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Girl Scout Troop 206 lead a contingency of misfit toys down Main Street during Berlin's annual Christmas parade, Dec. 3.

Thousands attend 45th annual Berlin Christmas parade

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) Two and half hours before Berlin's 45th annual Christmas parade started last Thursday, dozens of town workers and volunteers gathered in the council chambers at town hall for an impromptu pizza party.

The room, buzzing with nervous energy and filled with a half dozen department heads in casual clothes, hardly resembled the formal space usually reserved for council meetings.

Managing Director Jeff Fleetwood directed traffic in the parking lot outside, while members of the town's police force filed in and out, taking turns grabbing their crucial last bites of food before the rush of people took over the roughly half-mile stretch of downtown.

At 7 p.m. the first floats ran south down Main Street, starting with Mayor Gee Williams in a carriage with Little Mr. and Ms. Berlin Peach.

'It was easily the largest-attended ever'
Mayor Gee Williams

Thousands of people lined the streets, leaving virtually no walking space on the sidewalks between the street and the brick-faces of the old Victorian buildings.

Sponsored by Berlin Main Street and funded by the donations of dozens of Berlin-based businesses, the parade drew 83 floats and ran for roughly two hours.

Afterwards Williams, a former newspaper editor, said it was likely the biggest parade in the town's history.

"Just from all the years of covering it, since the very first one in 1975 as a newspaperman, and then watching it as a citizen and now being in it as mayor for seven or eight years, it was easily the largest-attended ever," he said. "I was just delighted to see so many people. Hopefully, it's a permanent fixture

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OPA releases details of golf meeting

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) The Ocean Pines Association released a seven-page report via email on Monday that painstakingly details a Nov. 5 meeting between three representatives from the board of directors and golf management company Landscapes Unlimited.

According to the report, Directors Tom Terry, Bill Cordwell and Pat Renaud, the board president, met with Landscapes President Tom Everett, Regional Manager Scott Nissley, golf pro John Malinowski and superintendent Rusty McClendon to discuss recent financial results and to go over the draft of a new business plan.

The three representatives were designated by Renaud and confirmed by a 4-3 vote during the last regular board meeting.

According to the report, the course

had 116 members as of September, not counting "lifetime members." That figure compares to the 143 members golf had in March.

Landscapes took over management of the course from Billy Casper Golf in April. According to the business plan, the company hopes to add 10 new members during the next fiscal year.

Apparently, Landscapes identified more than 300 previous golf members it hope to entice to return, but had yet to contact any. The company agreed to consider revising its growth of membership to 10 percent, or 32 new members.

Landscapes went on to say it hoped to cut maintenance costs to lower expenses, although the board representatives said they "desired to maintain a quality product over cost savings quantity management" and cautioned that, "cost savings alone are not the answer."

Operations of the clubhouse, or country club, were also a matter of discussion. Landscape's contract allows for "operation and management" of the facility, but the company said it was concerned that "mold may be causing unhealthy working conditions in the clubhouse."

Landscapes said several employees had become sick while working there.

Year-to-date gross revenues at the course are \$87,907 below budget estimates and \$19,993 less than the previous year during the same span. Along with the drop in membership, the report said, "All agreed steps need to be taken to reduce these trends."

The report concluded that the "two plus hour meeting ended on a positive note" and the board representatives "felt very positive about the meeting and looked forward to continuing the positive relationship."



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Berlin mayor hopes parade goes on ‘forever’

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for the holidays in Berlin for literally forever.”

On Friday, the town announced the list of winners in each category.

Judging the parade were Louis Taylor, Steve Hales, Dale Smack, Charlotte Cathell and Bill Shockley. Wayne Cannon acted as master of ceremonies.

The Snow Hill marching band took the top prize in its category, followed by Pocomoke and Stephen Decatur high schools, respectively.

Stephenson United Methodist

Church won in the youth-sponsored category, with robotics group Titanium Wrecks coming in second and Berlin Little League finishing third.

Berlin Intermediate was named best school-sponsored float, followed by Showell and Buckingham elementary schools, respectively, and WOC Fitness Zumba won for adult-sponsored floats – the only entry in that category.

Berlin’s fire company took the top prize in its category, with Ocean City finishing second and Ocean Pines coming in third.

Trimper’s Amusements was named best in commercial units. Frontier Town finished second and the Harrison Group came in third.

The Stephen Decatur Leo Club was the only youth marching class, coming in first, and Boggs Disharoon won for best adult marching entry. Duncan Showell and the Bearded Men Society came in second and third, respectively.

Other categories with only one entry included motorcycle clubs, won by the Black Knights, and antique cars, won by Bad

Monkey/Fager’s Island.

OC Cruisers won for vehicle clubs, followed by Smitty McGee’s in second and East Coast Cruisers in third place.

In ROTC marching units, Snow Hill High School’s Marine Band earned first place, followed by Pocomoke High School Marines and Stephen Decatur High School, and in the youth performing category OC Stars won first, with the Stephen Decatur High School Choir and Seaside Dance Academy coming in second a third, respectively.

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During first year, Wells helped grow events, add new business

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) A year ago, Ivy Wells was the new kid on the block, stepping into the shoes of the immensely popular Michael Day in a town that had just completed its decades-long transformation from ugly duckling to bona fide swan.

Today, Wells, the economic and community development director of Berlin, insists that, despite all the growth and goodwill the town has enjoyed during the past several years, this is only the beginning.

She sat down for an interview with the Gazette last Thursday in her office inside the visitor's center, where Wells can often be seen standing at a vertical computer station nearby. Ernest Hemingway, one of her heroes, also typed standing up.

It was just hours before the annual Christmas parade –and its hundreds of onlookers – rolled down Main Street. Coincidentally, last year's parade was among her first tasks in the town.

Wells was previously the economic and community development director in Sykesville, and was handpicked by Day to take over the position. Her first trip to the town, she said, was during the interview process.

"What I knew about Berlin [a year ago] was from what Michael had told me during our years working together," she said. "But when I got here, I saw how beautiful it was and how friendly everyone was. And it's even better than I thought it was going to be after a year."

Once she secured the job, Wells said she was given a "laundry list" of tasks, starting with meeting all the business owners she was charged with helping.

One of her first goals was to increase Berlin's social media presence. A year later, the town's visibility is

clearly on the rise. Facebook "likes," for instance, have nearly tripled, from roughly 1,600 to more than 4,500. The Berlin Main Street website (www.berlinmainstreet.com) also received a major overhaul.

Wells said attendance at events has nearly doubled during the last year, and a number of new accolades have come in, ranging from write-ups in national magazines to designations provided by the state government, including the recent Governor's Service Award for volunteerism.

She also wrote several successful grants and spread awareness of available façade allowances, which a number of businesses used to improve or repair storefronts.

