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## Container law revised for Berlin

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

BERLIN — In what Mayor Gee Williams referred to as “simply a housekeeping item,” the Town Council voted this week to change the container laws.

What made it a housekeeping item was the fact that, during special events, people who purchased drinks at the Atlantic Hotel or those who received a small glass of wine during events such as Holiday Arts Night or 2nd Friday tended to walk around town with their beverages. It has always been a kind of quietly accepted fact that the rules banning this practice were not thoroughly enforced, especially given that public drunkenness never became a problem at large events.

“People come here for these events,” Williams said. “We’re just updating this ordinance to reality.”

During this year’s inaugural Octoberfest, sponsored by the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, the difficulty with continuing to only partially enforce the rules became an issue that required resolution.

The Town approved a beer garden for the event and the combination of its high attendance rate and the limited space it was allowed prompted the Chamber to seek its expansion for next year. Set up on Jefferson Street between the Atlantic Hotel and the Water’s Edge Gallery, the beer garden was the only place the beverages were allowed.

People attending were forced to keep within the gated area while they had beer. Feet away, those who’d purchased beer or

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The trades classes at Worcester Technical High School worked together to prepare a float highlighting their skills for tonight’s Berlin Christmas Parade. The parade begins 7 p.m. and runs the length of Main Street, north to south.

## Berlin awaits 41st Christmas parade

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

BERLIN — This evening, for the 41st time in as many years the Berlin Lions Club-sponsored Christmas Parade will roll down Main Street. Themed “A Berlin Hometown Christmas” the event will feature 80 entries competing for trophies in 15 judged categories.

Gail West, who has chaired the parade for the Berlin Lions Club for the last dozen years said that, for her, the parade is a different kind of pleasure. West is a childcare professional and has watched two generations of Berlin kids grow up in the parade. There was a time that she saw children who were in her charge marching. Now she sees their children — many of her wink

rather than wave to avoid violating parade rules — as they pass the grandstand.

“It makes you feel proud,” she said.

This year, West said, there will be floats that include live nativity scenes, animals and all, as well as the usual impressive display by the junior ROTC from Stephen Decatur High School.

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# Tech students show off their parade skills

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The local high school bands are all expected to compete but the group of kids from Worcester Technical School will be sending a completely different kind of entry. Worcester Tech is made up of students from all the county schools and, instead of a band, will participate by constructing a float highlighting an important aspect of the school's mission — the trades.

HVAC teacher Butch Azbell, masonry teacher Robert Land, residential electronics teacher J.P. Atkins, and carpentry teacher Ed Stough combined their classes to put together a float that best exemplifies the trade students' capabilities. This is the second year the school has had an entry. Last year, the float was packed to the edges with students representing every discipline. This year, Azbell said, the staff and administration thought it would be better to more appropriately divide the career tracks to they stood in relief against one another.

"We did it to help generate school spirit," Azbell said. "And also to let the people of the county have a chance to see what the kids are doing here."

For their part the kids are both enthu-

siastic and proud of their accomplishments. The float will look like a "roughed in" home. Roughed in is a term that shows partial construction. In the case of the Worcester Tech float, it will demonstrate what each aspect of a home looks like — from the foundation to the attic HVAC systems — as it undergoes construction.

The construction trades may be getting the float but the rest of the school is participating as well. Each of the divisions — Skills USA, which is the medical division, the Future Business Leaders of America and the Future Farmers of America — will take part in the parade.

Especially for the Berlin Christmas Parade, the Future Farmers of America will have a fully restored tractor riding along behind the float. The farm machine was restored by the students in the organization over the past few years and was completed just last year, according to agriculture teacher Will Warren. Warren credited members of the senior class for the restoration they had overseen for the better part of their tenure in the program.

Worcester Tech along with the other groups and businesses will be judged by both professional judges, from the Mid-Atlantic Judges Association.



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**Property Overview:**  
**Property Type:** Four Combined Lots for Development – Waterfront/Water view  
**Total Site Size:** 9.6 Acres +/-  
**Zoning:** AR, Agricultural/Residential District  
**Tax Parcel:** Parcels 78.03, 78.06, 78.07, 72  
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**Time:** 11:00 AM  
**Property and Auction Location:** 30909 Peppers Creek Road, Dagsboro, Delaware 19939  
**Property Overview:**  
**Property Type:** Brick Rancher - Waterfront  
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**Total Site Size:** 2.0 Acres +/-  
**Zoning:** AR-1 **Amenities:** Pier, Fireplace and Patio  
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**Property and Auction Location:** Vines Creek Marina 32213 Blue Crab Road (off of Peppers Creek Road) Dagsboro, Delaware 19939  
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**Property Type:** Marina on Vines Creek  
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# Non-profits expected to benefit from rule change

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wine at the Atlantic Hotel's courtyard bar had no such restrictions. The fact highlighted the difficulty in only partly and arbitrarily enforcing the open container law during massive events.

"We're trying to be competitive in all manner of things," Williams said. "Octoberfest far exceeded our expectations and the chambers."

Proposed not long after the Octoberfest with the intention of having passage and approval in time for this year's New Year's Eve celebration, the new open container law allows groups to petition the Town Council to suspend the alcohol rules as part of an approved event, rather than just suspending them generally.

Williams credited the police department's discretion when it came to enforcing the open container laws but said the conflict needed to be eliminated.

Should a group hold a town wide event and want to provide or sell alcohol, the rules give them the opportunity to ask the Mayor and Council for permission, which is not necessarily granted.

Just as when a group petitions both the Mayor and Council and Maryland State Highway Authority before securing a street closing for an event, the Town's approval is only a part of open container process. Petitioners will still have to get a one day license from the Worcester County Liquor Control Board (LCB) and meet all of the other standards required of these kind of events.

Also, as with street closures, the Town will require any event petitioning for the container law suspension to delineate the area the suspension would affect and monitor that area to ensure no alcohol goes beyond those borders.

Elaine Brady, President of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, said the group would commit to making sure there were plenty of volunteers on hand to check identification, pour beer and monitor the exits for any events the Chamber sponsors.

As part of a policy change, the Council ordered the one-day event permit be altered to include an injunction against bottles and other glassware as part of the event as well as making it explicit in the law.

"That way it's right there, right when it's needed to remind everybody," Williams said.

Gail Lewis, who owns the Water's Edge Gallery, asked the Council about

who would be permitted to sell alcohol at these events. Although the law says liquor license holders and non-profits, it wasn't clear whether someone who has a business in Berlin and a liquor license somewhere else in the county could apply for an exemption.

This gave Williams and Town staffers a chance to clarify that the Town had no control whatever over the sale of alcohol, only of the enforcement of the open container laws. Any special licenses could only be issued by and at the discretion of the county. And every event has to be approved each time.

The clarification brought up questions about how other town businesses were affected by the rule change, specifically the Globe which recently received special permission from the County to have an outdoor bar on Broad Street during the New Year's Eve festivities.

In an attempt to remain competitive during an event where everyone would rather be in front of her restaurant and bar rather than inside it, Globe owner Jennifer Dawicki petitioned for and received a one-day permit for off premise alcohol from the LCB. Even though the Globe will be able to serve from their own fenced-in area on New Year's Eve only the open container laws are suspended, not the liquor service rules.

As it stands, those with liquor licenses are still bound by the constraints in their licenses even though their patrons are not bound by the Town's rules for consumption. So, for example, should someone purchase a beer at the Globe and walk out onto the street during a town wide event for which the open container law has been suspended, the Globe could be cited by the LCB but the patron would be exempt from any citation. The distinction seemed a little off to Councilwoman Paul Lynch and she got clarification from Town Administrator Tony Carson.

"So this doesn't help her one little bit?" Lynch asked.

"No," Carson said.

"So all this does is help [Police Chief] Arnold [Downing]," she said.

The primary affect of the new law will allow the Berlin Police Department to focus their energies on enforcing the law rather than crowd control without enforcement. The new rules take affect immediately and will likely have its first test during the Dec. 31 New Year's Eve in Berlin.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### UMES fire

PRINCESS ANNE — Deputy State Fire Marshals have concluded their investigation into the origin and cause for the two alarm fire that caused an estimated \$6.5 million in damages to a large nursery greenhouse owned by the University of Maryland.

On Sunday the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office was requested to investigate a two alarm fire involving the 113,000 sq. ft. nursery greenhouse owned by the University of Maryland. The property is currently being leased by U. S. Orchids Laboratory and Nursery, Inc.

The blaze was brought under control within two hours by approximately 50 firefighters from Princess Anne, Deale Island, Mount Vernon, Crisfield, Fairmount, Fruitland and Allen Volunteer Fire Departments. No injuries were reported during the incident. Approximately 100,000 orchids were damaged during the blaze.

Investigators determined the fire originated on the interior of the structure in a pile of Sphagnum Moss. The cause of the fire was the result of spontaneous combustion, which ignited nearby stacks of plastic containers that contributed to the spread of the blaze.

### Community Alert Siren

SNOW HILL — Worcester County emergency alert signals will sound from area fire sirens for approximately one minute beginning 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

The signals are tested the first Saturday of each month. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens would be used as additional means to warn the surrounding communities of imminent danger and the need to tune to either radio, television or the internet for information.

### Homelessness grants

ANNAPOLIS — Gov. Martin O'Malley last week announced the award of more than \$578,000 to 48 homelessness shelters across the state through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's Emergency Solutions Grant program.

Shelters in Worcester County received nearly \$40,000 of that with Diakonia Inc. getting \$24,600 and Samaritan Ministries, \$12,400.

Emergency Solutions Grants help local jurisdictions and nonprofit organizations provide emergency and transitional housing services for homeless individuals and families in 21 Maryland jurisdictions.

Last year, the agencies funded by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development helped 7,389 individuals.

In addition to emergency shelter, the grants help fund support services to help individuals and families find long-term affordable housing solutions — a key component of the governor's plan to end homelessness by 2015.

"These grants support a broad range of housing and services — from street outreach and safe havens for those with serious health conditions and mental illness to transitional and permanent homes that families need to start rebuilding their lives," said DHCD Secretary Raymond A. Skinner. "These services are more important than ever as families struggle to remain afloat in this economic crisis."

### Migratory fish

SILVER SPRING — The National Marine Fishing Service recently announced its intent to exempt fishing permits, Scientific Research Permits, Display Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment, and Chartering Permits for the collection of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) in 2012. The HMS Management division seeks comment on the issuance of these permits, comments must be received on or before December 27.

The proposal may be viewed at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/EFPs/EFPs.htm>

### CFES grants

November 29, 2011 — The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) is encouraging local nonprofits to submit Letters of Inquiry for programs or projects that may qualify for grants from the Foundation's Small

Grants Program.

The Small Grants Program provides funding for nonprofit and faith-based community service organizations in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties to address a wide range of needs including pilot projects, emergencies, organizational improvement, capacity building, equipment purchases, as well as attendance at programs. Grants are typically in the \$200 - \$2,000 range.

The following programs/funds are part of the Small Grants Program: Technical Mini Grant Program, Help Your Neighbor Program, ShoreCAN Mini Grant Program, Chairman's Fund, Field of Interest Funds and Designated Funds

There is no deadline for submission. Letters of inquiry are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Following an initial review by the CFES staff, requests to the Small Grants Program will be referred to the appropriate CFES Fund, which may have additional application requirements. Interested applicants to CFES should review the guidelines for the Small Grants Program available at [www.cfes.org/grants](http://www.cfes.org/grants).

Any questions or comments should be directed to Erica Joseph, Program & Development Director, at [joseph@cfes.org](mailto:joseph@cfes.org) or call 410-742-9911.

### Curbside collection

BERLIN — The Town this week announced the dates and guidelines for the seasons bulk and yard waste pickup. Residents whose normal trash days are Tuesdays or Wednesdays will have their pickup on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Residents who have their normal trash pickup on Thursday will have bulk and yard waste pickup on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Regular household garbage is not part of this collection and the program excludes commercial and industrial properties.

Residents must have items for collection set out by 7 a.m. Materials placed for pick up at any other time will not be collected.

The town asks that residents place leaves, grass clippings, pine needles and cones, and garden waste in a paper bag,

plastic bag, or at a maximum a 30 gallon container.

They also request residents cut brush into 4 foot lengths and bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter.

Residents are asked not to mix in stones, rocks, metal, other inorganic matter, dirt, sod or other encumbrances and reminded that the curbside pick up of yard waste is intended for occupied residentially improved properties only.

Call Public Works 410-641-4001 for more information.

### Hydrant flushing

BERLIN — The Town of Berlin will be conducting its annual hydrant flush throughout Town 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6.

### Two charged with theft

OCEAN PINES — Two men were charged with theft as the result of an incident at the Ocean Pines Golf Course, which occurred Nov. 21.

Police charged Mathew Curtis, a 30-year-old white male of Bishopville, and Brian Jay Cathell, a 19-year-old white male of Berlin with one count of theft less than \$100. Both individuals were taken before a District Court Commissioner, and were released on personal recognizance, pending trial.

### Roguary and theft

OCEAN PINES — Ocean Pines Police arrested a man suspected of committing numerous thefts from vehicles in Ocean Pines.

The thefts occurred primarily in North Ocean Pines in between August 28 and September 20. Taken during the thefts were cash, GPS systems, and other miscellaneous items. Police charged Tristen Jon Kelly Archer, an 18-year-old white male of Ocean Pines, with two counts of theft from \$1,000 to \$10,000, six counts of theft under \$1,000, six counts of theft under \$100, once count of theft scheme from \$1,000-10,000 and once count of rogue and vagabond.

Archer was taken before a District Court Commissioner and was transported to the Worcester County Jail where he was being held on \$5,000 bond. This investigation is continuing and additional arrests are anticipated.



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## OBITUARIES

### Robert Walsh Watts

OCEAN CITY — Robert Walsh Watts, age 79, died Tuesday, Nov. 22 at his home. Born in Washington, D.C. he was the son of the late George Watts and Olga Sarton Watts.

He is survived by his wife, Bernadette L. Watts.

Watts was a United States Navy Veteran. He had worked as a bus driver in Ocean City for many years and was known as the "Trolley Man" for 20 years. He was a member of the American Legion, Masons and a Lifetime member of the Ocean City VFW.

He had a passion for living on the water.

Watts was a beloved husband and father. Along with his wife he is survived by a son, Jay P. Watts and his wife Lori; four grandchildren, Christopher Watts, Jessica Howard, Kristen Mack and Jason Mack; and 6 great grandchildren.

