort, your pride in our nation, and your patriotism in the work you undertook. You paved the way not only for the Coast Guard women of today, but for an entire service of equality and diversity."

Betty was one of nearly 200 female service members to have the honor and privilege to march directly ahead of the horse drawn carriage carrying President Roosevelt to the White House during his funeral procession in Washington on April 14, 1945.

She received an Honorable Discharge in 1945 after her wartime service was completed, and was one of the first female service members to use the benefits of the Serviceman's Readjustment Act of 1944 known informally as The GI Bill, for higher education. She became the first veteran to enter and graduate from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, finishing in 1949, with a BA degree in sociology.

In addition to raising a family of five, Betty continued her education and earned the equivalent of her Masters Degree in elementary education. She also studied elementary arts. Betty was employed for 20 years and retired as a Baltimore City School Teacher, during which time she taught elementary level, hearing impaired, and was assigned as a home and hospital teacher. She spent a considerable amount of time with orthopedically handicapped children at Mount Washington's Pediatric Center formerly known as Happy Hills Hospital and University of Maryland Hospital.

She also became quite attached to many young terminally ill children and their families, visiting many in their homes around Baltimore as well as attending their funerals at times. Even in her retirement years, she did hospice volunteer work as well as participating in various Ocean Pines social clubs and church activities.

The family will receive family and friends at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11211 Beauchamp Rd, Berlin, Md. 21811 on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014 from 10-11 a.m. preceding a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci will officiate.

Following the service, there will be a reception for family and friends at the Knights of Columbus Hall located behind St Luke's Church, 9903 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Md. 21842.

Inurnment for both Mr. and Mrs. McDonald will be in Eastern Shore Veteran's Cemetery in Hurlock, Md. on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014 at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory may be made to Catholic Appeal, using the link: www.cdow.org/catholic...catholic-appeal/development-annual-catholic-appeal-how-to-donate/ or to Coastal Hospice at the Ocean (www.coastalhospice.org).

Letters of condolence may be sent via: www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Edith Virginia Adkins Dryden

Newark—Edith Virginia Adkins Dryden of Newark passed into the presence of her Lord Jesus Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014.



Edith Dryden

She was born in Ocean City on April 18, 1921, to Herman George and Mary Elsie (Holloway) Adkins.

Mrs. Dryden was a 1938 graduate of Buckingham High School in Berlin. She married George H. Dryden of Newark on March 12, 1947, and they were blessed with a union of 54 years to his passing in December 2001.

Mrs. Dryden was devoted to her family, the community and to the congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church in Newark, where she served in several capacities. Her participation in the church choir was one of her greatest joys. Mrs. Dryden also was a former member of the Worcester County Library Board.

Mrs. Dryden is survived by two sons and their wives, Glenn and Judy of Dunn Loring, of Virginia, and George Jr. and Faye, of Newark; grandchildren, Tommy Dryden and his wife, Rita Beth, of West Frankfort, Ill., Matthew Dryden of Martinez, Ca., Olivia Butler and her husband, Clifton, of Newark, and Elizabeth Davis and her husband, Shawn of Snow Hill; and six great-grandchildren. She leaves a host of other family members and friends as well to cherish her memory.

The family received friends Friday, Nov. 14, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Snow Hill. On Nov. 15, Trinity United Methodist Church in Newark was the location for the service in celebration of and thanksgiving for the life of Edith A. Dryden. Pastor Sherwood McGrath officiated. Interment followed at Bates Cemetery in Snow Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either, Trinity United Methodist Church at 8339 Newark Rd. Newark, Md; the Newark Volunteer Fire Company at P.O. Box 82 Newark, Md. or the Bates Cemetery at 102 E. Market St. Snow Hill, Md.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home. Letters of condolence may be shared with the family at Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com.

Scott A. Jones

Berlin—Scott A. Jones, age 52, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2014 at his home in Berlin, Md.

Mr. Jones is the son of William J. Jones, Sr. and the late Gertrude Tillman Jones. Scott is survived by his brothers; William J. Jones, Jr. of Lakewood, N.J., Guy Jones of S. Daytona, Fla. and his two nephews.

There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

CLUB INDUCTIONS

Several Kiwanis Club members were in attendance during the Nov. 10 Induction of Officers for Stephen Decatur Middle School Builders Club for the 2014-2015 school year. Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City President, Carolyn Dryzga, inducted each new Builders Club officer. They are: Ally Jones, president; Sophia Godwin, vice president; George Brous, secretary and Gavin Bunting, treasurer. The Builders Club, under the direction of school advisor, Mindy Bankert, has 55 members.