Several notable vacancies have been filled on or near the highly traveled downtown area, including a former doctor's office, which is now the boutique gallery Art in the Fields, and the long-dormant former Boomer's, now a restaurant called Crush n Crab.

"When I started, we had a town meeting and I said my number-one goal was to fill that restaurant with something worthwhile for the community," Wells said. "Now, after just a few months, it's a successful restaurant and bar. They're doing well – and they have amazing crab dip."

Wells said another of her proudest moments was bringing the Maryland with Pride pop-up shop to the struggling Berlin Coffee House, an addition that, although still in its infancy, has already noticeably helped increase traffic.

"When you have an idea and you actually see it come to fruition, it's extremely rewarding," she said.

Wells said her biggest challenge at this point is keeping up with the demand for available space on the suddenly crowded Main Street.

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Wells: ‘16 will be year of excursion train [in Berlin]

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“I have a waiting list of businesses that want to come here and I’m trying to work something out where we move some people around,” she said. “I still see things that can be improved and it’s a challenge to find funding for some of the things that I know that we can do better.”

Next year, Wells said, will be the year Berlin expands away from Main Street and starts to transform several former industrial areas into vibrant commercial and tourist attractions.

She said, “2016 will be the year of the excursion train and Berlin Falls, formerly known as the Tyson [Chicken] property.

“My job isn’t just Main Street,” Wells continued. “My challenges are trying to get the properties outside of downtown filled – Johnny Derrickson’s property next to the Pitts Stop, the four corners out by Route 50, and there are some other little ‘pocket parks’ that I’m working on. I want to put businesses there that complement the downtown.”

Of the long-discussed excursion train, Wells said she, Town Administrator Laura Allen and Worcester County Economic Development Director Mary Mears would fly to North



Ivy Wells can often be seen standing up on the job inside her office at the Berlin Visitor's Center. The town's economic and community development director recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of her hiring.

Carolina on Dec. 28, and spend three days touring the facilities of the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad company.

“I specifically want to see what the economic impact is in the neighboring towns, Bryson City and Asheville,” she said, adding, “It’s on their dime, and we’re really interested to talk to the people there.”

For Wells, everything seems to have

come full circle. The second Christmas parade she helped oversee went off flawlessly and the town continues to buzz with excitement and possibility, suggesting that there is no sophomore slump in sight a year after Budget Travel magazine declared the town the coolest of the cool.

Still, she said the biggest accomplishment during her first year on the

job was simply measuring up.

“Taking over for Michael was a daunting task because he’s so well-loved here and he did so much,” she said. “It was slightly intimidating at first, but when I got here everyone made me feel so welcome, and after being here for a year, I feel like I haven’t let them down. That’s what I’m most proud of.”

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Economic Dir. Wells earns high marks from coworkers

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) Those who work closely with Berlin Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells gave her high marks during her first year on the job.

Mayor Gee Williams admitted Wells had big shoes to fill, replacing Michael Day in the role.

“We definitely had high expectations for this position based on the job that Michael Day had done previously, but I think anyone who has worked with Ivy this past year will say she easily exceeded our highest expectations,” he said. “I think we can all expect more of the same for hopefully many years to come.”

Jeff Fleetwood, manager director of the town’s human resources department, led the hiring process, and said Day personally gave his endorsement.

“He said she would take what he had started and she would take it to the next level. And I think that’s what’s happening,” he said. “I think Ivy has brought a breath of fresh air to this town.”

“She’s a good all-around person to work with, and I hear good things from other people at my level as well as from the vendors in town,” Fleetwood continued. “From my perspective she’s just been a wonderful person to work with.”

Town Administrator Laura Allen praised Wells’ inventiveness.

“Ivy is great to work with,” she said. “She’s has tons of creative ideas and loves trying new things. She’s connecting well with the merchants and the community.”

Helen Wiley, who runs the Church Mouse on Main Street in Berlin, has

worked closely with Wells as both a volunteer and businesses leader.

“She came into this little small town and has taken us up to another level,” she said. “She has some wonderful ideas and she’s full of energy. The town is really grateful to have her.”

Day remembers receiving a phone call from Wells shortly after the position was posted.

“She asked me if I should apply for this job and I said you should have applied yesterday,” he said. “I had known Ivy for seven years and I knew what she had done [in a similar capacity] in Sykesville and thought it was exactly what we were looking for personality-wise and energy-wise and commitment-wise.

“Knowing that she knew the same players I knew and knew the system the way I knew it, I thought she was the perfect fit and really rooted for her through the whole process,” Day continued. “I was thrilled that she got the job.”

During her first year, Day said Wells significantly boosted Berlin’s social media presence and helped increased attendance during events in the town.

“I think she’s done fantastic with the whole program,” he said. “Having Sharon Timmons as an administrative assistant really helped push her and the visitor’s center looks fantastic. I’m just so happy that things have moved forward.

“I had a lot of people say, ‘Don’t you want her to fail so you look good?’ No, I want her to take it to the next level and exceed what I’ve done so my work there looks even better, and I think it does,” Day added.

Michael Day faces similar challenges south of Berlin

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) While Michael Day gets a good deal of credit for the resurgence of Berlin – along with

Mayor Gee Williams, County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger and a handful of others – he now faces a similar challenge as Snow

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Hill's economic development director.

This is not, as is obvious, Day's first time around the block. Along with serving three years on the Salisbury City Council, Day worked for four years as part-time economic development director in Pocomoke and Berlin, and another four-plus years as Berlin's full-time economic director.

As he describes it, the job is as much about personality as it is experience.

"For this type of job, you've got to be able to talk to the low end, the medium and the high end. You've got to be able to get along with the elected officials, the big people in this community and the little people in each community," Day

said. "You've got to be able to communicate and win them over."

That often includes juggling the wants and needs of 50 merchants, 50 residents, a half dozen councilmembers and various department heads and town managers. And the job, according to Day, is often full of naysayers – even when things are going well.

"Put 100 people in front of somebody's store for an event and they're complaining that their parking place is taken," he said. "It's jaw dropping to me what some people can come up with as a complaint when we're doing our best and bringing people to shop in their stores, but it happens."

"People think that Berlin is all pie-in-the-sky and everything is going well, but it's not like that," he said. "The same issues and the same problems go on in both communities. You have to bridge that gap and make them all happy at the end."

In Berlin, Day used the picturesque downtown and full slate of

events as a calling card to increase tourism. Similarly, in Snow Hill he said he's working to build outdoor events that take full advantage of that town's location on the Pocomoke River.

The town will soon launch a new website promoting water activities such as canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddleboard.