Services and Interment will be private and held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

### Thomas Moore Quigley

OCEAN PINES — Thomas Moore Quigley, age 83, died Tuesday, Nov. 22 at his home. Born in New York he was the son of the late William Quigley and Julia Moore Quigley.

He is survived by his wife Irmalee A. Quigley.

Quigley was a United States Navy Veteran.

He had worked for many years as a Foreman with Long Island Utilities. He was an avid golfer and had been a member of the New York Club.

Along with his wife he is survived by his daughters, Susan Devaney and her husband Mike, Linda Russ, and Judith Scharf and her husband Joseph; five step-children; twenty five grandchildren; one great grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

### Dorothy R. Melcher

SELBYVILLE, Del. — Dorothy Raum Melcher, age 89, died on Sunday, Nov. 25 at her Arrington Woods home in Selbyville.

Born in Chester County, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Ervin H. Raum, Jr. and Mary Werner Raum.

She is survived by her daughter Bonnie Piperno and her husband Dominic of Ocean City and her son, Robert P. Melcher and his wife Kathleen of Quakertown, Pa.

She was adored by her grandchildren Tiffany Caldwell, Robert C. Melcher, Matthew Piperno, and Brian P. Melcher, as well as her 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, Robert J. Melcher in June 2007.

Melcher was an active member of Ocean View Presbyterian Church where she participated in various Charity

events and Food Drives sponsored by the church.

She and her husband Bob enjoyed spending time with their family and the many friends they had met over the past 20 years while living here at the beach.

A memorial service will be held 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5th at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church, 67 Central Ave in Ocean View, DE.

A donation in her memory may be made to Delaware Hospice, Inc. located at 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

### JoAnne Donovan

BERLIN — JoAnne Barbara Wade (Mulcahy) Donovan, age 62 died Friday, Nov. 25 at her home.

Born in the Yukon Territory of Canada, she was the daughter of the late Theresa Lillian Burnett Wade and Joseph Albert Richard Wade. She is survived by her stepsons Christopher Ryan Donovan of Ocean City and Patrick Kevin Donovan of Arnold.



JoAnne Barbara Wade (Mulcahy) Donovan

Also surviving is a brother Martin Wade of League City Tx., a sister, Sandra Combs of Va., a nephew Jason and niece Megan, several great nieces and nephews.

Donovan had a career as an educator in Worcester County that spanned over 35 years, the number is staggering, upon reflection, when you think of the many young minds she had an impact on. She served on many school committees and was a respected member and past officer of the Eastern Shore Reading Council, where she worked diligently to encourage all teachers to join and support reading literacy.

Donovan had a close affiliation with Salisbury University for over three decades.

For many years she taught "Children's Literature" as an adjunct instructor. She was the co-director of the Eastern Shore Writing Project (an affiliate of the National Writing Project). Most recently, in conjunction with Salisbury University Teacher Education Department, she directed a Professional Development School site in Worcester County, supervised teacher candidate interns, and led the seminar course for these same prospective teachers.

Donovan made the most of every minute every day, there was no grass growing under her feet.

She was a faithful member of her beloved Stevenson United Methodist Church, was actively involved in her Ocean Pines community, was the program chair for the Friends of the Library, the secretary for the Berlin/Ocean City

Soroptimists, a volunteer at the Assateague Island National Sea Shore pony patrol, an active member of the Ocean Pines Garden Club and a new member of the Ocean Pines Boat Club.

Some of her many interests include travel, photography, trivia, music, book clubs, bike riding, love for critters, especially cats, weekly social events at her home and her arts and crafts.

Although everyone in "Jo's" life was important to her, she leaves behind some very special people, her precious God-daughter Jenna Bradford whom she loved very much, Jenna's family who embraced her as their own, all of her fellow teachers who became dear friends, especially John Cooley "who liked her the best", California Karen, New York Connie, Canada Anne, Mt. Joy Deb and Don.

Also her new friends in Ocean Pines, her best bud Pam and her favorite BIL Macky.

Donovan will be missed by many and the void of her passing will never be filled.

A memorial funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin.

Rev. Jay Hurley and Rev. Ron Shatz will officiate. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Friday, 4 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Interment will be private at a later date.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Berlin/Ocean City Soroptimists, 10129 Waterview Dr. Ocean City, MD 21842, Town Cats, 5 Windswept Drive, Berlin, MD 21811, Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21891 or Friends of the Worcester County Library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

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# Council approves ethics rules, confirms policies

## Lagoon at Newark site approved to go forward

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

BERLIN — This week the Town Council passed changes to ethics rules governing both the town staff and its elected officials.

During the resolution's first reading earlier this month, Town Administrator Anthony Carson told the Council that the changes would have little effect on the way the staff dealt with questions of propriety.

The rule changes make more explicit what kind of financial disclosure must be made, what gifts can be accepted and what must be reported.

According to Town Attorney David Gaskill the rules are, as required by the State of Maryland, in compliance with Senate bill 315. Councilwoman Paula Lynch asked if the Town could make the rules more stringent if it wished and Gaskill told her it could.

"These are minimum requirements," Gaskill said.

Her primary concern was whether the Berlin Ethics Committee could set its own policies or whether those policies were also handed down by the state.

Ethics Committee policies are not part of the law but rather established and approved independently of it.

Gaskill explained that the Berlin Ethics Committee has already set its own policies and that those policies had been sent to and approved of by the state.

Lynch wanted to make sure the town ethics committee had the power to make ethics inquiry findings public if they wished. Gaskill explained that the Ethics Committee already possesses that option and can use it at its discretion.

### Lagoon preparation

As the town prepares to finish getting the spray field that will accommodate the effluent from the new wastewater treatment plant in Newark ready for action, Water Resources Director Jane Kreiter sought approval for funding a forest conservation plan.

The plan is required before the Town can begin construction of the 1.6 acre lagoon that will hold the effluent when spraying is not allowed.

Although the soil is perfectly suited for the spray site, certain regulations may prevent spraying for various reasons including of the year, or amount of rain saturation.

As with any other construction project, the Town must submit a forest conservation plan to the county and that plan must be prepared by a certified forester.

Although the work, which will cost \$1,800 will dictate the route, the town may be able to replant and trees removed for the project or simply commit to conserving a number of trees determined by formula on the same property.

When speaking with Mayor Gee Williams last night, Kreiter said that the 300 acres could very well be sufficient to allow this option, especially given that the lagoon will accommodate the Town's needs well into the foreseeable future.

# Berlin seeks green input from residents and business owners

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

BERLIN — From the establishment of the public/private partnership that is Grow Berlin Green through the move to a nearly zero-sum wastewater treatment plant to looking for less expensive and invasive ways to deal with its stormwater issues, the Town of Berlin has placed responsible stewardship on the same level as it has placed economic growth. In fact the two directives can be cited as having worked together to make the town an attractive destination for both new business and tourism.

At this week's Town Council Meeting, Deputy Administrative Director Mary Bohlen urged residents to help the town with its next step toward improving its ability to provide the kind of environmental plan they, the residents, see as the most critical.

Earlier this year, the Town became the first community in the state to register for the Sustainable Maryland Certified (SMC) initiative. Sponsored and administered by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center (UMEFC), the same group helping with Berlin meet its stormwater management goals, the program is aimed at helping towns find ways to be environmentally conscious.

SMC is not mandatory, nor is there any plan to make it so, according to UMEFC.

"Every community wants to be ecologically friendly and do the right thing" said Town Administrator Tony Carson. "It just goes hand in hand with the things the Town is already doing, such

as sponsoring the rain barrel program." Having reached the part of the certification where the Town is required to prioritize the program's goals, Bohlen reiterated the appeal from last week for resident input.

The survey is broken into several categories including local food sources, natural resource maintenance and stormwater management. Under these and several other categories residents and non-resident business owners are asked to number the different aspects of each category in relation to their relative importance to the Town's future.

Under "Community Based Food System" for example participants are asked to prioritize attending a local food fair, nutrition and healthy eating classes, preserving locally grown food, cooking locally grown food the Farmer's Market, joining a Community Supported Agriculture co-op, a community garden and attending a native plant sale.

Based on how residents answer these questions the Town will develop a plan with these priorities in mind. The same goes for the rest of the SMC requirements.

Although the plan can be altered as emphasis or community will changes, starting off on the path stakeholders deem the most important is a way of garnering community support for longterm projects.

In order to participate in the survey — which can be completed in less than 10 minutes — the Town asks residents and non-resident business owners to visit [www.townofberlinmd.com](http://www.townofberlinmd.com) and click on the link at the top of the page marked Sustainable Community survey.

"It just goes hand in hand with the things the Town is already doing"  
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# Worcester County Tourism wins award



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Tourism Director Lisa Challenger was among the county and city officials cited by the Maryland Tourism Council for the county's partnership in promoting the area.

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

SNOW HILL — When the Worcester County Department of Tourism under Lisa Challenger proposed to partner with the Ocean City Hotel Motel Restaurant Association and that city's own Department of Tourism to inaugurate Harbor Day at the Docks more than four years ago it seemed an odd proposition.

The event was to not only highlight the maritime traditions that had once been the primary economic engine of the area but also to depend on locals coming out in support of it. Comprised primarily of modern aquaculture and fishing demonstrations, as well as older fishing crafts such as rigging and net mending, it wasn't the kind of big marketing coup aimed at drawing people from all over the region the partnership was used to and proficient at completing.

Moreover, it was barely a part of the shoulder season, slated for early October

and not really tied to a major travel weekend. And it was in West Ocean City at the harbor rather than at the more appealing Inlet. Still the group believed the effort was worth the return and were proved right.

This year, gate estimates marked attendance at at least 5,000 people all drawn specifically for the event which has become a destination event for out-of-towners as well as the kind of thing locals put on their calendars to make sure they don't miss.

In addition to having developed a new event that benefits both the area's cultural heritage as well as helps extend the tourism season, last week the Ocean City HRMA, Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Worcester County Tourism and Town of Ocean City were awarded the Industry Partnership Award by the Maryland Tourism Council (MTC).

"I feel like we do have a great partner-  
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## MCT presents annual awards

ANNAPOLIS — More than 200 tourism professionals met recently at the 31st annual Maryland Tourism and Travel Summit to network, learn, and be recognized for outstanding achievements.

At the Summit, the Maryland Tourism Council (MTC) presented 5 Professional Awards and 10 Marketing Awards.

In addition to the awards given by MTC, the Maryland Office of Tourism Development honored members of the state's tourism industry with 4 awards and the Maryland Destination Marketing Organization presented their Annual Award.

### MTC recipients

**Tourism Person of the Year:**

Liz Fitzsimmons with the Maryland Office of Tourism

**Tourism Advocate of the Year:**

Rachelina Bonacci, Howard County Tourism and Promotion

**New Tourism Professional of the Year:**

Kathy Mackel, Caroline County Office of Tourism

**Audrey Davenport Hospitality Person of the Year:**

Melanie Pursel, Greater Ocean City Chamber

**Promotion — Continuing Campaign:**

Harbor Queen Cruises in Annapolis

**Promotion — One Time Campaign:**

The Conference & Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County

**Best New/Improved Product/Event:**

Talbot County Office of Tourism

**Printed Promotional Material Award:**

Allegany County Department of Tourism

**Best Electronic Marketing Award:**

Prince George's County Conference & Visitors Bureau

**Best Visitors Guide:**

Tourism Council of Frederick County

**Educational Development Award from the Maryland Tourism Education Foundation:**

Heather Skipper, Director of Guide Operations for Watermark Journey.

**Best Shoestring Budget Program:**

Cecil County Tourism

**Impact Award**

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Recipients of the state tourism office's annual awards.

**Green/Sustainable Tourism Award:**

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# Harbor Day at the Docks gets state notice

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 ship with the town for the greater good," Challenger said. "It's exciting to have it recognized in front of a room of tourism professionals."

The appeal of the event, Challenger said, tends to revolve around people coming to appreciate where the fish they eat comes from and one of the novelties of Harbor Day at the Docks was that the participating restaurants — area restaurants set up vending tents for on-site service — designated which boat docked in the harbor provided the fish used in each meal they were serving.

Worcester County Tourism has been honored nearly each year during Challenger's tenure, a fact she credits as much to the hard work of tourism professionals county wide as much as to the selection and presentation of the applications for various awards.

"Each year we rack our brains to find the right way to present what we did well," she said.

Also recognized was Melanie Pursel, Executive Director of the Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce. She was awarded the prestigious Audrey Davenport Hospitality Person of the Year which recognizes a person who demonstrated outstanding service and projects a positive image about Maryland and the area they represent. According to the MTC the award was named in honor of a past president legendary for exceptional customer service.

# MCT recognition given at summit

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 Savage River Lodge  
**Visit Maryland Award:**  
 The Tourism Council of Frederick County
- Cultural Heritage Tourism Award**  
 Caroline County Tourism and  
 Dorchester County Tourism
- Economic Engine Award**  
 The Preservation Society

The recipient of the Maryland Destination Marketing Organization Annual Award was Dan Patrell of Maryland Life Magazine.

For more information on the award winners and their campaigns, read the Maryland Insights newsletter at [www.visitmaryland.org](http://www.visitmaryland.org) or visit the MTC blog.

The MTC is a statewide membership organization representing all segments of the hospitality and tourism industry in Maryland. The mission of MTC is to connect, educate, and represent Maryland's tourism industry.

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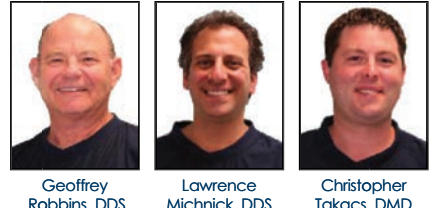
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# BUSINESS

## BAYSIDE

# Christmas all year and more in West OC

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

WEST OCEAN CITY — Somewhere there is an old photograph of a very young Chuck Dondero messing with the display in his family's Boardwalk shop. While it's not, strictly speaking, a point of dispute, Dondero claims he was showing his budding talent as a stock boy, arranging the items for sale. His wife, Linda, claims he was just caught playing. Whatever he was actually doing is really secondary to the point that Dondero has spent the better part of his life in his family's Ocean City shops.

Christmas Pointe moved around the lower Boardwalk for decades before set-

tling in the 45th Street Village and spent the better part of its first decade of existence as a seasonal Ocean City shop. So much so that it was with more than a little anxiety that the couple moved across the bridge to Ocean City Factory Outlets five years ago and decided to make an all year go at running the shop.