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FESTIVE SOUNDS

The Uke of Earl Orchestra play inside the Worcester County Arts Council building during Berlin's 2nd Friday Art Stroll on Nov. 11.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Maureen McNeil of Coastal Hospice, center, was the guest speaker during a recent Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines–Ocean City meeting. She is pictured with Kiwanis Club President, Carolyn Dryzga, and Programs and Speakers Chairman, J. Graham Caldwell.



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HOLIDAY AUCTION

Ocean Pines local AK Chapter of P.E.O. held its annual holiday auction on Nov. 6. with more than 75 attending the event at the Ocean Pines Country Club. P.E.O. is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing women increased opportunities for higher education. P.E.O. raised more than \$2,800, which will go toward scholarships and grants to further women's education.



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BUSINESS SOCIAL

Justin McGinnis of Laser Tone Business Systems, left, Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Elizabeth Kain-Bolen and Taylor Bank Vice President Wes McCabe have a few drinks during a business after hours meeting at Plaza Tapatia in Ocean Pines on Thursday, Nov. 13.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SDHS NOGLAM/NOSHAVEMBER

Stephen Decatur High School staff members are taking the popular "Noshavember" to a new level. While the men are foregoing shaving, the women are going without glamour and it's all for charity. Proceeds from Noglaml/Noshavember will go to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Pennies for Patients campaign. Since 2012, the SDHS Acts of Kindness organization has donated more than \$3,000 to this cause. Pictured, in back row, are Brian Phillips, Garrett Magaha, Larry Ryan, Tyler Riley, Principal Tom Zimmer, Jason Pylypczuk, Mary Miller, Assistant Principal Ryan Cowder, J.D. Foell, Steve Deakyne, Brian McDermott and Kurt Marx, and in front row, Dale Krantz, Assistant Principal Kathy Cater, Austin Martin, Mary Shockley, Ana Bowers, Lisa Santore-Schwartz, Gwen Lehman, Kim Hudson, Christy Powell, Jamie Thompson and Brittany Tracy.

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Real men do bake – and eat – quiche

I was first introduced to quiche at Café Normandy on Main Street in Annapolis in the very early 1980s. In hindsight, it was probably the 1970s but, man, that makes me sound old.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Café Normandy was a semi-regular pit stop after church on Sunday. Bouncing up the brick-lined street in the old Polara station wagon, your mind would reel

with excitement, as you could seemingly smell the quiche in anticipation. These are fond memories – about as fond as getting kicked out of Chick 'n Ruth's Deli late night. Ah, the halcyon days.

Many of my students had never heard of quiche and they had certainly never been told that real men don't eat quiche. I was shocked. Of course, the book of the same title was very popular in the '80s and it was a shame that the glorious and perfect quiche was the recipient of such meaningless malaise. Quiche is a critical part of any serious cook's arsenal.

The pie-crust, eggy custard stock full of meats, cheeses and vegetables is one of my all-time favorite foods. It's a scrambled egg and meat pie, for Pete's sake. Throwing some nice, sharp cheese on top just makes it a party. A favorite in our house for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the flaky crust is warming to the bite and the filling is reminiscent of every great breakfast buffet you've ever visited, all wrapped up into one little bundle of joy.

And to top it off, quiche is the "kitchen sink" just like Sunday Brunch. Just root through your ice-



box and find all of the leftovers that would pair nicely with a savory egg custard and you are on your way to making some serious grub.

Did I just say that Sunday Brunch was another "kitchen sink?" I didn't mean everywhere, but brunch is the best place to get rid of the food product that's just sitting around. When I worked at the Polo Grill in Baltimore a lifetime ago, we would take the leftover mashed potatoes and grilled salmon from the Saturday banquets and turn them into salmon cakes. They were delicious.

Any leftover beef was crafted or repurposed (depending on whether you want to give it a newer, more hip label) into chili or Bolognese, but one always had to be careful so as to never let the guests know that they were eating scraps. I know I'm making this sound much worse than it really is, but what is a chef to do? You need to cook enough for the crowd on Saturday night and utilize whatever may be leftover that is still delicious, or that could still be made to be delicious.

The quiche, though, can be made fresh from stem to stern and there are

about as many variations as there are ingredients at the market. The one that my students made had bacon, ham, cheddar, onions, mushrooms ... well, pretty much anything that could go on top of a pizza pie.

