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Berlin, Ocean Pines and Ocean City personnel responded to a fire last Friday afternoon, Nov. 21. The blaze caused extensive damage to a garage on Adkins Road, just east of the intersection with Cathell Road in the Taylorville area.

Berlin wins three top tourism awards

'Cool' effort receives honors for state's best social media campaign

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) As if this year were not cool enough, Berlin capped its charmed 2014 with a trio of tourism awards.

Designated "America's Coolest Small Town" winner by Budget Travel magazine, Berlin came up with three top honors during last week's Maryland Tourism and

Travel Summit at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City.

The Maryland Tourism Council gave Berlin a nod for "Best Social Media Campaign" for its movement to become the "coolest." The town also came up in the "Best Product or Event Award" given to the "Horses at the Beach Campaign," as well as the "Visit Maryland Award" given by the Maryland Office of Tourism to Worcester County Department of Tourism Director Lisa Challenger.

"Visit Maryland" highlights individuals and businesses that elevate

Maryland's image as a tourism destination.

"It was a great showing for Worcester," Challenger said. "The Coolest Small Town effort was just a winner all the way around. It means a lot to all involved to be officially recognized in front of tourism officials and peers across the state."

"I have to say it is very nice getting the recognition, especially here in Ocean City," Challenger continued. "It's always nice to let the public know what we've been up to."

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Sandpiper, OPA talks at standstill

Natural gas switchover not happening for now

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) Negotiations between Ocean Pines and Sandpiper Energy have hit an impasse with no apparent end in sight.

The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors voiced its displeasure over the deadlock during a meeting on Saturday, Nov. 22.

"We're not making any progress," OPA President Dave Stevens said. "We're still having the same issues we had beforehand."

Stevens prepared a statement to Sandpiper saying he felt the two sides had not made any progress and asked the board for its input. Parliamentarian Tom Terry warned that the board was about to air grievances from previously closed negotiations during an open session.

"It's intentional," Stevens said. "There is no real negotiation."

Sandpiper is converting propane lines in several communities in Worcester County into natural gas, touting cheaper and cleaner energy. Ocean Pines was due to receive upgrades before talks stalled.

Stevens said less than half of the residents of Ocean Pines would likely benefit from the conversion. In addition, the board is seeking reimbursement for legal fees, as well as a turnover agreement at the conclusion of any contract.

If the community does sign a new deal with Sandpiper, Ocean Pines residents would have the option of sticking with a propane company as long as their tanks meet community standards.

"A lot of people don't get any benefit at all and they are going to be inconvenienced," Stevens clarified on Monday. "Sandpiper is going to have to come in and do something with their system. How bad that will be I don't know. But it won't be nothing."

"We've been trying to do all of this behind closed doors to keep any

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Berlin takes three top state tourism awards

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Worcester County also took home the Cooperative Partnership Award for its Wallops Island Space Tourism Initiative, recognizing cooperative efforts between multiple agencies.

“Our partnerships continue to keep us cool,” Mayor Gee Williams said in a press release. “We could not have won these awards without the support of the Worcester County Office of Tourism, especially Director Lisa Challenger. She nominated us for the Budget Travel contest. She was the catalyst.”

Angela Reynolds, managing director at Hotels at Fager’s Island and a volunteer on the Department of Agriculture’s Horse Industry Board’s Horse History Committee, figured heavily in the “Best Product” honor.

“Horses at the Beach,” a horse history trail designed to preserve Maryland’s equine tradition, is the first of its kind in the state and includes several locations in Berlin.

“Congratulations to Lisa and Angela on a job well done,” Williams said. “I am proud of the work they’ve done to enhance the economy of our community. They are helping co-create an even brighter future.”



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The Berlin and Worcester County delegation took home three top honors during last week’s Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City.

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OPA, Sandpiper contract talks have run out of gas

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emotion out of it or anything like that," Stevens continued. "You don't negotiate in the press, but we're not negotiating. Now we're just reporting."

Ocean Pines is also seeking a franchise fee, similar to what they receive with cable service Mediacom.

"We said, 'Okay, you're coming in. You're going to make a profit out of this. You're putting pipes into our private property,'" Stevens said. "It doesn't cost them anything to do this. They're concerned about the public service commission, but they don't know anything. They're just speculating or fearful."

Stevens suggested that Sandpiper would add a surcharge to Ocean Pines residents who converted to natural gas.

"I think they like what they've got right now a whole lot," Stevens said. "They don't want to upset the apple cart. That's what I gathered from my conversations with them. At some point in the future something is going to happen, and it will be interesting to see what."

Jim Moore, vice president of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, of which Sandpiper is a subsidiary, agreed that negotiations had mired.

"Not much has changed," he said. "It's a situation where we have ongoing negotiations and it's just turned into a slow process, that's for sure."

Moore declined to offer specific reasons for the breakdown in talks.

"The board is looking to ensure that they're protecting the citizens of Ocean Pines," he said. "We have a distribution service already in place – it's not like we're trying to put something in that's not already there. We bought those assets from Eastern Shore Gas and we're looking to just make sure that whatever consent that they need to formalize, that we

have all that in place."

Moore said the company converted more than 1,000 Worcester customers from propane to natural gas this year, mostly in Berlin and West Ocean City.

"We had intended to go to Ocean Pines this year, but in the absence of having an agreement in place we just opted to move in the other direction and move towards Ocean City," he said. "We probably have 1,000 or so more to convert in the West Ocean City area. Depending on how those negotiations go with Ocean Pines, we may be forced to move more towards Ocean City itself."

While Sandpiper continues to operate the existing Ocean Pines infrastructure as a propane system, Moore said the desire is to move completely to natural gas.

"The agreement doesn't really relate to that," he said. "The agreement is just to have the authority to operate the distribution system in the community. They just have

to get a comfort level with the way we're proposing we operate, how we propose to provide the services and that we're doing what a good business should do."

In the meantime, the community sent out a request for information to other area propane companies requesting contact information and rates. The Ocean Pines Association will publish the results on its website.

"I think what we want is for people to put in tanks," Stevens said. "It's really straightforward. You get a tank, pay the guy, he puts the gas in and you're saving money."

Stevens will be on vacation for much of December, and does not anticipate a new deal before the end of the year.

"There's not going to be any negotiating," he said. "It's not even that close."

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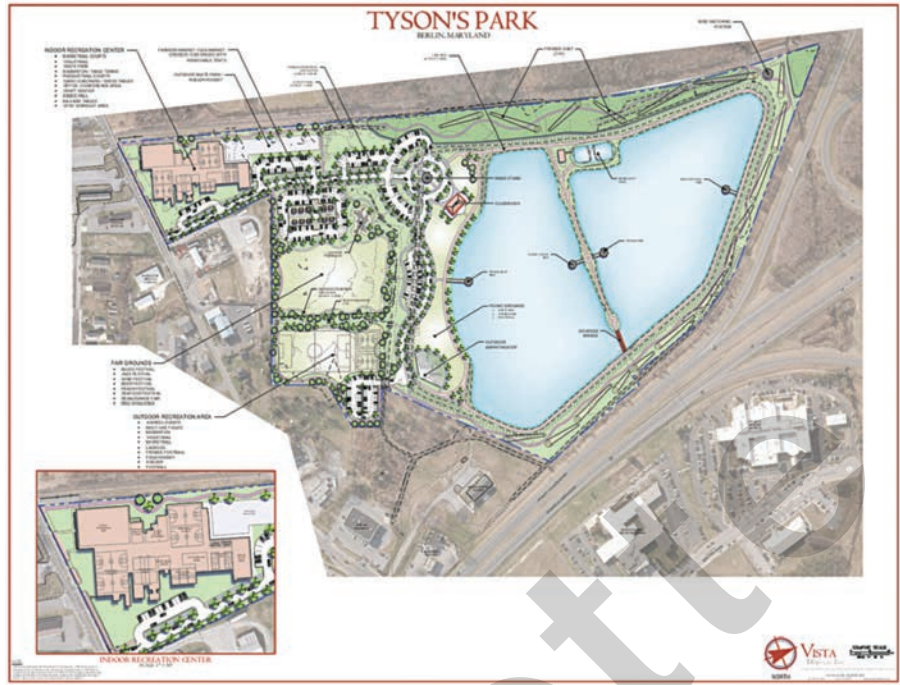
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Showell-based Vista Design, Inc. spoke publicly for the first time this week about its massive conceptual plan for a proposed Tyson's Park complex in Berlin.

Plan depicts how Tyson land could be developed

Concept incorporates many uses for parcel that needs a purpose

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) Showell-based Vista Design Inc. caused a stir in the Berlin community last May when it released a massive conceptual plan for a proposed Tyson's Park complex.

The blueprint, a repurposing of the old Tyson Chicken plant on Old Ocean City Boulevard, includes an indoor and outdoor recreation center as well as festival fairgrounds, an outdoor amphitheater, hiking grounds, fishing and bird watching areas, and even room for Frisbee golf.

The design was leaked, presumably, as a way to jumpstart the con-

versation for a new recreation complex in Berlin. Vista representatives originally declined to comment, but with demand for such a facility reaching a fever pitch in recent weeks, Vista Marketing Director Mike Goldberg agreed to speak with the Bayside Gazette about the merits of the park.

"The idea is to hopefully get the town to take interest in it," he said. "We prepared a conceptual plan to use it as a park, but it's only a concept plan. Whether or not the town of Berlin will actually acquire the property remains to be seen."

Goldberg said he was not aware of the status of any negotiations involving the property or its development. The property is owned by Berlin Town Council member Troy Purnell.

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particularly good use for the property," he said. "The location would lend itself to that and certainly meet many of the needs of the residents of the town of Berlin. I believe it would also help attract people from outside of the town of Berlin."

Goldberg also said he did not have any estimate of the cost of such a project.

