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Table games at Ocean Downs to be decided soon

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES — The Casino at Ocean Downs may add table games, but no decision has been made about whether to do it.

During Monday's meeting of the Local Development Council in Snow Hill, Joe Cavilla, general manager of the casino, said he hopes to have an answer about table games by March.

Table games are now allowed at the casino following the passage of Question 7, the referendum question on the Nov. 6 ballot in Maryland.

In addition to deciding whether to add table games, the company must determine where to put them because the casino's floor space was not designed for them. The casino has 800 slot machines and Cavilla does not want some of them removed to make room for table games.

In addition to being able to add table games, the Casino at Ocean Downs may increase its entertainment offerings.

The legislation legalizing slot machines at five casinos in the state permitted the Casino at Ocean Downs to have only a single piano played by one person. It also permitted fireworks displays.

Legislation passed during a special session of the Maryland General Assembly convened in August by Gov. Martin O'Malley permits expanded entertainment.

The original legislation legalizing slot machines specified that the Casino at Ocean Downs could not offer the "playing of live music, floor shows, dancing, dancing exhibitions, performances or any other form of entertainment in or near the video lottery facility." That wording was eliminated in the bill passed in August, thus permitting more entertainment.

In August, during the last meeting before Monday's meeting, board members said they wanted an explanation of entertainment permitted at the casino and they wanted a representative of the Board of License Commissioners, the board that regulates beer, wine and liquor licenses, to attend its next meeting.

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TREE LIGHTING

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams gets help lighting the town Christmas tree from his grandson, 'mini-mayor' Will Barrett on Holiday Arts Night.

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Couple on expedition makes stop in OC

Transcontinental trip began in Washington, to end in Florida Keys

By Nancy Powell
Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

OCEAN CITY — After kayaking, canoeing and dogsledding for thousands of miles, David and Amy Freeman arrived in Ocean City last week.

They would have arrived earlier, but they were pinned down in Barnegat, N.J., during Hurricane Sandy. They stayed there an additional four days to help owners of a kayak shop clean up.

"Their shop was really hard hit, so

we were delayed about a week by the storm," David said Nov. 20.

Their journey began in Bellingham, Wash., in April 2010, and they expect to reach Key West, Fla., their final destination, in early April. Their 11,747-mile trip will include 6,300 miles by kayak, 3,524 miles by canoe, 1,800 miles on dogsleds and 123 miles on foot.

So far, they have endured temperatures of 54 degrees below zero and they were approached by humpback whales in Alaska along the Pacific Coast.

"Two swam up to us," David said of the whales. "They stopped 15 feet from us. We could see a giant eyeball. It was the most amazing animal en-

counter ever."

They also had an encounter with a bear in the Yukon Territory in Canada near Alaska. First, they saw a bull moose, got out their cameras and moved closer.

"Then I saw brown fur in the woods next to us," David said. "He popped his head out around a tree. He was 10 or 15 feet away from us."

David dropped his camera and grabbed bear spray.

"We had it in holsters on our hips," he said. "I said, 'hey bear, hey bear,' and it turned and ran away."

They try to be self-sufficient on their trips and usually have at least a two-day supply of water and a five-

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Amy and David Freeman unload their kayaks at Paddle House Outfitters on Route 50 on Nov. 20.

Couple makes their way from West to East coast

Sometimes weeks pass without the comforts of a home, like showers

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day supply of food, but they sometimes have more.

"We can easily carry three weeks worth of food," David Freeman said while eating crab cakes for dinner at BJ's on the Water last Tuesday evening.

To cook, they use a small stove that uses white gas or Coleman fuel. Other than that, they don't have many cooking supplies.

"We have just one pot," he said. "We

eat a lot of rice and beans."

Along the way, they use Google Earth to look for places to stay.

"We find little islands or places in the marsh above high tide," he said.

From Maine to New York City, it was difficult to find places to spend the night. Sometimes they stay in campgrounds and they would have stayed in a campground on Assateague Island if it had been open. In Ocean City, they stayed at a hotel on the Boardwalk downtown and stored their kayaks and other gear at Paddle House Outfitters on Route 50.

Sometimes, weeks can pass without having a place to stay with comforts of home.

"It's nice to take a shower after a month," he said.

Their home, however, has few comforts and they like it that way. When not on expeditions, they live in a 60-foot by 20-foot house David built in Minnesota. It has neither running water nor electricity. They cook on a wood stove, get water from a lake and use a composting toilet. The nearest power line is 12 miles away.

Their life together is an adventurous one. This expedition is part of Wilderness Classroom, a non-profit organization David Freeman started in 2001 to educate children about the wilderness and the environment. His first trip to educate others was a six-week, 240-mile solo toboggan trek along the border between Minnesota and Ontario.

This trip, the North American Odyssey, is the 10th classroom project. They began by traveling from Washington to Alaska.

"We wanted to go on some of the route of the Klondike Gold Rush," Amy said.

They then traveled to the tip of North America, across Canada, down to the northeast United States and they are now on their way to Key West.

Amy, an avid kayaker and canoeist before she met David in 2005, said her parents were not worried about her latest adventure with her husband of two-and-a-half years.

"My parents were so worried about South America, but not about North America," she said.

Using laptop computers with solar-powered charges, Dave, 36, and Amy, 30, write about the adventure and provide lesson plans for teachers online at wildernessclassroom.com.

"We post new information almost every day," he said. "It's up to teachers how often they use it."

Occasionally, they visit schools where students are participating in the online lessons. Their goal is to visit 50 schools on the East Coast.

The couple spent Thanksgiving in Williamsburg, Va., with family before resuming their expedition. They rented a car for that portion of their trip.

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Annual Coastal Bays report card available for 2011

WORCESTER COUNTY — The Maryland Coastal Bays 2011 Report Card, a detailed assessment on the health of the bays behind Ocean City and Assateague, is now available.

The report card carefully scores six indicators, each measured on a 100-point scale, with 100 representing healthy ecosystems. A Habitat Health Index, a Water Quality Index, and a Biotic Index are factored for the final grade. While the northern bays and western tributaries continue to struggle, there are signs of improvement in some areas. However, the southern bays — historically the more pristine of the Coastal Bays — are still showing signs of degradation.

The first collaborative effort of a report card which gave Maryland's coastal bays a C+ grade was launched in 2008, finding sea grasses rebounding but still at levels little more than half of those seen earlier in the decade and varying water quality. The goal of the latest report card is to provide a transparent, timely, and geographically detailed assessment of the Coastal Bays health using 2011 data.

The report card is a collaborative effort between the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, UMCES — Integration and Application Network and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Several partners including the town of Berlin and Ocean City received "Gold Stars" in recognition of their contributions to ensuring the health of our bays and the valuable work they do in coordination with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program.

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Increase in size of entertainment limit also sought

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April Payne, administrator of the Board of License Commissioners, told the Local Development Council that the Casino at Ocean Downs has a seven-day beer, wine and liquor license that permits live entertainment, of up to 10 pieces, inside seven days a week until 2 a.m. during the 40-day racing season. Then the permitted entertainment of up to 10 pieces reduces to a maximum of five days per week. From May 1 until Nov. 1, outside entertainment, still up to a maximum of 10 pieces, is permitted in the grandstand area four days a week until 11 p.m.

If Cavilla wants to increase the number of pieces of entertainment, he may request a hearing before the Board of License Commissioners.

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OBITUARIES

Edward F. Tilling Jr.

BERLIN — Edward F. Tilling Jr., 79, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012, at his home in Berlin.

Born in Baltimore in 1933, Mr. Tilling was the son of the late Edward F. Tilling Sr. and Mary Maule Tilling. He was a 1951 graduate of Mt. St. Joseph High School and he retired from Bell Atlantic after 37 years of service. An avid Baltimore sports fan, he was a devoted family man who loved to travel and was especially proud of his Irish heritage. When he wasn't traveling to his beloved Ireland, Mr. Tilling was an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus, as well as St. Benedict Church, where he volunteered much of his time, until moving to Berlin in 2007, to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Bernadette "Betsy" Tilling (née Murphy); his three children, Eric J., Kurt F. and Laura Simmons; his son-in-law, James Simmons; his grandchildren, Felecia BenZakan and Logan Simmons; and his sister, Frances Hensley, of Dallas.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Nov. 24, during the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Baltimore. Donations can be made in memory of Mr. Tilling to St. Benedict Church.

Ruth Ellen Egger

OCEAN CITY — Ruth Ellen Egger, 70, of Ocean City died Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, at home. Born in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Hilyard) Adkins.

She was a member of SonRise Church in Berlin.

Mr. Egger is survived by two sons, Raymond W. Davis and his wife, Tracy, of Pittsville and Darren D. Davis and his wife, Janet, of Berlin; three daughters, Dawn L. Pruitt and her husband, Edwin, of Bishopville, Sonya D. Brow and her husband, Dave, of Berlin and Kimberly J. Smith of Ocean City; 12 grandchildren, Hunter Davis, Zachary Davis, Dillon Davis, Brooke Davis, Brent Pruitt, Kevin Pruitt, Brandon McTernan, Pamela Hall, Karl Hall, Haley Brow, Jason Smith and Chelsea Smith; and two great-grandchildren, Cole Jones and Jack Jones. She is also survived by a loving companion, her dog, Sophie.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Friday, Nov. 30, at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville, Del. Pastor Daryl McCready will officiate. Friends may call on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home, and also on Friday one hour before the service. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Berlin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be

made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, Md. 21803. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.hastingsfuneralhome.net.

Mildred Ann 'Milly' Villani

BERLIN — Mildred Ann "Milly" Villani, 80, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012, at her home. Born in Berlin, she was the daughter of the late Ernest M. Tyndall and Mildred Jackson Tyndall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis P. "Frank" Villani in 2002.