This has always been one of my all-time favorites for luncheon menus in that it is an all-in-one meal. However, it can be a tad heavy, so I suggest that you serve it with a nice, crisp salad. I drive my students nuts in that I have them show their skill on the salad toppings in most cases – caramelized onions, candied nuts and roasted tomatoes come to mind. But sometimes, you just need to kick it old-school and go light and easy. You will rarely hear me complain about doing things the easy way.

As we serve this beautifully and completely unmanly mixture of meats and eggs, we know that we are unleashing a delicious beast on our guests. After all, we've already sampled it. That's our job. We need to make sure that it's presentable. And now my students have heard of quiche, and I reminisce of the old days in that huge station wagon.

Quiche

Makes one decent-sized pie

1 pie dough ball
8 oz. bacon cut into small lardons
2 oz. ham, cut into small lardons
6 c. Fresh baby spinach
1 1/2 c. Sharp Cheddar cheese
8 eggs
1 c. Whole milk
1 1/2 c. Heavy cream
Pinch of nutmeg
1 tsp. Black pepper
Salt to taste

Put bacon and ham lardons in a fry pan on medium heat and cook until they are nice and crispy. Discard the oil or strain and set aside to cook with.

Roll dough out so that it is even and fits into a springform pan.

Line pan with the dough and line this with some parchment paper. Fill with dried beans for a little blind-baking action.

Bake at 350F for about six minutes or until the dough starts to really set up and remove from oven.

When cool enough to handle, carefully remove parchment that is holding the beans and set aside for the next pie shell.

In simmering water, blanch spinach for 45 seconds, remove and wring out.

Chop and set aside.

Combine all other ingredients into your custard base and pour into the pie shell.

Place in oven and cook for approximately 45 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Allow to cool for at least 10 minutes, and then serve with a light side salad. Pictured is an assorted green salad with a light, homemade red raspberry dressing.

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

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ACROSS

1 Charged things

5 Actress Normand of the silents

10 Like some textbook publishers

14 Wee bit

18 Instruments with flared bells

20 Perfume with an accent in its name

21 Locker-room user

22 Motorola smartphone

23 Oscar winner who would make a lousy anesthesiologist?

25 Spotlight

27 Who's there?

28 Glove-box item

30 N.F.L. rarity

31 It's faster than the blink of an eye: Abbr.

32 Scrubs wearers, for short

33 Punk rocker who would make a lousy grocer?

35 Milk dispenser

37 Bieber Fever, e.g.

38 Piano-playing cat, once

39 Horror author who would make a lousy firefighter?

43 Fr. title

45 Cold

49 Red Baron, e.g.

50 Pitcher of milk?

52 "That feels goo-oo-ood"

54 Cosmetician _____

55 La Scala segment

56 Inclined

57 Action star who would make a lousy free-range farmer?

60 Singers do it

61 Historian's interest

63 Smooths

64 Scholarship name

65 "The Hunger Games" and others

67 Theme park with a spherical landmark

68 Defeat decisively

69 Fiery

71 Jones of the original Stones

72 Contest winner's feeling

73 Consumed

76 Bygone comic who would make a lousy baker?

78 Work at

79 Byzantine emperor known as "The Philosopher"

81 Like dollhouse furniture

82 French nobleman

83 Early eight-bit computer maker

85 Tom _____, big role in "The Purple Rose of Cairo"

86 Blades that sound like an allergic reaction

88 E lapse

90 Cabaret pianist who would make a lousy electrician?

92 The gamut

94 Dog-_____

96 Where to learn to draw?

97 Lawyer who would make a lousy anti-Communist leader?

101 Electronic music's Daft Punk, e.g.

102 Junior's challenge, for short

106 Org. replaced by the N.R.C.

107 Elaborate

108 Set side by side

110 More than plump

112 Singer who would make a lousy mohel?

114 German title

115 Michael of "Arrested Development"

116 Bother

117 Feints

118 _____ of the earth

119 Helmeted god

120 Window's counterpart

121 Word before or after lime

5 Class ring, e.g.

6 Parliaments produce them

7 Air-conditioner fig.

8 Always, in verse

9 Reveals

10 God, with "the"

11 Genève's lake

12 Toy holder

13 "Present"

14 Residents, eventually: Abbr.

15 Bonnie who sang "Nick of Time"

16 15-time All-Star shortstop Smith

17 Primp

19 Trig function

24 Cost for some plugs

26 Drifter outside a coffee shop?

29 Add one's two cents about

33 Shocks

34 Sprint, e.g.

36 Con's plan

37 Short-order sandwich

39 Deepest part

40 See 44-Down

41 "Can I leave now?"