"You have to keep in mind this is only a concept plan," he said. "This is one of many different uses. We've thrown everything in there from skate parks to venues for concerts and other large public gatherings, farmer's markets, etc. If you were to go forward with a project like that, it would undoubtedly be pared down because it's not a unilateral decision."

"In the event the town of Berlin were to purchase the land and choose to develop a park, then it would be up to the local government, and I'm sure they would also want to consult with the residents of Berlin to see what their needs and desires are," Goldberg continued.

Conceptual designs like the Tyson plan are a "typical" part of the process, according to Goldberg.

"Our firm also did a comprehensive parks plan five years ago for the Town of Berlin," he said. "Part of that process was sending out a question-

naire to all of Berlin town residents to get their input. What is it that you want? This is your town, these are your parks. We would like to know what it is you want and then, for all those items where there is a consensus, we can help to come up with a concept plan accordingly."

Goldberg said the plan is "all about the town of Berlin."

"It's not about the property owner – it's not about Vista Design – it's about what would ultimately work best for them," he said. "There's many other possible uses for that property. This is just one that we feel would make it desirable for the town of Berlin to acquire the land. There is also always the possibility that a private buyer is out there, in which case I'm sure they would choose to develop it for some kind of commercial use."

Goldberg did not believe the property had the potential for residential use due its location near the intersection of two major highways.

"It would certainly be a highly visibility location for commercial use, but having a park like that could really be a nucleus for redevelopment of industrial areas, and because of its visibility it just has an enormous amount of potential," he said.

If the town does move on developing the property into a recreation

complex, construction of the various components would likely come in phases.

Ivy Wells, Berlin's new Economic and Community Development Director, has experience writing grants for recreation facilities on a slightly smaller scale and could play a vital role in raising public money for such a project.

"I wrote a Community Parks and Playgrounds grant for the town of Sykesville for South Branch Park and received \$256,000 for it," she said. "We used that money to build an ADA accessible playground, to make improvements for parking, and we added a picnic pavilion as well."

Wells said additional money from the grant would fund a riverfront pedestrian walkway, as well as fishing and kayaking areas.

Speaking hypothetically, Wells said state and federal grants could continuously fund a project like Tyson's Park.

"You have to use up old grant money before you can apply for new grant money," she said. "They really want to see progress and they want to see their money put to good use, so if you're using the money correctly and expediently they'll see that you're staying on point and give you more money when you apply for money to further the project."



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Pines Kiwanis respond to coat drive challenge

(Nov. 27, 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 Assateague Room.

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Security blog lists Pines with most improved

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) Ocean Pines is among the most-improved cities in Maryland when it comes to crime rates, according to the Safe Choice Security blog.

From 2007 to 2012, the community showed a 46.77 decrease in crime. The website compiled crime statistics, including property and violent crimes, of all municipalities in the state with populations of more than 5,000.

Ocean Pines ranked fourth in the list. Two other Eastern Shore areas, Easton [10] and Salisbury [13], ranked in the top 20.

Safe Choice Security attributed the decrease to residence checks, anonymous tipping, operation drug box and neighborhood watches, as well as a police department that “has done a great job of living up to its slogan of ‘Duty, Honor and Community.’”

Ocean Pines Police Chief David Massey took the encouraging statistics with a grain of salt.

“Crime is systematic,” he said. “There are going to be years when it

goes up and years when it goes down. When you reach a low number there’s really only one way to go. It’s unrealistic to expect no crime.”

This year, for example, has been one of the community’s busiest according to Massey.

“We’re busier this year, but we’re seeing more heroin and that’s a national epidemic,” he said. “Last year was not as busy. We did clear most of our major criminal cases and a lot of

‘We don’t deal with violent crime, knock on wood. Our crimes are typically property crimes. We have domestic violence, we have mental health issues, we have juvenile issues with the number of kids.’

Ocean Pines Police Chief
David Massey

repeat offenders were incarcerated. This year we’ve been busier than last year, so we’ll have to see at the end of the year where we are.”

Massey underscored the influence of the heroin epidemic.

“It’s not just Ocean Pines – it’s every community in this country that there’s a rising tide of heroin, which leads to property crimes,” he said. “Basically, to fund an addiction people will break in,

they will try to take property and that’s what we’re dealing with right now.”

In July Ocean Pines ranked first in the “10 Safest Cities in Maryland” list compiled by SafeWise Report, a website that used FBI crime data from 2012. The data showed a violent crime rate of 1.17 per 1,000 residents and a property crime rate of 6.95 per 1,000 residents.

“We don’t deal with violent crime, knock on wood,” Massey said. “Our crimes are typically property crimes. We have domestic violence, we have mental health issues, we have juvenile issues with the number of kids. What we don’t have that they have in Ocean City is 200 bars and the violence that alcohol can tend to create as far as fights and serious assaults. We do have some, but it’s fairly rare.”

If you must have crime, Massey said, property crime is preferable.

“When you measure that, luckily that’s what we deal with,” he said. “We don’t have the crimes of violence, which tends to make us appear that we’re safer than a lot of communities. We’re happy about the fact that crime went down, but we’re realistic to realize there are going to be years when it goes back up.”

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Arts Night sculpture makes cold cool

Ice carving will take shape as event unfolds

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) Berlin's newest addition to its annual Holiday Arts Night celebration is more than just a cool idea – it's frozen solid.

Local ice artist Erik Cantine plans to construct a massive eight-foot ice sculpture in downtown Berlin immediately following the tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28.

The art of ice sculpting, according to Cantine, began as a way for chefs to keep things cold.

"It's what they did back in the day,"

he said. "They would make displays for buffets and cruise ships and so forth."

When ice carving became popular, many chefs followed the money and opened their own businesses.

"Now it's rare that you see a chef that can carve ice because it's become such a big market for professional ice carvers," Cantine said.

Cantine, a Western Pennsylvania native, made his first sculpture at 18 while in culinary school.

"I had never sculpted anything before," he said. "Ice was the first medium that I ever touched and it's really the one that I stuck with. It's a tricky medium, but I had a passion to do it well."

After culinary school, Cantine started sculpting on competitive circuits, eventually earning a spot competing in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Provo, Utah.

"They have them every four years,"

he said. "You had to win one of the major events to represent the United States, and if you win that event then you qualify."

Cantine went big in Provo, attempting a massive gravity-defying sculpture.

"We sculpted a 10-block piece and we called it 'The Marksman,'" he said. "It was actually a man inside of a bow and arrow and he was shooting himself – he was the arrow. He had quills on his calves and he was pushing the bowstring back with his feet. It was probably three-times life size."

Unfortunately, Cantine and several other competitors watched as Mother Nature – and poor planning by the judges – sabotaged their handiwork.

"It was sunny as can be and we were up in the mountains, so it was thousands of feet above sea level," he

said. "As long as the sun is not hitting your piece you're in good shape because the sun shoots fractures through ice and makes it lose all its structural integrity. That day, in Provo, sun was even stronger because we were so much closer to it."

As sculptors cut away their temporary supports and removed the protective tents they had been working under, the sun began beaming down on the ice.

"It was just pieces exploding within minutes," Cantine said. "That was an unfortunate one for everybody. It was really poorly planned [by the judges] unfortunately. They should have had the carvers go in flights so they didn't have to judge 30 pieces in 10 minutes."

Cantine reached out to Berlin officials after moving to the area last year. As a bonus, Berlin is just a meager 36 feet above sea level.

"It was pretty apparent to me that if Berlin is the 'Coolest Small Town' that they really need to make it even cooler," he said. "At some point I would like to see them bring an ice festival, but we're taking it one step at a time. I volunteered my time to do this and I'm excited to do it."

"I did a lot of [ice sculpting] in Western Pa., and when I came here to the Eastern Shore I missed it," Cantine continued. "I want to introduce it to people. I want other people to be

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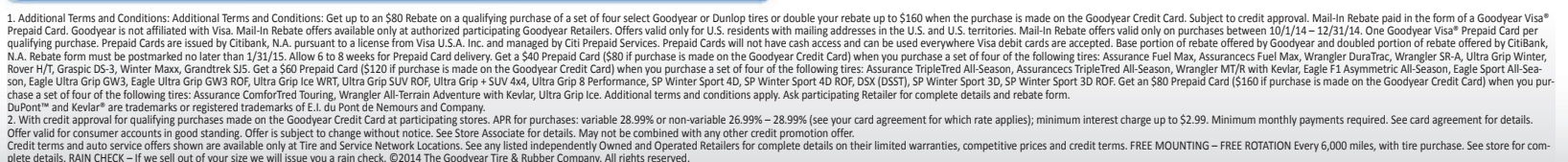


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Erik Cantine works on a sculpture during the Ice World 2004/2005 World Championship in Luebeck, Germany.



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Ice artist Erik Cantine constructed a three-times scale sculpture of a marksman using himself as an arrow during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Utah.

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Annual tree-lighting will start Holiday Arts Night

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) Holiday Arts Night returns to Berlin on Friday, Nov. 28, featuring art sales in downtown shops and restaurants, as well as street vendors, live music and caroling.

The evening will begin with a tree-lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. at the Atlantic Hotel, followed by a live ice sculpting demonstration at 6 p.m.

“It is definitely one of the more colorful and upbeat events of the entire year,” Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said. “Topping it off this year with the ice sculpture, I’m very interested to see how that impacts the event. I have never had anyone say they didn’t enjoy it.”

The Worcester County Arts Council, at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin, hosts the “Holly-Days” show and sale during arts night from 5:30-9 p.m., featuring a showcase of seasonal arts and fine crafts.