"We've got probably the largest stand-up paddleboard race on the East Coast coming in June and it could be one of the biggest in the country," he said. "We're thinking this could be huge, not only for Snow Hill, but Worcester County and maybe the state if this turns out to be as big as we're hoping it is in two or three years."

Along with an expanded events roster, Snow Hill could soon boast another major tourist attraction – an excursion train.

Later this month, Day will join Ivy Wells, his successor in Berlin, as well as new Worcester County Economic Development Director Mary Mears and Berlin Town Administrator Laura Allen during a three-day junket in North Carolina, touring the facilities of the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad.

The company could play a pivotal role in a similar operation that runs from Berlin to Snow Hill.

"It's more positive and there's more forward motion than I thought there was going to be at this time," Day said. "Strasburg [Rail Road] bowed out of it [and] I thought, well what do we do? But there were two or three other operators that showed keen interest."

The county twice funded excursion train feasibility studies, most recently splitting the \$20,000 cost of a phase-two study with Berlin, Snow Hill and the Maryland Delaware Railroad. Included in that study was the consensus that a train starting in Berlin and

heading toward Snow Hill would be the quickest path to success.

"That's where I hope it goes, and we have a much better setup [in Snow Hill] to get it started right away," Day said. "I know we're both lobbying, but hopefully the operator will see that it could be kind of a unique setup with two different towns doing it."

He added, "My feeling is, I don't care where it goes as long as it comes to Worcester County, although if it went to Snow Hill it would greatly improve what's going on down there."

Day said it's been an enormous help to have Challenger and Mears near his office in Snow Hill, and he raved about the job Mears has done since taking over the lead role in the county in October.


"I'd say she's doing very, very well," he said. "I know it's a struggle because she sort of got thrown into it after being deputy, but I think she's doing great. She's keeping everything moving forward."

"For me in Snow Hill it's fantastic, because I'm in her office or Lisa Challenger's office almost every other day," he added. "I'm constantly in contact with her and Lisa, and I think it's a great relationship."


State officials are also taking an increased interest in Snow Hill. The Maryland Small Business Development Center Network has expanded services in the town and is working with the Small Business Development Center run by Salisbury University to help boost small business operations there.

SBDC counselor Tim Sherman works out of Snow Hill's town hall on the first and third Wednesday of each month, helping with business and marketing plans and providing start-up assistance, all at no charge.

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Area TCC stores to participate in ‘Stop the Hunger’

(Dec. 10, 2015) In 2014, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported that 17.4 million of U.S. households were food insecure at some point during that year.

In an effort to fight hunger in the communities it serves this holiday season, TCC, the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., announced that 550 of its stores will be collecting canned and boxed foods from customers and community members to provide to local partnering food banks.

Through its second annual “Stop the Hunger” campaign, participating TCC stores across the U.S. are encouraging local families to bring in canned and boxed food items through Monday, Dec. 14. Each store has a goal of donating 50 pounds of food, which will be delivered to local hunger relief organizations nationwide on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

The participating stores in Berlin, Ocean City and West Ocean City are located at:

- 10818 Ocean Gateway, Unit E, Berlin, 21811
- 12701 Coastal Highway, Store #3, Ocean City, 21842
- 12741 Ocean Gateway, Unit 650, West Ocean City, 21842

“We are very excited to see the impact this campaign will have on our local food banks and families,” said Scott Moorehead, CEO of TCC. “With 1 in 5 children struggling with hunger, we want to do our part to ensure that as many children as possible do not have to go hungry this holiday season.”

“Stop the Hunger” is one of TCC’s four annual Culture of Good initiatives. Other programs include donating 100,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children, giving supply packs to 3,500 teachers across the U.S. and volunteering time to improve the environment.

To learn more about the company, visit www.TCCRocks.com. Consumers can connect with TCC on social media at [@TCCTalk](http://www.facebook.com/tcctalkand) on Twitter.

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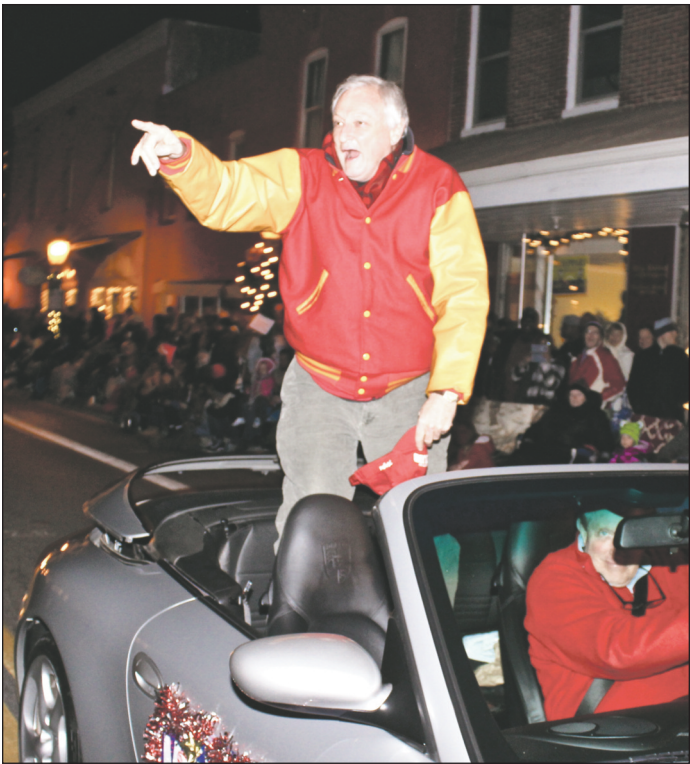
Santa and Mrs. Claus finish off Berlin's annual Christmas parade.



The Snow Hill High School Marching band earn first place in its category.



Dels. Mary Beth Carozza, in blue, and Charles Otto, in red, lead a delegation down Main Street.



Sen. Jim Mathias waves to the crowd.

FLOAT ON

Thousands lined the sidewalks of Berlin during the 2015 Christmas parade last Thursday, when more than 80 floats rolled through the historic downtown area on Main Street.

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Berlin Mayor Gee Williams, with 2015 Little Mister Peach Will Rayne and Little Miss Peach Brooke Cathell.



Seaside Dance Academy pirouette down Main Street. The group finished third in the youth performing category.

Pines committee takes on investment guideline resolution

New F-01 text will likely be introduced at Jan. meeting

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) Looking to institute safeguards regarding future investments, the Ocean Pines Association's Budget and Finance Committee met last Thursday to discuss an overhaul of community investment guidelines, also known as Resolution F-01.

Adjunct committee member Tom Beery, who drafted a proposed set of guidelines, said the existing document was only about three paragraphs long and was "sorely lacking in protections and direction for investments of the association funds."