Setting aside the kind of exhaustion that comes with running a large store full time, looking back they could hardly be happier with their decision.

Nestled among national and international retail chains, the small independently-owned business has thrived over the last half-decade expanding both the scope and the depth of their stock in response to demand and market conditions.

While much of their success can be attributed to the store's apparent focus, the Donderos agreed that the attraction the big retailers have for some shoppers happens to benefit them as well. People can shop nationally and locally without traveling more than a few yards.

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Linda and Chuck Dondero have found success over the last five years in their West Ocean City store, Christmas Pointe.

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All reverse mortgages turn your home into three things: loan advances paid to you; loan costs paid to the lender and others; and leftover equity, if any, paid to you or your heirs at the end of the loan.

If property prices decline after you take out the loan, it will not affect the remainder of your estate. In such circumstances, the lending company bears the loss. This is similar to a traditional annuity in which the insurance company bears the loss of continuing annuity payments in the event that you live past your life expectancy.

You do need to exercise some caution before undertaking a reverse mortgage. As you continue to own your home, you are still responsible for property taxes, insurance, and repairs. There are costs associated with a reverse mortgage that can include an application fee, closing costs, and a monthly servicing fee. The federally

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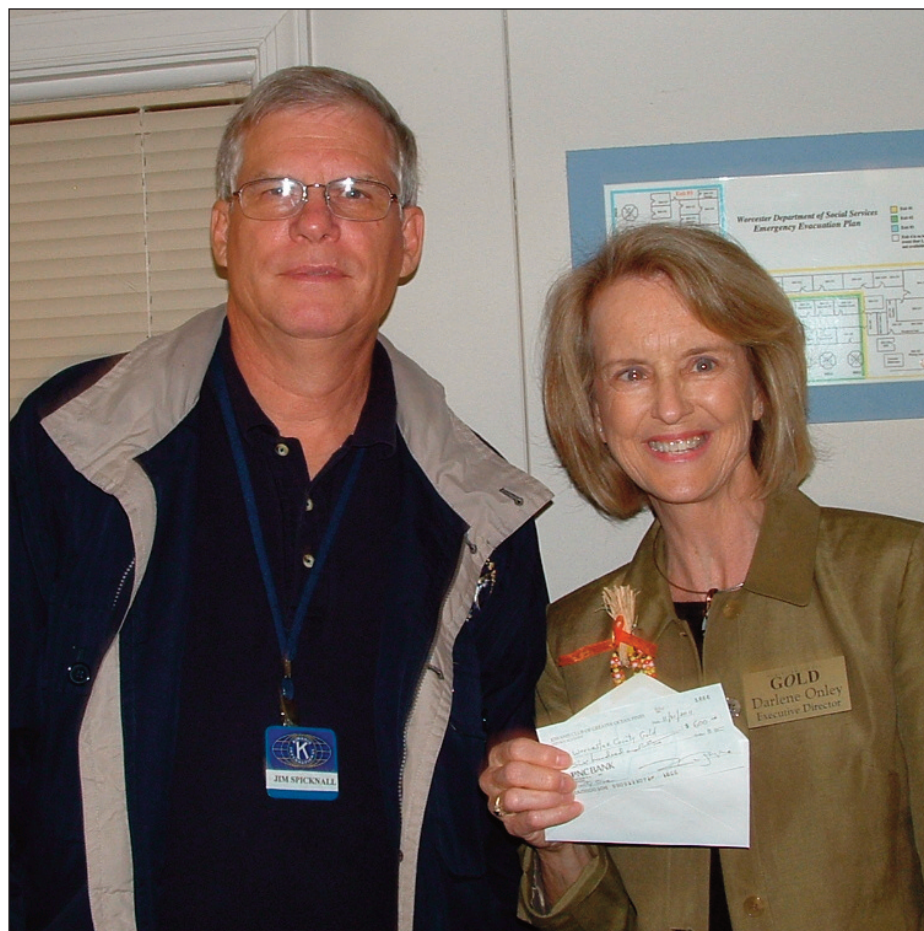
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# New electronic health records come to AGH

## Hospital takes the next step toward providing instant information

BERLIN — Two weeks ago Atlantic General Hospital's emergency room went live with Allscripts Sunrise Clinical Manager, the new electronic medical record for the hospital. Spirits are high at the organization because the transition from paper to computer has gone more smoothly than anyone could have hoped.

"We're very excited about the go-live," said Colleen Wareing, vice president of patient care services for Atlantic General Hospital. "Making this change to a completely electronic environment in the ER has required the hard work and cooperation of so many different departments. But, the first time we were able to connect with a patient's records in his physician's office to pull up a complete medication list was incredibly rewarding."

This is only the beginning, according to hospital officials. From the ER, the information technology and clinical teams will move on from department to department throughout the hospital, working to link up the electronic medical record for the entire organization. Go-live for all of Atlantic General is planned for November 2012.

At that point, the health care teams providing care for a particular patient will be able to pull up his or her records as that person travels through the hospital from an ER ad-

mission to an inpatient stay, to any surgeries or testing during that stay, through to discharge.

The process actually began, not with the ER but, with the primary care offices of Atlantic General Health System that adopted electronic hospital records (EHR) in 2008 and 2009 and then transitioned to the Allscripts system earlier this year.

When the EHR is launched for the entire organization in 2012, vital health information will flow seamlessly between Atlantic General Hospital and its health system of employed primary care providers as well as any independent physician practices that come on board with the technology. This will greatly improve patient safety and speed the delivery of care in both the inpatient and outpatient settings because so much more information is at the caregiver's fingertips.

"You can't say enough about the value of this technology," said Barbara Riddell, vice president of information services at Atlantic General. "It can be tough for the layperson to grasp its importance, but what we want our patients to understand is that the more patient information a doctor or nurse has at their disposal, the better the care is going to be. And that's what this system provides: ready information — medical histories, drug allergies, test results, physician orders and notes — all in one place."

"It's going to be quite a process," said Michael Franklin, the hospital's CEO. "But, it'll be well worth it to be able to provide more coordinated care for our community."

# 'We stay with functional things...people can afford'

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Their customer base has grown as well. While they used to rely primarily on foot traffic born of the volume of people wandering around Ocean City, the Christmas Pointe has now become a destination stop.

In fact, Linda said it still pleases them when people come in just to check and see if they are the same folks who used to have a place on the Boardwalk.

It isn't only the new place that makes people wonder if the store is the same. It is also that, as a full time business, Christmas Pointe has incorporated items other than seasonal ones to help secure shopping interests beyond the drive to pick up unique Christmas-themed gifts and decorations.

"We stay with functional things," Linda said. "We stay with things people can afford."

The idea is, since they are a year round store, they ought to have some year round stock. Among their most popular items are the hand-painted signs used both as indoor and outdoor decoration but other home decor items such as their extensive collection of framed prints have remained popular since their relocation.

Another decision they have benefitted from was that to begin carrying collectibles in addition to the various Christmas scene figurines Christmas Pointe has had for a long time.

Adding the Jim Shore collection is one of the other aspects that makes them a destination store even in when it isn't Christmas time. Using American folk art as an inspiration Jim Shore has found a particular collectibles niche that remains popular with the initiated and an attractive option to the less so.

Similarly, the popularity of the hand

painted Christmas wine glasses over the years encouraged them to find other outlets that provided hand painted glasses that were, if not more "everyday" at least more appropriate to have on display and in use all year long.

Lately, though, Christmas Pointe has expanded to include fashion accessories including a significant selection of off-beat jewelry.

"We try and have a nice balance," Dondero said. "We just go all over to look for the right things for the store."

The idea is to keep growing and changing what might be called the satellite aspect of the business while remaining steady at the core. People who want a specific Christmas-themed item they carry will almost always be able to find it, but the stock changes sufficiently that Christmas Pointe is always worth browsing around.

As the Christmas season gets underway, Christmas Pointe really has the opportunity to excel at their specialty. Linda's particular talent has always been for preparing pre-decorated trees and wreaths — items that remain popular — but in recent years has been able to return to creating specialty ornaments.

The ornaments, often painted glass balls, have finely detailed and highly localized scenes reproduced by hand with a fine brush. Created with exclusively beach scenes, exclusively Christmas scenes and clever combinations of the two, they represent one of the more popular year-round products. Serving as souvenir, handcrafted gift or personal ornament, the highly unique items have an appeal for all comers.

"It's nice to have something handmade rather than something made in china," Chuck said.

## CHAMBER NEWS

The hectic holiday season is upon us and, if you are like everyone else, you have a to-do list a mile long. Why not take a break from the madness and step back in time where life is a little less hectic and enjoy the holiday season. We invite you to come explore Berlin's small shops on and off Main Street and discover how stress free your holiday shopping can be. Some of the best and most enjoyable places to shop for unique holiday gifts are right here in your own backyard.



By Olive Mawyer

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Victorian Christmas Weekend starts Dec. 2. The town comes alive with open houses, receptions, horse and carriage rides, customer appreciation sales and the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Make your own ornament at Jeffrey Auxer's studio; enjoy specials on beautiful Vera Bradley bags at Victorian Charm. Fuel up at our many local restaurants or recharge at the Berlin Coffee House or the Enchanted Tea Room. If you have a sweet tooth, head over to Baked Dessert Cafe & Gallery or Cupcakes in Bloom. Sweets always make great gifts. For a complete list of Victorian Christmas events go to [www.BerlinChamber.org/event-victorian-christmas](http://www.BerlinChamber.org/event-victorian-christmas).

On Dec. 9 come out for our monthly 2nd Friday

Arts Stroll, where shops and galleries will be open late and showcase the works of our local artists.

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center is hosting Maryland Coastal Bay's Art 4 Clean Bays in its Art Studios throughout December, with works by over 25 artists on display. Our community has some amazingly talented artists and we are proud to be able to provide a location for them to showcase their work, 30 percent of the sale proceeds will go towards Maryland Coastal Bays Program's efforts to protect the estuaries and habitats of our bays. Stop by and find that special gift and support our local artists.

Local shopping is a great way to not only get creative and unique gifts, but also a great way to give back to the community by keeping dollars local.

Don't forget to join us for the town's New Years Eve Celebration. This event will be bigger and better and it's a great way to bring in the New Year! Olive Mawyer is the Executive Director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.



# Badger has big plans for small businesses

Former DBED official comes on board in the Worcester County office

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

SNOW HILL — When Bill Badger discovered Worcester County was looking for a new Director of Economic Development he decided that it was an excellent opportunity to get back into the business.

Badger spent the better part of his professional career in the economic development business, starting with the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development before moving on to run the Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation. But his talents go beyond extensive contacts and experience and he hopes to use them to improve the economic outlook in Worcester County in the long term and well into the foreseeable future.

While he is no stranger to big deals — Badger oversaw the Arundel Mills project from interest meetings, through development to the ribbon cutting — big deals aren't his top priority for now.

That isn't to say he won't pursue businesses that could bring hundreds of jobs to the county only to point out that, realistically, there are not a lot of large corpo-



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

New Worcester County Economic Development Director Bill Badger is ready to get to work for the small business community.

rations looking to relocate in this economy. What there is is a significant opportunity to bolster the economy through fostering small businesses, which is where Badger's early focus would likely be.

Earlier this week he hadn't quite finished unpacking his office and had spent

a dizzying morning on the kind of HR and other practical tasks that come with the first day on the job. The afternoon was to be spent preparing to begin the tough work — outlining his plan for attacking the jobless rate as well as the county's lack of strong economic diversity.

One of his early focusses will be to expand the area's employment base by finding ways to encourage more year round businesses and the jobs that come with them.

"The unemployment rate is too high in the county, it's too high in Maryland," he said. "And the best approach to begin

to combat that is by working with small business owners and entrepreneurs."

It is early in the game but for a start Badger expects he will be doing a few things early that will have bigger payoffs later.

The first is that he will have a county-wide listening tour, meeting with business owners, chambers of commerce, and other stakeholders to talk about the kinds of things they see as opportunities for improvement and avenues for help they might wish to have opened.

"I need to go roaring out to create

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## Thanksgiving crowd largest Winterfest turn out in decade

OCEAN CITY — Ocean City's 19th annual Winterfest of Lights is off to a great start, according to town officials, with the largest crowd in attendance over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 10 years.

From Wednesday through Sunday, more than 21,000 visitors rode the Winterfest Express tram ride through the lighted displays at Northside Park. That marked an increase of more than 900 visitors over last year's Thanksgiving holiday period.

"We were pleased to host everyone at Winterfest over the holiday weekend," said Tom Shuster, Director of the Ocean City Recreation and Parks Department. "Winterfest continues to grow in popularity and the appeal of this event for families gathering together in Ocean City for the Thanksgiving holiday remains strong.

Winterfest of Lights, which opened with a tree-lighting ceremony on No-

vember 17, continues nightly through January 1 at Northside Park, located at 125th St. and the bay, where you can take a ride on the Winterfest Express as it makes its way along a mile-long path filled with illuminated displays. Winterfest tram rides are \$5 for those 12 years of age and older, children 11 years and younger ride for free.

While at Northside Park visit the Winterfest Pavilion for a cup of hot chocolate, browse the Yukon Cornelius Gift Shop and have your photo taken with Santa, who will be available nightly until Friday, December 23. Admission to the Winterfest Pavilion is free and on selected nights, free musical entertainment will be scheduled.

Winterfest of Lights is presented 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 1-800-626-2326 or visit the Ocean City website at [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com).



# Christmas report on toy hazards released

## Maryland PIRG warns of continued lead paint dangers

BALTIMORE — Dangerous or toxic toys can still be found on America's store shelves, according to a Maryland Public Interest Research Group's (PIRG) 26th annual Trouble in Toyland report.

Maryland PIRG released the report revealing the results of laboratory testing on toys for lead and phthalates, both of which have been proven to have serious adverse health impacts on the development of young children. The survey also found toys that pose either choking or noise hazards.

"Choking on small parts, small balls and balloons is still a leading cause of toy-related injury. Between 1990 and 2009 over 200 children have died," said Maryland PIRG's Jenny Levin. "While most toys are safe, our researchers still found toys on the shelves that pose choking hazards and other toys that contain hazardous levels of toxic chemicals including lead," she explained.

For 26 years, the Maryland PIRG Trouble in Toyland report has offered safety guidelines for purchasing toys for small children and provided examples of toys currently on store shelves that pose potential safety hazards. The group also provides an interactive website with tips for safe toy shopping that consumers can access on their smart phones at [www.toysafety.mobi](http://www.toysafety.mobi).