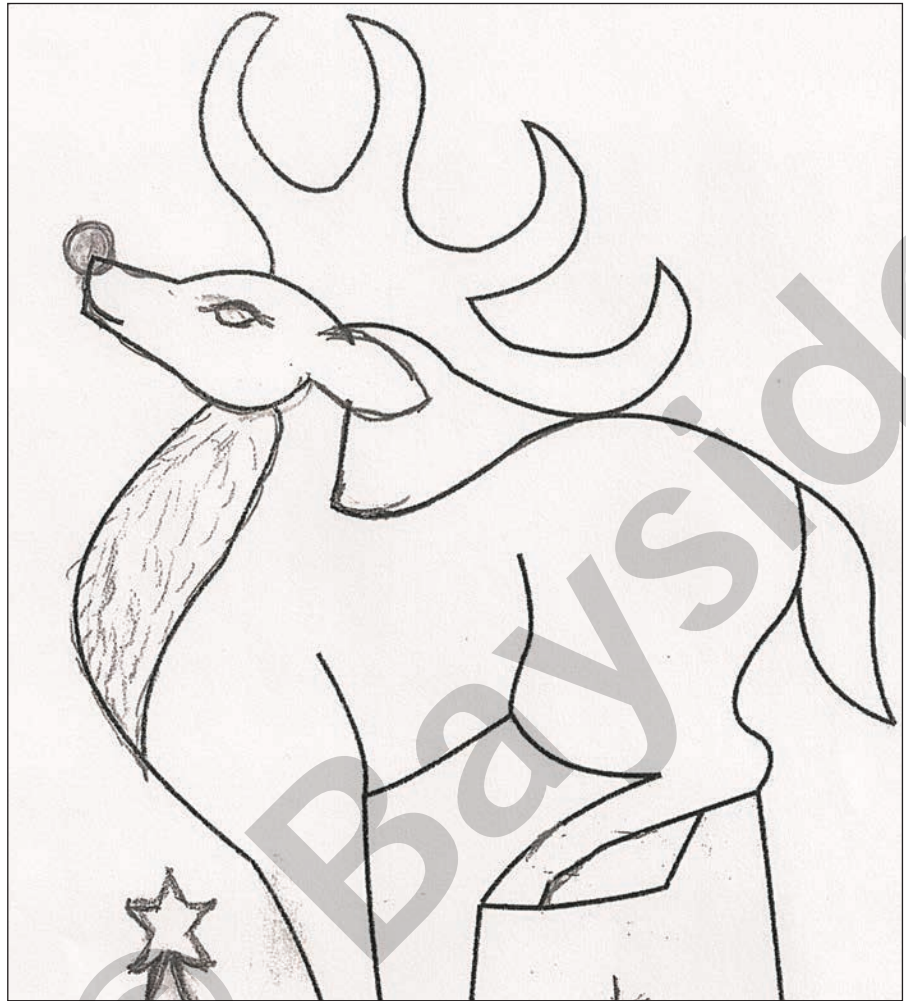
Many other downtown shops and restaurants offer extended hours until 9 p.m.

Williams said he anticipates a bigger-than-usual turnout thanks to Berlin’s “Coolest Small Town” designation.

“I certainly expect it to have some impact,” he said. “It’s affected everything since last spring – everything has seen higher attendance – in some cases a much-higher attendance. With the early cold weather, it feels like Christmas already and I suspect people will be ready to get into the Christmas spirit. I think potentially we’ll have our largest crowd ever.”

Holiday Arts Night is sponsored by Berlin Main Street, the Town of Berlin, the Worcester County Arts Council and the Casino at Ocean Downs.

Berlin’s annual Christmas parade bows on the following week on Thursday, Dec. 4.



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Local ice artist Erik Cantine is planning to construct a massive eight-foot ice sculpture in downtown Berlin following the tree-lighting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 28.

Ice sculptor carves out niche

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able to be moved by it. It’s something that I have seen all over and when you see the faces of people – little kids and adults – they’re just fascinated. It’s just a fascinating medium.”

The two-to-three-hour live ice-sculpting demonstration tentatively begins at 6 p.m. opposite the Atlantic Hotel. Cantine said his piece will be both “monumentally sized” and “ap-

propriately holiday themed.”

With any luck, Mother Nature will be kinder than she was in Utah.

“I’m looking forward to interacting with the crowd, answering some questions and just showing them some action,” he said. “If all goes well, weather permitting, the plan is to sculpt a bulkier piece that will last a couple of days so people can appreciate it more than just the live demo.”

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Churches offer free dinners

Ocean City and Berlin worship centers provide Thanksgiving Day meals

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) Two churches will offer a free meal this Thanksgiving holiday.

The Ocean City Baptist Church will be having its annual Thanksgiving dinner for people looking to spend time with others and enjoy food on Thanksgiving Day.

"We have a good group of people who come every year. This is a family event, if you don't have one, then come spend it with us," said Pastor Sean Davis.

Members of the church and community volunteers prepare and serve the dinner which includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, string beans, cranberry sauce, pies, coffee, tea, cider and rolls.

For about 36 years, the Baptist church in downtown Ocean City has been providing Thanksgiving Day meals for families in the area, which has become a community event.

"It is a great time to give thanks and our community is very giving and gracious," Davis said. "It is nice to see there are good people out

there willing to help."

More than 150 volunteers will be on hand to help out at this year's dinner and many different churches in the area participate in the event.

"We might only see everyone from the different congregations once a year, but it's very neat when we do," Davis said.

Last year, the church provided 590 meals and organizers expect the same amount of people this year. Guests have the option of dining in, carrying food out or calling in advance for delivery. Of the 590 meals provided last year, 350 were delivered or carried out.

The church delivers to the Ocean City Police Department, fire department and local businesses who are open on Thanksgiving such as Starbucks and 7-Eleven.

The combination of donations from local businesses, people in the numerous congregations and community members allow Ocean City Baptist Church to facilitate the dinner without costing the ministry much money.

Berlin's First Baptist Church will be providing Thanksgiving dinners for its 28th year.

"We love sharing the love of Christ with the community around us in this manner. I personally have been richly blessed through sharing

in this ministry," said Sharon Parsons, church officer manager.

Last year, Berlin's First Baptist Church provided 480 meals and they expect to serve about 500 this year.

About 30 volunteers and the church family provide turkeys and side dishes. The traditional dinner includes dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry sauce, she said.

Guests can dine in, carry out or call in advance to have a meal delivered. Last year, the church delivered about 200 meals.

Thanksgiving dinner will be offered between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27 at the church, located at 613 Williams Street in Berlin.

Those who would like to attend should call 410-641-4306 in advance to reserve their seats or carryout meals. There will be a recording, the church will take the information and get back in touch with the caller.

The Ocean City Baptist Church will have its Thanksgiving Dinner the same day between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The dinner will be at the church, which is located next to the 7-Eleven at 102 N. Division Street. For those who need their meals delivered to Ocean City or West Ocean City, call ahead at 410-289-4054.

Mistletoe Magic in Snow Hill tribute to Payne

(Nov. 26, 2014) When the holiday season begins in Snow Hill, the dream of a long-time businessman will come true.

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Racquet sports complex site plan OK'd

Presentation applies only to vision, not a request for funding

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors approved a site plan for a new racquet sports complex at Manklin Meadows Park during its regular meeting on Saturday, Nov. 22.

The motion passed 5-2, with President Dave Stevens and Vice President Marty Clarke dissenting. The board did not earmark any money for the complex.

Parliamentarian Tom Terry, who worked on the Racquet Sports Advisory Committee that helped develop the plan, introduced the motion. The board examined four sets of plans, favoring Site Plan 4, which includes four paddleball courts, eight pickleball courts, a reorienting and rebuilding of the current playground and improvements to the parking lot.

"This is not a budgetary request," Terry said during the meeting. "This is simply a visionary statement that says this is how we think this land ought to be used as growth occurs, as demand occurs, as requirements grow. I purposely did not put any money in this.

"It's not asking for money for any-

thing," Terry continued. "There's already money in the budget for certain portions of this. I purposely did not put any money in this because it is not a request for money. It is simply a request for the board to confirm, along with the advisory committee and all the members that worked on this, this is the vision that we agreed to over time."

Each component of the plan, Terry said, would come before the board for approval.

"All of this has got to come back to the board," he said. "This doesn't approve a single dollar for money to be spent, but it does establish the direction."

John McNult, chair of the advisory committee, said he was pleased with the board vote.

"The site plan is really the key to getting some new courts built," he said. "Now that we have the site plan approved, we hope the next step should move along pretty quickly with some RFPs being issued to execute some of the work that's in the site plan, get some pricing back, get some costs in front of the board of di-

rectors and see if we can get approval to move ahead with some of the project."

McNult said he has been involved in the planning process for more than two years. At least five iterations of the plan bounced around before Soule and Associates PC helped develop the formal blueprint.

"It's been such a long road getting to where we are," he said.

The fourth plan, McNult said, brought together all the necessary elements.

"It makes the sight more attractive than it is today," he said. "It also

makes it safer than it is today, and it adds the extra sports courts."

McNult said moving the existing playground and providing structural repairs should be the next step.

"That would be step one," he said. "Step two would be to get the pads poured for the new courts, and that could be done at the same time."

Step three would likely be improving the parking lot.

"The final steps would be to get up the fencing that we need for all of the courts and get the rest of the aesthetic improvements done," McNult said. "If we could get this rolling right now and get the RFPs issued in a reasonable amount of time – within the next two or three weeks – they may even be able to start some of the preliminary work. I think, best case, I would happy if we could be playing on some new courts next June."

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Pines tree-lighting event will take place Saturday

By Taylor Sloan
Intern

(Nov. 27, 2014) The Ocean Pines Association will host its fourth annual "A Hometown Christmas" tree lighting ceremony in White Horse Park on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

"The community comes together with different social groups, families and businesses to light trees under the pavilion," said Katie Goetzinger, coordinator of "A Hometown Christmas."