Mrs. Villani is survived by her eight nieces and nephews, Diane Tyndall Powell and her husband, Tom, of Millsboro, David Tyndall and his wife, Kelly, of Glendale, Ariz. (and his former wife, Bambi, whom she loved dearly), Pamela Tyndall Van Dyck and her husband, Barry, of Granger, Ind., Connie Tyndall Warren and her husband, Tom, of Cincinnati, Paul Sturgis and his wife, Barbara, of Princess Anne, Frank Sturgis and his wife, Kathy, of Eden, Md., Gary Tyndall and his wife, Linda, of Mardela Springs, Md., and Wally Cropper and his wife, Tanya, of Berlin. There are numerous great nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her beloved Siamese cats, Molly and Cookie, and her card club friends.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Ernest "Jack" Tyndall,

Nevis L. Tyndall, Louis I. Tyndall, and a sister, Peggy Tyndall Sturgis.

Milly was a 1947 graduate of Buckingham High School, who worked for 26 years as a teller and bookkeeper for Calvin B. Taylor Bank. She later worked part time at Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club. She was an active member of Buckingham Presbyterian Church, serving as an ordained elder and ordained deacon, and she served on the board of trustees for two terms. She was also stewardship treasurer for 23 years. She was a member for more than 62 years, and past president of the Boggs Disharoon American Legion Auxiliary Unit #123 and served as treasurer for several years. She worked as a volunteer and treasurer for the American Cancer Society (Worcester County Unit) for 40 years, working tirelessly with patients. She was awarded the first "Cup of Hope Trophy" for her years of service in 1991.

A funeral service will be held at Buckingham Presbyterian Church at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 30. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Matt Trask will officiate. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory may be made to Buckingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Ms. Sally Kohler, P.O. Box 248, Berlin, Md. 21811. Arrangements are in the care of Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

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Ocean City to start differential bid by next week

Town of Ocean City's request could affect rest of Worcester County

By Zack Hoopes
Staff Writer

BERLIN — Officials in Berlin, Ocean Pines and county government, along with taxpayers in those districts, will be keeping an eye on developments in the Ocean City Council's quest for a reduction in the property tax rate resort residents pay the county.

The Ocean City Council on Tuesday voted unanimously this week to proceed with a renewed attempt to receive tax differential legislation from the state. This differential would allow the city to receive a tax offset from the county for compensated services. In other words, resort taxpayers would not have to pay for county services they don't use because Ocean City offers the same service.

Why that's important to elected officials and residents elsewhere in the county is because taxpayers in those jurisdictions would have to make up any loss of revenue should Ocean City taxpayers be granted a lower rate.

The city will be pursuing action relevant to the Maryland State Code's policy on tax levies, "which states that the

county may establish a lower tax rate for municipal corporations," according to City Manager David Recor.

Mayor Rick Meehan will be sending a letter to the county by next Friday, detailing the city's intentions and reasoning for seeking such a change. A study of the city and county's tax and service costs, originally done in 2007, will be further updated to reflect current conditions.

"If you decide to advise the county that we intend to move forward, the methodology used [in the study] wouldn't change," Recor said.

"But your budgets have changed," he added, noting that both the city and county have reduced their operating expenses over the last five years.

Recor had suggested last week that council get the ball rolling on the process, given that several elected officials had expressed their desire to seek such a policy. Seeking such an allowance requires legislative action by the state, given that the powers of a county to tax are covered by Maryland code.

But the first step in doing so is to notify Worcester County that the city is seeking legislation that may change its tax base. Maryland code specifies that this must be done at least 180 days before the county's budget approval deadline. Given that Worcester's code requires its budget to be passed by the first Tuesday in June, the city would have until Dec. 7 of this year to make a differential request for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Property owners in the town of Ocean City pay the same rate in county taxes as other Worcester County property owners, but as many city officials have bemoaned, resort residents receive relatively little benefit from some of the county's more costly public services, given that the city is chartered to run its

own such services.

The original 2007 study, commissioned from the Municipal and Financial Services Group, identified a number of county services that Ocean City provides for itself and cannot fully benefit from at the county level. These include the entirety of the Worcester County departments of Tourism, Public Works, Recreation and Parks, Emergency Services, Comprehensive Planning and the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Further, the report estimates that the city is unable to benefit from roughly 90 percent of the Department of Development Review and Permitting, 80 percent of the Sheriff's Office, 50 percent of the Department of Environmental Programs, and 5 percent of the county Debt Service.

Thus, officials argue, resort residents should not be paying for emergency services that they do not use.

"This is not an issue of an additional tax, but an issue of fairness and proper distribution of current revenues by Worcester County," Meehan wrote in his 2007 letter to then-Delegate, and now State Sen. Jim Mathias, requesting that he sponsor tax differential legislation. "There are only four counties in the state that do not have formal agreements address this issue."

As of Meehan's writing, only Worcester, Wicomico, Queen Anne's and Somerset counties — all Eastern Shore jurisdictions — did not have any kind of codified tax offset system. For FY 2011, Somerset county forged a state-recognized agreement to provide \$150,000 each in tax rebates to Princess Anne and Crisfield to offset their paramedic service costs.

"Why should counties on the Eastern Shore be treated differently?" Meehan continued in his letter. "Ocean City is proud to be part of Worcester County, and the fact that we represent 62 percent of the assessable base of the county can, and will, remain beneficial to all Worcester County residents."

The 2007 study recommended that Ocean City seek a differential of \$0.22 cents, which for FY08 would have lowered the county tax

rate for the city from 70 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 64 cents, a savings for the town of \$13.8 million. To make up for this difference, the rate for the rest of the county would have had to be increased to 86 cents.

"Why should counties on the Eastern Shore be treated differently?"

MAYOR RICK MEEHAN
Town of Ocean City

In dollars, that would have meant that a Berlin or Ocean Pines homeowner whose property was assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$320 more in taxes.

Even though expenses have been trimmed, property values have decreased significantly in the past five years, leading Worcester County to up the rate to 77 cents for FY 2013.

Ocean City's desire to establish a differential, however, has never gone to Annapolis. The last attempt, for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, ended in negotiations between the city and county that resulted in the county agreeing to provide the city with more grant funding as compensation for not receiving the tax break it wanted.

County grants to the city for FY08 totaled \$2,262,636, but jumped to \$4,280,415 for FY09. Though dropping slightly in subsequent years, it has always hovered near \$4 million, with FY13 funding coming to \$3,926,833.

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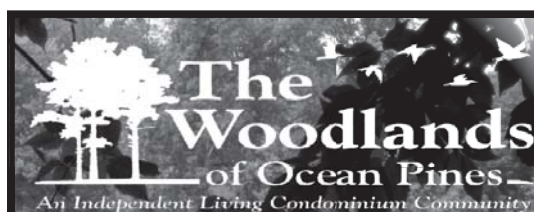
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MD Public Research Grp. issues toy hazard warning

Annual report issued to raise awareness ahead of busy holiday season

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

MARYLAND — When purchasing toys for children, the goal is to provide that youngster with entertainment and joy. But some toys may pose dangers to those children. The objective of an annual report recently published by Maryland Public Interest Research Group (MaryPIRG) is to assist parents and others in making safe choices when shopping for children. Maryland PIRG Foundation, a statewide, citizen-based nonprofit consumer advocacy group, released its 27th annual "Trouble in Toyland" report on Nov. 20. It is a nationwide survey that warns consumers of possible hidden toy hazards and provides guidelines for people buying toys for small children, as well as examples of toys that pose potential safety hazards. MaryPIRG members visited numerous national toyshops, malls and dollar stores in September, October and November to identify potentially dangerous toys. According to Jenny Levin,

MaryPIRG advocate, the organization's toy safety reports have led to more than 150 recalls and other regulatory actions in the last 27 years. The group also offers an interactive tool accessible from mobile phones or computers at www.toysafety.mobi or www.toysafety.net to help toy buyers avoid common hazards. Consumers can also report dangerous toys on these sites and at www.saferproducts.gov. "Parents and toy givers need to remember that while the CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) is doing a good job, no government agency tests all toys before they hit store shelves. Consumers should also remember that toys that are not on our list of examples could also pose hazards," Levin said. "We want to let the public know that we should be able to trust that the toys we buy are safe. However, until that's the case, parents need to watch out for common hazards when shopping for toys." The MaryPIRG report focuses on several categories of toy dangers. "We encourage parents to look very carefully at toys," Levin said. Choking: Choking on small parts, balls, marbles and balloons remains the leading cause of toy-related injuries and deaths. According to the report, between 1990 and 2011, more than 200 children died after choking on a toy or toy part. The Consumer Product Safety Commission banned the sale of toys containing small parts that were intended to be used by children younger than 3. Despite the ban, MaryPIRG still found toys available in stores that pose choking hazards. Levin suggests parents and others use an empty toilet paper roll, which is 1.75 inches in diameter, to see if toys could cause their child to choke. If the toy fits inside the roll, it is a possible choking hazard and inappropriate for children younger than 3. Magnets: This year MaryPIRG has highlighted the continued dangers that magnet toys pose. Magnets are extremely strong and can cause severe internal damage if swallowed. The CPSC has estimated that between 2009 and 2011 1,700 emergency room cases occurred nationwide involving the inges-



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Maryland PIRG, a statewide citizen-based nonprofit consumer advocacy group, released its 27th annual Trouble In Toyland report Nov. 20, warning consumers of possible hidden toy hazards. Pictured are some of the toys that may pose choking hazards.

tion of high-powered magnets. According to the report, more than 70 percent of cases involved children between the ages of 4 and 12. Toxic Chemicals: Two of the toxic chemicals the report places emphasis on are lead and phthalates, which are used in plastics. Lead poisoning affects the nervous system and can cause learning disabilities, lower IQ, delay mental and physical development and cause behavioral problems. If a child is exposed to high levels, it can be fatal.

The current federal legal lead standard is 100 parts per million (ppm), though the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a lead limit of 40 ppm. Levin also warns adults to avoid toys made of (polyvinyl chloride) PVC plastic which could contain toxic phthalates posing developmental hazards. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act permanently banned three phthalates from use in toys, and set temporary limits on three others while tests continue. No toy or childcare article can con-

tain more than 1000 ppm of each of the six phthalates. Noise Hazards: The American Society for Testing and Materials adopted a voluntary acoustics standard, which set the loudness threshold for most toys at 85 decibels, and 65 decibels for products intended to be used close to the ear. Adults should be aware of noise volume of toys, because if it is loud for them, it's also loud for children. The third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey showed one in five U.S. children will have some degree of hearing loss by the time they reach age 12. The National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders advises that prolonged exposure to noise above 85 decibels will cause gradual hearing loss in any age range, the MaryPIRG report said.