Key findings from the report include:

Toys with high levels of toxic substances are still on store shelves. Two toys contain levels of phthalates — a chemical that poses development hazards for small children -- at 40 and 70 times allowable limits. Several toys violate current allowable lead limits (300ppm). Lead has negative health effects on almost every organ and system in the human body.

Despite a ban on small parts in toys for children under three, we found toys available in stores that still pose choking hazards.

We also found toys that are potentially harmful to children's ears and exceed the hearing standards recommended by the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

In 2008, Congress placed strict limits on concentrations of lead and phthalates in toys and children articles in a law that also gave greater authority and funding to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Levin noted that the CPSC has a new database of both potential hazards and recalled products at [saferproducts.gov](http://saferproducts.gov).

"Parents and toy givers need to remember that while the CPSC is doing a good job, it doesn't test all toys on the shelves. Consumers should also remember that toys that are not on our list of examples could also pose hazards," Levin concluded. "Our new Toy Tips explains the most common toy hazards and our mobile app."

# New Director will seek business owners input

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jobs," he said. "But I also need to make sure I'm not stepping on any landmines."

Badger is no stranger to the Eastern Shore — his father's family is from the Virginia side and, like thousands of others, he enjoyed vacations to the area during his youth.

But he understands quite well that visiting for extended periods of time over decades is not the same thing as having the kind of cultural currency that gives one a nose for what has succeeded or failed and why.

In fact, among his talents is finding ways to rally interested parties around a common goal, helping small businesses to help themselves.

The other tack he hopes to take over the coming months is to tap into the vast number of successful business people who have either retired here or have second homes here. Badger said that by cultivating the right opportunities it would be possible to convince business leaders to invest in improvements to the local economy.

Some of the cuff ideas include encouraging the opening of satellite offices for businesses that have regional interests that are taken care of from farther

away and encouraging investments startups and established business in the area that are ready from growth.

In conversations with the Worcester County Commissioners, Badger said he's found them amiable to working harder on developing an array of small businesses. To use a baseball analogy, winning with singles and doubles rather than counting on the occasional home run.

A big part of that, he said, will include balancing the interests of all parts of the county. Badger was adamant that he would support tourism and all the opportunities that it brings. That said, he also expects to be able to improve upon the seasonal employment swings by encouraging additional kinds of economic growth.

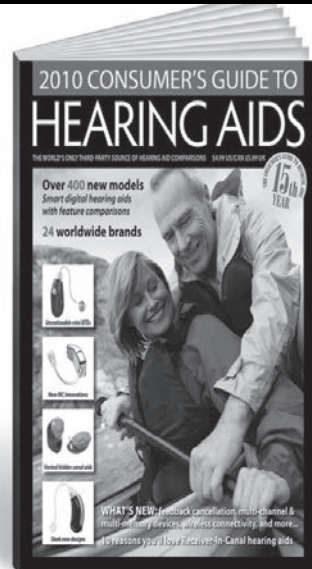
While there is no doubt that the longterm potential in the south of the county exists, it is still critical to promote small business startups and growth there as well. In Badger's view unemployment is a big problem that is best addressed with a bunch of little solutions. Putting entrepreneurs in the position where their startup or growth will not only employ people but do so in the long term is a sustainable model for economic prosperity.

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# Council sets staff to review street closures

By Tony Russo  
Staff Writer

BERLIN — Over the last several years as the various events and street fairs have become popular enough to draw hundreds or even thousands to town regular street closures have become commonplace and Berlin has settled into a pattern for cordoning off specific streets for designated amounts of time.

The process has become nearly automated both at the Town and State level. But all that will likely change in the coming months.

In the past, street closures have usually began at the corner of Jefferson and Bay streets and run north along Main Street, usually ending at the Municipal Parking lot near the Berlin Farmers Market.

Gail Lewis, who owns the building at the corner of South Main Street and Jefferson Street that houses the Water's Edge Gallery, MR Ducks, and Abigail's, this week asked the Town Council to consider including South Main Street as part of the closure.

The last several months have seen a significant retail expansion in the South Main Street area.

While the area beyond the Water's Edge Gallery used to have one retail space — Not Just Toys — it now has many more.

"There are seven businesses south of the Atlantic Hotel that are totally shut out of these events," Lewis said.

In addition to the Berlin Visitors Cen-

ter, which houses the Chamber of Commerce and several independent artist studios, NEST recently opened in the Donaway Building and the former office of Donaway Furniture next to NEST and across from the Chamber is expected to transform into retail soon as well.

The difficulty is that the multi-point intersection that includes Jefferson, William, Bay, Broad and Main streets wasn't chosen at random. The Maryland State Highway Authority (SHA) is the entity responsible for approving road closures.

The reason it has been so easy for the Town to secure closures almost at will over the last decade or so is that, by making the closure begin at Jefferson Street, the Town required no alternate routes for traffic to both get in and out of town for the events or for those through-travelers who wished to bypass the event altogether.

Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing was cautious in his support of the proposal.

In addition to concerns about establishing a safe and also an efficient detour route, Downing worried that

the off-Main Street businesses would seek similar closures.

Mayor Gee Williams assured him that there was a difference between extending the closure along Main Street and making the town completely inaccessible and that the Council would be sympathetic to that.

Street closure solutions, Downing pointed out, go beyond just establishing

"Quite frankly,  
I'm ecstatic that we  
have this problem."  
-Mayor Gee Williams



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Main Street events continue to draw increasing numbers of people which is why local merchants are seeking an expansion of event street closings.

a safe and efficient detour route.

For example, during tonight's Berlin Christmas Parade, which runs the length of Main Street, the parking lot both at Donaway's and the Berlin Visitors Center will provide much needed parking for an event that tends to be traffic heavy.

Olive Mawyer, Executive Director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, agreed with Downing.

She pointed out that, in addition to the retail spaces along South Main Street there were doctor's offices and other service businesses that required both access to and the retention of their parking lots for their customers' use.

While he understood these difficul-

ties, Williams wasn't terribly worried about overcoming them.

"Quite frankly, I'm ecstatic that we have this problem," he said.

He and the Council charged Town Administrator Tony Carson and Director of Community and Economic Development Michael Day to work with Arnold and Mawyer to propose a solution that would allow for the potential closing of South Main Street while addressing the concerns of both the SHA and non-retail businesses in the area.

The two agreed that the challenge was something they could overcome and will return with a proposal for the council to consider.

## Fitzgerald and Hofman featured at Water's Edge

BERLIN — Biblical sand sculptor and painter Randy Hofman will join artist-in-residence Kevin Fitzgerald for a December showing of his latest work. The show kicks off with an opening reception 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 during the 2nd Friday Art Stroll

Hofman is widely known for his detailed sand sculptures depicting Biblical

scenes that have wowed Boardwalk crowds for decades. His latest work, a collection entitled "Coastal Icons," is comprised of altarpieces that "are as much carpentry as they are paint," according to the artist. Each altarpiece depicts a scene either taken off the pages of the Bible or from the artist's own daydreams of God while roaming the

coastal bays.

"The altar pieces range in size and polish — from what a monk may have carried on a ship wrecked pilgrimage a thousand years ago to over-the-top architectural jewelry fit for a palace, or, well, an ocean front condo," said Hofman when describing his work.

Fitzgerald is a nationally recognized painter known for his stunning landscapes depicting scenes from the Eastern Shore. His interest in painting is rooted in the works of masters from the 15th to the 20th century and their relationships to current forms. The artist has participated in numerous one



Randy Hofman



Kevin Fitzgerald

person and group shows and has the honor of having his work included in private collections throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

"The holidays are a great time to enjoy Berlin and the ever-growing art scene," said Gail Lewis, gallery manager. "We think it is appropriate to show these two very important local artists and their unique perspectives."

Hofman's "Coastal Icons" exhibition will continue through December. The Water's Edge Gallery is located in historic downtown Berlin at 2 South Main Street across from the Atlantic Hotel and is open to the public seven days a week. For more information, contact the gallery at 410-629-1784.

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# SDHS swimmer looking forward to season opener

## Hammerhead team member and Ocean Pines resident excels

By Casey Knerr  
Staff Writer

Kelly Adelhardt, a junior at Stephen Decatur High School, is preparing to begin another fantastic swim season.

Even though workouts were just underway, Adelhardts said she was sure that, with numerous practices and endless enthusiasm, this year's team is going to enjoy many successful meets.

With lots of talented returning players and several new ones "ready to win," the team is excited for its first meet against Easton on Dec. 6.

The team practices at the YMCA in Pocomoke. There are nine meets throughout the winter, including four home meets.

The official season ends with the Regional Swim Meet in February, except for the few teams skilled enough to reach the Maryland State Tournament.

Adelhardt's specialty is the breast stroke, and her swimming feats are certainly not limited to Decatur. S

he is also a member of the Ocean Pines Hammerheads, which is full of skilled and

hardworking players this year as always.

Adelhardt's father, Gary Adelhardt, and mother, Laurie Adelhardt are very involved in swimming as well.

Gary is the former president of Hammerheads swim team and an official at meets.

Laurie is the Hammerheads' graphic designer. Adelhardt's younger sisters, Teri, a freshman at Decatur, and Holly, a student at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, also swim competitively.

Aside from swimming, Adelhardt is very involved in her school and community.

She is planning on writing for the school paper and is involved in the engineering program at Worcester Tech. She also lifeguards at the Ocean Pines Community Pool, a job which she enjoys greatly.

Adelhardt's favorite subject is math this year, Calculus, which she excels at. In her spare time she writes, goes on vacation with her family, and skis black diamond runs.

She is a cantor at St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church and sings at mass on a weekly basis.

She is also an active part of the St. John Neumann Youth Group and recently accompanied her peers on a trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference



SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SDHS junior Kelly Adelhardt, along with the rest of the school's swim team, is preparing for the season opener next week.

(NCYC) in Indianapolis, In. With over 20,000 other Catholic youth, she attended concerts, discussions, and workshops designed to promote faith and compassionate values.

Adelhardt has already begun searching

for colleges. So far, her favorites have been Utah State and Embry Riddle in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Both have strong engineering programs in accordance with her current studies.



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## Students create art with natural fibers

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During her visit, the children learned about felting and natural fiber processing.

Maile-Moskowitz created costumes for the Washington National Opera and worked with the Discovery Educational Channel on the Silkroad Educational Television Series.

This Fulbright scholar and dynamic teacher brought excitement for learning about using fibers in art to Worcester's students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Photo Left: Grade 4 students at Worcester Prep Ashley Laws, Alec Burbage, Rylie Carey, Ava VanDornick, Carly Hoffman, Will Tinkler, Audrey Stearns, Jacob Cockman, Jordan Campbell, McKenzie Blake, Devin Wallace, Karim Dahr, Colby Hook, and Annika Larsen show products that can be created from felt.

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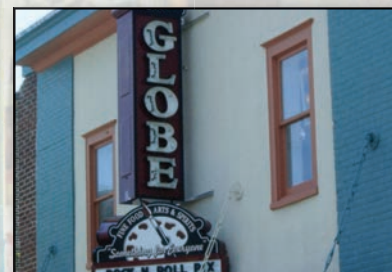
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**Christmas Bazaar**  
Sunday, December 4  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Worcester Preparatory School

**Christmas Concert**  
Monday, December 5  
Berlin Heritage Foundation  
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**2nd Friday Art Stroll**  
Friday, December 9  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Merry Sherwood Open House**  
Thursday, December 15  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Reindeer 5K Run**  
Saturday, December 17  
9 a.m.

**New Year's Eve Celebration**  
Saturday, December 31  
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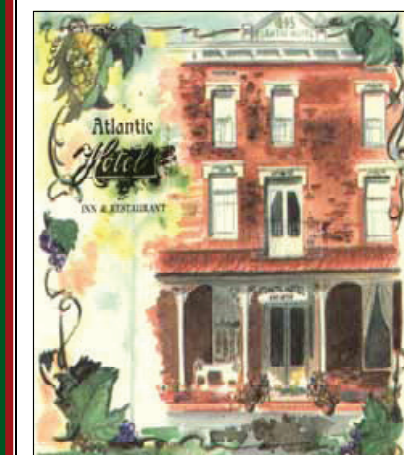
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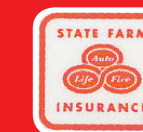
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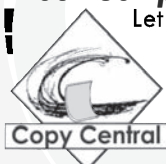
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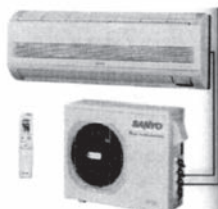
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### EDITORIAL

## Traffic closure will be welcome on South Main

At this week's Town council meeting Gail Lewis made an excellent and novel suggestion that will likely benefit both the merchants along South Main Street as well as give visitors a better sense of just how diverse the town is. Lewis proposed the Town extend the regular event street closures beyond the intersection of Jefferson and Main Streets so that the street festivals the Town so regularly hosts will encompass the entire business district which includes by her count seven additional shops.

While Chamber Executive Director Olive Mawyer made a good point when she told the Council to be careful about isolating the non-retail businesses along that final stretch of the business district, there is almost certainly a way in this case to accommodate those businesses without isolating the retailers and still allowing use of the town parking inside this additional stretch.

As Mayor Gee Williams suggested, there are certainly worse problems to have than being too busy to have enough parking for all the people headed Downtown for the events and it is in that spirit that the Town staff should begin to find a solution that will make a detour around any festivals benefit both the attendees and the hosts.

While it may take some doing and even cause a little inconvenience at first, it should be recalled that closing part of Pitt Street was once considered a little complicated. Once a solid plan is developed and enacted it is almost certain it will become as common as the other minor changes the Town has seen in the past few years.

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*"In the spirit of the Season I am going to contribute to the neediest; I'm going to play a round of golf at the Ocean Pines Golf Course"*

## HAPPY HOUR: Regrettable Roguery

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving Michael Day was sitting in the Atlantic Hotel courtyard tying up Christmas ornaments that would eventually adorn the Town Christmas Tree, chatting with the Town staffer who was helping him.

We got to talking and he made me assure him that the Todcast he was scheduled to be the guest for later that day wouldn't run past 7 p.m. I promised and let him know not to worry if I was a little late.