"Ocean Pines is not a municipality. We're technically a [home owner's association]," he said. "We operate as if we are a municipality in a lot of ways, but we don't have taxing authority, and as a result we need to have the same protections, by agreement, that the state provides for municipalities."

Beery said the new document would provide guiding principals and that some of the changes and additions simply "memorialized" current practices. Other changes, he said, were written as safeguards in the instance that future treasurers were not investment minded.

Committee member John O'Connor underscored that notion.

"You happen to [currently] have a treasurer that understands dollars," he said. "If you have somebody who understands it, then it's not a problem. We've had treasurers who didn't know the difference between a debit and a credit. Somebody who doesn't know what they're doing – that's my concern."

Current treasurer Tom Terry, a member of the board, said that the bylaws were written with that in mind, not requiring the treasurer to be on the board.

"It's the only officer of the corporation that doesn't have to be on the board," he said. "If you have folks who ... are well-meaning, but none of them have any finance background, then you can name a treasurer that's not a board member."

Still, the committee discussed several minor wording changes to the draft, which was not made available to the press. Committee member John Trumpower was appointed to type the changes and email those to Supik.

An agreement was made to vote on the final draft by email, with the intention of introducing F-01 as a first reading during the January meeting of the board of directors, with a vote likely in February.

Terry endorsed the committee's timeframe.

"If we can't get F-01 in this form through in four months, then there's really something wrong," he said.

Rollover mechanism not rolling over

After board defeat in Nov., budget and finance group ponders new resolution

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) Despite its exclusion from the budget guidance document recently approved by the OPA Board of Directors, the notion of a financial rollover mechanism refuses to, well, roll over.

The issue was brought up again last Thursday during a budget and finance committee meeting in the administration building. The advisory group originally floated the notion of a rollover, or "grandfathering" clause, during a meeting in September.

Essentially, the mechanism would create a process for money that was earmarked for a project, but not spent, to carry over into the next budget without again going through the approval process.

When Director Tom Terry brought that to the board the following month, however, it was removed from the draft document. According to Terry, the concept was too difficult for some to swallow.

"It is not an easy thing for people to understand," he said on Thursday. "There are people on the board today who believe you should have everything completely done – all the busi-

ness plans, everything in line – before you put anything in a budget."

Terry said he was a big believer in the concept, but admitted, "I didn't win this one. I just couldn't get it across as to what we were trying to do."

He went on to say part of the problem was that the rollover became "more of a political issue ... than it is a money management issue."

'I didn't win this one. I just couldn't get it across as to what we were trying to do'
Director Tom Terry

"When you spend dollars that technically weren't in the budget, people raise their hand and [say], 'there they go again, spending unbudgeted dollars,'" Terry said, adding, "There were other agendas that got attached to this that muddled the water."

Assistant Treasurer Pete Gomsak agreed the issue became political.

"Good common sense judgments by the board to do something that didn't get completed the year before resulted in certain segments of the community being critical of the board for unauthorized, unbudgeted items," he said. "It can be solved very simply by good board decisions and being

able to withstand criticism."

Budget committee chairwoman Pat Supik said the group would work on its own resolution to define a rollover mechanism and would likely introduce that to the board in January.

"We're going to work on a model to define the structure," she said. "I'm hoping the reserve study [also due in January] may give legs to the concept of rollover capital."

Also included in the original budget guidance sent to the board was a salary review, the addition of human resources and IT positions, consolidating contracts by including outside vendors, and creating a nonresident membership fee for using association facilities.

Virtually all of those proposals were either modified or outright rejected by the time the final budget guidance document was approved in November.

Terry said the salary study did not make the final cut, but added that the board could revisit that notion in the future, possibly doing it internally. The IT position, he said, was included in the final document, but the human resources was not.

He also said the suggestion of consolidation was somewhat redundant with current practices, and said "some form" of nonresident fee could be in the works, but that it was not included in the approved budget guidance.



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BUDGET AND FINANCE BRIEFS

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) The Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee discussed the following actions during a public meeting in the administration building last Thursday.

Resolution C-03

Committee Chairwoman Pat Supik led a discussion on an overhaul of Resolution C-03, governing the function of the committee.

For the most part, Supik said the committee was looking at “slight changes.”

Article F in the document drew attention from several members. It said the committee would only assist the board and general manager “on request” in financial planning for major capital repairs, replacement or expansion of facilities.

“We’re an advisory committee to the board,” committee member John O’Connor said. “We haven’t in the past and probably shouldn’t sit back and say we’ll only do what the board asks us to do. We can go to the board on our own initiative.”

The phrase “on request” was removed, and the committee agreed to target the January regular board meeting for a first reading, with a vote likely to follow in February.

October results

Comptroller Art Carmine provided the committee with an overview of October financials.

According to Carmine, the association finished \$5,000 ahead of budget estimates for the month. Overall, he said revenue was slightly under budget, with golf and aquatics being the biggest drain on the bottom line.

The yacht club finished better than budget estimates, a result that Carmine attributed to strong banquet revenues.

Assistant Treasurer Pete Gomsak said Ocean Pines posted an overall \$44,000 positive variance year to day over the previous year, but added that part of the improvement was because of budgeted staff positions that were not filled during the first quarter.

For the fiscal year, golf was off budget estimates by \$50,000, and the yacht club was short \$25,000.

Future budget

The December meeting was the last for the committee before it receives a first draft of the fiscal year 2017 budget.

Public meetings to discuss that draft were set for Jan. 11-13 at the country club, starting at 9 a.m. Committee findings are due to the board on Jan. 15, with board review slated to start Jan. 18.

Terry said board members were encouraged to attend and listen – but not talk – during the budget and finance sessions.

“Board members should attend, keep their mouth shut and listen. I say that jokingly because I got yelled at last year,” he said. “It is very valuable to us as board members to listen to the questions you’re asking.”

Chesapeake Women’s Network offers community scholarship

(Dec. 10, 2015) Chesapeake Women’s Network (CWN) announces its community scholarship program for Eastern Shore women seeking career advancement through further educational and enrichment opportunities.

The CWN Coastal Chapter Scholarship Committee was established to award scholarship assistance to deserving women seeking opportunities such as post-undergraduate courses, specialized degree of study, required certifications and enrichment programs.

Scholarships will be awarded on a continuous, as needed, basis. The application is found on CWN’s website, www.cwncoastal.org/scholarships.html. Questions/completed applications may be directed to the Committee for consideration at scholarship@cwncoastal.org.

The purpose of CWN is to facilitate personal enrichment and professional growth through communication, support and the stimulation of business opportunities for professional women in the Chesapeake Maryland regional community.



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ESIMBA art show to raise funds for cycling nonprofit

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) More than 40 custom-decorated bicycle seats will be on display during an art show and fundraiser at the Globe in Berlin tonight, Thursday.