Toys and children's products posing strangulation hazards were also mentioned in the report. The full Trouble In Toyland report is available online at www.ToySafety.net.

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Parades, activities on tap for holidays

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

WORCESTER COUNTY — Parades and an assortment of activities are planned in and around the Berlin area to put residents and visitors in the holiday spirit.

Berlin:

■ An estimated 3,000 people line Main Street annual to watch Berlin's annual parade. The 42nd installment is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 6. Rain date is Dec. 13.

This year, the theme of the parade will be "Berlin's Home Town Christmas." Approximately 90 entries, ranging from floats to marching bands representing Stephen Decatur, Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Worcester Tech high schools are expected to participate in the parade, sponsored by the town of Berlin, in cooperation with the Berlin Chamber of Commerce. Donations made by Berlin area merchants help cover the cost of conducting the parade. The parade will begin at 7 p.m. in front of the firehouse and follow along North Main Street, concluding at the corner of South Main and Tripoli streets. Santa will be last to make his way down the street. Parade categories include adult and student sponsored floats, adult and children's marching and performing units, fire companies, commercial units,

vehicle clubs, motorcycles, antique cars, school bands, as well as ROTC marching units, crowned youth and equestrian entries. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category. "It's a big, big event for the town," said JoAnn Unger, co-chair of the parade with Sharon Timmons. "People are in a festive, happy mood." For more information, contact Unger at 410-641-3858 or Timmons at 410-629-1716. Activities for the entire family will be offered in Berlin during December, from scenic horse and carriage rides to breakfast with Santa, as a part of the town's Victorian Christmas celebration. Many of the shops are decorated for the holiday season. Some of the town's merchants will also host special events and open houses as part of the Victorian Christmas. For more information on the upcoming events, pick up a Victorian Christmas brochure at any of the Berlin shops, contact the Berlin Chamber of Commerce at 410-641-4775 or visit www.berlinchamber.org. The Berlin Chamber can also be found on Facebook, www.facebook.com/BerlinChamber.

Ocean Pines:

■ The Ocean Pine Association will present its second annual tree-lighting celebration, accompanied by music, tonight, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m. during "An Old Fashioned Christmas" at White

Horse Park. Businesses, community residents, civic groups and organizations had the opportunity to sponsor and decorate a tree, approximately 8 to 12 feet in size. Last year, an estimated 300 people attended the inaugural event when 14 trees were sponsored and displayed. Ten of those sponsors are participating again this year. "It went very well for a first-time event. We were extremely pleased with the turnout," said Sonya Bounds, director of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department. Seventeen trees will be adorned with lights and decorations this year. They have been sponsored by the following: Arcadia Questers, Beta Sigma Psi Int'l Sorority, Colonial Village HOA, Delmarva Chorus, Democratic Women's Club, Kay and Lanny Hickman, Kiwanis of Ocean Pines and Ocean City, Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Ocean Pines Garden Club, Ocean Pines swim team, Pine'er Craft Club, Pink Ribbon Pinups, Prudential Pen Fed Realty, Republican Women of Worcester County, Worcester County Democratic Club, Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce and Ocean Pines Association. New this year is the "Children's Tree Garden," where four trees will be featured. The Delmarva Chorus and children's choral groups from Most Blessed Sacrament

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Plenty of holiday parades scheduled for local towns

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School will provide the musical entertainment this evening in the park, which will be transformed into a colorfully lit winter wonderland. Hot cider will be offered to guests, and Santa will also make an appearance. Horse and carriage rides around the park will be available. “We want it to keep growing. We’d love to fill the park,” Bounds said. “It’s a great kickoff to the holiday season.” Trees will remain lit and on display until the new year. For more information, call 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006 or visit www.oceanpines.org. n Ocean Pines residents can also participate in the annual “Light Up the Pines” contest. Those interested in participating must enter by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. Residents can e-mail their name, address and phone number to info@OceanPines.org, call 410-641-7717 Ext. 3014, or fax information to 410-641-5581. There is no cost to participate. One winner will be chosen in the following categories: Top Notch All Around, Most Creative and Most Lights. New this year is a People’s Choice award. Residents will vote their favorite. Prizes will be awarded.

Ocean City:

■ Each year, an estimated 2,500 residents and visitors line Coastal Highway for Ocean City’s annual Christmas

parade, and organizers expect as many, if not more, spectators in attendance this Saturday for the 30th installment. The 2012 “Christmas at the Beach” parade will begin at 11 a.m. on 100th Street. Approximately 80 units will travel north along Coastal Highway to the Gold Coast Mall on 115th Street. Elaine Jarvis of the Gold Coast Mall Merchants Association, the organization that sponsors the event, said the best viewing spot is from the stands set up in the parking lot of the mall, where parking will also be available. Spectators may also watch the parade from the sidewalk along the route. “It’s a lot of fun. It’s like the kickoff for Christmas,” Jarvis said. Bands from Stephen Decatur, Snow Hill and Pocomoke high schools have registered to participate. Antique cars, llamas, commercial and non-commercial floats, marching units, horses, school floats, fire companies and motorized vehicles will also take part in the festivities. And, of course, Santa will make an appearance. Professional judges will be at the reviewing station in the Gold Coast Mall parking lot to evaluate the parade participants. First-, second- and third-place winners will be named in nine categories: school marching units, nonprofit organizational/non-commercial floats, commercial floats, school floats, horse units, antique cars, marching units, fire

companies and motorized vehicles. Awards will be presented after the parade in the mall. Santa will also be inside the mall to greet guests. The last day to register as an entry in the parade is today, Nov. 30. There is no cost to participate. Changes in traffic patterns will begin at approximately 9 a.m. on parade day. In addition to the parade, there will be an arts and crafts showcase inside the mall, today through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The new event will feature approximately 25 artists selling jewelry, candles, glassware and paintings, among other handcrafted items. For more information or to register for the parade or arts and crafts show, call 410-524-9000. n The inaugural “Light Up Downtown Celebration,” sponsored by the Downtown Association, Ocean City Development Corporation and town of Ocean City, will run through Dec. 15. The event kicked off last Saturday with a tree-lighting ceremony at Sunset Park. Each Friday and Saturday, beginning at 5:30 p.m., there will be musical entertainment, dance performances, carriage rides, bake sales and hot cocoa, among other activities at the park off South Philadelphia Avenue on the bay at South Division Street. Santa will also be on hand, and on Dec. 8, he is scheduled to arrive by Coast Guard boat. There is a small fee for carriage rides,

while all other events are free. “The Light Up Downtown Celebration is a nice, family-oriented special event that will help bring back some of the holiday feel to the downtown area for this season,” Glenn Irwin, executive director of the Ocean City Development Corporation, said last week. “We hope this new event will grow larger each year.” The objective of the “Light Up Downtown Celebration” is to bring holiday displays back to the inlet and downtown area. Donations to the “Donate to Decorate” fund will assist with reviving the holiday spirit downtown. For more information, call the Downtown Association at 410-289-1413 or visit www.downtownassociation.net.

Other Christmas parades:

■ Selbyville, Del.: Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. Begins and ends on Church Street in downtown Selbyville. For more information, call 302-539-2100, or visit www.bethany-fenwick.org.

■ Snow Hill: Monday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m. Begins on Colbourne Lane and makes it way down Church Street to Market Street. The judge’s reviewing stand in front of the courthouse. For more information, call Barry Laws at 410-632-1700. Rain date is Wednesday, Dec. 5. The Snow Hill Christmas tree will be lit at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, Nov. 30, in Byrd Park on Market Street.

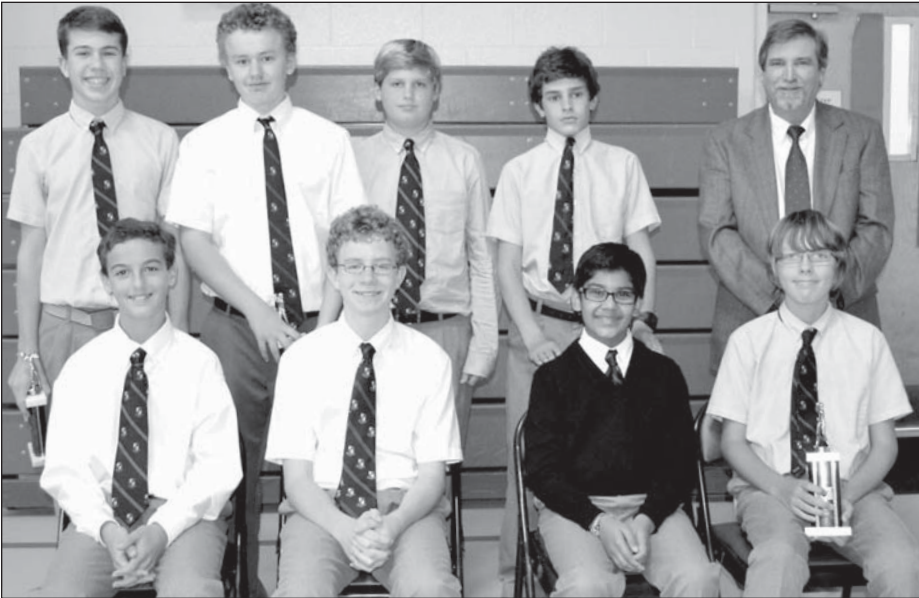
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SNAPSHOTS



WPS YOUNG GOLFERS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Grades 7-8 Golf Team members are part of Worcester's golfing tradition as they hone their skills on the course under the guidance of Coach Bob Afelder. Although all the members of the team did an excellent job during the fall season, awards were presented to: Reid Carey, Most Valuable Player; Jonathan Ruddo, Coach's Award; and Thomas Polk, Most Improved. Team members: (front) Connor Cebula, Selbyville; Davis Mears, Ocean City; Nik Moondra, Salisbury; Jonathan Ruddo, Berlin; (back) Reid Carey, Dagsboro; Thomas Polk, Bethany Beach; Grant Brown, Selbyville; Rayne Parker, Ocean City; and Coach Bob Afelder.