42 Possessed

44 Big producer of 40-Down

46 Yearbook feature

47 "Picnic" playwright

48 "That _____ it!"

51 Immobilized, as one's arm

53 Twain contemporary

56 Jerk

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58 Summer setting in the Midwest: Abbr.

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67 Fumble, say

68 Like some grins

69 Many authors have them: Abbr.

70 Horse halter

71 Osso _____

72 Supersmooth

74 Asseverate

75 Gossip

77 Barbecue fryer?

78 Elbow, maybe

80 Many boomers, now

84 Still snoozing, say

85 One way to learn

87 Farm homes

89 Caviar sources

91 Main source of aluminum

93 Neighbor of Chiapas

95 Modern name of Mare Mecca

97 Campaign setback

98 Grasp

99 The planets, now

100 Subject of many a Turner landscape

101 Golfer David

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108 Things aircraft carriers carry

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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THURS. Nov. 20

WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, As-sateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m. Jillian Patterson, VP of Policy for Education Freedom Committee will speak about fighting Common Core at the state and local levels and strategies for defeating it. Free and open to the public. Info: WCTPPatriots@gmail.com, www.worcestercountyteaparty.com or 443-614-7214.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic Health Center, 9714 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2-3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Key speakers with expert knowledge concerning areas of concern for those affected by a stroke.

STORY TIME — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, finger plays and crafts about dinosaurs. For children ages 2-5. Info: 410-208-4014.

PINE'EER CRAFT CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 9:45 a.m. refreshments, 10 a.m. meeting. Craft a Santa spoon for \$3. Guests welcome. RSVP: Sharon, 410-208-0284.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY DINNER MEETING — Captain's Table Restaurant in the Marriott Hotel, 2 15th Street, Ocean City, 5:30 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Maryland House Minority Leader Nic Kipke. His focus is opposing poor fiscal management and tax increases and stopping regulations that hurt employers. Cost is \$38 per person. Reservations: Ann Lutz, 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net

YOUNG AND RESTLESS 'DIGGING DINOSAURS' — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3-5 years, will create, explore and learn. Dress to get messy. Info: 410-957-0878.

STORY TIME — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Hear stories and learn songs and rhymes about penguins and do penguin crafts. For children ages 2-5. Info: 410-632-3495.

CARD MAKING — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 1-3 p.m. Learn how to make your own personalized cards. All materials provided. Registration required: 410-632-3495.

ALTERED CLOTHING — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 2-3:30 p.m. Learn to repurpose old clothing to make one-of-a-kind artistic clothing. Info: 410-957-0878.

FIRESIDE CHAT — Berlin library, 220 N.

Main St., 3 p.m. A lively chat about the groups' favorite good reads. Info: 410-641-0650.

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

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

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

FRI. Nov. 21

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR — St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior, Father Connell Parish Center, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Event includes shops, crafts, games, children's room, silent auction, baked goods, plant center, doll house raffle and food court. Info: 410-289-0652.

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.

MODPO — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. Monthly discussion group of modern and contemporary poetry. Info: 410-524-1818.

BERLIN BOOK OF THE MONTH — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1 p.m. Featuring "A Reliable Wife," by Robert Goolrick. Copies of each month's selections are available in advance at the library. Info: 410-641-0650.

OCEAN CITY SHRINE CLUB MONTHLY MEETING — Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Social hour from 6-7 p.m. followed by a Thanksgiving dinner. The meeting will follow and the slate of officers will be presented for approval. All Master Masons and their families are welcome. Info: Earl Hewitt, 410-208-6833.

Sat. Nov. 22

TURKEY SHOOT FUNDRAISER - Synepuxent Rod & Gun Club, 7909 Purnell Crossing Rd., Berlin, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Benefits Ocean City/Berlin Boy Scout Troop 225. Bring 12 or 20 gauge shot-

gun and ammo will be provided. Win restaurant/hotel gift certificates, tools, hunting supplies, turkeys, jewelry, etc. Breakfast, lunch and bake sale. Visit www.octroop225.org/Turkey_Shoot/TurkeyShoot.htm for list of prizes. Info: Matt Norman, 443-366-5882 or scout-master@octroop225.org.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR — The River Church, 11004 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event features BBQ chicken dinners, baked goods, home-made arts and crafts, wreaths, scarves and ceramic Christmas trees. Vendor tables available for \$15. Benefits youth teen conference. Info: 443-513-6449.