The notion of being stuck alone with Todd DeHart, my co-host terrified Michael and he made me promise I wouldn't make him sit there alone with him. It was a promise I made but failed to live up to. In the end it didn't matter, because he was a fantastic guest — in case you haven't gotten around to listening to last week's Todcast yet — and I took my shots for missing the show on tape. This will have to suffice as a public apology. With any luck he'll return my

dog any day now.

The point is that since I bailed last week it was tough to convince anyone to come on this week but we had plenty to talk about. You'll have to listen to get all of it but it's probably the most politically cutting edge show out this week that also includes extensive discussion on turkey basting and wet brining methods. Of course we also got into how much anticipation was wrapped up in tonight's Berlin Christmas Parade and our various plans for watching it.

The Todcast as well as this week's paper heralds the return of the rogue and the vagabond (see Page 6). As you'll hear during the 'Police Beat' portion of the show we explored the fact that the Ocean Pines Police charged a man with being a rogue and a vagabond among other things. I'm not certain the last time someone was charged with being a vagabond in their home town but the rogue thing... how do you explain that to your cellmates, given

that it's not 1835?

Last but not least, as a little gift for one of our lucky readers who might also be available at Todcast time, the first person to come up to Todd during the show each week will get a special drinkable present. Now that the Burley Oak Brewery has its own root beer you don't even have to be a drinker to come by. So...

Feel free to join us 6 p.m. each Tuesday for the Happy Hour Todcast at Burley Oak Brewery. If something tragic keeps you from coming out, you can always check out the resulting recording Thursday afternoon by subscribing on iTunes. Just type GCFL into the search bar at the iTunes store to subscribe. We're now also on the Stitcher app, which smart phone users can download free using the promo code 'Todcast' and have the show streamed directly to their phones. with no individual show downloads required. Fair warning before you listen: Put on your irony hats, kids. It's all in good clean fun.

Please send all letters, notices, and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday to make sure your ideas and events are printed.



## LIFESTYLE BRIEFS

### Tree Lighting

OCEAN PINES — The Ocean Pines Association is hosting its inaugural Tree Lighting Celebration 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in White Horse Park.

Visitors are invited to come and enjoy a walk through the park after the sun goes down to watch as the colorful lights turn the park into a magical winter wonderland.

The twinkling lights, choirs, and bell-ringers will create an appropriate atmosphere for kicking off the holiday season.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Delmarva Chorus, Most Blessed Sacrament Children's Chorus, and St. John Neumann Children's Chorus.

The night will also include a visit from Santa Claus.

The new holiday tradition is sponsored by local businesses, organizations and members of the community who have purchased a tree and hand decorated them for spectators' enjoyment.

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### ALOC show

OCEAN CITY — The Best of the Best exhibit opens with a reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at the Art League of Ocean City on the bayside on 94th Street. Featured are first, second and third place winners as well as this year's Best in Show winners. This exhibit is in conjunction with the current "Holiday Show and Sale".

"We have had a wonderful response to our Holiday Show and the Best of the Best will enhance even more our already well-received exhibit," said ALOC President, Margaret Spurlock. "Many people always take advantage of seeing this special show and often find the perfect holiday gift."

The Best of the Best artwork will also be on display at the Holiday Jazz Concert held on Sunday, December 9th at Seacrets.

The winner of the Corporate Show was Tara Funk Grim for her painting Harborside #9. Jim Rehak won Best in Show for Ocean Cypress at the annual Beverly Bassford show.

Other winning artists during the year were: Rina Thaler, Marian Bickerstaff, Paige Ruby, Anne Hanna, Ed Challenger, Richard Mathews, Walt Schumacher, David Ganoe, Dean Petersen, Scott Broadfoot, Jeri Lipov, Lesley McCaskill, Dawn Townsend and Robin Harrison.

Refreshments will be served at the opening.

For more information, contact the Art League of Ocean City at 410-524-9433 or visit the website at [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

### First Friday

SNOW HILL — This month's First Friday event will be 5-8 p.m. Dec. 2 and feature twelve advanced glass art students in the Salisbury University Fine Arts Department will show their work at Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft and Wine. Alison Chism and the students have coordinated the show of approximately 20 pieces of glass.

The work, selected specifically for the show, includes decorative sculptural and functional glass. The artists showing are Victoria, Buckland, Joseph Calabrese, Eli Cecil, Claire Davey-Karlson, Riley Greenwood, Dustin Lisica, Christopher Martin, Samantha Newton, Danielle Poe, David Reese, Christian Roessler and Ben Smith.

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### Zoo coat drive

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Zoo and the Chesapeake Chapter of AAZK

wish to invite everyone to share the spirit of the Holidays by participating in the Zoo's coat drive.

This year at the Zoo's "Critter Christmas" event, they will be collecting clean and gently worn coats. All coats collected will be distributed throughout the lower shore by the Christian Shelter and other homeless agencies.

"Critter Christmas" is 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 4:30pm. Those unable to attend may drop off donated coats at the zoo office any time prior to Dec 12.

For more information call 410-548-3188.

### Book signing

OCEAN CITY — Local authors George and Suzanne Hurley will be on hand at the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum 1-3 P.M. Sunday Dec. 4 for a signing of their book, "Ocean City, Maryland: A Pictorial History," during the museum's Holiday Open House.

The book is available for sale in the museum's gift shop.

Anyone wishing to purchase the book will receive a 10 percent discount on it and all gift shop merchandise as well as free admission to the museum in celebration of the Holiday Open House.

The Holiday Open House will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, which is located on the southern end of the Boardwalk adjacent to the Inlet.

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SNOW HILL — The Worcester County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Christmas Needy Program is seeking volunteers to assist them at the Santa House in Snow Hill.

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Santa Clause will be at the Santa House on pickup day, Dec. 20, when the food and gifts are distributed.

Staple foods to fill a small child's hungry belly, mittens to buffer little fingers against the cold, and a much longed for toy are among the simplest treasures that can be given to brighten a child's hopes this season.

"One little girl listed an electric toothbrush and blankets as the most desired items on her wish list," said Dena Holloway, who manages the collection of food, clothing and toys for the Christmas Needy Program. "To a child in need, it's the little things that really matter."

Worcester County residents can aid the Santa House by providing monetary support to purchase teen clothing and shoes and children's wish list items, volunteering to help at the Santa House or donating new toys, hats, gloves, clothing and food.

Tyson Foods has donated 400 chickens to help fill food boxes. Dry goods needed for holiday food packages include stuffing, cake mixes, cookie helpers, Jell-O, Jiffy Muffin Mix, Maca-

roni and Cheese, pasta, Ramen Noodles, Rice-A-Roni and instant potatoes.

Much needed youth recreational items include bikes ranging from 26 inches down to youth tricycles.

This year's most requested toys and gifts include games, crafts, hair brushes, deodorant, music CDs (like Justin Bieber, NOW That's What I Call Music, and other popular artists) and Xbox 360 games.

Riding toys, baby items, winter coats, stuffed animals and coloring books with crayons are also needed, along with balls and other sports equipment. Other wish list items include drawing pads, markers, colored pencils, youth and teen chapter books.

Holloway notes that community involvement makes this program a success year after year.

"The community has been fantastic in helping, and we are so thankful to them for what has been accomplished along our journey," said Holloway.

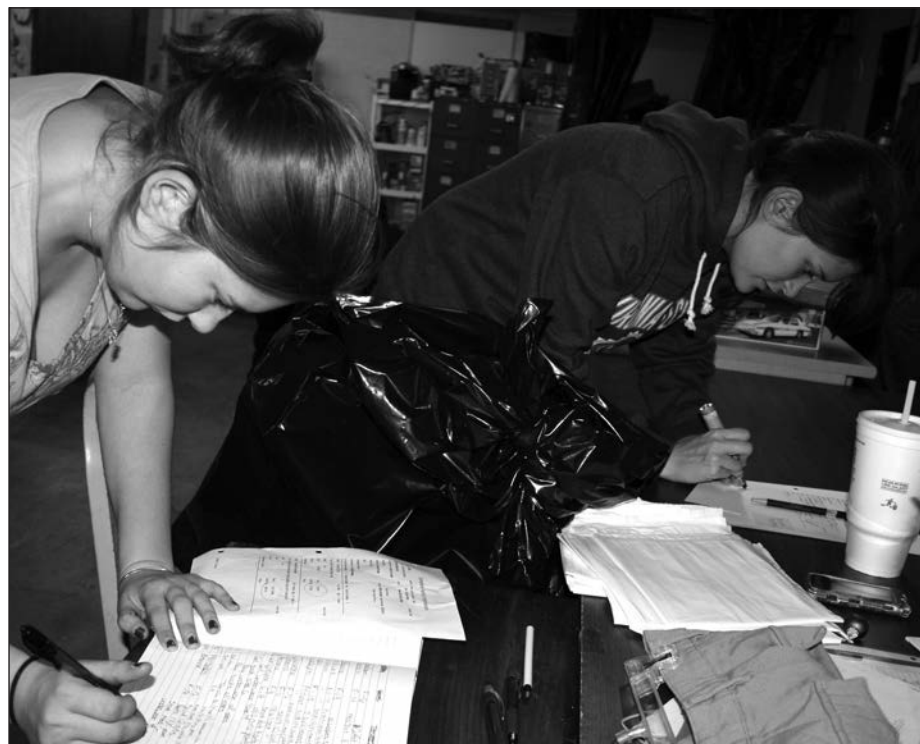
With the help of area police and other government agencies, businesses, civic organizations and area residents, the Christmas Needy Program through the Santa House is working to reduce the number of families and children in crisis at Christmas.

This season, the Santa House has received requests to assist approximately 500 families.

Although the continued economic climate has led to an increase in those seeking assistance, the WCSO has never initiated a cut off of services to qualifying individuals due to limited resources. However, because the need is so great this year, WCSO are asking for additional community aid to help accommodate the requests.

Nonperishable food, toys, clothing and other items for all ages from infants to senior citizens can be taken to one of the many convenient drop-off points available throughout the county, including each of the Friendly's Restaurants on the Eastern Shore, Ocean Lanes and OC Nails in Ocean City, Ocean Pines Police Department and A Bagel and... in Ocean Pines, Atlantic Physical Therapy, 5 and Below and Powerhouse Gym in West Ocean City, all Calvin B. Taylor Banks and Worcester County Libraries, Maryland State Police Barrack and Gull Creek in Berlin and the Health Department in Snow Hill.

For more information on the Christmas Needy program, making a donation, volunteering or adopting a family, con-



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Volunteers work on filling and sorting letters to Santa as part of the WCSO Christmas Needy Program. Volunteers are needed through Dec. 19 this year.

tact Dena Holloway at 410-632-1111 (Sheriff's Office) or 410-632-4924 (Santa's House). All donations will directly benefit underprivileged families and children residing in Worcester County.

## Friends of the Ocean Pines Library announce art shows

OCEAN PINES — The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library this week announced photographer John Mc Manus will be featured in the "Artist Spotlight Exhibit" located in the two computer rooms.

A graduate of the Philadelphia Art Institute, John constantly strives for excellence in all the images he creates. For three decades, he has photographed the rivers, bays, harbors, and wildlife of Pennsylvania and Ocean City. With digital technology, John has developed a technique which blends the richness of color photography with the soft beauty of oils and watercolors.

These images are like memories; rich with joy, yet softer with age. This six month exhibit runs through December 31, 2011.

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library also announced their featured

exhibit would highlight the work of the students of Barbara Doyle Schmid.

Schmid, who is a watercolor artist and teacher, has been training children to paint.

All exhibitors were participants in the "Beginners and Beyond" watercolor classes she held at the Art League of Ocean City. Class members have been learning the classic watercolor techniques, such as contrast and brushstrokes as well as proper matting and framing.

Several of the participating students have entered local shows and won prizes for their work.

The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library has openings for artists for 2012. For more information regarding requirements for an exhibit, call Mary Doellgast at 410-208-3878. For Ocean Pines Library hours call 410-208-4014.

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### Holiday Art Exhibition

SALISBURY — The opening reception of the 2011 Holiday Artist Exhibition and Sale will be held 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

The exhibition is a collection of works by local and regional artists and fine craft artisans and all items are available for sale for your holiday giving. The exhibition hangs until Dec. 23.

Featured in the Foyer Gallery as a solo exhibitor is artist and instructor, Kate Cashman with a collection of pastels, oils and acrylic works.

A book signing will be held at the opening of a new book by Ocean City photographer and restaurateur, Gregory Poulos.

Poulos has chronicled that love through his new book "Moments - Ocean City, MD". Books will be available for

sale.

Artists may submit entries through 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30.

As a celebration of the season and a thank you to all artists, entry fees have been reduced to \$15 each for the first two entries and the second two are free.

For college students, entry fees are \$10 each for the first two and the second two are free. Artists may go to the gallery 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

For more information or to learn more about the AI&G, call 410-546-4748 or visit the website at [www.aiandg.org](http://www.aiandg.org). The Art Institute & Gallery is located at 212 W. Main Street, Suite 101 in the Gallery Building in downtown Salisbury with a Camden Street entrance.

### Backyard bird feeding

SALISBURY — The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury University,

hosts a Backyard Bird Feeding workshop 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15.

In this introduction to backyard bird feeding, sponsored by Rommels Ace Backyard Bird Center, participants learn about different feeder types and food options for birds, how to create bird-friendly backyard habitats, and how to provide safe bird-feeding environments.

They learn about identification, distribution and food preferences of the top 20 birds that visit local feeders.

All participants receive a bird feeder, bird seed, and tote bag.

To register contact the Ward Museum at 410-742-4988, ext. 110, or [WardEducation@salisbury.edu](mailto:WardEducation@salisbury.edu)

Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non members ; Youth (17 and under) are admitted free.

For more information visit the Ward Museum Website at [www.wardmuseum.org](http://www.wardmuseum.org).

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## LETTERS

## Helping hand

Editor:

At the end of September when we heard Fusion Builders needed help, we decided to get on board with the Extreme Makeover Home Edition that took place in Mardela Springs for the Johnson-Goslee family.

We saw it as a way to directly impact a Delmarva family in need, and it was a chance for us to make a real difference in a big way. What we didn't know was that it would forever change our lives.

As the project unfolded, our involvement became more and more extreme. In addition to being a sponsor, we found ourselves there 'round the clock to volunteer with fundraising, staging, assisting in the VIP tent, laying sod and even building the roof, deck and some of the furniture!

Under such intense pressure and a tight deadline, it was a whirlwind of ex-

citement. On the last day, just seeing the joy and new-found hope on the family's face is something that will stay in our hearts and minds forever. We want to perpetuate this incredible feeling!