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Prep student volunteers collected over 300 bags of clothing, blankets and personal items, which were sent to Hurricane Sandy victims in Crisfield, Deal Island, and New York. Here (l-r) Volunteers senior Brad Mullen, Seaford; senior Gabby D'Antonio, Hebron; and freshman Charlie Pritchard, Snow Hill, collect some of the donations that were dropped off by WPS students and parents.



FALL SPORTS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Boys' Trophy Winners at Worcester Prep were: (front) Ryan Nally, Ocean View, Most Valuable Player, Varsity Soccer; Ross Dickerson, Ocean City, Most Improved, JV Soccer; Jarad Godwin, Frankford, Coach's Award, JV Soccer, Golf; Wyatt Richins, Ocean Pines, Most Improved, Varsity Soccer; (back) Gordon Abercrombie, Salisbury, Coach's Award, Varsity Soccer; Matt Middleton, Bethany Beach, Coach's Award, Varsity Golf; Scott Gee, Millsboro, Most Valuable Player, Varsity Golf; Patrick Dowling, Ocean City, Most Improved, Varsity Golf; and Charlie Pritchard, Snow Hill, Most Valuable Player, JV Soccer.



CONFERENCE PLAYERS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Prep student athletes captured all four fall sport Conference Player of the Year Honors in the Eastern Shore Independent Athletic Conference (ESIAC). Those outstanding players were: (l-r) Ryan Nally, Ocean View, Varsity Boys' Soccer; Meg Lingo, Rehoboth Beach, Varsity Girls' Field Hockey; Lilly DiNardo, Salisbury, Varsity Girls' Soccer; and Scott Gee, Millsboro, Varsity Golf.



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

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Junior Lydia (l) and Freshman Charlie Pritchard, members of Worcester Preparatory School Volunteers, collect donations for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.



TOP ATHLETES

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Top athletes in Girls' Varsity Soccer and Field Hockey during Fall 2012 at Worcester Prep were honored at the Sports Recognition Assembly. They are: (front) Amanda Gabriel, Laurel, Most Improved, Soccer; Carolyn Dorey, Millville, Most Improved, Field Hockey; Claire Brown, Bethany Beach, Most Valuable Player, Field Hockey; (back) Caroline Lindsay, Fenwick Island, Coach's Award, Field Hockey; Lilly DiNardo, Salisbury, Coach's Award, Soccer; Alissa Talbert, Eden, Most Valuable Player, Soccer.



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POLICE BEAT

Asleep in truck

A woman who passed out in a pickup truck parked in the parking lot of a north Ocean City hotel was charged Nov. 18 with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Ocean City police went to the lot in response to a call about a woman asleep in a truck.

After awakening the woman, Sandra Ann Narducci, 56, of Fredericksburg, Pa., a police officer saw a metal cylinder in the truck and asked what it was. Narducci handed it to the police officer, who saw marijuana in a cellophane wrapper inside. The officer then found a glass pipe with marijuana residue.

resident, had been using the organization's funds for her own benefit. They reported the crime to police as soon as they were made aware of it.

The bureau's investigation revealed that between August and October 2012, Colbert not only forged other booster member's signatures on checks, but also stole approximately \$2,271 from the accounts of the band boosters.

Colbert was charged with theft of \$1,000 to less than \$10,000, forgery and uttering, issuing false documents, and engaging in a scheme to steal \$1,000 to less than \$10,000. She is scheduled to have a jury trial in Circuit Court in Snow Hill on Feb. 11, 2013.

Band Boosters theft

The president of the Pocomoke City Band Boosters, Tracey Whittington Colbert, 39, was arrested last month in connection with thefts from that organization.

Detectives with the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation met with representatives of Pocomoke High School and the Worcester County Board of Education about the thefts.

Members of the Board of Education told detectives that Colbert, a Crisfield

Alleged assault

A 33-year-old Ocean City woman was charged Nov. 20 with second-degree assault after an alleged altercation with a man.

Ocean City police saw Brooke Caroline North and a man walking on the sidewalk near 40th Street. They saw North grab the man's backpack and remove it from him.

According to the charging document, North and the man kept arguing and she grabbed his sweatshirt as he tried to walk away from her.



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Betten joins RE/MAX Crossroads at the Beach

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A consistent top producer, Betten has experience in sales, finance, customer service and public relations. She specializes in resort and residential properties on the shore, and she has a strong track record in closing short sale transactions.

Betten lives in South Point, with her husband, Dave. She also owns an Ocean City condo, where she enjoys walking her rescue dogs, Bailey and Skittles. For information, call 443-365-7021 or 410-723-3600, or e-mail JeannieSellsOC.com.

Four join staff at Berlin's Atlantic General Hospital

Atlantic General Hospital recently appointed the following to the medical staff:

■ David Vitberg, M.D., received his medical degree from Upstate Medical University College of Medicine in Syracuse, N.Y. Vitberg completed his residency at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore, and his fellowship in critical care medicine at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda.

Dr. Vitberg will be joining the Atlantic General Hospital telemedicine team.

■ Rabindra Paul, M.D., specializes in medical oncology and hematology. Paul is board certified by the American Board of Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Medical Oncology. He sees patients at his office located within the James G. Barrett Medical Office Building at the entrance of Healthway Drive in Berlin, and oversees chemotherapy treatments at the new Outpatient Infusion Center at Atlantic General Hospital.

Dr. Paul is currently accepting new patients for Oncology and Hematology.

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Patti and Jason Backer present whimsical paintings, cards, glittery ornaments and painted reclaimed/recycled tables Nov. 26, during the first "Buy Local! Monday Marketplace" of 2012 at Shark on the Harbor restaurant. Local artists will also be featured Monday, Dec. 3 and 10, from 5-8 p.m. at the restaurant, located on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City.

Shark's 'Marketplace' features local artists

Berlin painter Patti Backer among those featured at restaurant

By Lisa Capitelli

Assistant Editor/Ocean City Today

WEST OCEAN CITY — Many artists, from painters to sculptors, photographers to woodcrafters, live in and around the Ocean City area and Shark on the Harbor restaurant is providing a place for them to show and sell their wares. Travis and Jody Wright, owners of the West Ocean City restaurant located on Sunset Avenue, started "Buy Local! Monday Marketplace" last year and it was a big hit. "It was well received. All of the artists sold work and told us that they were happy to have been here," Jody Wright said. "We believe in supporting local businesses and we make a habit of buying gifts from local artists when we can. So, with that in mind, our 'Buy Local!

Monday Marketplace' was born. I felt, and continue to feel, that our regular restaurant guests are the perfect market for the talented work of our local artists. And, why not pair their work with the culinary art-work of our creative chefs on Pizza Night? Add some festive cocktail specials, upbeat holiday music and some old school Christmas movies playing on the big screen, and now we have a fun night that benefits everyone involved." The first event of this year was Monday. Wright said the overall evening was fantastic. "It was even better than we had hoped. And, hopefully the next couple of weeks will get better and better and next year as well," she said. "I find opportunities to improve the event each time we do it, and I will keep working

to make it the best that I can." Eight artists — Crystal Collins, Jessie Winfield Martin, Dana Smith, Christopher McGervey, Tracy Bell, Mary Suplee, Kelly Hughes Roberts and Patti and

"Our area is so full of amazing artists and craftspeople and this was a great venue for showing our art."

PATTI BACKER

Berlin Artist

Jason Backer — participated. "Jody and Travis do such a great job supporting the local farms and watermen for their restaurant. I think it's incredible how much they support the local artists and community, as well," said Roberts, whose first book, "Road To Chianti," recently debuted. She was on hand Monday to sign copies of the adventure story set in Italy in 1977 and follows two young orphans as they struggle to find a place to call home.

"Marketplace Monday is a great opportunity for small businesses and

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'Marketplace' to be held Monday Dec. 3 and again on Dec. 10

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artists to get exposure within the area as well as people visiting over the holiday season," Roberts said.

The Backers presented whimsical paintings, cards, glittery ornaments and painted reclaimed/recycled tables during the event.

"We had such a great time. Delicious food, drinks, and we got to meet a lot of new people," Patti Backer said. "Our area is so full of amazing artists and craftspeople and this was a great venue for showing our art. I'm so appreciative of Jody, Travis and everybody at The Shark for a fun and successful night."

Smith, accessory designer at Swag Bags Plus, said, "Any time we 'starving artists' are afforded an opportunity to showcase what we do, we're thrilled. I

believe one-of-a-kind trumps run-of-the-mill every time."

"The Shark is famous for unusual and delicious food, so our original efforts should be a good fit," she continued. "So visit all three Marketplace Mondays and be wowed by what your neighbors are up to."

Monday Marketplace will also be held on Dec. 3 and 10, from 5-8 p.m. Wright has invited a mix of artists and local boutique shop owners to display their wares at each event. In addition, local breweries will be featured. On Dec. 3, Evolution Craft Brewery will be highlighted. A limited number of gift baskets featuring EVO beers, Shark pint glasses and some of chef Travis Wright's recipes that incorporate brews will be sold.

"I did this last year and the baskets were a big hit," Jody Wright said.

On Dec. 10, Berlin brewery Burley Oak will be featured. Wright said she will put together baskets with a limited edition bottled Burley Oak beer. There

"The Shark is famous for unusual and delicious food, so our original efforts should be a good fit."

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Kelly Hughes Roberts, who recently debuted her first book, *Road To Chianti*, signs copies of the adventure story at Shark on the Harbor restaurant in West Ocean City Nov. 26 during "Buy Local! Monday Marketplace." Local artists will also be featured Monday, Dec. 3 and 10, from 5-8 p.m. at the restaurant, located on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City.

will also be wine tastings and sales on bottles of vino for the holidays each evening.