This year, 44 trees will be decorated and lit, surpassing last year's 28 trees, Goetzinger said. Approximately 500 people attended the event last year, and with more trees in 2014, the Ocean Pines Association is anticipating an even larger crowd.

Some of the businesses sponsoring trees this year include Crazy 8's in Ocean City, Bank of Ocean City, Mama Della's in Ocean Pines and

Yummy Sweet Shop in Ocean Pines.

Organizations sponsoring trees and light displays include Coastal Hospice, the Ocean Pines Fire Department with a tractor light display and the The Worcester County Veteran's Memorial with an American Flag display.

Ocean Pines residents and guests are invited to enjoy a warm cup of apple cider or hot chocolate by a bonfire to kick start the holiday season. There will also be a smores bar for participants.

"Santa Claus will be arriving on a fire truck," Goetzinger said.

The Most Blessed Sacrament School choir and the Delmarva chorus will be performing during the event.

For more information, contact Goetzinger at 410-641-7052 or e-mail KGoetzinger@OceanPines.org.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Cookie walk

A Cookie Walk to benefit Diakonia will take place at the Community Church of Ocean Pines, off Route 589 in Berlin, Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Guests can choose from a variety of home baked holiday cookies for \$7/pound and meet Santa Claus and his elf.

All proceeds benefit Diakonia homeless shelter and food bank in West Ocean City.

For more information, call 410-641-5433.

Dinner theater

The Ocean Pines Players' upcoming Christmas Dinner Theater production, "Another Night Before Christmas," will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Life Center, 103rd Street in Ocean City. Books and lyrics by Sean Grennan and music by Leah Okimoto.

Shows are Friday and Saturday,

Dec. 12-13. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., curtain at 7 p.m. There will also be a matinee Sunday, Dec. 14. Doors open at 2:30 p.m., curtain at 4 p.m.

Admission cost is \$25, which includes the show, dinner, wine and pre-show entertainment. All profits benefit performing arts scholarships for local students.

For reservations, call 410-600-0462.

Donation

Mackenzie Cathell, a fourth grade student at Ocean City Elementary School, recently donated 14 inches of her hair to Wigs for Kids.

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Group’s park adoption produces major results

Cyclists’ attention to Bainbridge Park gives it new life, purpose

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) While bicycling and skateboard enthusiasts continue to lobby the Town of Berlin for a recreation complex, an Ocean Pines resident took matters into his own hands when looking for a place to ride.

Jerome “Tres” Denk, founder of the Eastern Shore chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association, used his group to adopt Bainbridge Park in 2012. After cleaning up the park, Denk rounded up volunteers and built several biking trails.

“Our club incorporated in 2012 and at that point we sent letters to all the land managers to find out if there was an area that they could imagine having trails in, to let them know that we were interested in building trails,” he said.

At the same time, Denk joined the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee in Ocean Pines.

“Once I joined that and eventually became the secretary, because Bainbridge Park was in my neighborhood, I proposed that I could take it over,” he said.

Denk discovered that some of the safety elements in the original trails had become rotten and unsafe.

“At that point, there was landscaping ties with rebar that lined the trail edges, and they were rotted and pretty dangerous,” he said. “The rebar was sticking out on the corner where it had eroded. We basically asked if we could start by cleaning up the area with the intention of making new trails there.”

The association worked with the Ocean Pines Public Works Department, providing volunteer manpower, according to Denk.

“We pulled all of the stuff up and then we cleaned up the edges of the trail, which makes it easier to maintain.”

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Bainbridge Park in Ocean Pines recently added bicycling trails thanks to the community’s park adoption program.

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Cyclists restore Bainbridge Park's appeal

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tain now because the leaves are easier to blow off," he said. "And then we started flagging out the trails in the direction that I thought it would be fun to ride."

The group constructed the new trails in three phases, going to Public Works to make sure they did not encroach on area wetlands or public property.

"We were very polite about keeping it as far from the houses as we could," Denk said. "The trail might have been bigger, but it might have been more intrusive for the people who lived around Bainbridge Park."

The association also covered one of the trails with gravel, making it accessible even in times when the pond overflowed. The result is a network of off-road bicycling opportunities

through lush woods with a waterfront view.

Denk encouraged others to follow his lead.

"There are two ways to build a trail with IMBA or with any other kind of group: one is to just raise the funds and pay someone to do it, and the other is to raise awareness and have the community do it with you," he said.

"These days most people feel that kids are losing touch with the outdoors. My goal is to educate kids how to ride their bikes safely and then how to create a place to ride them that's sustainable, and along the way not only learning about nature itself, but gain an awareness that you wouldn't get from indoor activity or looking at the internet. You can't smell the woods by looking at a com-



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Jerome "Tres" Denk, founder of the Eastern Shore chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association, helped build bicycle trails in Ocean Pines' Bainbridge Park.

puter. You can't make that up – you've got to experience it for yourself.

Denk said that kind of interactive experience is often missing from modern education.

"It's too virtual," he said. "It's not making something. When you can take somebody back and show them something and say, 'I made this,' that is a form of happiness that's hard to deliver."

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Director Sonya Bounds said three of the community's parks do not have community groups attached: Huntington, Somerset and Robin Hood.

"Somerset's a big one," she said. "That's our soccer field. If there were a group that came in today and said, 'We want to take a big park' that would be my first pick. It's beautiful. They've just redone the fields there so that's a pretty busy one for us."

Bounds said Robin Hood Park would be her second choice.

"That's one of our parks that tends to have more vandalism, so somebody close by keeping an eye on it would help us be aware of what's going on down there a little bit more," she said. "If you've got a love of nature and an interest in making a difference in your community, it's a great way to get involved."



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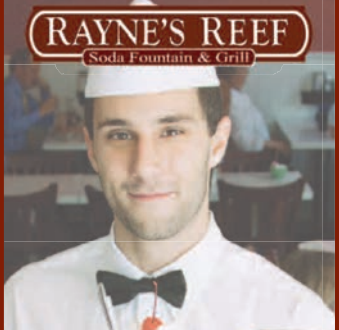
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Trainer Kristie Naughton holds up her High-Point Trainer award from the 2014 Black-Eyed Susan Horse Show in Virginia.

Sisters' vision guides Autumn Grove Stables

Naughton twins focus on making equestrian pursuits fun, not work

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 27, 2014) The equestrian world can seem a little forbidding to outsiders. Riders often appear straight-faced with perfect posture and pressed uniforms. The horses themselves are mammoth and unfamiliar if you have never been around them – like enormous Labrador retrievers but with hooves and better teeth. Entry into that world, that culture, seems byzantine, not to mention downright expensive.

Autumn Grove Stables in Berlin, however, wants to be the cure for that uneasiness. Unpretentious and loose, the 115-acre facility pushes fun above formality, yet still manages to take home its fair share of ribbons, trophies and plaques during competition season.

Twin sisters Kristie Naughton and Katie Naughton-Dykes opened Autumn Grove in 2002. Both began riding at age 7.

"My neighbor had a horse and I sat on it once, and then my sister and I begged our dad for a horse," Naughton said. "He was like, 'Absolutely not. You're going to play basketball and lacrosse.' We were like, 'yeah – no. We're going to get a pony.'"

Naughton maintained persistent attitude while finishing her business degree at Salisbury University.

"My dad said, 'Okay, well you're a senior. You've gotta get a job now.' I said, 'Okay, well I'm going to buy a farm,'" she said.

Naughton wrote a business plan as part of an assignment and marched

into the bank.

"It was kind of funny doing that and asking for all this money," she said. "They're like, 'You need over a million dollars for what?'"

The farm began with a small barn and four horses. Today the facility draws more than 100 year-round riders and includes stables for more than 50 horses as well as trails, two outdoor sand arenas, one grass arena and a heated 250-by-100-foot indoor sand arena.

Year-round riding lessons pay



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Carlin Makibbin and her horse Kettle Korn make a clean jump during the Black-Eyed Susan Show in Herndon, Va. in August.

Imposing? Not at these stables where fun rules

most of the bills. A bus drops children off at the farm after school, and many of the kids ride as much as five times a week. Competitions generally take place during the weekend.

“We’ll ship out on a Friday and take campers and trailers, all the horses, all their bedding, shavings, fans, coolers, and all their clothing,” Naughton said.

In August, Autumn Grove took home several awards during the Black-Eyed Susan Show in Herndon, Va., including High-Point Trainer for Naughton.

The stable also took home Barn Night honors at Washington International Horse Show in October, winning Best Group Video for their “All About that Bass” parody of renowned trainer George Morris.

“If you knew George Morris, he wouldn’t like it at all,” Naughton said. “He’s a stickler for being neat and clean and he’d probably be like, ‘God, all your riders they can’t dance and they weren’t choreographed.’ We just did it as a funny kind of thing.”

As the farm continues to expand and add elements, including working with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program to add new horse trails, Naughton said her focus would remain local.

“The sport can get really, really expensive,” she said. “Our clients don’t really have access to the \$150,000 horses and stuff like that, so we kind of keep it local and go to the local finals and try to get noticed doing that. We want to stay with our little ponies and show mainly in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

“We kind of stay focused on just teaching the kids how to ride,” Naughton continued. “We’re just trying to inspire the sport and keep it going. It’s a really neat sport where your teammate is a living, breathing animal. It’s a lot different than just picking up a soccer ball.”

The location also has its advantages.

“We have to travel 250 miles to a lot of competitions whereas most people only travel 20 minutes, but at the end of the day you get to go home to the beach,” Naughton said.

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Berlin thankful for ... it's a long, long list

To say the Town of Berlin has something it ought to be thankful for this year would be a gross understatement.

By any measure, it would not be an exaggeration to say that the town has had a magical year and that the food on the Berlin's table Thursday would likely grow cold were it to enumerate all its blessings.