We were truly moved by the outpouring of caring and help by not only our staff, but by many fine businesses and individuals here on Delmarva; really demonstrating why we all choose to live and work in this wonderful community.

Many of our close business affiliates and friends have also donated their products and services, time, money, and support to the Johnson-Goslee project. Our sincere thanks to all of those involved in this wonderful community-building endeavor.

Do you know a child whose family is extremely economically challenged? Perhaps they've suffered some terrible tragedy, or other unfortunate situation? If so, please share your story with us. We

will be choosing one very deserving child in December to make their dream bedroom come true! Their own personal paradise where problems seem a little further away.

Having seen what a positive impact reaching out and helping someone so deserving has had, we are compelled to do our share in giving back. Since we are the largest design company in the resort area, we have the resources to make it happen. We're not builders, but we are interior designers, who know how to transform rooms.

Give us as much information as you can about the candidate: Name, age, area in which they live, favorite things and interests, and why you feel this would help them. Please submit your information (and a photo, if you'd like) to: Bethany Resort Furnishings, P.O. Box 397, Bethany Beach, DE 19930, or you can email us at: dreamcometrue@bethanyresortfurnishings.com.

Or, you can stop by our Bethany Beach location at 939 North Pennsylvania Avenue to fill out an entry form. Please submit your entries before December 7.

We're hoping that the local community will get involved to make their holiday more special!

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to: Dream Bedroom Makeover c/o Bethany Resort Furnishings, P.O. Box 397, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. All donors will be acknowledged in the reveal issue.

We will announce the winner at the Extreme Makeover Home Edition view party on December 9 at the Galaxy 66 Bar and Grille in Ocean City.

Stay tuned...

Cindy Centineo

## Tautog worries

Editor:

Because tautog are primarily a recreational fishery, much of management's "overfishing" assertion is based on MRFSS catch estimates. Fishers say Murfs--Managers say Murfis; the Marine Recreational Fishing Statistics Survey--MRFSS--was ordered replaced with a new program, MRIP, which means Murfs Rest In Peace or Marine Recreational Information Program depending on your mindset.

A chart shows MRFSS estimated tautog catch exceeded management's targets in recent years. Its the very portrait, frameable, of an "overfished" species. It shows 2007 & 2010 to be far above threshold: THERE is where our overfishing came from, In those years greed got the better of us..

Amidst many failings, 2007 and 2010 were terrible years for MRFSS. It was then, in Sept/Oct 2007, when Maryland's private boats were having their "best-ever" tautog landings while, in the same exact bulkhead & jetty locations, shore fishers must have been casting over boater's heads to have unbelievable flounder fishing;

Where Maryland's coastal shore fish-

ers are thought to have caught 36,017 flounder in early fall 2007 -- All the rest of the Mid-Atlantic's pier /jetty /shore/ beach fishers in all states combined only caught 9,000 more.

MRFSS claims many fishers and many species had their greatest catches ever in either 2007 or 2010 -- Tightening regulations and a shrinking economy had no effect. In fact, they bolstered catch.

Here's a comparison of actual MRFSS annual private boat tautog catch estimates among several states:

In Rhode Island tog catch rose from 52,000 to 138,000 between 2006 and 2007 -- And from 61,000 to 126,000 between 2009 and 2010.

New Jersey private boat anglers went from 146,000 to 239,000 in '06 & '07, then from 85,000 to 198,000 in 2009 & 2010.

Maryland's coastal boats (Ocean City only - there are no Chesapeake tog landings to speak of -- not yet. But wait until Maryland gets serious about re-reefing the Chesapeake) ..MD's coastal private boats went from 0 (zero) tog in 2006 to 64,000 in 2007; They climbed from 22,000 in '09 to 51,000 in 2010.

Virginia's catch is actually said to decline from 139,000 in '06 to 64,000 in 2007 but follows the up-trend later with 52,000 in 2009 followed by 137,000 in 2010.

According to MRFSS, Virginia has never had a tog caught from shore. Also according to this soon-replaced estimating program, NJ's shore anglers increased their March/April catch from a two-decade high of 7,000 jetty-caught tog in 2009 to an incredible Bad-Science high of 72,000 shore caught early-spring tog in 2010.

MRFSS catch-estimates have Ocean City, Maryland's tiny fleet of private boats --perhaps 20 boats serious enough to fish more than a few times-- catching 23,904 more tautog than ALL the Mid-Atlantic and New England party boats combined in 2007, and more than double the entire coast's partyboat catch in 2010.

Either our little fleet of tautog fishers posses super-human angling skill, or MRFSS could not possibly be correct in its Maryland tautog estimates.

Fact: There are more tautog off our coast now than in 1985.

Management remains color blind to habitat's red-shift: Where habitat grows larger--where reefs are being built--so does this fishery's production potential increase.

From my tag returns I have noticed a trend where tautog will move from a well established, well grown-in reef, to a newer reef that's reaching about it's 4th year -- that the food web is well enough established on perhaps even 3-year-old artificial reef to support immigration.

Not long distances, I'm seeing this type of movement within a given reef complex.

Strange that natural hardbottoms, wrecks, artificial reefs, pilings, jetties; All

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**LETTERS**

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are found in discussions of tautog but no consideration of habitat's import to growing the population is given.

Along coastal Maryland, owing almost solely to habitat increase and based on my own tag results: Because of habitat fidelity--and because every piece of artificial reef over 4 years of age has tautog--our spawning stock biomass (population of fish mature enough to spawn) must be--has to be, up: There's a lot more places for them to hide than in the 80s during habitat's nadir.

They spawn out there.

..and our reef building program is tiny compared to Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey's.

Make no mistake: Left unregulated, pristine reef habitat will have few fish. There has to be regulation.

Its also true, however, that perfect regulation can only rebuild a fish population so far; that without habitat expansion a stasis, a habitat holding capacity, must be reached.

Therefore, given almost any level of management, where reef habitat grows larger this fishery's production potential must increase.

I strongly disagree with management's assertions of overfishing. I think the fish are incredibly better off than in the mid-80s.

That doesn't mean we can't manage tautog better.

I think we --here, in coastal Maryland-- should take the marine size limit up to 16 inches to maximize our local population's spawning potential.

I also believe that doing so inshore, in our coastal bays, will be an egregious violation of fisher's trust in management. Management can tell us MRFSS is their best available science, but the program fails to meet the most important definition of science - It's not verifiable.

My boat's biggest tog was 19 pounds this year -- Ocean.

One local contest has the top two inshore bay tautog at a hair over 16 inches. Yes, there have been bigger ones but among that bunch of guys they didn't catch them.

The inshore bay fishery, a fishery conducted entirely on man-made habitat, should either remain at 14 inches or go up a 1/2 inch at a time over 4 years if it absolutely must..

Going from 14 to 16 inches will effectively close the inshore bay fishery for several years.

We're going to do that because of a failed statistical model?

I think tautog would be a great place to attempt folding habitat's importance into management -- an important aspect of ecosystem based management begun.

Meanwhile, Maryland ought not rob constituents of this man-made fishery.

Regards,  
Capt. Monty Hawkins

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# Pine Tones Christmas Concert

## OPA announces annual 'Light Up the Pines' event



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The Pine Tones, shown here during last year's performance, this week announced their Christmas Concert would be held Dec. 16

OCEAN PINES — The Pine Tones Chorus will present their annual Christmas Concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at the Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, Baltimore Avenue and 4th Street. The chorus includes about 55 singers from Ocean Pines and the surrounding area.

The show will be performed under the direction of June Todd. Jack Cook is the accompanist with guest musician Tom Baione on string bass.

The concert takes its name from the

opening selection "Can't Wait for Christmas" a festive, spirited song showing excitement and anticipation of the big day's arrival. The show will feature a variety of music for the holiday season.

Popular tunes will include Winter Wonderland, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, and Jing-a-Ling, which is a sleigh-bells song originally from the Andrews Sisters.

A special arrangement from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite features four hands on the piano. Classical

themes include one selection by Mendelssohn and several from Handel's Messiah.

Admission is free, though donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be available after the concert. The Pine Tones Chorus has given annual Christmas concerts since 1984, and is sponsored, in part, by the Worcester County Arts Council. For additional information, phone Ed Kriege, Chorus President, 410-641-5103, or June Todd, 410-289-7373.

OCEAN PINES — This week the Ocean Pines Association announced the beginning of registration for the annual Light Up the Pines contest.

Members and residents are encouraged to decorate their homes for the holidays with the aim of being one of the three finalists.

All entries will be published on the OPA website so the homes will be available for others to see online. The deadline for applicants is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16.

Judging begins that evening with registered participants being judged in three categories; Top Notch All Around, Most Creative, and Most Lights.

There will be one winner for each category and participants who placed will be notified and announced in the OPA newsletter and through its mass e-mails.

Winners will be given a gift basket filled with goodies and a free lunch or dinner at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club, a free one day admission to the indoor pool, and a round of golf at the Ocean Pines Golf and Country Club.

Enter by emailing your name, phone number, and home address to [info@oceanpines.org](mailto:info@oceanpines.org).

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# SNAP SHOTS



### Worcester Prep Thanksgiving

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Hailey Merritt, Alexander Canakis, Graham Hammond, Baera Bischoff, Andrew Stickler, Christopher Potvin, Hannah Merritt, Julia Godwin, and Grace Swartz assisted Rev. Douglas Potvin with his Thanksgiving lesson.



### Rotary trees

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Annual Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club Christmas Tree Sale began Saturday, Nov. 26. Ryan and Kristy Haley with their three children, Tanner, Gabby and Callie have been buying their tree from the Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club for several years. Tree sale hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sundays and 3-7 p.m. weekdays on Route 589 across from the Steer Inn. All proceeds will go into the scholarship fund for Stephen Decatur High School students.



### Toys for Tots

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Michael Queen owner of Rayne's Reef Restaurant in Berlin and Helen Wiley Coordinator of the Church Mouse Thrift Shop look over new toys purchased by the Outreach Commission of St Paul's Episcopal Church with funds provided by profits from the Church Mouse for the Toys for Tots program.



### Mixed dessert

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Mrs. Oltman's second grade students Emma Sperry, Kelis Sandifer and Zimere Handy who are in the Showell Elementary After School Academy, are discovering that cooking can be fun. Students learned about fractions and measurement as they created a Scouting Mix, while reading and following a recipe.



### Keep truckin'

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Second graders from Crissy Williams' class at Buckingham Elementary enjoyed the Worcester Mobile Environmental Science Lab with Science Coordinator of Instruction Maryln Barrett. Also enjoying the lesson on 3 different types of rocks were SU intern Brittany Thompson and parent Theresa Smullen during American Education Week.



### Wor-Wic Alphas

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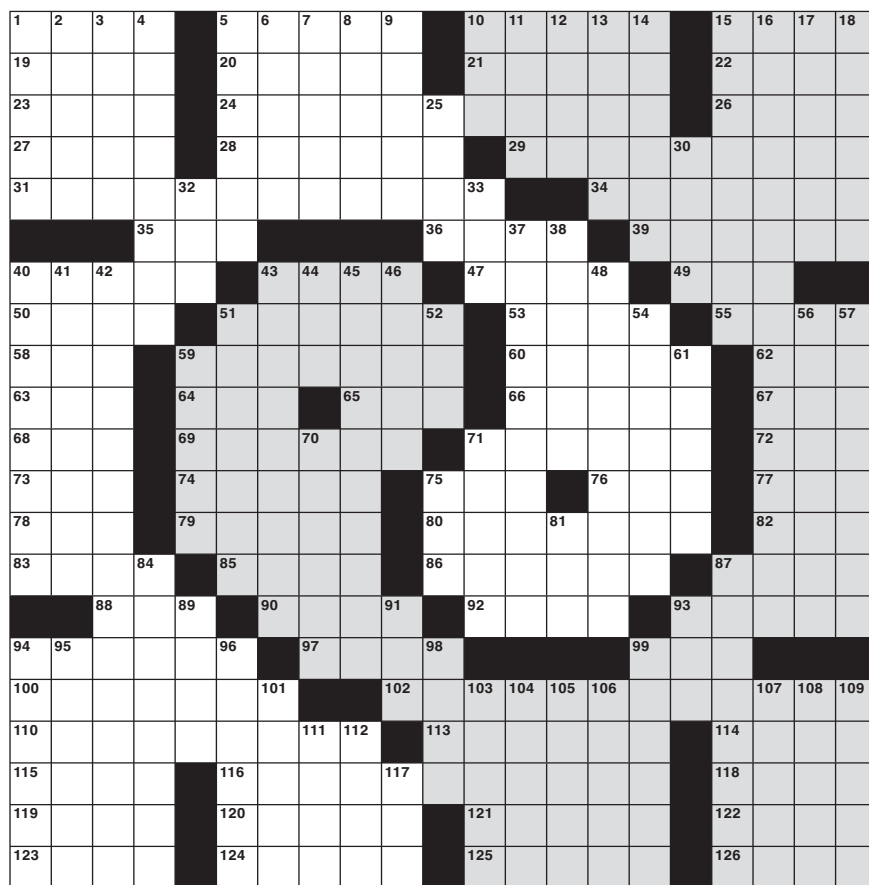
Students from Worcester County recently inducted into the Alpha Nu Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Wor-Wic Community College are shown in the front row, from left, Michelle Hernandez of Bishopville and Donald Harris of Ocean City. In the back, from left, are Mary Myers, Ryan Sullivan, Jamie Dressel and Jill Glassman of Berlin.