Space is full for the next two weeks, but Wright invites artists to contact her at Jody@ocshark.com if they are interested in displaying their work at a future Monday Marketplace. "If I can make the space work, I might still be able to in-

clude them this year. I love for new artists to use this as an opportunity to create awareness about what they do," she said. "If I can't fit them in for this year, I will keep them in mind for next year. And, who knows, if this continues to work out as well as [Monday] night, maybe I'll plan another marketplace or two over the winter."

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■ Michael Vest, DO, FACP, FCCP, received his master of medical science from Boston University School of Medicine in Boston, Mass., his doctor of osteopathic medicine from the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine, and his internship and residency at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and will be joining the Atlantic General Hospital telemedicine team.

■ Mithil Gajera, M.D., received his medical degree from B.J. Medical College in India, and completed his residency and fellowship at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, N.J. Dr. Gajera is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and will be joining the Atlantic General Hospital telemedicine team.

Dodson receives RCE designation from NAR

Sheila Dodson, executive director of the Coastal Association of REALTORS is being honored by the National Association of REALTORS with the REALTOR association Certified Executive (RCE) designation, which recognizes exceptional efforts made by the REALTOR association executives.

Dodson is one of 416 REALTOR association executives in the country who have achieved this mark of excellence. Local and state association executives who hold the RCE designation represent more than 750,000 REALTORS® in 51 states/territories.

Prior to becoming a candidate for the RCE designation, applicants must document their association management and academic experiences. Then, candidates must complete a multiple choice exam based on a comprehensive understanding of association operations and management practices. Candidates must demonstrate knowledge of areas critical to REALTOR association management, including association law, governance and issues related to member services. To retain the designation, RCEs must be recertified every four years.

Dodson will receive an award plaque from representatives of the Maryland Association of REALTORS during an upcoming event.

Twigg achieves Certified Diabetes Educator status

The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators has announced that Geoff Twigg, board certified ambulatory care pharmacist at Apple Discount Drugs, achieved Certified Diabetes Educator status by successfully completing the Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators.

Candidates must meet rigorous eligibility requirements to be able to take the examination. Currently, there are more

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

Be wary of the consequences of making a wash sale

Usually a wash sale is the sale of a security (stocks, bonds and options) at a loss combined with the repurchasing of the same securities within 30 days before or after the sale. The



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reasoning behind the wash sale rules is that the IRS doesn't want taxpayers to control the timing of taxable losses when there is no significant change in the investment that the loss is being claimed.

Suppose you buy 100 shares of stock 5 years ago for \$10 per share and you want to hold this stock long-term as you see potential. Currently the value of the stock is \$5 per share, but you've realized some short term capital gains in your portfolio this year, and you want to reduce your tax liability. You decide to sell the Stock at \$5 per share and thus have a \$5 loss per share to offset your other capital gains. You then buy back the stock within 30 days of the sale at \$7 per share to keep your position for the long-term. The wash sale rule would disallow this \$5 loss and you would have to add it back to your cost basis of the new purchase. The result

is that you get no current tax benefit for the loss, and your new adjusted cost basis would be \$12 per share (\$7 cost plus \$5 loss). It is important to note that the ability to deduct this \$5 loss is merely deferred, not disallowed.

A frequent area where the wash sale rule is overlooked is with investing in dividend reinvestment programs (DRIP). In a DRIP the investor automatically reinvests dividends received in the same security on a recurring basis. If the investor sells a portion of his holding at a loss and maintains a position where a dividend is subsequently received and

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Twigg, with his new certification, joins John Motsko, certified diabetes educator, to help diabetic patients have a better understanding of their condition and how to improve their quality of life.

"Too many times patients with diabetes don't understand the drugs they are prescribed," said Twigg, who works in Berlin and Fruitland. "In addition to John Motsko's training and counseling, I will inform diabetics about the effects,

side-effects or interactions they may have with their medications to offer a more comprehensive plan for managing their disease."

For more information, e-mail Twigg at Geoff@appledrugs.com.

Berlin resident named chief of anesthesiology

Dr. Courtney Harris of Berlin has been promoted to chief of the anesthesiology department at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. The

announcement was made by Sheridan Healthcare, Inc., the leading anesthesia services provider in the country that provides anesthesia services at PRMC.

In his new position, Harris is responsible for ensuring the quality of the anesthesia and surgery departments, educating and developing the operating room staff and performing administrative duties.

Harris has been the director of obstetric anesthesiology at Peninsula Regional Medical Center since 2009, and in 2011 was named vice chief of the anesthesiology department by Sheridan

Healthcare.

He completed his residency, internship and obstetric anesthesiology fellowship at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile, Ala. and is a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Society for Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology and Maryland Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Harris also is a diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology.



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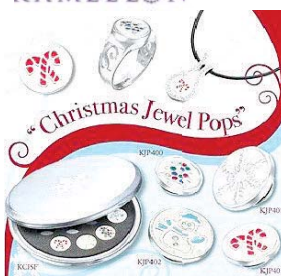
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Wash sales are not always a good idea, check with pros

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reinvested, the loss is disallowed and the cost of the reinvestment should be adjusted accordingly. This happens often with mutual fund holdings, as many typically reinvest their dividends and one way to prevent this is to take that year's dividends in cash, rather than reinvest.

The consequences of a wash sale are that you can't receive the loss as a deduction in the year the securities were sold; you "realize" the benefit of that

original loss in the year that you sell the replacement security; and your holding period of the "replacement" security includes the holding period of the original security.

Two strategies that are often used to offset the wash rule are buying the securities more than 30 days before the proposed sale or purchasing securities in the same sector, but not the same company.

It's important to be aware of the consequences of the wash sale rules. Al-

though you may think it is appropriate and makes economic sense, always speak with your tax or investment advisor first.

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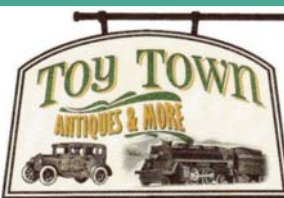
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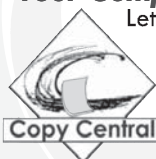
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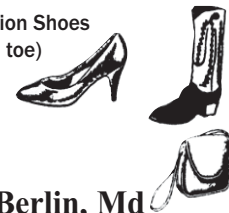
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OC push to change tax structure

Beyond their entertainment value, the workings and politics of Ocean City government are of little interest to residents who live elsewhere in Worcester County, at least until now.

That's because the resort mayor and City Council are fully behind another push to change the county's property tax structure so resort taxpayers would pay less to the county than everyone else.

The rationale behind their argument for a "tax differential" is simple: Ocean City taxpayers should not have to pay for county services they don't use because the resort is providing those same services. The amount they wouldn't have to pay the county is the "differential."

On a local level, that makes sense politically and financially. But on a larger scale, it poses a major problem for Worcester's other residents and governments.

The burden of making up this difference in revenue — \$13.8 million was the number in 2007, when Ocean City last pursued the differential — would fall on all those who don't live in the resort.

So, like it or not, Berlin and Ocean Pines, which have their own fees and levies to think about, have a major stake in how this turns out.

If taxpayers in these communities are paying more to cover the difference created by the reduction in taxes for resort residents, that would make it even more difficult for their governing bodies to raise revenue should the need arise.

Officials and taxpayers outside of Ocean City should take note.

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Respectfully submitted by,
Gwen L. Cordner, Chair
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Stop Agenda 21

A plan for the Sustainable Development of the earth, called Agenda 21 was adopted by the United Nations in 1992 and implemented by executive orders of Presidents Bush, Clinton and Obama. It has been adopted by federal agencies, in-

dustries, universities and non-governmental institutions and the principles of Agenda 21 have been infused in local land use planning concepts nationwide. The Comprehensive Development Plan for Worcester County is no. Had Agenda 21 underwent legislative review, congress might have taken exception to the radical concept that all property rights belong to governments who have unlimited power to deny the exercise thereof by its citizens. American founding principles affirm that the privilege to own land and determine it's used is a basic right of individual citizens protected by the constitution.

Following the concepts of Agenda 21, the Worcester County Comprehensive Plan forces all residential development in concentrated areas leaving larger areas "protected" from its own citizens. Federal, State and County governments owns and prevents the use and development of the resources of 211,000 acres here in Worcester County. Development is concentrated on 7.4% of the land and citizens are discouraged from rural living by oppressive and costly land use policies. Property owners are denied the economic benefit of their own land use and human behavior is forced to conform to wishes of

land planners. Free enterprise is destroyed by government policy, often in the name of preserving the environment. Property use decisions and the means of production are controlled by government bureaucrats. To further promote the concepts of Agenda 21 Senate Bill 236 "the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Act of 2012" requires all Maryland county governments to overlay existing zoning maps with four added tiers to prevent development in rural areas. Tier four limits residential development on 89,000 acres of Worcester County agricultural land to only one residential dwelling for every 20 acres. Forest land owners will fare no better. It's simply wrong to take property rights without compensation.

The County Commissioners have scheduled public information sessions regarding the new tier maps 5:00 to 7:00 Pm on November 26 at Pocomoke High School, November 27 at Stephen Decatur High School and November 29 at Snow Hill Recreation Center. However, the proper course of action would be to refuse to implement the state mandate, reject Agenda 21 and work to repeal SB 236.

R. Grant Helvey Sr
Ocean Pines

COMMENTARY

Economic development based on information, not PR

By Larry Hogan
The Daily Record Newswire

BALTIMORE — How should Maryland attract jobs in an economy defined by globalization, knowledge workers and the information age?

One way to help answer this question is to avoid getting tripped up on new economy buzzwords. Whether an economy is based on forging steel or splicing human DNA, a fundamental goal of economic development is constant — to attract jobs.

Reaching bipartisan policy consensus among the business community, the state legislature, the regulatory agencies and local governments is a daunting challenge, however.

Yet forging such a consensus protects us from harmful legislation, ill-conceived regulations and punitive fiscal policies that hinder job growth. These measures, however well-intended, must be evaluated in terms of their impact on hiring levels.

Fortunately, the state can play a leadership role. But first, Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development, which in state government parlance is known as DBED, must be reformed to become a credible source of information on the economy.