The highlight, of course, is the "Coolest Town" award, which led to the recent state recognition for the social media campaign that made that designation happen.

But something subtler is taking place as well, as more people are drawn to Berlin because of its growing reputation as a great place to be.

Evidence of that will be apparent during Friday's Holiday Arts Night, which brings hundreds of people – and maybe more than that – from the area not just to shop, but also to experience the event and the atmosphere.

How many small communities, after all, will have a giant ice sculpture taking shape in the center of town as part of the holiday ceremonies? And yes, the sculptor, Erik Cantine, is another one of those relatively new arrivals to the Berlin scene.

Civic-minded business people and residents, who recognized that Berlin needed to burnish its image in order to thrive, laid the foundation for the community's amazing transformation many years ago.

That effort, which resulted in the rehabilitation of the Atlantic Hotel, was the impetus for many good things to come, all of which seemed to bloom into something even more special this year.

This isn't to say that Berlin hasn't had and will continue to have the same difficulties as other communities' experience, but the positive attitude that what's wrong can be fixed and that even better times are ahead seems to be catching.

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"Uncle Jeff and Aunt Ethel aren't old sweetie, they're classic"

Where would Hogan cut taxes?

Here are some possible targets he might select

By Donald C. Fry
The Daily Record Newswire
(Nov. 27, 2014) A consistent campaign theme of Gov.-elect Larry Hogan that resonated with Maryland voters was his pledge to seek ways to roll back as many as possible of 40 tax increases his campaign identified as enacted during the last eight years.

As Hogan and his transition team put together an agenda for his administration and the governor-elect gauges the extent of Maryland's fiscal challenges, a look at those specific 40 tax and fee increases serves as a reality check on the nature of the increases and the impact of potential rollbacks.

As I see it, the 40 increases tend to fall into a handful of categories.

Income taxes

State lawmakers increased personal income taxes twice since 2007, increasing top marginal rates from 4.75 percent to 5.5 percent for most taxpayers in 2008, and in 2012 increasing income tax rates for earners of more than \$100,000 — with top rates at 5.75 percent. A "millionaires tax" with a top rate of 6.25 percent was also enacted in 2008, but expired in 2010. Meanwhile, in 2012, law-

makers also reduced personal exemption amounts for earners whose income levels exceed \$100,000. Income taxes are the state's largest revenue source, generating more than half of operating revenue.

Sales taxes

Lawmakers increased the sales tax from 5 percent to 6 percent during 2007 session. Sales taxes are the state's second-largest revenue source, generating approximately 27 percent of operating revenue. In 2007, lawmakers broadened the sales tax to include computer services, but then repealed it in 2008. Also, in 2012, lawmakers eliminated a sales tax exemption on cylinder tanks, such as propane containers.

Corporate income tax

Lawmakers increased Maryland's corporate income tax rate from 7 percent to 8.25 percent in the 2007 special session. Corporate income taxes rank a distant third as a state revenue source, generating more than 5 percent of operating revenue.

'Sin' taxes

Between 2007 and 2012, lawmakers enacted significant increases in taxes on cigarettes, other tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and electronic gaming tip jars.

Registration and document fees

Between 2010 and 2013, lawmakers increased fees for

handgun licensing, birth certificates, death certificates, weights and measures registration, out-of-state attorney admissions, contractor licensing and fishing licensing.

Transportation taxes and tolls

Transportation legislation in 2013 increased the per-gallon sales tax on fuel, implemented a vehicle registration surcharge, increased transit fare-box requirements and indexed fuel taxes to the Consumer Price Index.

Between 2007 and 2011, lawmakers increased the vehicle excise tax and fees for vehicle titling (twice), dealer vehicle processing and vanity plates. Lawmakers also authorized new fines to be generated by speed cameras in highway work zones. Most of the transportation-related fees go into the state's transportation fund, not general operating expenses. Meanwhile, highway tolls were increased by the Maryland Transportation Authority and are tied to already-secured construction bonds.

State program fees

In addition to enacting the stormwater management fee — the "rain tax" — lawmakers in 2012 also increased the bay restoration fee ("flush tax") and fees for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund and the Wetland Waterway Program. See SOME Page 23

Some likely tax-cutting targets for Gov. Hogan

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These revenues are mostly channeled into special funds, not operating funds.

Real estate-related taxes

In 2007, lawmakers increased taxes on real property transfers and captive real estate investment trusts. In 2012, lawmakers expanded the recordation tax to indemnity mortgages. Most revenue for these taxes goes to the counties, not the state.

Other increases

In 2013, lawmakers enacted a fee on energy bills for offshore wind development. In 2011, they eliminated an exemption related to the Injured Workers Insurance Fund and imposed an assessment on hospitals to support Medicaid.

As I noted above, two of the 40 increases — the millionaire’s tax and the computer services tax — have either expired or been repealed.

Just from this thumbnail summary of Hogan’s 40 increases, a few observations come to mind.

First, a number of these taxes and fees — such as real estate-related taxes, transportation taxes and tolls and “sin” taxes — do not relate directly to the state’s operating fund and accrue mostly to local governments or special funds.

Other fees, such as those generated from birth and death certificates and various licenses, don’t raise comparatively large amounts of revenue and are not likely candidates for impactful repeal.

This begs two key questions. Which of remaining taxes on the list would repeal or reduction have the most positive impact on our state’s business

competitiveness?

Action on four potential taxes would help strengthen Maryland’s business competitiveness: the rain tax, the income tax rate increases enacted in 2007 and 2012 — especially as they impact owners of small businesses such as partnerships and LLCs — and the corporate income tax rate increase, according to a consensus of a private-sector commission of tax and policy experts formed by the Greater Baltimore Committee.

It can be argued that three of those — the rain tax and the two income tax rate increases — are also among those most disliked by the general public.

Further complicating the situation is that rain tax revenue — like real estate taxes and fees — benefits local governments. It remains to be seen whether local governments — even those with GOP county executives or legislative bodies or both — would relish the thought of forfeiting local revenues for the sake of a tax rollback.

However, the extent to which Maryland citizens can anticipate repeal of any tax increases will rest largely on whether the Hogan administration can identify enough spending cuts to cover an estimated \$900 million deficit plus revenue that would be lost as a result of the tax cut.

With pledges of no new taxes on the table, the irony is that — until potential tax reductions and their positive impact on business climate could ultimately be realized — tax relief in Maryland will depend not on our state’s tax policy, but on its spending policy.

Rec dept. offers kids craft classes

(Nov. 27, 2014) Children ages 4-8 are invited to do crafts, Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ocean Pines Recreation Department.

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BES GOLDEN GRAHAMS

Buckingham Elementary School grandparent, Irene Schultz is enjoying breakfast with her grandchildren, Olivia and Viana Brink during the annual Golden Grahams with Grandparents event, Nov. 11-12. Grandparents ate Golden Grahams for breakfast and were invited to their grandchild's first period class. The annual two-day event drew more than 300 grandparents.



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BES 'TICKLED PINK'

Teachers and students at Buckingham Elementary School participated in "Tickled Pink" Wednesdays throughout October and raised more than \$400 for the American Cancer Society. BES teachers are pictured during the last "Tickled Pink" Wednesday. Each year, BES raises between \$6,000 and \$8,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society through multiple events and fundraisers including Relay for Life.



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NEW OFFICERS

The Ocean City/Berlin Leo Club has installed new officers for the 2014-2015 school year. The Leo Club is a youth group sponsored by the Ocean City Lions Club and is based at Stephen Decatur High School. Every year the Leos assist the OC Lions in raising awareness and funds for their many eyesight programs. Also, every year the Leo Club helps fund the National Lions Leader Dogs for the Blind program. Pictured, from left, are new Leo officers Fiona O'Brien, president; Emily Cashman, vice president; Emily Pishtey, secretary and Summer Vinson, treasurer.



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TRIBES LESSON

Karin Lertora's third grade students from Showell Elementary are studying Native American Tribes. They will research, create a display board and present their information. Pictured, from left, are Molly Stinebiser, Kyleigh Powell, Abby West and Maddie Shirk.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Worcester County Superintendent of Schools, Jerry Wilson, Ph.D. was the guest speaker during the Nov. 5 weekly Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City meeting. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanis Programs and Speakers Chair, J. Graham Caldwell; Coordinator of Public Relations and Special Programs for Worcester County Schools, Barbara Witherow; Kiwanis Club President, Carolyn Dryzga and Wilson.



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MONSTER IN THE CLOSET

The play "Monster in the Closet," by Angela D. Stewart, was presented at Worcester Preparatory School by sixth grade students on Oct. 28. The monster, called "Murray," doesn't want to scare children but instead to be included in the video games the children play. Directed by English teachers Geneva Sampson and Susan Godwin, along with senior Caroline Lewis, "Monster in the Closet" was performed for parents and friends of the Class of 2021 and fellow students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8 at the school. Pictured are cast and crew of "Monster in the Closet."

MSO schedules ‘Holiday Joy’ concert Dec. 7

Soprano Hardenbergh, baritone Short will be featured vocalists

(Nov. 27, 2014) The Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Julien Benichou, will usher in the holiday season with a program of orchestral and vocal music at the “Holiday Joy” concert performed on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Community Church, Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines.

The MSO will also present renowned vocalists, soprano Esther Jane Hardenbergh and baritone Kevin Short.

Hardenbergh has sung extensively in the United States and Europe, in opera, oratorio and recital. She made her debut at Carnegie Hall in 1999 as winner of the International Opera Singer Competition and is highly respected as an interpreter of recital repertoire, in particular 19th century German Lieder and 20th century American Art Song.

She has appeared with such orchestras as Orchestra of St. Luke’s, Memphis Symphony, Atlanta Baroque Symphony, Miami Bach Society, Handel Choir and Orchestra of Baltimore, Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, and the Naples

Philharmonic Orchestra. She is currently associate professor and department chair of the Department of Vocal Performance at the University of Miami, Frost School of Music.