The event, which includes a silent auction and live music by bands Full Circle and Concussion, will raise money for the Eastern Shore chapter of the International Mountain Biking Association.

During the exhibition, patrons will be encouraged to bid and vote for their favorite artist.

The artist with the most votes will win a show to be held at the Globe's upstairs gallery next year.

President Tres Denk said he and ESIMBA member Alex Ottenstien have been organizing the show for more than a year.

"Alex has had many successful art show fundraiser events that I have participated in," Denk said. "He puts his heart into his productions and, since he has joined ESIMBA, he has been a huge asset. I felt combining our connections with all the artists we know would create an interesting and diverse group show."

Money raised during the exhibition will help the 501(c)3 nonprofit become certified by the International Mountain Bike Association and League Of American Bicyclists.

"The certifications are a crucial part we need to further our ability to be professional educators in bicycling," Denk said, adding that the certifications would also help with various liability issues.

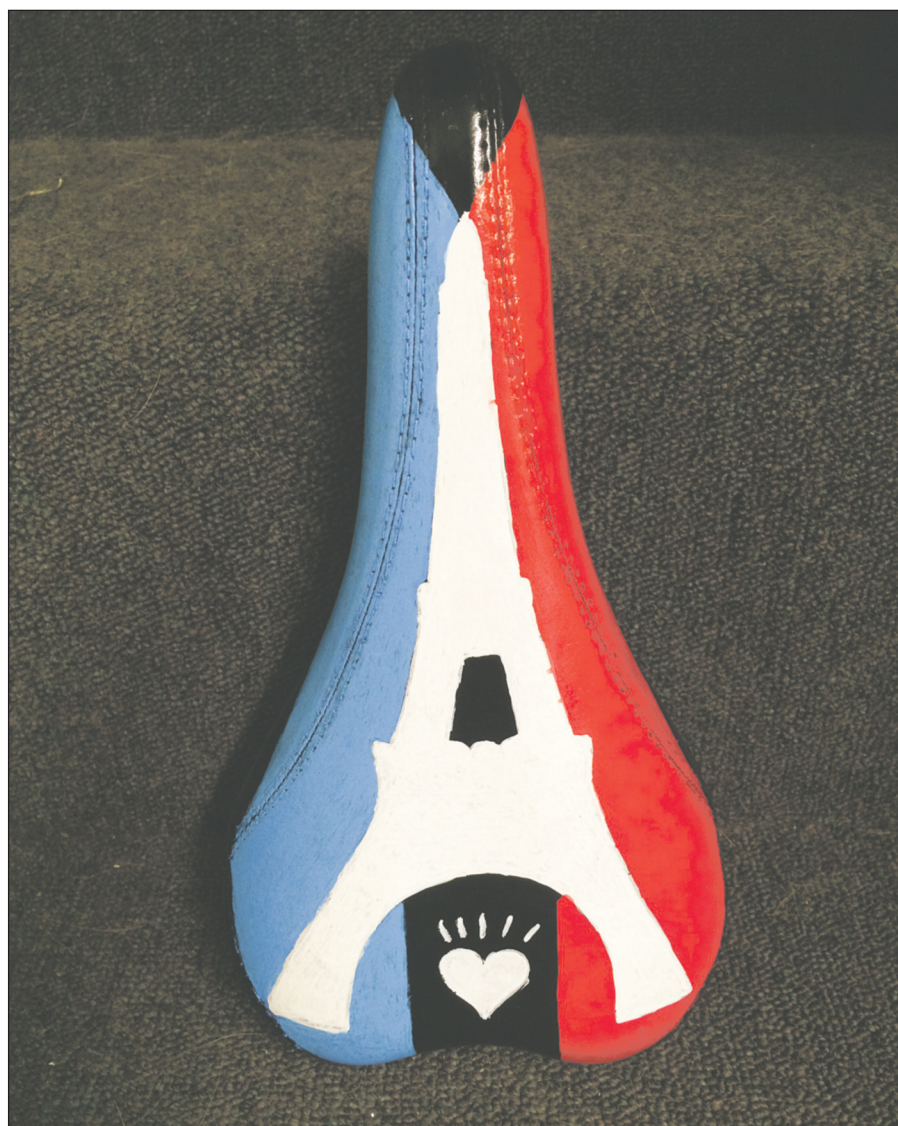
He described the club as an "educational" nonprofit with a mission of creating, enhancing and preserving Eastern Shore bicycle trails.

"We want people to take away a more specific idea of what we are about and trying to accomplish," Denk said. "We would also like people see bicycles as more than just a toy. They are science, technology, engineering, mathematics and art. They are a lifestyle and necessary for transportation."

Art from the show will hang in the upstairs gallery at the Globe through Jan. 3. The opening reception runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Globe on 12 Broad Street.

For more information visit www.esimba.org.

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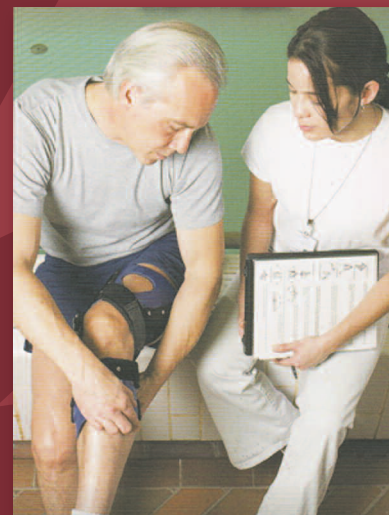
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The Eastern Shore International Mountain Biking Association will host an art show and fundraiser at the Globe on Thursday, Dec. 10, featuring more than 40 bicycle seat-themed works of art, like this one by West Ocean City resident Martina Major.



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Barb and Rick Stack will open their Washington Street home, which doubles as the office for Design Resources, during Berlin's 2nd Friday art stroll, Dec. 3.

Design Resources open doors during Berlin 2nd Friday

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) For the first time, Barb and Rick Stack are opening the doors of their Design Resources home office during Berlin's monthly 2nd Friday art stroll, Dec. 10.

Both have more than 30 years of architectural experience and both have been residents of Berlin for more than two decades.

Rick graduated from the University of Mexico with an environmental design degree and worked for several years in New Jersey, his home state, before continuing his studies in West Virginia, and eventually moving the Berlin.

He is a LEED-AP-certified green designer, which helps to create improvements that are more energy efficient (LEED is the acronym for the U.S. Green Building Council's "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" rating systems).

Barb apprenticed with a design firm in Salisbury in 1983 and has experience behind a desk and in the field.

"At one point, I got a little frustrated and burned out in architecture and I actually went into construction as a project manager," she said. "It gave me a real hands-on

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Stack: Berlin can also start promoting the professionals

version of how that whole process works.”