Once that happens, the department will speak with authority among various stakeholders in forming or amending government policies affecting business.

There is plenty of data available to measure Maryland's economic performance, including federal government statistics, business climate comparisons and even internal data the state itself collects.

The problem is that it's not available in one coherent format for anyone to see it, much less understand it. The result is that honest, open and transparent analysis of the state's economy is replaced by political talking points that are misleading, incomplete and in some cases outright wrong.

In this scenario, instead of attracting jobs, our economic development mission creeps into a marketing function for the governor, regardless of who is serving as the state's chief elected official.

Maryland does not need an advertising agency, it needs a dashboard — real-time monitoring on how the state is doing in maintaining its economic engine. This is the future of economic development in our nation, and Maryland must not be left behind.

The National Governors Association released a report this fall titled "Re-designing State Economic Development Agencies." The bipartisan organization's key recommendation is a performance-monitoring system. The NGA warns that the absence of such a system "imposes limitations on an agency's credibility and transparency —

two qualities necessary for maintaining the support of government leaders and private businesses."

This support helps everyone get on the same page in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the economy.

Maryland's economic development dashboard could be easily populated with data. There is a wealth of information available for such a dashboard. Business media outlets, financial service firms, think tanks and site selection consultants all report Maryland's business climate ranking compared with other states. These reports provide valuable insight into our state's tax structure.

For example, the data are precise enough to make informed comparisons about the corporate, individual income and sales tax burdens among the 50 states. Other factors that are evaluated include education levels, quality-of-life and the effectiveness of transportation networks.

The organizations disseminating this information aren't obscure. They are household names such as CNBC, Forbes, Ernst & Young, Moody's Investors Service and the Tax Foundation.

Other metrics that can be evaluated include IRS tax migration data, which shows how every Maryland county is doing in attracting taxpayer households and the aggregate income levels of people coming and going.

The U.S. Census collects data on the numbers of businesses in a state, broken down by the number of employees in those firms. The U.S. Department of Labor maintains data on hiring levels and unemployment rates going back years. Maryland's own Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation main-

tains files on plant closures and resulting job impacts.

This is the kind of open source information available that needs to be tied together, analyzed and made publicly available.

However, it should go beyond that. For example, DBED can determine why certain businesses left the state and what attracted others to come here.

In an era of federal retrenchment, DBED can determine which departments and agencies are most likely to receive funding in the years ahead and develop an economic strategy that takes advantage of Maryland's proximity to the nation's capital without overly depending on the public sector.

Transforming DBED from a political

marketing organization into a credible source of economic information is a first step toward driving a policy debate conducive to attracting jobs.

There is no state government department or agency in charge of providing economic statistics. DBED should develop a dashboard to see where we are going and how we are going to get there in the critical and never-ending effort to attract jobs to Maryland.

Larry Hogan is the chairman of Change Maryland, a nonpartisan, grassroots organization with 25,000 members that advocates for improving economic performance and common-sense governing solutions. His email address is lhogan@hogancompanies.com.

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Future books are planned by Henry

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Victorian tea fundraiser slated for Sunday, Dec. 9

BERLIN — A Victorian Tea Fundraiser, benefitting Berlin Main Street Christmas events and activities, is scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2012, from 3 to 5 pm in The Atlantic Hotel Ballroom.

Legend has it that the history of taking tea dates back to 2737 B.C. when Emperor, Shen Nung, made the discovery of leaves from a Camellia sinensis bush dropped in boiling water made a flavorful brew, and the concept of "tea" was born. Queen Victoria helped make the ritual of afternoon tea even more popular during the Victorian Era, when a proper tea was established.

A proper tea menu has been created by Chef Leo, The Atlantic Hotel's chef, and Staci Libby, former owner of Tea By The Sea Tea House for the fundraiser. Most teatime delicacies are

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The Sunday Victorian Tea will showcase a number of art hangings from Worcester County Arts Council, unique and lovely gifts from various Berlin businesses and Bustle will be previewing some new, exciting and glamorous holiday fashions for all ages.

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painting.

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CALENDAR

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

ONGOING EVENTS

BINGO NIGHT

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.

SQUARE DANCING

Wednesdays
Ocean Pines Community Center, 7:15-9:15 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call 410-208-6777.

SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
Shepherd's Nook Thrift Shop open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community Church, Rt. 589, Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

PINE'EER CRAFT & GIFT SHOP

Saturdays and Sundays
Pineëer Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by members.

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

Every first & third Saturday
Habitat for Humanity, 310 E. Market St., Snow Hill, 8 a.m. to noon. Building materials, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets, vanities, fixtures, furniture and more. Selection and prices vary depending on inventory. Proceeds fund the Flower Street, Berlin house construction.

STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-208-4014.

KIWANIS CLUB

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

DELMARVA CHORUS

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

SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS

Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month except for July, August and December at

the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

SANCTIONED BRIDGE

Mondays: noon
Tuesdays: 10 a.m.
Weekly open duplicate Bridge games. Ocean Pines Community Center. Cost is \$5, special games \$6. 1 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month is Swiss Teams. Partners guaranteed. Info: Felicia Daly, 410-208-1272, Pat Kanz, 410-641-8071.

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Fridays
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.

BEACH SINGLES

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

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
On the corner of West and Main streets. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

TACO NIGHT

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

BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus #9053, every second and fourth Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon.
\$8 per person, half price for 12 and younger. 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, rear St. Luke's Church. Info: 410-524-7994.

SI BOC GROUP

Second Tuesday of every month, the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines, 6 p.m. dinner, social time

meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Info: President Marty Cropper, 410-213-1592.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

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

AARP

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

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Meets the third Wednesday of every month 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or www.jesses paddle.org

WEEKLY SALE

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Skyline Bar & Grille at The Fenwick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing until 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Mondays
Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

ELKS BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start

6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

FIRESIDE CHAT

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

NAACP UNIT 7029 MEETING

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 6:15-8:15 p.m. Election of officers will be held. Regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

BINGO

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY

White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 6:30 p.m. As part of Ocean Pines' Old-Fashioned Christmas, individuals, families, community organizations and businesses have sponsored and decorated trees throughout White Horse Park. Tree-lighting ceremony will feature local choral groups, bell-ringers and visit from Santa. Info: Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department, 410-641-7051.

PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN

In conjunction with Ocean Pines' tree-lighting ceremony at White Horse Park, the Pineëer Craft and Gift Shop will be open from 5:30-8 p.m. Shop features handcrafted home decor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by Pineëer Craft Club members.

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS EVENING AND COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

In front of City Hall, 101 Clarke Ave., Pocomoke, 5-9 p.m. Highlights include Mayor Bruce Morrison's annual Christmas tree lighting, Santa Claus house, bonfire with s'mores, live entertainment, wine tastings, horse-drawn carriage rides, free hot dogs and kids activities. Info: www.downtownpocomoke.com

WORCESTER CHORALE'S FALL CONCERT

Atlantic United Methodist

Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 7 p.m. The Worcester Chorale presents holiday concert concluding with "Handel's Christmas Messiah: A Cantata." Refreshments served. Info: 302-524-8084.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL OPERA

Delaware Technical Community College, Arts & Science Center's theatre, Owens Campus, located at the intersections of Route 113 and Seashore Highway, Route 18/404 in Georgetown, Del., 7 p.m. Washington National Opera will showcase Domingo-Cafritz Young Artists Program, which guides young artist on the verge of international careers. Tickets cost \$11 for adults and free to those 18 and younger. Advance purchase is recommended at www.freemanstage.org.

'IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS: THE MUSICAL'

Possum Hall, 441 Old Laurel Road, Georgetown, Del., 8 p.m. Performance by the Possum Point Players. Tickets cost \$23 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Tickets: www.possumpointplayers.org or 302-856-4560.

SANTA'S SHOPPING SPREE

Captain's Table Restaurant inside the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street, Ocean City, 5-9 p.m. This ladies' night out will feature more than 15 local vendors including Arbonne, Dolle's Candies, Be Mom Couture, Saltwater Style, Stella and Dot, Park Place Jewelers, Ish, Thirty-One Bags and more. Admission is free and there are drink specials all night. Light hors d'oeuvres and a Basket of Holiday Cheer raffle. A portion of the proceeds benefit Atlantic General Hospital. Info: 410-289-7192.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

CRAFT SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Worcester County Commission on Aging, 4767 Snow Hill Road, Snow Hill, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Homemade vegetable beef soup and deli wrap with beverage for \$6. Free admission to craft show. Vendors interested in a booth, can call Brandy Trader, 410-632-0111. Proceeds to toward the Worcester Adult Medical Day Services.

GOLF TOURNEY

20th Annual Santa's Open, presented by East Coast Underground, Inc. & GS Technologies, 10 a.m. Breakfast, dinner, award and silent auction at 4 p.m. River Run Golf Club. \$75 per golfer plus one new un-

wrapped gift for a child 7-17. Details and registration, 410-543-2447 ext. 225.

37TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN BRIDGEVILLE CRAFT SHOW

Woodbridge High School, 307 Laws Street, Bridgeville, Del., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 60 vendors selling a large assortment of holiday gift items. Also a raffle for a Panasonic 42" High Definition television. Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the Bridgeville Historical Society. Info: Mike and Joanne Collison, 302-337-7784 or doerun@verizon.net.

8TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Mango's, Garfield Parkway and the Boardwalk in downtown Bethany Beach, Del., 7-11 p.m. Featuring tastings from favorite area restaurants, beer, wall of wine and Mangoritas, live music by Electric Velvet, silent auctions, dancing and a Caribbean cruise raffle. Proceeds benefit CHEER Inc's Meals on Wheels program and the Quiet Resorts Charitable Foundation scholarship and grant programs. Tickets cost \$60 and may be purchased at Beach Liquors, Bethany Beach Books, The Cottage Cafe, Di Febo's, Di Febo's Bistro at Bear Trap, Just Hooked, Off the Hook, Mango's and Sedona. For "will call" tickets, visit www.qrcf.org or call 302-537-QRCF (7723). Info: info@QRCF.org. Purchases are tax-deductible.