Short has thrilled audiences around the globe, performing with Canadian Opera Company, Paris’ Opera Comique, Grand Theatre du Luxembourg Oper der Stadt Koln, Teatro Comunale di Bologna, Theater Basel, and Theater Bern. He has performed multiple roles with the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. He also enjoys an active con-

cert schedule and has worked with important orchestras in the U.S. and around the world.

Joining them are two talented vocalists from the University of Miami, Frost School of Music, soprano Mia Rojas and mezzo-soprano Zaray Rodriguez. Between seasonal favorites like “White Christmas” and “Silent Night”, there will be orchestral interludes with Leroy Anderson’s rousing “Sleigh Ride,” Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite,” and Handel’s “Messiah.” This festive concert will also include an audience sing-along.

The concert will also be held on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Avalon Theater, East Dover Street in Easton; Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mariner’s Bethel Church, Route 26 and Central Avenue in Ocean View, Del. and on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cape Henlopen High School Auditorium, Kings Highway in Lewes, Del.

Tickets cost \$45 for adults, free for youths 18 years and under with a reservation. For tickets and information, call 1-888-846-8600 or visit www.midatlanticsymphony.org.

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Police patch boy passes on kindness

Mason Hetherington helps cancer victim

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Nov. 26, 2014) Hundreds of police officers across the country responded to a local 5-year-old's calls for help with a class project last month. Now, Mason Hetherington is paying it forward.

Mason, a kindergartener at Ocean City Elementary School, decided he would try to collect 100 police patches in 100 days. His mother, Eliza Mason, set up a post office box and took to Facebook to help her son reach his goal.

By the following morning, more than 400 people had shared the Facebook post. By the end of the week, Mason reached his goal.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Department surprised the family at their Berlin home in mid-October, pulling into the driveway with six flashing police cars and half a dozen officers carrying patches. The generosity continued to spread across the country.

At the beginning of this week, Mason had collected 624 patches from more than 40 states in the U.S. Some came from as far away as Northern Ireland and the Maldives.

Eliza said the flurry of packages has finally started to slow.

"This is the first week where he's gone to the post office box and there hasn't been one," she said. "That was a little bit rough for him to take. He's been so excited."

The family keeps the patches in their rec room, sorted into piles by region. Eliza said Mason is only missing patches from five states in the U.S., mostly from the Midwest.

With Christmas around the corner, Eliza said the "overwhelming" response would be hard to top. Instead, she and Mason are focusing on giving back.

"We found out about a child in New York named Sean Cadden who is 10 and he has cancer," she said. "He is the son of a police officer in New York and



Five-year-old Berlin resident Mason Hetherington has received more than 600 police patches from officers across the country, and around the world.

he wants to decorate his treatment room with patches while he is being hospitalized for 10 weeks. We have kind of buddied up with this kid, and now Mason is sending him all of the duplicate patches that he's received.

"It's awesome because on the days when Mason doesn't have any patches, we are still sending packages out, so he still gets to go to the post office and send something to his little buddy in New York. He writes him a little letter and he sends him patches every week."

Eliza said watching her son give back is the "best part so far."

"I think he has realized how incredibly fortunate he is," she said. "This child wants for nothing, so now he realizes that he's been the recipient of all this generosity. This Christmas we're really going to focus on giving back."

Patch for Sean Cadden can be mailed to Town of Newburgh Police Department, Attention Sgt. Pat Cadden, 300 Gardnertown Road, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Gillis Gilkerson begins office for Choptank

(Nov. 27, 2014) The Salisbury contracting and construction firm Gillis Gilkerson this week announced the official groundbreaking for the new Choptank Electric Cooperative Regional Service Center building at 6520 Walston Switch Road in Salisbury.

The facility, being built across from Wor-Wic Community College, will combine the Salisbury and Berlin Choptank district offices and house a redundant systems control room, member service center and additional departments for the company to utilize in preparation for the region's future growth.

"In today's economy, businesses are continuously looking for ways to efficiently expand services and maintain their competitive edge," said Dwight Miller, president, Gillis Gilkerson. "Gillis Gilkerson is here to help prepare Choptank Electric and other area businesses for future growth in the regions they serve."

Gillis Gilkerson has been contracted to build the center with architectural plans designed by Davis, Bowen, and Friedel Inc., also of Salisbury. Upon completion, an application will be submitted for "green building" certification, specifically the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification.

Building plans include energy and water efficiency technologies, renewable, recycled and low-emitting materials and a construction waste management program.

"We are very happy to have Gillis Gilkerson as the contractor for our new service center," said Bob Behlke, vice president of member services. "As a co-operative, we understand the value of working with local businesses. Locally owned and operated, Gillis Gilkerson has been serving the Delmarva region for more than 30 years. We know they will produce a quality structure that will serve the employees and members of Choptank Electric for many years."

According to Project Manager Jason Rudd and Superintendent Dan Disharoon, construction is under way and is scheduled to be complete by late next fall.

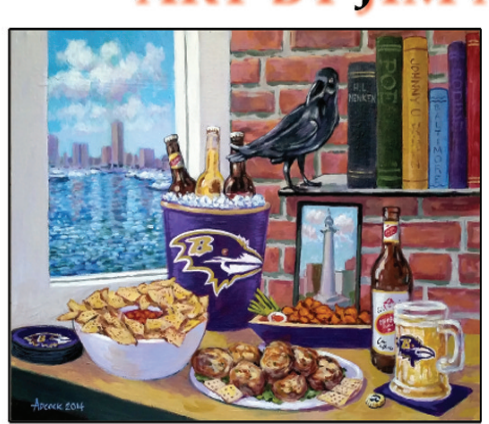


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OBITUARIES

Angelina Cabala

Ocean Pines—Angelina Cabala, age 72, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore.



Angelina Cabala

Born in Naples, Italy, Angelina was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Angelina loved cooking, playing cards, gardening, watching birds and spending time with her grandchildren and family.

She is survived by her husband, John; daughters, Rita, Nancy, Deborah and Stephanie; son, John; sister, Suzella; cousin, Nunzia, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several sister and brother-in-laws and a host of nieces and nephews.

There was a celebration of her life at the Burbage Funeral Home in

Berlin on Nov. 22, 2014.

Donations can be made in Angelina's name to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital at 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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

Edna Marie Moger

Ocean City—Edna Marie Moger, age 85, of Ocean City, passed peacefully at her home on Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 surrounded by her loving family.

She was the daughter of the late Spencer Lee Moulden and the late Hattie Rebecca Testerman, and married to the late Wesley T. Moger.

Edna leaves behind her son, Paul L. Moger and his wife, Maryanne; her

two daughters, Mary A. Moger and Terri A. Werle, six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Nov. 21, 2014 at Sunset Memorial Park. Rev. Olin Shockley officiated. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family at Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com.

Marvin V. Greenwalt, Jr.

Whaleville—Marvin V. Greenwalt, Jr., age 60, of Whaleville died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 at home.

He was born in Milford and was the son of the late Marvin V. and Mary Jane (Long) Greenwalt Sr.

He was a farmer and poultry grower for many years. Marvin was a member of the Moose Lodge in Camden, Del. He had also been a harness

racing driver and was an avid rabbit and deer hunter, and dog lover.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy L. Greenwalt of Whaleville; three daughters, Karen L. Merritt and her husband, Ray, Wanda L. Gray and her husband, Steve and Ada M. Steininger and her husband, George all of Whaleville; a brother, Mac Fee Greenwalt of Whaleville; a sister, Ada M. Dryden of Millsboro; seven grandchildren; Steven and Bryant Gray, Michaela Mitchell, Wyatt Merritt, Marvin Gray, Ashton and Landon Steininger.

A funeral service was held Nov. 26, 2014 at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville with Rev. Dale Vernon officiating. Burial was in Lewis Cemetery in Whaleville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802.

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AGH recognized for ‘Key Quality Measures’

(Nov. 27, 2014) Atlantic General Hospital has been recognized as a 2013 Top Performer on “Key Quality Measures” by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the United States.

“Atlantic General is proud to be named a top performer as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our physicians and our entire hospital staff,” said Michael Franklin, CEO of Atlantic General Hospital.

Atlantic General was recognized as part of The Joint Commission’s 2014 annual report “America’s Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety,” for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for surgical care and pneumonia.

Atlantic General is one of 1,224 hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2013 top performer distinction, and is the only hospital on the Eastern Shore of Maryland to do so.

The top performer program recognizes hospitals for improving performance on evidence-based interventions that increase the chances of healthy outcomes for patients with certain conditions, including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children’s asthma, stroke, venous thromboembolism and perinatal care, as well as for inpatient psychiatric services and immunizations.

To be a top performer, hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2013 accountability measure data, including:

- Achieving cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures;
- Achieving performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there were at least 30 denominator cases; and
- Having at least one core measure set that had a composite rate of 95 percent or above, and (within that measure set) all applicable individual accountability measures had a performance rate of 95 percent or above.

“Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of Atlantic General Hospital for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions,” said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., president and CEO of The Joint Commission.

“We understand what matters most to patients at Atlantic General Hospital is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes,” said Bob Yocubik, director of quality at Atlantic General Hospital.

DAISY award winner named

(Nov. 27, 2014) Atlantic General Hospital recently unveiled the Healer’s Touch statue in the hospital’s serenity garden in conjunction with honoring its first DAISY Award recipient, registered nurse Tracey Donalds.

Donalds joined Atlantic General Hospital in 2010 as a nurse in the medical surgical department, where she helped with the initial development of the Observation Unit. She now works in the emergency department.

According to one of her nominees, Donalds “is the most fiercely compassionate medical professional we have ever encountered.”