MBS 5K, FUN WALK AND KIDS DASH — Most Blessed Sacrament School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., family fun walk at 9 a.m. and kids dash at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$25 for 15 and older, \$15 for 14 and under, and \$10 for kids dash ages 3-11. All participants receive a t-shirt. Info: Lisa Mitchell, MitchellsInOC@yahoo.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR — St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior, Father Connell Parish Center, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Event includes shops, crafts, games, children's room, silent auction, baked goods, plant center, doll house raffle and food court. Santa Claus visits 12-3 p.m. Info: 410-289-0652.

BEACH PARTY FUNDRAISER — Fager's Island, 201 60th Street, Ocean City, 1-5 p.m. OC-Berlin Optimist Club's Stephen Decatur High School scholarship fundraiser features local craft beer, DJ Batman, silent auction and games. Menu includes BBQ, chicken, ribs, carved beef and more. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT — Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 7 p.m. The quartet "Driven" will perform. A love offering will be taken. Info: 410-641-2578.

BOOK SIGNING AND READING — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Author Andrea Miles will introduce her haunting and hard-edged book "Trespassers." Info: 410-957-0878.

NEW YORK CITY ADVENTURE & 9/11 MUSEUM BUS TRIP — Featuring an on-your-own tour of the 9/11 Museum including the memorial. After the museum, the day is yours to explore the city. Bus departs the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway on Nov. 22 at 5:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 11:30 p.m. Cost including the museum ticket is \$100. Trip on-your-own not including museum ticket is \$80. Register: 410-641-7052 or stop in the Ocean Pines Recreation Department.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT — St. Andrews Center, 14401 Sinepuxent at 144th Street, Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. By "Irishman's Chorale" of Baltimore and "WSCL's Kara Dahl Russell" of Salisbury University. Donations are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Children 11 and younger are admitted free. Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians; all proceeds go to charity. Info: Betty Jane Ertel, 410-208-3847.

INTERNATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS DAY — Snow Hill library, 307 North Washington St., 11 a.m. The film "The Journey" will be screened, lunch served and time for fellowship and memorial activities. No charge for attendance. Info: www.choosetolivemaryland.org or 410-726-3090.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3 Church St., Berlin, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent auction, Book Nook, Nancy's Famous Bake Sale, White Elephant sale, Holiday Cards and more. All welcome. Info: 410-641-4385.

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

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle korn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

SUN. Nov. 23

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR — St. Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior, Father Connell Parish Center, 1705 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Event includes shops, crafts, games, children's room, silent auction, baked goods, plant center, doll house raffle and food court. Info: 410-289-0652.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT — Friendship United Methodist Church, 10537 Friendship Road, Berlin, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The quartet "Driven" will perform. A love offering will be taken. Info: 410-641-2578.

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

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Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

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

SNOW HILL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE — Snow Hill Christian Church, 300 Park Row, 7 p.m. An offering will be taken for Snow Hill Ministerial Association Emergency Fund. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Ebenezer Community Food Pantry. Info: Rev. Dale Jacobs, 302-436-5974.

MON. Nov. 24

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 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.

WRITING FOR WELLNESS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-3 p.m. Group uses exercises to stimulate process for creative expression. No prior writing experience needed. Info: 410-208-4014.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

PINK RIBBON PINUPS FALL FUNDRAISER — Burley Oak, Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Pint party with silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Burley Oak will donate a portion of sales. Bar staff from Pickles Pub will be on hand, donating their time and tips. To make silent auction or monetary donations, contact Brandi at 443-614-2620 or bnmellinger@gmail.com.

TUES. Nov. 25

PLAY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, ages infant to 5 years, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free-play program. Info: 410-641-0650.

THE MOMS CLUB — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. Moms Offering Moms Support offers a chance for stay-at-home moms to meet. Play dates, babysitting co-ops, arts and crafts and more. Take the kids. Info: 410-957-0878.

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS — Ocean

Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to noon. Explore the world of iPads while learning from each other. Info: 410-208-4014.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Berlin group 331, Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5:30-7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: jeanduck47@gmail.com.