OCEAN CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

The parade starts at 100th Street and marches northbound in the southbound lanes of Coastal Highway to the Gold Coast Mall at 115th Street, 11 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. Featuring more than 80 units including high school bands, horses, llamas, antique cars and colorful holiday floats. Trophies will be awarded into the mall following the parade. There will be plenty of seating in the parking lot of the Gold Coast Mall. To participate, call Elaine Jarvis, 410-524-9000 or Honijarvis@cs.com. There is no charge to participate.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas shopping with local vendors including Country Crafts, Sea Shell Jewelry, Rada Cutlery, Miche Bags, Wreaths, Gifts in a Jar, Homemade Scarves and Hats, Thirty One Bags, Scentsy, Premier Jewelry, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Celebrating Home,

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Rope Bracelets and Mary Kay Cosmetics. Lunch and bake sale available. Info: Kathy Davis, 443-235-6761 or Vicky Nock, 443-735-9222.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Julia A. Purnell Museum, 208 W. Market St., Snow Hill, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Old-fashioned holiday party with refreshments, music and children's activities. Admission. Info: Claire otterbein, 410-632-0515, mail@purnellmuseum.com or www.purnellmuseum.com.

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. World bid qualifier for USASF Dance Worlds. Event open to both cheer and dance teams. Registration for participants. Admission for spectators. Info: www.cheeranddanceextreme.com.

'IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS: THE MUSICAL'

Possum Hall, 441 Old Laurel Road, Georgetown, Del., 8 p.m. Performance by the Possum Point Players. Tickets cost \$23 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Tickets: www.possumpointplayers.org or 302-856-4560.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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FURNACE TOWN USHERS IN HOLIDAY SEASON

Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum, Old Furnace Road in Snow Hill, noon to 5 p.m. Visit artisans at their workplace as they weave, make broom products and pound iron at the forge. Also featuring the Paul Leifer Nature Trail; the Gathering Room with mulled cider and cookies; and the Museum Store with treasures made by Furnace Town's artisans, books and toys of yesteryear. Crafts for kids, homemade breads and cookies, jewelry, wooden crafts and antiques. Local authors Andy Nunez, Jean DuNord and Gracie Ayers will be set up for book signings. The 19th Century Christmas Service will be held at 7 p.m. in the historic Old Nazareth Church. An offering is taken for the relief of suffering in the community. Furnace Town's daily admission is \$5 for adults, \$4.50 for those 61 and older and AAA, \$3 for children ages 2-18 and children 1 and younger are admitted free. The

evening church service is free. Info: 410-632-2032.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, located at the south end of the Boardwalk, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit the museum, free of charge, and check out the gift shop. Many unique items for holiday shopping. All are welcome. Info: Sandy Hurley, 410-289-4991 or www.ocmuseum.org.

'IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS: THE MUSICAL'

Possum Hall, 441 Old Laurel Road, Georgetown, Del., 2 p.m. Performance by the Possum Point Players. Tickets cost \$23 for adults and \$22 for students and seniors. Tickets: www.possumpointplayers.org or 302-856-4560.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Worcester Preparatory School, 508 S. Main St., Berlin, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homemade baked goods, a café and coffee bar, a Chinese auction, children's activities, a silent auction, a vast array of gifts for all ages, a "Second Time Around" shop, as well as great raffle items. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be on hand. The school chorus will end the day with a performance of traditional Christmas music.

'HOLIDAY JOY' CONCERT

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Featuring the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and guest artists Jessica Bachicha, soprano, and dancers from VT Dance. Performing classical music and traditional seasonal favorites. Tickets cost \$40 for adults, \$15 for students and \$5 for children 11 and younger. Tickets: 888-846-8600, 410-289-3440 or www.midatlanticsymphony.org.

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HOTS FOR TOTS CHILI COOKOFF

Greene Turtle, West Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. More than 25 chili entries. Judging by patron participation. Best of Show Award for best dressed area. Cookoff is a toy drive for the Ocean City Police Department's Needy 2012 and a fund drive for the Worcester G.O.L.D. families. Info: 410-213-1500, www.ocphc.com or ocphc@comcast.net.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS DINNER, CONCERT

Featuring a gourmet dinner at Berlin's Atlantic Hotel at 6 p.m., followed by a candlelight concert in the 1832 Calvin B. Taylor House. Featured musicians are the Salisbury String Trio. Reservations are required by contacting 410-641-1019 or taylorhousemuseum@verizon.net.

HAND DANCING

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

SNOW HILL CHRISTMAS PARADE

In downtown Snow Hill, the parade will start at 7 p.m., register by 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Snow Hill Lion's Club and merchants in Snow Hill. Info: Bill Dennis, 410-742-9089 or Barry Laws, 410-632-3971. Rain date is Dec. 5.

CPAP MASK FITTING

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

HYPERTENSION CLINICS

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

WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY SEMINAR

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, 6-7 p.m. All welcome. Info: Darby Schaub, 410-641-9703.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

'HOLIDAY WRAPPINGS'

Fashion Show and Luncheon to benefit American Cancer Society, Roland E. Powell Convention Center, Ocean City. Tickets \$40.00 available online at www.acsholidaywrappings.com For more information email dpappo@aol.com or 443-880-2310.

A HOLIDAY TASTE OF SNOW HILL

Evening begins with a wine tasting at Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft and Wine. Next stop is Harvest Moon Tavern for appetizers, then The Palette Bistro for salad and entrée. End evening at The Blue Dog for holiday music along with cheese, fruit and Miss Patti Cake cupcakes. Tickets cost \$50. Cash bar. Reservations required (5 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.) by calling 410-632-3555. Proceeds support downtown music events.

PLAYTIME

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. For children ages infant to 5 years. Foster creativity and confidence with age appropriate toys, games and activities. Develop cognitive, physical and social skills through this interactive, free play program. Info: 410-957-0878.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS

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

YOGA

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

STORY TIME

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3-5 years. Stories,

rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-524-1818.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DAY FOR THE HOMELESS

Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 Main St., Berlin, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Face-to-face time with groups that offer services and assistance such as medication, food, housing/utility, counseling, treatment, dental and others. Free meals, clothing and personal hygiene products such as soap and toothpaste will be available. Info: Jessica Sexauer, 410-632-1100, Ext. 1025. Donations of full-size hygiene products needed. For donation pick-ups or to receive a donation box, call Donna Taylor at 410-641-4598. Sponsored by Local Management Board & Worcester County Homeless Resource Committee.

GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST

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

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THURSDAY, DEC. 6

BERLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE

Forty-second annual parade will commence at 7 p.m. at the Berlin Fire Company. Will travel along North Main Street, and conclude at the corner of South Main and Tripoli streets. Featuring 80 entries, including floats, marching and performing units, fire companies, vehicle clubs, motorcycles and equestrian. Info: JoAnn Unger, 410-641-3858 or Sharon Timmons, 410-629-1716. Rain date is Dec. 13.

BARISTA AND BOOKS

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3-5 years and their caregivers. Stories, crafts, cocoa and pastries for children. Freshly brewed coffee for parents. Info: 410-208-4014.

STORY TIME

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YOUNG AND RESTLESS

Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3-5 years. Creative science, art and music activities. Dress for a mess. Pre-registration required by calling 410-632-3495.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Captain's Table Restaurant, located on the lobby level of the Courtyard by Marriott on 15th Street, Ocean City, 11:30 a.m. Choice of one of three entrées with a dessert of chocolate brownie a la mode for a cost of \$22 (taxes and gratuities included). Info: Sharon Stockman, 410-279-3355.

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SNAPSHOTS



HOW BAZAAR?

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Preparatory School Assistant Director of Development Betsy Hornung, Berlin, is coordinating the school's annual Christmas Bazaar to be held Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



DEF DONATION

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Kat Harting (left), Delmarva Education Foundation board member, presents a check for \$18,895.38 to Mike Pennington, president of the Delmarva Education Foundation board of directors, on Nov. 15. The donation represents the final portion of a \$175,000 bequest to the Delmarva Education Foundation from the estate of Dr. Donald Harting, the organization's founder.



TREE DECORATING

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pine'er Craft Club Decorates Tree for Old Fashioned Christmas in White Horse Park. Photo: Luz Castillo, Janet Rosensteel, Ann Prince, Nancy Welsh, Sis LeGates and Margaret Lamphier



DIAKONIA DONATION

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Coastal Delmarva Chapter of Women's Council of Realtors presented Susan Blaney, Volunteer Coordinator for Diakonia, donations gathered during its Thanksgiving Baskets of Blessings campaign. Pictured from left to right are Patti Feeheley, Gwen Cordner, Dawn Holloway, Sharon Curtiss, Julie Sadler and Susan Blaney (Debbie Tingle not pictured).



RELIEF

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Showell Elementary students, Tanner Haley, Marlie Scott, Joshua Blume and Kolten Zender help organize all the goods that the Showell Elementary community collected to help people who suffered from Hurricane Sandy. Showell's PTA added sodas and bottled water left over from their Fall Festival. This lesson in community helped teach students about what being a community member means with a real life example.



KEY CLUB

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Salisbury Key Club ran a food drive in support of West Ocean City's Diakonia. For over a week before Thanksgiving, the Key Club, Kiwanis at the high school level, collected canned foods and toiletries donated by teachers, students and their families. Pictured are four Key Clubbers from The Salisbury School with a van loaded with goods. (L to R) Scott DeLawder, Robert Usab, Genevieve Kennett and Samuel Kennett helping to make a Happy Thanksgiving at Diakonia.

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PUZZLES

A LITTLE EXTRA By Jeff Chen / Edited by Will Shortz

Note: Fourteen symmetrically placed answers in this puzzle are each missing a part ... which can be found elsewhere in the grid.