The DAISY Award, created by The DAISY Foundation in Memory of J. Patrick Barnes, honors the extraordinary work nurses do for patients and families each day. Hospital leadership brought the awards program to Atlantic General to recognize the compassion and high level of care its nurses provide to residents and visitors of the community.

Atlantic General Hospital’s medical staff erected the Healer’s Touch statue in recognition and appreciation of the nurses they work alongside every day to care for patients.

Patients and visitors can nominate an Atlantic General Hospital and Health System nurse for the DAISY Award at any time. Nomination forms are available in every hospital department and health system physician office.

DAISY award recipients are nominated by those who have received extraordinary care and AGH celebrated honoree, Tracey Donalds, for her commitment to serving patients and going above and beyond for them.

Little chefs can make gingerbread

(Nov. 27, 2014) The Ocean Pines Recreation Department is offering a “little chefs” cook-with-a-book gingerbread man party, Sunday, Dec. 7 from noon to 3 p.m.

This hands-on party is designed for girls and boys ages 4-6. Parents are required to stay and assist their children. The gingerbread party includes story time featuring gingerbread books.

The children (adults are welcome as well) will decorate their own gingerbread men before eating them. Space and gingerbread men are limited, so register early.

The fee for this activity is \$10 for Ocean Pines residents and \$15 for nonresidents.

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MBS DRIVE

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School held one of several service projects for the year. The Pre-K-3-eighth grade families collected more than 1,000 items including coloring books, crayons, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and boxed food for the Seton Center located in Princess Anne. Student council organized and boxed up the items to take to the Seton Center. Pictured, from left, are MBS student council members Emily Selba, Morgan Carlson, Grace Snyder, Hayden Snelsire, Marisa Alvarez, Gabriella Pardo and Sofia Gordy.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

RED RIBBON WEEK

Berlin Intermediate students, Jarrett Humphress, London Drummond and Nicolas Vinogrado “put drugs to sleep” by wearing their pajamas to school for Red Ribbon Week.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SCIENCE LESSON

Students in Lucy Doherty's Pre-Kindergarten class at Showell Elementary took advantage of the autumn weather to complete a science lesson on the school's nature trail. The children completed a “Signs of Autumn” scavenger hunt.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FOOD DRIVE

Members of the Community Church at Ocean Pines sponsored a food drive at the local Food Lion to collect items for Sarah's Pantry, which is the local pantry sponsored by the church. The more than 1,000 food and personal items collected along with monetary donations will be used to restock Sarah's Pantry and to help fill the Thanksgiving boxes that are being provided to 80 less fortunate families in the area. John Falcone, chairman, left, and Larry Campbell help collect items for Sarah's Pantry at Food Lion in the Pennington Commons.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

‘JAWSOME’ EXPERIENCE

Berlin Intermediate School “Fishing Academy” had a “JAWsome” experience learning about sharks. Shark specialist, Capt. Mark Sampson of Fish Finder Charters, came to Berlin Intermediate School to teach After School Academy students about sharks. Standing, from left, are Gavin Schaffer, Robyn Hurley, Jeffrey Eichelberger, Daniel Juarez, Dakota Martin and Dulaney Kerns, and seated, Bailey Schweinberg, Mildred Sanchez Cruz, Zach Powers and Sampson.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

USCG BRIEFING

Representatives from the United States Coast Guard Station in Ocean City spoke to the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at a recent luncheon meeting. BM2 Peter Tomlin, right, described the station's mission and FN Joshua Hughes, left, talked about training. Regent Barbara Greene May thanked them for an informative National Defense program and announced that the book “From Sea to Shining Sea” by Callista Gingrich is being donated to Ocean City Elementary School in their honor.

CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Make your gnocchi and forget packaged product

The funny thing about the holiday season is that the cold weather comes along with it. We wouldn't have many pretty post cards without a fresh coating of snow on the holly trees, but it is cold nonetheless.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Might we be subjected to seven feet of snow? I certainly hope not; my cutoff is somewhere around two feet, with a foot being the perfect amount of fresh powder. But as I have kvetched about in the past, I'll take snow over freezing rain any day, but I ramble.

Accompanying this crisp weather is the urge to cook rich, warming and simple foods. After all, nothing makes the diner's heart happier than butter and wine, and nothing makes the cook's heart happier than a simple meal.

Now that I'm throwing this around, maybe some potatoes, flour, eggs and herbs can be kicked around for giggles. What else do we need to make us happy? I mean, maybe a glass of chardonnay to accompany what we are about to eat, but other than that, what do we need?

OK, so maybe there's family and friends. We all know that in reality, they are all we need to make us happy, but for the sake of argument, you can do a lot of fantastic things with the aforementioned list of goodies.

Going through my mental Rolodex last night, all while looking at the food in my kitchen, I recalled the potato gnocchi that I used to make in various restaurants. It can be a fickle

beast but when done correctly, it is a sublime dish that you will never buy packaged again.

Please do not give up after your first failed attempt, and it might be just that; mine was, with the little things exploding as they hit the simmering water. Much like making bread, there is a skill to making a good gnocchi that comes with time, practice and attention.

The secret is all in the potato, and don't limit yourself to just one. Russets are the old standby and sweet potatoes make a divine gnocchi, especially when served with a salty maple butter, but let's not get ahead of ourselves.

The simple trick for making a great gnocchi is to bake the potatoes instead of boiling them. You want as little water in the spuds as possible. There is plenty of water in the eggs. Consider this the 'spaetzle' of the Italians (of course I know I'm getting emails on that one, as I shouldn't compare the two at all).

One accoutrement that I've always enjoyed on fresh gnocchi is brown butter, that nutty and rich sauce of great simplicity that elevates many dishes to an entirely new level.

Since I still have plenty of fresh herbs on the back deck despite the recent freeze, I hopped out to grab some parsley, thyme and oregano. Giving them a quick rinse, I was replete to make a great little dish that my toughest critic, my wife, adored. I love it when food hits the spot as it were, and this is comfort food at its finest.

The secret to the brown butter is to add half of the fresh herbs just as you pull it off of the heat. Frying them in this manner infuses the flavors into the butter's fat, and when you finish it with some fresh herbs, it will be a match that is otherwise



unparalleled.

As we go into the Thanksgiving holiday, and we all know that this means that the holidays are following close behind, this is a nice addition to any menu. Yes, I would even serve this on the Thanksgiving table as though what we already have isn't quite enough. But whatever you do, do not forego the brown butter, or the wine. It's all in a cold day's work.

Russet Gnocchi

4 Russet potatoes, baked and still hot
2 eggs
Bread flour as needed
Salt and pepper to taste

- It's important to start with baked potatoes that are still hot. Run them through a food mill or ricer so that they are nice and mashed/fluffy

- Place in a stand mixer with a dough hook and add the eggs

- Add the flour 2 Tbsp. at a time until the dough becomes firm but still sticky

- Finish kneading on a cutting board with some flour and roll into 1/2-inch cylinders

- Cut pieces about 3/4-inch long and use the tines of a fork to create the classic gnocchi shape. Of course if you have a gnocchi board, please feel free to use that!

- Bring a pot of salted water to a high simmer and cook the gnocchi for about three minutes, or until cooked through

- Strain and toss

with the brown butter and herbs. Serve hot

Brown Butter

1/4 pound whole butter, unsalted
Fresh herbs (parsley and thyme are perfect)
salt and pepper to taste

- Heat the butter in a small saucepan until it melts. Skim the foam off the top and cook until the stuff at the bottom turns brown. Don't let it burn!

- Remove from heat and strain through cheesecloth or a coffee filter. Set aside until ready to use.

— 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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PUZZLES

SURROUND SOUND

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ACROSS

1 Canned food you don't eat

5 "Black Swan" director Aronofsky

11 Compete in the Winter Games, say

14 Lose strength

18 Whistle prompters

20 Become invalid

21 Org. that prepares tables

22 Norway's patron saint

23 Office missive sent out arbitrarily?

26 "Rent" character _____ Marquez

27 It borders five U.S. states

28 Yarn

29 What Gustave Doré's "The Confusion of Tongues" depicts

30 Stone fruit?

36 Fellow sailors

39 Gourmand's want

40 Tailor's sideline?

41 Dark horse

42 Applicability

43 Back

46 Expander during inhalation

48 Aeronaut who's headed for the moon?

53 Headmaster honorific

54 Earnest request

55 Suffix with land or sea

157 "Outside the Lines" broadcaster

61 Stickers?

62 Like audiences for R-rated films

64 D.C. transport

65 It may be open at a bar

66 Photographers who stalk future lieutenants?

71 Sunset shade

72 One getting a licking, informally?

74 The Pequod, e.g.

75 Poverty relief organization

77 Support for a proposal?

78 Animal that may carry its baby on its back

79 Wireless?

82 Substist

84 Desktop machine made of malleable metal?

88 Eddie _____, "Leave It to Beaver" boy

92 Like some restrictions

93 Blast furnace input

94 Thurman of "The Producers"

95 Turkey's place, in large part

97 Snowbelt city

98 Groused

101 Provides some idea of an object's size?

106 Communicate with the server, perhaps

107 Oscar nominee for "Silkwood"

108 Feed supplier

112 Wind up

113 Lassie's affliction after failing to rescue Timmy?

118 C.P.A.'s study

119 1965 Johnny Mathis album of Latin American music

120 Turn while seated

121 "Into the Wild" star Hirsch

122 _____ mining

123 Gender-neutral pronoun

124 Excomm-unication provocation

125 "It's a pity"