# CROSSWORD & SUDOKU

YIN/YANG By Jeff Chen / Edited by Will Shortz

- Across**
- 1 Test-drive
  - 5 Scintillate
  - 10 Who wrote "By their own follies they perished, the fools?"
  - 15 Name of nine Thai kings
  - 19 Name of five Norwegian kings
  - 20 Dogpatch yokel
  - 21 Name on a B-29
  - 22 "What \_\_\_?"
  - 23 Pirates of the Caribbean, e.g.
  - 24 Full of strong feelings
  - 26 Instinctive desire
  - 27 Villainous role for Montalban
  - 28 Bedelia of children's literature
  - 29 Fearsome creature with plates on its back
  - 31 Something to enjoy on a beach
  - 34 More foamy
  - 35 "Let's make \_\_\_ true Daily Double, Alex"
  - 36 Two on a line
  - 39 Razz
  - 40 Sleaze
  - 43 Mata \_\_\_ (spy)
  - 47 Contented sighs
  - 49 Start of many Portuguese place names
  - 50 Family \_\_\_
- Down**
- 51 Gloomy
  - 53 Irving Berlin's "\_\_\_ Be Surprised"
  - 55 Area 51 holdings, supposedly
  - 58 Flavor enhancer
  - 59 Representatives in a foreign country
  - 60 Italian woman
  - 62 Amount past due?
  - 63 N.C.A.A. part: Abbr.
  - 64 Absorbed, in a way
  - 65 Breach
  - 66 Qatari bank note
  - 67 It has a crown
  - 68 Turner who led a rebellion
  - 69 Musician's asset
  - 71 Where the vice president presides
  - 72 Grp. with the 1973 gold album "Brain Salad Surgery"
  - 73 Windy City rail inits.
  - 74 Dud
  - 75 Green hue
  - 76 Perfection, for some
  - 77 Opus \_\_\_
  - 78 Rams, but not dams
  - 79 Rice-\_\_\_
  - 80 All together
  - 82 Dismiss
  - 83 Abbr. on a B-52
  - 85 Dance partner?
  - 86 Early online forum
  - 87 Gillette brand name
  - 88 Gift in "The Gift of the Magi"
  - 90 Classic soft drink brand
  - 92 Land o' blarney
  - 93 Words on an information desk
  - 94 Crow with a powerful voice
  - 97 Guidelines: Abbr.
  - 99 Moo \_\_\_ pork
  - 100 Seaside
  - 102 He might put chills up your spine
  - 110 Perfectly
  - 113 Edith's cranky husband
  - 114 Not straight
  - 115 Dept. of Labor arm
  - 116 Started sneezing and sniffing, say
  - 118 Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"
  - 119 Opponents of us
  - 120 Architect Jones
  - 121 Singer Susan with the 2009 #1 album "I Dreamed a Dream"
  - 122 Wood alternative
  - 123 "No problem!"
  - 124 Fancy car starter?
  - 125 Family of Slammin' Sammy
  - 126 Some shooters, for short
  - 5 Bygone Las Vegas hotel/casino with a roller coaster
  - 6 Certain W.M.D.
  - 7 Lay to rest
  - 8 Writer Zora \_\_\_ Hurston
  - 9 Singer Tennessee \_\_\_ Ford
  - 10 Sly laugh sound
  - 11 Low dice roll
  - 12 Castle guard
  - 13 Some cobblers of lore
  - 14 Sci-fi zapper
  - 15 "The Social Contract" philosopher
  - 16 Suffering from nyctophobia
  - 17 Author Cervantes
  - 18 On the ground, in ballet
  - 25 Flabbergast
  - 30 Some of Keats's feats
  - 32 Neighbor of Sudan: Abbr.
  - 33 "Bambi" character
  - 37 Walter Mitty, e.g.
  - 38 Lock
  - 40 Master criminal of books and film
  - 41 Establishes
  - 42 Weighing hardly anything
  - 43 Time in Hawaii, maybe
  - 44 MGM motto starter
  - 45 Question asked to one with a hangover
  - 46 Malcolm X adopted it
  - 48 Kuomintang co-founder
  - 70 British weights
  - 71 One of a standard group of five
  - 75 Little bit of French?
  - 81 Singer DiFranco
  - 84 "Bad!"
  - 87 Ring of Fire perils
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  - 91 It may precede a kiss
  - 93 Yellowfin tuna
  - 94 Skeddaddles
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  - 104 Marilyn who hosted 1980s TV's "Solid Gold"
  - 105 Mates' cries
  - 106 Nabisco brand
  - 107 Pirouette
  - 108 Boot, in baseball, e.g.
  - 109 "\_\_\_ Hope"
  - 111 Corporate bigwig
  - 112 Frozen food brand
  - 117 Sweetie
- 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.



- 51 Is protective of
- 52 Particularly: Abbr.
- 54 "CSI" procedure
- 56 Grilling procedure
- 57 Bit of stage scenery
- 59 "Cheers" waitress
- 61 Coeur d'\_\_\_, Idaho
- 70 British weights
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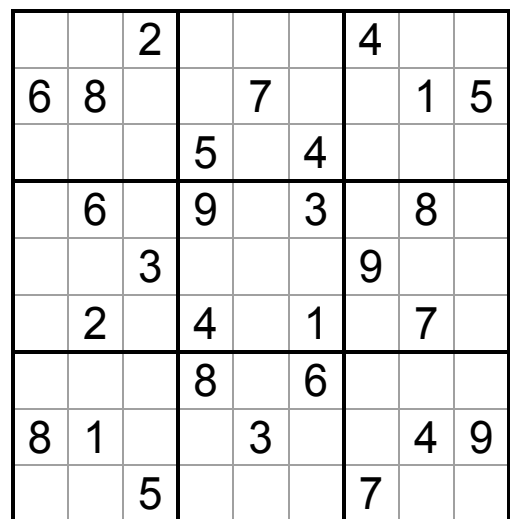
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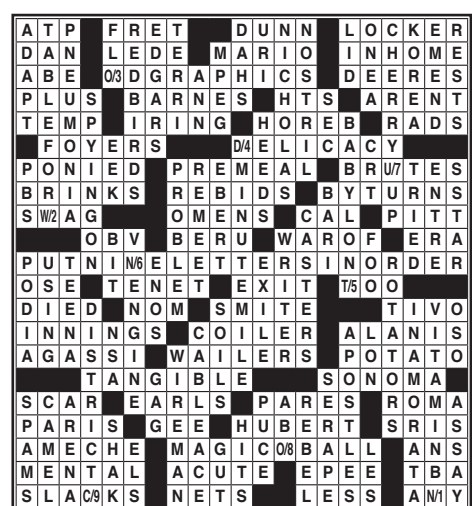
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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.



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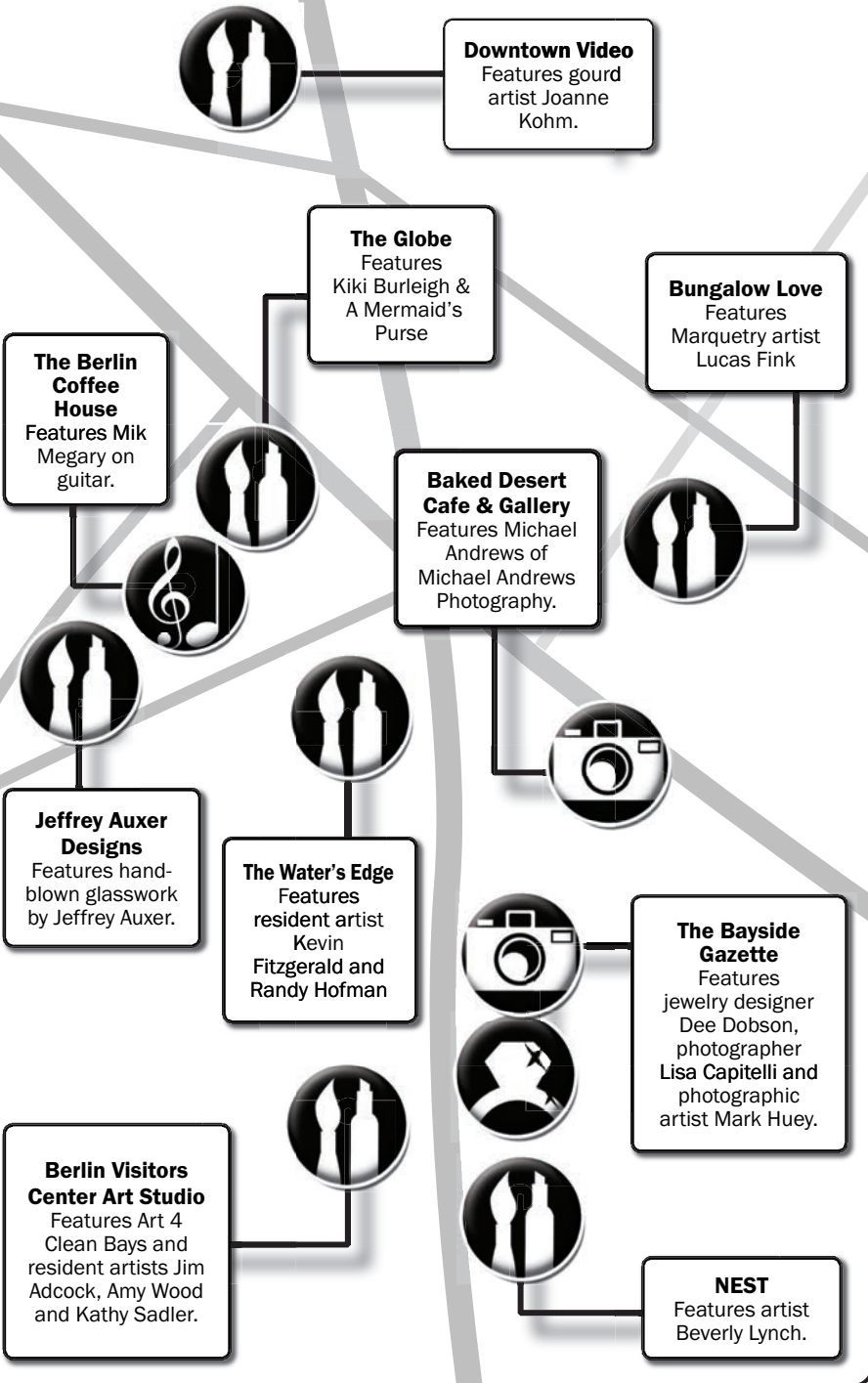




# THE BAYSIDE GAZETTE'S GUIDE TO

## BERLIN DECEMBER 9 • 5-8 PM

### 2ND FRIDAY ART STROLL



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## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

### BJ's on the Water

75th St. Bayside  
410-524-7575  
FRIDAY - No Byscuts, 9pm.  
SATURDAY - Lime Green, 9pm.  
WEDNESDAY - BJ's Christmas Party with Teenage Rust, 5-8pm.

### Clarion Resort

10100 Coastal Hwy. Ocean City  
410-524-3535  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - The Tommy Edward Band

### Cottage Café

Route 1, Bethany Beach, DE  
302-539-8710  
FRIDAY - DJ Bump, 10pm-1am.  
SATURDAY - The Stims, 10pm-1am  
TUESDAY - Pub Party Trivia, 6pm  
WEDNESDAY - Willie Cannon Benefit, 5:30-8:30pm.

### DeNovo's

South Gate - Ocean Pines  
TUESDAY - THURSDAY & SATURDAY - Al Prescott



Al Prescott @ DeNovo's

### Fager's Island

60th St. & the bay, Ocean City  
FRIDAY - DJ Hook, 9pm.  
SATURDAY - Animal House, 10pm., DJ Rob Cee, 9pm.  
MONDAY - Bryan Clark, 5-8pm.

### Green Turtle - OC

11601 Coastal Hwy.  
FRIDAY - DJ Wax, 10pm.-2am.  
SATURDAY - DJ Wood, 9pm

### Harborside Bar & Grill

12841 S. Harbor Rd.  
West Ocean City  
410-213-1846  
THURSDAY - Opposite Directions, 9pm-1am.



Opposite Directions @ Harborside Bar & Grill

FRIDAY - DJ Billy T, 9pm.-1am.  
SATURDAY - Simple Truth...and friends, 2-6pm., DJ Jeremy, 10pm.-2am.  
SUNDAY - Opposite Directions, 2-6pm., DJ Biggler, 9pm.-1am.

### Harpoon Hannas

142nd Street Bayside  
800-227-0525  
FRIDAY - Dave Hawkins, 7-11pm.  
SATURDAY - Dave Sherman, 7-11pm.  
WEDNESDAY - Bobby Burns Senior Deck Party, 4-7pm.



Patrick McAllorum @ Marina Deck

### House of Welsh

1106 Coastal Hwy., Fenwick  
FRIDAY - DJ Norn, 3-6pm.; Tony Vega, 6-10pm.  
SATURDAY - Tony Vega, 6-10pm.  
MONDAY - DCHDC w/ music by DJ Norm, 6-9pm.  
WEDNESDAY - Bob Hughes, 6-10pm.

### Marina Deck

Pennington Commons - Rt. 589  
SATURDAY - Patrick McAllorum

### Seacrets

49th & the Bay, Ocean City  
410-524-4900  
FRIDAY - Star 69, 10pm.-2am.  
SATURDAY - Jon Maurer Band, 5-9pm., Johnny Drama, 10pm-2am.

### Smitty McGee's

Rt 54  
West Fenwick Island, DE  
302-436-4716  
FRIDAY - Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Salt-water Cowboys, 8pm.  
SATURDAY - Bo Dickerson Band, 8pm.  
TUESDAY - Trivia Night, 6:30pm.

### Yacht Club

Ocean Pines  
FRIDAY - Old School, 6-10pm.  
SATURDAY - Petting Hendrix, 7pm.

## MARYLAND LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2011

Midday			Evening		Daily		
Date	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4	Bonus Match 5	Bonus	
11/20/11	605	8050	288	3353	01 02 13 24 25	19	
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Date	MULTI-MATCH	Date	Mega Millions	MEGA BALL	Megaplier
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Date	Powerball	POWER BALL	POWERPLAY
11/23/11	04 30 35 57 59	25	2
11/26/11	20 37 39 45 55	28	2

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# CALENDAR

## BAYSIDE

### ON-GOING EVENTS

#### CRAFT SHOP

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

#### NETWORKING

Every Thursday.  
The Early Birds, 7:30 a.m. TC Diner, West Ocean City. Free. Reservations required, 410-600-5320.

#### BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

Every first and 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 AT THE ZOO

Every Tuesday  
Salisbury Zoo, for children 3-5 years old. 10-11 a.m. Story and craft project. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 410-546-3440 for more information.

#### STORY TIME

Tuesdays - Berlin  
Wednesdays - Ocean City  
Thursdays - Ocean Pines Library, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. A different theme each week. For ages 2-5.

#### KIWANIS CLUB

Every Wednesday  
Meeting at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for 3rd Wednesday which meets at Halls Restaurant. 7:45 a.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

#### DELMARVA CHORUS

Every Monday  
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.

#### BINGO

Fridays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. Doors open 5 p.m. Games begin 6:30 p.m. 410-524-7994.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturdays  
VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City. 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person.

#### BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays

45 plus Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. For more information, 302-436-9577.

#### BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

On the corner of West Street and Main Street in Downtown Berlin Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

#### SWEET ADELINES

The Delmarva Sweet Adelines Chorus, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets 7-9 p.m. each Monday evening at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in singing in a barbershop format with good fellowship are welcome to come visit with us. For information call: 410-208-4171.