The design firm opened in 2009. Since then, the company has done renovation and new construction design for a number of residential and commercial buildings in the area, including the Burley Inn Tavern, Pitt Stop Beer and Wine, Baked Dessert Café, Decatur Investment, Art in the Fields, and the Bayside Gazette.

On Friday, the Stacks will show their home on 6 Washington Street as an example of their work. The evening will include live music as well as food and drinks.

“We wanted to open up the home office to the public and past and future clients,” Barb said. “We’ve done a lot of renovation to this house – when we bought it 12 years ago it needed a lot work.”

She said the home, built in 1932, had virtually no insulation or weather-stripping when they purchased it. The back half of the house was eventually gutted and the couple said they did much of the renovations themselves.

“We’ve really made this house very energy-efficient for an 83-year-old house,” Barb said.

“We call this our practicum for being architects,” Rick said. “There are a lot of architects who don’t have

a lot of practical knowledge. We’ve both worked in contracting previously, so we like to try to get our hands in and do the stuff as much as possible.”

Both said they hope the gesture of opening their home business starts a trend of moving 2nd Friday away from being exclusive to Main Street.

“We’ve been to the arts night many times and a lot of the participating businesses are galleries and shops,” Rick said. “Since we have the home office, we want to get people a little off Main Street and bring them here. It’s an introduction to our business and it lets people see something different.”

“At some point in time, I think Berlin can also start promoting the professionals in town,” Barb said. “We all need a dentist, and we’ve got accountants and lawyers and doctors and architects. It would be nice to get everybody involved. Absolutely the retail and the restaurants are wonderful, but a whole, sustainable community needs everything and we all need each other.”

Berlin’s 2nd Friday festivities will also feature more than a dozen art displays in shops throughout the downtown area, along with sales and specials in area restaurants from 5-8 p.m.

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Beer app users vote Burley Oak best in Maryland

By Brian Gilliland
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) If he wanted to, Bryan Brushmilller could rest on his laurels. If he wanted to, he could keep his menu steady, he could have served food in his brewery and he could have stopped tinkering with recipes and Burley Oak would have been just fine.

He doesn't keep the menu steady, he fought to get a state law changed to allow his brewery to operate as a brewery and he has another new beer, an India Pale Ale named Aca-pulco Gold, launching this week, made in part with wild yeast, and his fans love him for it.

Beer app Untappd, allows beer enthusiasts to rate the beers they've tasted, the venues they've tasted them at and to find locations to try new beers. In Maryland, the place to try is Burley Oak, according to a piece published by Yahoo Travel earlier this week.

Using the ratings from Untappd, Yahoo Travel listed the top breweries in each state. The beach areas were well represented, with Burley Oak taking the top spot in Maryland and Dog-fish Head winning out in Delaware.

"I want beer fans from Maryland



Burley Oak Brewmaster Bryan Brushmilller reflects on his Berlin brewery's best in state honor from Yahoo Travel. "I want beer fans from Maryland to come and visit, and subject themselves to the esoteric beers we make. I want to further push the industry as a whole," Brushmilller said.

to come and visit, and subject themselves to the esoteric beers we make. I want to further push the industry as a whole," Brushmilller said. "Maybe

you've never had a sour beer made with wild yeast. The beers we make push travelers to try things not a lot of other people are making."

Brushmilller, who earned a bio-chemistry degree from Salisbury University, was himself pushed into the industry when the company he had



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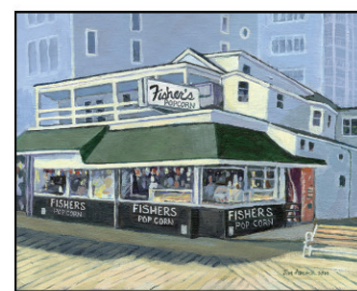
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Burley continues to push boundaries

been working for closed. He started tinkering with beer in his garage during his newfound free time, and now, he said, "I have a bigger garage. I'm happy to make beer and I'm glad to see I could make a business out of it."

It is a business he's not above risking, however. The newest experiments include using wild yeast, along with Burley Oak's "house blend" to impart different flavors and aromas into the brew. It might not sound too risky, but if the wild yeast cross-contaminates the house strain unchecked, it could have serious consequences.

Brushmiller said he's aware of the risks involved, but he got into the business to make beer, and views tinkering with recipes, even proven ones, as part of the Burley Oak business.

"I'm making art with chemistry. Chemistry is about constants and

variables. Creativity comes with testing the hypothesis 'is this going to taste good,'" he said.

And at Burley Oak, no one can stop Brushmiller from testing his hypotheses.

"I'm pushing my technical skills. I'm not here to mass-produce — we're still one of the smallest breweries in the state. Other people can produce in a day what we do in a year," he said.

Case in point: Burley Oak's top selling product is a dry hopped sour ale named 'Sorry Chicky' and it isn't for everyone. According to users of BeerAdvocate.com, an online community with a predictable focus, Sorry Chicky has either a "rather sour and juicy opening ... lemon and lime punch pretty hard ... aftertaste consists of a faint lingering tang on the palate" or it "tastes like a warhead