24 Some Veterans Day honorees, for short

25 Pentagon Papers subject, for short

29 Babe in the woods

31 Lead one to believe

32 Plane, e.g.

33 "Cubist" Rubik

34 Dinero unit

35 Not just see

36 Hybrid animal

37 South American capital

38 Arm of the sea

43 Was in session

44 Amenity in a G.M. vehicle

45 What some dreams and themes do

47 First Nations tribe

49 What doesn't come full circle?

50 Hear again

51 "Bugsy Malone" star Scott

52 _____ avis

56 Candy from Austria

58 Briggs & _____ (engine maker)

59 Tinseltown event

60 Drift off

62 Nyasaland, today

63 Parody

64 Problem of mistaken identity

65 Reformer from the time of D.D.E. to L.B.J.

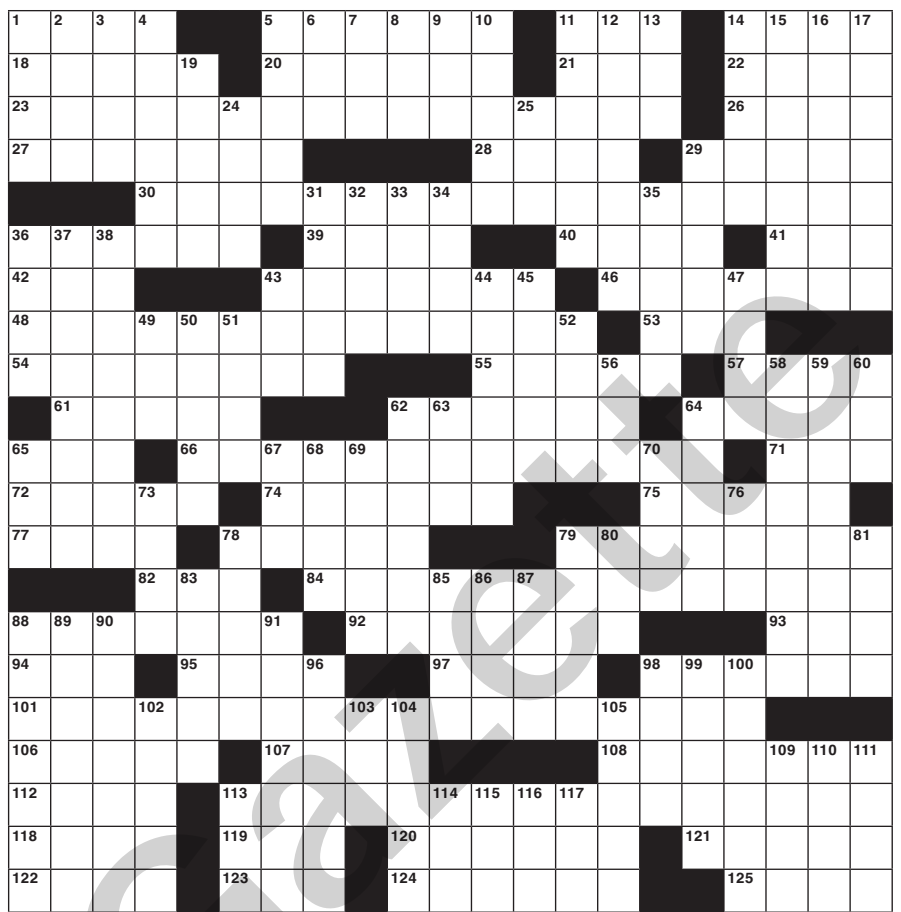
67 Tommy Lasorda's jersey number

68 Require balm, say

69 Reacted to a shock, maybe

70 Streak

73 Boon for an investigative journalist



- 76 A.C.C. school
- 78 Five-time Jockey Club Gold Cup winner
- 79 Farm name ender
- 80 Unforthcoming
- 81 Reputation, informally
- 83 Have an encore presentation of
- 85 Abound
- 86 To be, to Balzac
- 87 Drops out of the sky
- 88 Played along with
- 89 "A poem in our eyes," per Emerson
- 90 Little pitcher's place
- 91 \$5 picture
- 96 Jessica Simpson's sister
- 98 No longer standing tall?
- 99 In readiness
- 100 Bronchial woe
- 102 Singer _____ Marie
- 103 First of 50: Abbr.
- 104 Source of the word "galore"
- 105 2006 World Cup winner
- 109 Work hard
- 110 "_____ and Basie!" (1963 jazz album)
- 111 Jim Beam and Wild Turkey
- 113 Gentle bird call
- 114 Palindromic animal
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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

THURS. Nov. 27

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE - Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 9 a.m. Service consists of singing praises, sharing prayers of gratitude and reflecting on meditations of Thanksgiving. All are welcome. Info: Rev. Connie Paulson, 410-641-5194 or wesconnie55@gmail.com.

5TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY CROSS-FIT DASH - Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines. Registration 8 a.m., Dash 9 a.m. Dash is a 2.4 mile run/walk around the pond suitable for all fitness levels. Benefits Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots. Entry fee is a new, unwrapped toy. Info: Marley Rakow, 443-235-1779 or marley-brakow@gmail.com.

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. 28

32ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPER'S FAIR - Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Unique homemade merchandise, nautical, candies, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics. Children's activities, photo with Santa and non-shopper's lounge. Food court and door prizes. Admission is \$3 for all three days, children 12 and younger are free. Info: Melanie, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

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

HOLIDAY CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW - Gold Coast Mall, 115th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pictures with Santa from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gift wrapping by Ocean City Surfrider Foundation with donations accepted. Toys for Tots drop off point. Info: www.goldcoastmall.net.

SAT. Nov. 29

32ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPER'S FAIR - Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Unique homemade merchandise, nautical, candies, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics. Children's activities, photo with Santa and non-shopper's lounge. Food court and door prizes. Admission is \$3 for all three days, children 12 and younger are free. Info: Melanie, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

FALL LUNCHEON - Powellville United Methodist Church, 35606 Mt. Hermon Road, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oyster fritters, chicken salad, hot dogs, homemade soups, desserts. Church cookbooks on sale and a special hunters give-away. All hunters welcome. Info: 410-835-3388.

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 corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW - Gold Coast Mall, 115th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free kids crafts with Linda. Pictures with Santa from 5-7 p.m. Gift wrapping by Ocean City Surfrider Foundation with donations accepted. Toys for Tots drop off point. Info: www.goldcoastmall.net.

FREE CHRISTMAS TRAIN DISPLAY - Georgetown Public Library, 123 W. Pine St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Delaware Seaside Railroad Club will present five operating model railroad layouts. Info: 302-856-7958 or Delawareseasiderailroadclub.com.

SUN. Nov. 30

32ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPER'S FAIR - Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unique homemade merchandise, nautical, candies, photography, florals, jewelry, ceramics. Children's activities, photo with Santa and non-shopper's lounge. Food court and door prizes. Admission is \$3 for all three days, children 12 and younger are free. Info: Melanie, 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

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.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 - 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.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW - Gold Coast Mall, 115th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free kids crafts with Linda. Gift wrapping by Ocean City Surfrider Foundation with donations accepted. Toys for Tots drop off point. Info: www.goldcoastmall.net.

MON. Dec. 1

POCOMOKE CHRISTMAS PARADE - Begins at 14th Street and ends at the Pocomoke River, 7-9 p.m. Floats, marching bands, clowns, fire department units and Santa. Info: pocomokechristmasparade.com.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP - St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 6-7 p.m., first Monday of each month. Laura Small, Community

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SDHS WELCOMES MATHIAS
Newly re-elected Maryland State Senator, James Mathias spoke with a group of Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society members during the Worcester County Education Foundation breakfast on Nov. 11. Pictured in back row, from left, are Hannah Duckworth, Delaney Iacona, Serena Craven, Mathias and NHS President Jacob Gaddis, and in front, Fiona O'Brien, Delilah Purnell, Joseph Rodriguez and Mallory Rolleston.

CALENDAR

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Education Clinical Assistant, will discuss Upcoming Stanford Diabetes Workshop. Free and open to the public. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

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.

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

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

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 Berkeley, 410-251-2083.

TUES. Dec. 2

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.

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

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. No reservations, no fees; just drop by. Info: www.DelmarvaParkinsonsAlliance.org or Ron and Mary Leidner, 410-208-0525.

WED. Dec. 3

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7-8 p.m., first Wednesday of each month. Dr. Michael DePalma will discuss the relationship between dental health and diabetes. Free and open to the public. Info: AGH Diabetes Outpatient Education program, 410-641-9703.

GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST — First Presbyterian Church, 13th Street and Philadelphia, Ocean City, 7 a.m. to noon. Eggs any style, pancakes,

buckwheat pancakes, sausage, country ham, homemade biscuits, hash brown potatoes, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 and \$6 to carryout. Milk, soda and orange juice available. Info: 410-289-9340.

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 Peak's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. 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.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month at Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

ONGOING EVENTS

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS — More than one million holiday lights throughout the resort and at Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, through 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.

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES — Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through April 26, 2015. 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.

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/.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL CLUB — Luncheon meeting, third Tuesday, 1 p.m., Ocean Pines. Info: 410-208-1398.



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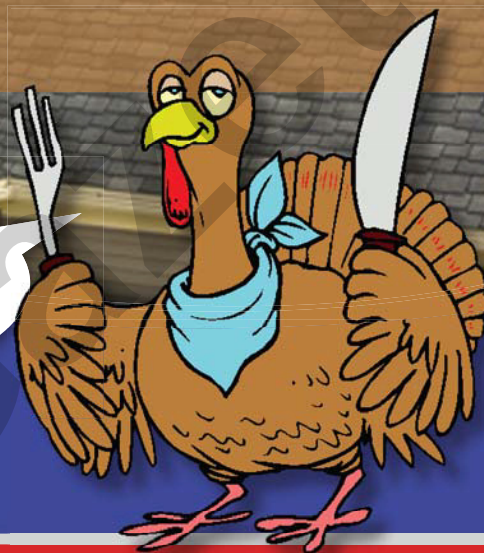




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