#### SI BOC MEETING

Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines 6 p.m. dinner social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. for more information please contact Marty Cropper, President 410-213-1592

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

BERLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE  
7 p.m. Main Street.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

#### FIRST FRIDAY

Sponsored by Arts on the River, Snow Hill's Art and Entertainment District, the Worcester County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact 410-632-2080.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

#### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sponsored by the Sound United Methodist Church, Route 54, Williamsville, Del. Adults \$8, children under 10, \$4. Pancakes, eggs, sausage.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

#### HOTS FOR TOTS

The 13th Annual Ocean City Parrot-head Club's Hots for Tots Chili Cook-off will be held 1-4 p.m. at the West Ocean City Greene Turtle. For more information visit [www.ocphc.com](http://www.ocphc.com) and click on the Chili Cookoff link.

Questions, please call the Turtle at 410-213-1500 or email [ocphc@comcast.net](mailto:ocphc@comcast.net).

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Christmas Bazaar 11 a.m.-4 p.m. including unique gifts, baked goods a coffee shop and snack bar. Games and prizes, music and a silent auction. For more info call 410-641-3575.

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Held at Worcester Prep 11 a.m.-4 p.m. For details call Susan Beauchamp at 410-641-3575.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

Free blood pressure screening and health information 10 a.m.-noon at the Rite Aid, Berlin. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

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#### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Guest speaker will be Endocrinologist Dr. Joan Parambi 6-7 p.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church. For more information contact Darby Schaub 410-641-9703.

#### QIGONG LESSONS

Held 4-5 p.m. at the James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, Berlin. Qigong is the art and science of using breathing techniques, meditation, and both gentle and dynamic movements.

The first class is free. Fee is \$10/class thereafter. For more information, contact Ric Timbol at 301-602-9419.

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#### LUNCH WITH SANTA

Sponsored by the Snow Hill Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Snow Hill Fire Department. \$3 for children 2 yrs. and under; \$6 for age 3 and up. Each child will receive a gift from Santa and may purchase a picture with Santa. Call 410-632-2115 for info.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

10a.m.-noon Rite Aid, Selbyville, Del. Free blood pressure screening and

health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

#### HYPERTENSION CLINIC

1-3 p.m. Happy Harry's, Clarksville, Del. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Contact Dawn Denton 410-641-9268.

#### NAMI

Connections Recovery Support Group 7-8p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1 Offers a casual approach to share the challenges, successes and setbacks of coping with any diagnosis (depression, ADHD, PTSD, Anxiety, Panic Attacks, etc.) and their symptoms. For more information call 443-523-2153 or [NAMIMDLS@gmail.com](mailto:NAMIMDLS@gmail.com)

#### YOGA

5:30-6:45 p.m. James G. Barrett Medical Office Building, Rotunda All levels welcome. Contact Georgette Rhoads at 410-641-9734 or [grhoads@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:grhoads@atlanticgeneral.org) with any questions. Cost: \$72 for 8 sessions, or \$10 drop-in fee for first time.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

#### QUILTERS BY THE SEA

12:30 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center to make quilts for local charities. All are welcome. Call Shirley Schaefer, 410-641-8898 to find out how you can help.

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7-8p.m. Ocean Pines Library. For more information contact Ellen Lurz at 443-814-5450 or [elurz52@mchsi.com](mailto:elurz52@mchsi.com)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### DIABETES CLINIC

8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Atlantic Heath Center Is cost keeping you from taking care of your diabetes? If so, there is help. Must be a resident of or employed in Worcester or Somerset County and be at least 18 years of age. This service is not intended to substitute for your physician's recommendations or treatment but will include:

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# CALENDAR

## BAYSIDE

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blood testing, blood pressure screening, diabetes risk assessment, educational information including nutrition guidelines, glucometer and test strips for those who qualify, and a medication voucher (some restrictions apply). Funded by Health Resources Services and Administration (HRSA) through Somerset County Health Department. By appointment only. Call 410-641-9703 for more information.

### CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

7-8 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 3. Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. For more information, contact Betty Bellarin at 410-603-0210.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

#### PIZZA AND A MOVIE

The movie will be "The Nativity" Sponsored by the Stevenson United Methodist Church 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

#### WESTON A. PRICE MEETING

Berlin-Worcester County Chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation will MEET 1:30-3 p.m. at Upper Room Studio, 8525 Logtown Road, Berlin. The topic of this meeting will be natural remedies for internal parasites. For more information on the meeting: 443-373-3115 or worcestercounty-wapf@gmail.com For more information on the Weston A Price Foundation: www.westonapricefoundation.org

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

#### CHRISTMAS FEST

Sponsored by the Worcester County Republican Central Committee 6-9

p.m. at the Marina Deck. Tickets are \$20.00.

Contact Joan Gentile for reservations, 443-465-2400, or joanierags@verizon.net.

#### T.O.P.S.

5-6:30 p.m. Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1. Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy life-style.

They meet weekly. For more information contact Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

#### QIGONG LESSONS

4-5p.m. James G. Barrett Medical Office Building. Qigong has been practiced in China for over 2500 years. It is the art and science of using breathing techniques, meditation, and both gentle and dynamic movements. The first class is free.

Fee is \$10/class thereafter. For more information, contact Ric Timbol at 301-602-9419.

#### LAPBAND

5-6 p.m. Berlin Main Place Complex, 9956 North Main Street, Receive information about the benefits of the lap-band procedure.

Those wishing to attend must pre-register to guarantee a seat by calling 410-641-3960.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

#### BUS TRIP NYC

Sponsored by the Relay for Life Team of Ocean Pines Community Church. Bus leaves the church at 6 a.m. returning 11 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. To reserve a seat e-mail lubbyday@yahoo.com or call 443-235-1019.

#### HOLIDAY PARTY

The Democratic Club of Worcester County will hold its annual Holiday

Party 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. A dinner, dancing and a chance to win a prize. Tickets \$40 per person. Reservations recommended.

Send check to Kay Hickman, P.O. Box 1422, Ocean Pines, MD 21811. Or e-mail soonerkay@gmail.com for more info.

#### OPA TOWN HALL MEETING

General Manager's Town Hall Meeting for the membership begins 10 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Association Community Center

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

#### YOGA

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#### SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

S.O.S. Survivors of Suicide Support Group meets 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1. Survivors of Suicide (S.O.S.) groups are for those who have lost a loved one as a result of death by suicide. These monthly meetings give those who have suffered a loss by suicide to share with others who have suffered a similar loss.

For more information, please call 443 235 9493.

### The Perfect Gift

Fenwick Wine Cellars is making specialty gift baskets for the holidays, featuring wine, gifts and gift certificates from local businesses and restaurants. Call us today to place your order and allow us to help you create a custom basket for that special someone!

### Upcoming Events at the Winery

#### Closed for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24th

#### Nage Holiday Brunch and Cooking Class

Sunday, December 4th 10:45am-1pm

Join us at Fenwick Wine Cellars for a cooking class & delicious three course brunch from Restaurant Nage including pairings with Fenwick Wine Cellars wine. To purchase tickets or for more information please contact us. Limited tickets available.

### Black Friday Weekend

November 25th, 26th & 27th

Purchase 3 bottles of wine and reach into our "Black Bag" for a chance to receive discounts on wine and merchandise or to win prizes. You will also be entered in to win a \$50 FWC gift card!

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# CUISINE

## BAYSIDE

# A dessert that is not too cheesey pie

I ate so much food between Thursday and Friday that by Saturday, nothing sounded good but pie and garlic-greens. Yes, I ate vegetarian on Saturday as my day of culinary rest.

Of course, that did not keep us from eating a full Thanksgiving-spread again on Sunday night, and with the kids helping with dishes, the house was semi-cleaned and we were ready for another week of school, a short stint with only 17 school-days until Christmas Break.



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

Is it bad that I'm already thinking about New Year's Resolutions? Why bother; no one sticks to them anyway. Who needs them? I just

need to put in a few miles between now and January 1 and I think I will survive the caloric onslaught.

Back to the food du jour, our Thanksgiving meal was made replete with pumpkin pie, of course, and apple-craisin pie. I love apple-craisin pie. It is one of my favorite desserts to make, and with the addition of one simple thing – cheddar cheese – it elevates to a heavenly delight that rivals the greatest ambrosia.

When I worked at Dunes Manor years ago, I witnessed a server melting cheddar cheese on top of a slice of apple pie.

Having never heard of it, I was appalled, and it wasn't until her chiding me that 'hadn't I ever heard of a fruit and cheese tray?' that it all came together.

Yes, cheddar cheese, and more specifically extra sharp cheddar cheese melted atop a slice of fresh apple pie transforms simple into fantastic.

I had forgotten this little trick until Saturday, the day on which my stomach repelled another attack of heavily roasted and fortified soups, sauces, meats, dressings and side dishes.

I just wanted some pie.

Reaching into the refrigerator for the apple beauty, my eyes fell upon the large chunk of orange cheese staring at me, challenging me to a cage-match. Dare I put the cheese on top? I ran with it.

Much to the chagrin of my family members, who watched in horror as I topped my sweet something with that sour and savory fromage, I plunged forward in my effort.

Not wanting to waste any precious time on using the oven, I simply threw it in the microwave, and lo and behold, a mere fork was all that stood between me



and my conquest.

The sour and salty cheese countered the sweetness of the pie. The soft feel of the melted cheddar is the perfect accompaniment to the flaky and rich crust.

It is indeed a match made in heaven, almost as though it were a cooked cheeseboard.

You can find your own pie dough recipe. If I give you a hundred cooks, you will have a hundred variations on the same theme.

But this filling is guaranteed. It is the recipe that I hand my teenage students and they create the pies with little effort and to great aplomb.

One trick that I picked up at the CIA is that of 'pie-shine', a simple concoction that, yes, makes pies shiny. When used properly, the pie-shine gives the flaky crust an extra-sweet crisp on the outside as it caramelizes just a touch.

An easy mix of simple syrup and corn syrup, I have even used straight corn syrup. Sometimes I think that cooking schools like to make things more difficult than they really need to be, but the choice is yours.

Simply brush the crust with a pastry brush starting at 34 minutes, and every

17 minutes after that, and the pie will finish with a luster that is hard to obtain otherwise.

If you don't want to use this for pie, you can use the filling as the base for a crisp. I like to top mine with oats, brown sugar, butter, cinnamon and maple syrup. Baked, this is a wonderful fall-harvest crisp.

Pretty soon I will be in the market for a rib roast, as this Christmas promises to be a beef-filled holiday with Yorkshire pudding and other lovely foods of the British Isles. With Dickens as a role-model, it is easy to enjoy the holidays.

And let me tell you; the season is upon us. And my pants are a touch tighter this week. I just need to continue on my Pie Diet, and all will be well.

## Apple Pie Filling

1.5 # apples  
5 oz. sugar  
1 ¼ oz. cornstarch  
½ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
1 Tbsp. lemon juice

1 c. craisins

1 oz. melted butter

Peel, core and slice the apples

Combine with rest of ingredients, set aside

Roll dough into circle and line pan

Stuff with apple-craisin mixture

Top and crimp

Bake at 335 for about an hour, adding pie-shine\* at 34 minutes and then re-brushing and turning as needed

## Pie-Shine

¼ c. Water

¼ c. Sugar

½ c. Corn syrup

Combine the water and sugar in a saucepan and heat on medium until dissolved. Thus, you will have simple syrup

Add the corn syrup and you will have pie-shine

This will last in the refrigerator for a good, long time

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# Grammy winner headlines at OC Jamboree

WEST OCEAN CITY — Suzy Bogguss had a revelation on stage with Garrison Keillor in 2008. It occurred to her that everyone loves to sing along on "Red River Valley" except the children who somehow don't know the song. Folk songs are the scrapbook of the American experience, but Bogguss said she worried that as music education fades from public schools these beautiful melodies are in danger of being overlooked.

She resolved to record these timeless songs in an updated but reverent way — so that everyone can sing along on "Red River Valley."

Bogguss' upcoming show at the OC Jamboree is part of her ongoing world tour in support of her new CD entitled American Folk Songbook.

Her "Swingin' Little Christmas Show" is described as a joyous, festive evening of traditional songs and spontaneity. The show will feature Bogguss as part of an Acoustic Trio.

During her career spanning nearly 20 years she has won multiple CMA Awards including the Horizon Award and the ACM Award for Top New Female Vocalist. Top Country Hits include "Someday Soon," "Aces" and "Outbound Plane". Expect Suzy's hits to be sprinkled in throughout the show.

"The audience is different every night and so is our performance. The folks that come out are always in the spirit and eager to participate. They're very much

a part of the show," Bogguss said. "My favorite thing is watching the people who were pretty much dragged to the show, and seeing their faces change as the night goes on! I love the whole Scrooge transition."

The platinum selling songstress already has a full bookshelf of Grammy and CMA awards and now with the release of American Folk Songbook she can put her own book up there too. The CD and companion Songbook was released in July.

But Bogguss was not content to present the songs as dusty museum pieces, instead she chose to breath new life into them with contemporary arrangements and a crack squad of Nashville's acoustic A-Listers.

Jerry Douglas, Stuart Duncan, Pat Bergeson, Charlie Chadwick and Jeff Taylor all join the band for Suzy's self-produced project. Ultimately though it's the voice that lovingly weaves through the guitars and mandolins to find the new in these old songs.

Bogguss said she modeled the songbook after her "good old 5th grade songbook." The hardcover, 96-page book is filled with illustrations, fascinating historical stories about the songs, easy to read sheet music arrangements for piano, voice and guitar as well as personal insights and anecdotes from Bogguss.

Her intent from the beginning was to



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Grammy Award winner Suzy Bogguss brings her "Swingin' Little Christmas Show" to the OC Jamboree Dec. 12.

make the book attractive to music lovers and musicians at every level.

"That way, younger generations [can] share these slowly fading gems with their families and tell their stories of how they learned a few chords on the guitar or a couple of favorites to play at family gatherings," she said.

Bogguss will perform her "Swingin' Little Christmas Show" 7 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 16 at the OC Jamboree. Advance reservations are required for this performance.

Tickets are on sale now and may be obtained by calling The OC Jamboree box office at 410-213-7581 or by going online at [www.ocjam.com](http://www.ocjam.com). All seating is reserved, theater style and strictly limited on a first come basis. Ticket cost is \$35.

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