Across

1 It might appear on a spine

6 In the thick of

10 The “C” of FDIC: Abbr.

14 Muslim moguls

19 “The Wrestler” actress

20 Trio on camels

21 The brother in “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

22 Monosyllabic state

23 Bialys

25 Fussy about rules

27 Wrestling achievement

28 Cup holder

29 Rain-forest flora

30 Contrail source, once: Abbr.

31 Jurassic suffix

33 Novel writing, e.g.

34 Key in a chain, maybe

35 Two of them make a sawbuck

36 Having everything one needs

38 Victoria’s Secret purchase

39 Walk, e.g.

40 Whiz

41 Tormentors of a sort

44 Goat’s cry

45 Carrier letters?

46 Je ne sais quoi

49 His tomb is a pilgrimage site for both Muslims and Jews

51 Occupy, as a booth

53 To whom it is said “Something is rotten in the state of Denmark”

54 Danish, e.g.

56 Grave letters

57 Big Red Machine hustler

58 Four-time role for Patrick Stewart

60 Almost every man in the world has one

62 Myrna of “Cheaper by the Dozen”

64 Indeed

65 Followers of a boom?

72 More precise alternative to scissors

80 Largest moon in the solar system

81 Bottom line, maybe

83 “You try!”

84 Decrees

85 Neighbor of Niger

87 One of a pair of drums

88 Lunar mission commanded by Thomas P. Stafford

89 Ad ____

90 Frat.’s counterpart

92 Cousins of honey badgers

93 Morgan le ____ (Arthurian sorceress)

94 “The Labors of Hercules” painter Guido

95 Marquee name

97 Kauaian ring

98 Mmes. of España

100 Wipe out, in surfing lingo

101 Converted into bundles for a loft

103 Thwarter of HAL

106 Spank but good

107 Allure

108 1970s-’80s F.B.I. sting

110 Xanthippe, e.g.

111 A spy will often cross them

113 Widely used term declared “undignified” by John Paul II

115 Liquefy

116 Part of N.B.

117 Squared up

118 Nutcases

119 Centuries, e.g.

120 Grab, with “onto”

121 “What ____?”

122 Wield, as influence

4 Excommunicator of Martin Luther

5 German one

6 Dangerous liaisons, often

7 1992 Denzel Washington title role

8 Spanish churches

9 Sorry state

10 Script writer’s study?

11 Like a good butler

12 King’s things

13 Quest of the astronomer Percival Lowell

14 Athos, Porthos and Aramis, e.g.

15 Beano competitor

16 Reaches a nadir

17 Ouzo herb

18 Quakers and Shakers

24 Snoop Lion’s genre

26 Muscle below a delt

32 Smell like

35 Triple Crown jockey Eddie

37 Rubbish

40 Cuts back on

41 Dickens schemer

42 Shade of bleu

43 Dates

46 Pic

47 Seine tributary

48 Sushi bar topping

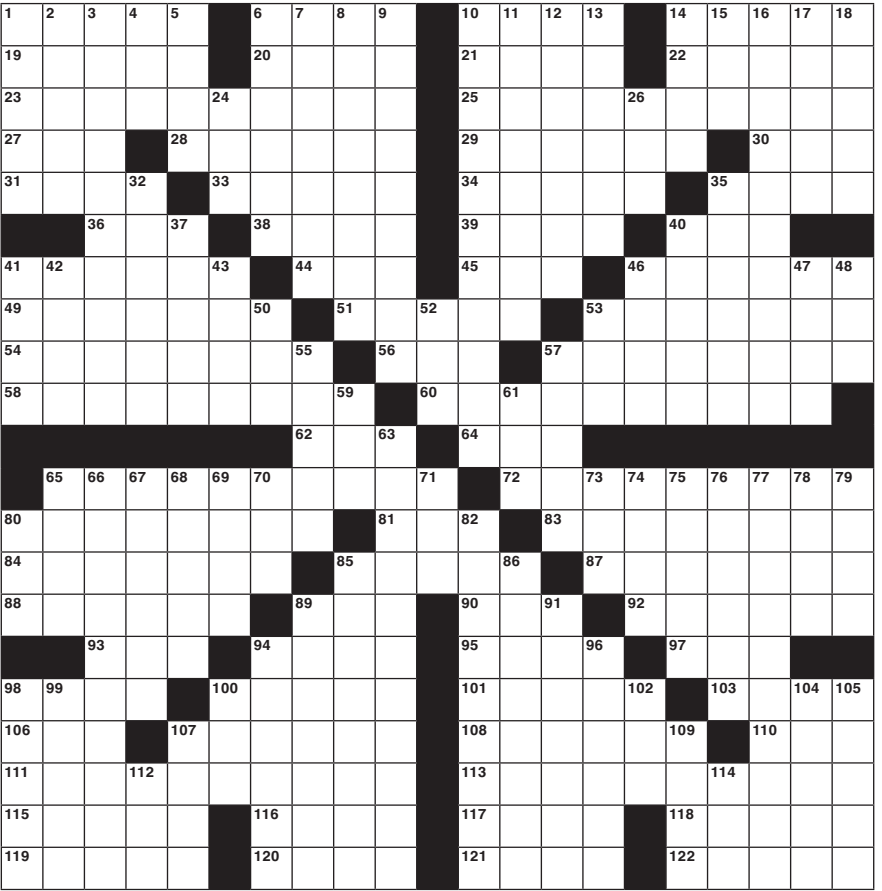
50 Part of U.N.L.V.

52 One of the X’s in X-X

53 Hesitate in speech

55 Nick of “Cape Fear”

For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.



- 57 Hunt in the wrong place?

59 Révolution target

61 Actor Stephen

63 Mustachioed cartoon character

65 Fictional writer in a John Irving best seller

66 Historical transition point

67 South African antelopes
- 68 Simon & Garfunkel’s “For ____, Whenever I May Find Her”

69 City near Virginia City

70 YouTube video lead-ins

71 Hebrew N

73 Bit of ink, slangily

74 Sheep’s genus

75 Turkey’s Atatürk

76 Caught
- 77 Summer cooler

78 Clichéd prison contraband item

79 Verb with “vous”

80 Indian tourist haven

82 Malformed

85 Pamper, say

86 Willing to consider

89 Vitamin A

91 Novelty glasses

94 G’s opposite

96 Fresh
- 98 Measures

99 Accumulated

100 Print option: Abbr

102 Part of a horse’s pedigree

104 Knight’s attribute

105 Discharge

107 Observes

109 Plant, maybe

112 Comic book mutants

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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

6	1	3	9	7	4	5	8	2
2	4	5	1	8	3	7	9	6
8	7	9	5	2	6	4	3	1
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3	2	6	8	1	7	9	4	5
9	6	1	3	5	8	2	7	4
7	8	4	2	6	9	1	5	3
5	3	2	7	4	1	8	6	9

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Naan can beat this recipe for such a fowl pizza

It's not often that I get to go out and 'paint the town'!

On Monday Night, I had the pleasure of escorting my mother to The Shark in West Ocean City as they were holding an artisan fair of sorts.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Started as a celebration of the seasons last year by Jody (unknownst to my mother), the fair spotlights some of the best artists from the area to include painters, pot-

ters and jewelers.

As it was also Pizza Night at The Shark, we only had to look at the menu once to decide what our munchables would be,

And the pizzas did not disappoint.

I started with a Bison pizza; one that was good but in hindsight wouldn't hold a candle to the duck pizza.

Slathered with various aged cheeses, the duck pizza nestled on a homemade naan was an outstanding choice on my part, if I do say so myself.

As Travis is holding his cards close to his chest on this one, I have to kind of make it how I would have envisioned him doing it. Alright, you win. You know me better than that.

I am going to throw a couple of twists in there, but nothing complicated. I am going to make a pizza that will compare to his, but will be a good exercise for any number of reasons.

One of the items on my pizza was thinly sliced red chili peppers, and here I have one small change. I like to use Peppadews which are a tad on the sweet side. Just buy a jar or pickle your own; just make them sweet. If you are lucky, you can find them on a number of the local olive bars at the grocery store. Just pick some out.

If you try to make this pizza, and you should, take your time with the Naan. Follow the steps carefully and skillfully. If you par cook the rounds they can be frozen and then be pulled out as needed.

The Naan batter reminds me of a true English muffin recipe between the baking soda and the yeast. There is an entirely different dimension of flavor that emerges that affords us with a touch of sourdough nuance in a flatbread.

And when it is time to make the duck confit, be sure to not make the oil too hot. You do not want this meat from the legs and thighs to crisp up just yet. They will get that way with some time in the oven.

I can still imagine the taste of the duck pizza from last night. I just hope that we



get invited next year so that we can do it all over again.

Duck Pizza

Per pizza
1 8-inch Naan (recipe follows)
Cuke sauce (recipe follows)
Aged Cheddar
Parmesan Cheese
Fresh Mozzarella
Duck Confit (recipe follows)
Peppadew Peppers

Naan

Makes 6 naan
1 packet yeast
2 tsp. sugar
2 c. AP Flour
1 tsp. Kosher salt
1/4 tsp. baking powder
3 Tbsp. Greek yogurt
2 Tbsp. EV olive oil
1. Combine the yeast, sugar and 3/4 c. warm water in a bowl. Allow to sit for five to ten minutes or until the yeast starts to foam

2. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl and add the yeast, stirring well. It will be sticky

3. Place in a warm area and allow to sit for 2-3 hours

4. Pinch the dough into six equal sized balls

5. Cover with flour to prevent sticking and then roll each one out to 8 inches long and about 6 inches wide

6. Cook on a hot cast iron pan or on a grill if you want to make it even more rustic

7. Cook both sides and place on plate until ready to serve

Cuke Sauce

Makes 2 cups
1/2 ea. English cucumber, skin and seeds intact
Juice of 1/2 lemon
1 tsp. Sherry vinegar
S&P as needed
1 c. Fage Greek yogurt
1. Blend all ingredients into a puree and set aside until ready to use

Duck Confit

Makes 1#
3# Chicken legs and thighs
Duck fat or oil to cover
1 piece bacon, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves
1 sprig Rosemary
2 spring thyme
1. Combine all ingredients in a small round pan so oil will cover the ingredients
2. Bring to a low simmer and allow to cook for hours or until the meat falls off the bone
3. Carefully remove from the fat and wait until the duck is safe to handle
4. Pick meat from the duck bones when ready and set aside

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