WED. Nov. 26

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, 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.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS 'DIGGING DINOSAURS' — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3-5, will create, explore and learn. Dress to get messy. Info: 410-208-4014.

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.

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peakys Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the

Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY — Meets every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

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

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING — Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Info: 410-641-1700 or kbates@taylorbank.com.

NAACP CHAPTER ELECTIONS — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 6:30 p.m. Chapter Elections will be held, with all members in good standing eligible to vote. Members need to have their ID and current membership card to vote. Info: Chuck Hebert, 301-651-3165.

ONGOING EVENTS

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, Nov. 20-Jan. 4. The heated Winterfest Village pavilion features hot chocolate, Yukon Cornelius' gift shop and photos with Santa. Board the Winterfest Express to tour hundreds of animated, lighted displays. Admission. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN, 410-250-0125 or www.ococean.com.

AIRPORT BREAKFAST — Ocean City Municipal Airport, 12724 Airport Road, Berlin, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, through Nov. 23. Menu includes eggs, bacon, pancakes, sausage, scrapple and coffee. A \$7 suggested donation collected for the care of the Huey Veterans Memorial. Info: 410-726-7207.

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES — Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through April 26. Passengers board near Thrasher's at the Ocean City Inlet and travel around the pier and down the Boardwalk to Fourth Street and back. Carriage is heated. Cost is \$10 for adults and free for children 3 and younger. Info: Randy Davis, 443-783-1409.

'CINDERELLA' PERFORMANCE — The Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, March 7, 2 p.m. Featuring the Ballet Theater of Maryland. Meet Cinderella and Prince Charming after the show for photos. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at all Worcester County Library branches and the Ocean City Convention Center Box Office.

'DONNIE & MARIE CHRISTMAS TOUR' — Buses will depart from the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Dec. 6, at 8:30 a.m. The "Donnie & Marie Christmas Tour" performance will take place at the National Theatre in Baltimore. Lunch from 11 a.m. to noon, show time is 2 p.m. and dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lunch and dinner are not included in the trip price. Estimated return time is 9 p.m. Cost is \$100. Register: Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, 410-641-7052 or www.OceanPines.org.

COMPUTER AND E-READER INSTRUCTION — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Staff offers individual computer or E-Reader instruction by appointment: 410-524-1818.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS MEETING — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 9:30-11 a.m., second and fourth Wednesdays through May. The program is designed to nurture mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. Free childcare. Contact: MOPScop@gmail.com, 410-641-5433 or www.facebook.com/groups/MOPScop/.

MONTHLY NASA BUS TRIPS — Trips are planned for September, October, November and December. Cost is \$25 for transportation and tour of the NASA Wallops Flight Facility; does not include the cost of lunch. Bus departs the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m. Reservations: 410-641-7052 or stop in the Ocean Pines Recreation Department.

FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTIONS — Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St. Exhibits kick off with an opening reception from 5-7 on the first Friday of each month. Held year round and open to the public. Info: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoceancity.org.



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Nov. 23: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.

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302-539-3095
Nov. 21: Dave Hawkins, 6-10 p.m.

Nov. 22: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.
Nov. 26: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m.
Nov. 27: Aaron Howell, 6-10 p.m.

HOOTERS

Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Rd.
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Nov. 21-22: On the Edge, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
Nov. 21: The Benderz, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Nov. 22: Full Circle, 5-9 p.m.; Gypsy Wisdom, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Mon-Sat 10-5	70th St. Bayside Broadmarsh	3BR/2.5BA	Townhomes	From \$304,900	Fritschle Group/Condominium Group
Mon-Sat 10-5	Seaside Village, West Ocean City	3BR/2BA/2 half baths	Townhome	From \$289,900	Condominium Realty/Fritschle Group
Thurs.-Mon. 11-5	12602 Bay Buoy Ct. West Ocean City	3,4,5BR/2.5-2.5BA	SF-New Construction	From \$299,900	Harbor Homes/Monogram
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Friday 2-5 & Sat. 10-2	35 Harlan Cove- Terns Landing OP	4BR/7BA	Single Family	\$1,150,000	Bernie Flax/Prudential PenFed
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Sunday 12-3	13517 Madison Ave., Fenwick DE	3BR/2.5BA	Single Family	\$1,149,000	Fritschle Group/Condominium Realty
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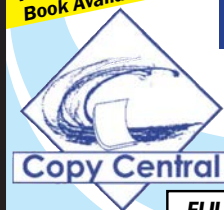
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