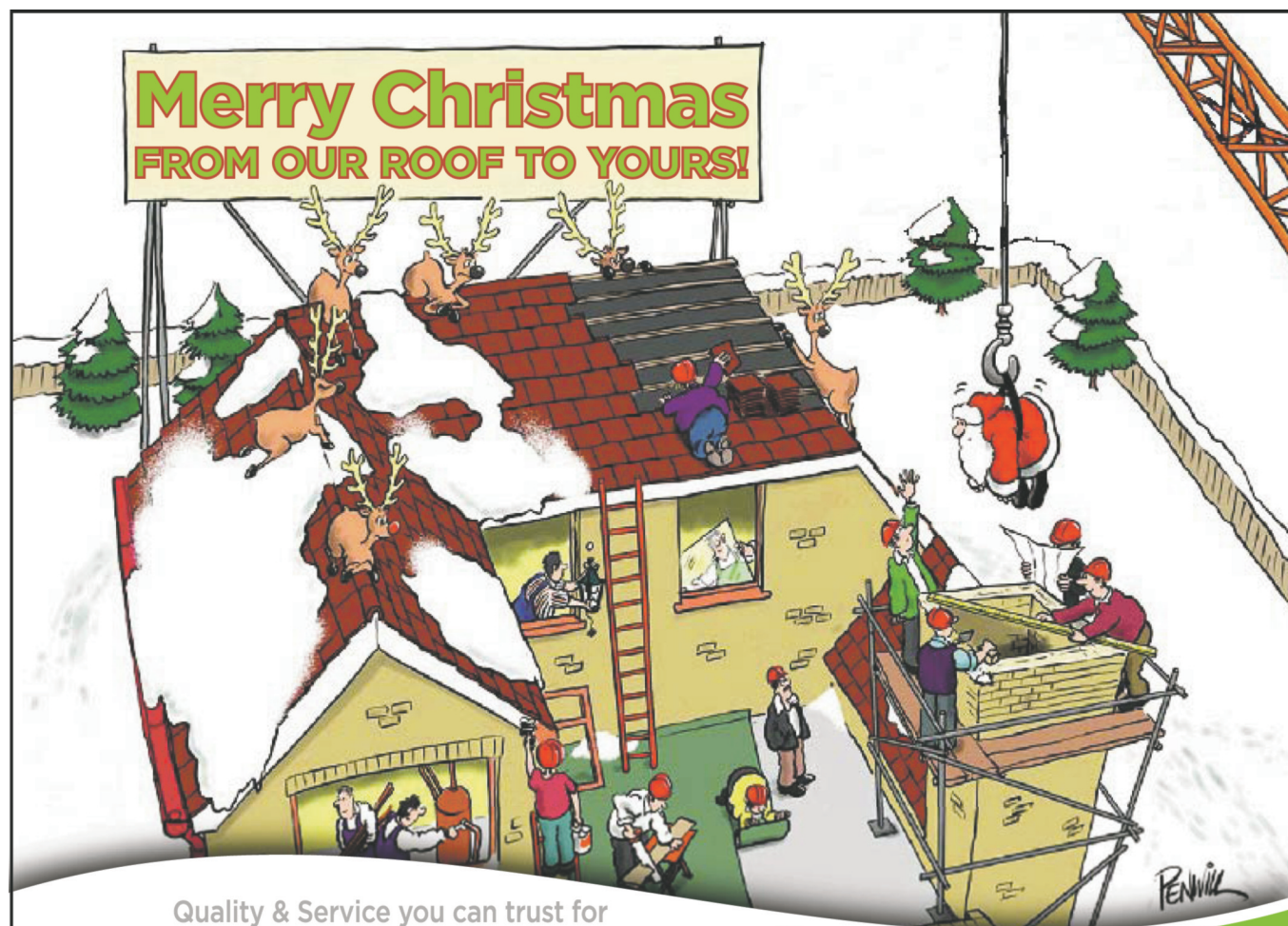
wrapped in lemon juice and dragged through battery acid."

These are the kinds of results Brushmiller said he appreciates.

"These are fans and customers who drink beer. It's not a popularity contest — people aren't voting on the styles of beer we put out, they're looking at the craftsmanship of each and what they thought about them," he said. "People can say anything they want."

Burley Oak deliberately makes beers to push the envelope in the accepted styles, and does so in the search for newer, better flavor.

The recognition is nice, he said, but the broader endorsement of how and why he makes beer, and the methods he uses to create new products is what has — and will continue to — drive him.



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Berlin cheerleaders place sixth at nationals

Pop Warner squad does well at Disney World; sets sights on return next year

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) The Berlin Pop Warner cheerleaders placed sixth overall during the national competition on Monday at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports.

"The girls were nervous and we missed getting trophies by a tenth of a point," Head Coach Jessie Parsons

said. "Overall it was a good experience and a lot of fun."

The trip made the girls even more determined to return next year with plans to incorporate additional back hand springs, twist downs and stunts to their routine. In addition, a winter session of Pop Warner cheerleading will take place from January to July.

"Getting to this point was hard and we had never gotten this far before," Parsons said.

Monday morning was long for the Berlin cheerleaders when buses

picked them up from the hotel at 6:30 a.m. Some had been awake for hours getting ready for the competition.

"We had crab hats to represent Maryland with pins attached saying we were the coolest small town," Parsons said.

Many of the girls stayed in Disney World after the competition and Disney's Hollywood Studios shut down on Wednesday night from 8 p.m. to midnight for Pop Warner teams to enjoy.

The 16 junior peewee cheerleaders range in age from 8-12 years old and

most of the girls have been cheering together for a number of years.

The girls began training for competitions in August when they practiced four nights a week. Once school started, practices were scheduled three days a week.

In addition, the cheerleaders perform every Saturday for the Pop Warner football games.

"It's a lot of dedication from the little girls and parents," Parsons said. "It's been a lot of fun to see them grow and some have never done this before. What a great group of girls."



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OPINION

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Please send all letters to editor, notices, calendar events and community announcements to editor@baysidegazette.com by 5 p.m. Monday.

Pines golf meeting a start

The one consistent thread apparent in the notes of the recent meeting with representatives of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors and golf course operator Landscapes Unlimited was the need for a clearer line of communication between the association and Landscapes.

As is generally the case with most initial meetings, concerns seem to outnumber bright spots in the conversation. However, the advent of a more open discussion is a step in the right direction.

What wasn't entirely clear is whether the cause of these concerns – tee time management, building repairs, food service and a continuing decline in membership – is because of inertia on Landscape's part or confusion over who's responsible for resolving issues, the association or course management.

One of the main worries for property owners has been the lack of solid information from the association on why the course continues on a downward spiral. While open and honest dialogue tends to bring some not-so-pretty things to the surface, in the long-term it serves as a blueprint for improvement and resolution.

When only given the opportunity to look at the bottom line numbers and not what is truly behind them, real issues are not apparent. That is the case with the positive variance for September.

It might easily be assumed that increased membership and play contributed to the positive showing. However, financial improvement was only achieved because of continued savings on course maintenance, a circumstance that ought to be viewed as red flag following the expenditure of millions of dollars in the past few years to improve course conditions.

The most productive outcome of this first meeting was that both parties agreed to put aside the past and to continue with open and forthright discussions. That is in the best interest of property owners while allowing the course some chance at success.

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LETTERS

Anna Foultz 'star' of Ocean Pines

Editor,
A "star" was born Jan. 11, 1926. Her name is Anna Foultz, a resident of Ocean Pines since 1975 who is about to celebrate her 90th birthday.

She visits family in Houston yearly for the holidays, allowing her family to celebrate her milestone birthday during her 2015 visit. Her granddaughter, Shirley Isbell, who planned the Dec. 19 celebration, sent Anna the invitation to her party featuring a picture of her in her youth, along with a campaign button saying "Happy Birthday Nan Nan," which will be worn by those attending the celebration.

Anna Foultz is an unbelievably active, young-at-heart, wonderful woman, known to almost everyone locally for all the volunteering she does. To be as energetic as she is would be a

blessing to anyone.

Using the word star to describe Anna Foultz has many meanings. She has starred as a featured columnist in the local newspaper, the Ocean Pines Independent, for almost two decades, which can still be read weekly.

In 2006, Anna formed Star Charities with her now-deceased husband, Carl, to enable the all-volunteer foundation to make charitable contributions to local organizations. Before the forming of Star Charities, Anna starred as a big fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Foundation with yearly galas in Ocean City, as well as many other fundraisers each year.

As a star she's received many awards: Maryland State Senior Hall of Fame in 2005, Worcester County 2005 Most Beautiful People Award, 2008 Sam Wilkinson Volunteer of the Year Award, the highest award from the Girl Scouts of the

Nation's Capitol, two keys to the town of Ocean City, a Congressional Award from President Jimmy Carter during his term as president of the United States and another from Congressman Andy Harris, and the first-ever awarded Citizen of the Year from the Sons Of Italy Ocean City Lodge 247. Many more adorn the walls of a room in her house, although she remains modest about all of them.

In recent years, Anna has included fundraising to benefit our military. Annually, she continues Carl's project, collecting items to be shipped overseas to soldiers at Christmas. She held a VIP social in October, which combined with her annual Beef 'N Beer, to be held on Jan. 8, will benefit Maryland's wounded soldiers. This star continues to shine so we can all appreciate its radiance.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

The Charles R. Jenkins Chapter of the National Honor Society at Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) inducted 48 new members on Nov. 3. Pictured, in front, from left, are Macayla Costleigh, Karlle Southcomb, Olivia Bescak, Leigh Lingo, Madison Bescak, Lauren Gosnear, Clare Riley, Alexandra Van Orden, Lily Zechiel and Carter Hill; second row, Chandler Dennis, Eva Parks, Stormy McGuinness, Julie Talbert, Regan Lingo, Sambina Anthony, Amy Lizas, Emily Dignan, Nick Moondra, Ava Schwartz, Zoe Weistling and Riley Dickerson; third row, Max Bisaha, Aria ZiaShakeri, Trent Marshall, Luke Buas, Owen Nally, Lauren Meoli, Melissa Laws, Flynn Mullins, Caroline Savage, Zach Wilson, Isabel Dashiell, Maggie Coutu and Alex Abbott, and in back, Patrick Petrera, Spencer Copeland, Grant Brown, Thomas Polk, Josh Willey, Davis Taylor, Ross Deckmann, Reid Carey, Rayne Parker, Tate Shockley, Paul Townsend, II, Noah McVicker and Davis Mears.

Plenty of Christmas events in Ocean Pines

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) Although the lights went up in White Horse Park in late November, plenty of upcoming holiday events remain on Ocean Pines' agenda, including bus trips, concerts, movie nights and several appearances by Santa Claus.

For homeowners, the annual "Light Up the Pines" competition invites residents to show off their inner Clark Griswolds by stringing Christmas lights, plugging in animatronic reindeer and generally driving their electric drills through the roof.

Sponsored by the OPA and Choptank Electric Cooperative, the event offers two free LED light bulbs to each registered participant, as well as a \$50 gift certificate to the Cove restaurant and a \$25 Choptank electric bill credit

to winners in four categories: Top-Notch All-Around, Most Creative, Most Lights and People's Choice.

Applications are due by Dec. 11. To register, submit your name, address and phone number by email to info@oceanpines.org, fax at 410-641-5581, phone at 410-641-7717 ext. 3014, or in person at the administration building on 239 Ocean Parkway.

Ballots will be emailed and available online at www.OceanPines.org.

Santa will make regular appearances at White Horse Park at 239 Ocean Parkway, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Father Christmas will also take a dip in the Sports Core Pool on 11143 Cathell Road during the 8th annual Swim with Santa on Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$6 for swim-

mers and \$3 for nonswimmers. Donations of food and unwrapped toys will also be accepted on behalf of the Worcester County Sheriff Department's "Christmas for the Needy" program.

Children can send letters to Santa by visiting the community center at 235 Ocean Parkway, through Dec. 19.

For movie buffs, "The Polar Express" will screen at no charge at the community center on Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Pines also will hold two free Kid's Movie Night showings of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" at the Cove at 1 Mumford Landing Road on Dec. 16. The screenings of the popular film air at 5 and 7 p.m. and include free popcorn. A "kid-friendly" buffet will also be available.

Chairs and tables will be provided, and guests are welcome to bring

blankets and mats.

National Recording Artist Jimmy Charles will perform "Superman" and other hits at the Yacht Club at 1 Mumford Landing Road during a fundraiser for Coastal Hospice on Dec. 17 from 6-9 p.m. The doors open at 5 p.m. Reservations are suggested.

Local artist Sara Ann will also perform, and a Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle will raise additional funds for the nonprofit.

Finally, on Dec. 19 the association is offering a bus trip to New York City. The bus departs from the community center at 5:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$85 per person. For more information, contact Debbie Donahue at 410-641-7052.

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Jimmy Charles to host free benefit in Pines, Dec. 17

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Dec. 10, 2015) Ocean City native Jimmy Charles will perform his second annual “I’ll be Home for Christmas” concert at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Thursday, Dec. 17.

The country music artist and Stephen Decatur High School alum will put on a free show, although donations are encouraged to benefit the nonprofit organization Coastal Hospice.

“We started it last year, decided to keep it going and make it an annual benefit concert,” Charles said. “I work with a lot of charities and wanted to do something focused on my hometown.”

Doors will open at 5 p.m. with local singer Sara Ann Garrison kicking off the show. There will also be a special appearance from Santa.

“[Garrison] is a local artist working hard,” Charles said. “It feels great to help someone from my hometown and we flew her out to Nashville to be in my music video.”

A Chinese auction will take place and attendees can purchase 50/50 tickets with all proceeds going to Coastal Hospice. Organizers are still looking for businesses to donate auction items.



Ocean City native and country music star, Jimmy Charles, will be performing a free fundraising concert for Coastal Hospice on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

“It’s a great show and a lot of fun,” said Maureen McNeill, director of development for Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care. “Jimmy is doing this out of the goodness of his heart. We appreciate donations to the angel tree or purchasing 50/50 tickets. It all supports charity.”

Concertgoers can honor a loved one by purchasing an angel ornament

and placing it on the Coastal Hospice angel tree.

Last year, the concert raised more than \$5,000 and Charles hopes to surpass that on Thursday night.

“My grandmother was taken care of during her final days [by Coastal Hospice staff],” Charles said. “It is amazing and takes a special person to take care of sick people.”

In addition, Charles knows the nonprofit organization has helped other hometown friends’ grandparents, and his grandmother, Hellen Krabbe, would not have been able to live with his family in her final days without the help of Coastal Hospice. They assisted his mother significantly, he said.

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‘Superman’ singer coming home for yacht club concert

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“We lost my grandfather this year and Coastal Hospice took care of him too,” Charles said. “All donations will be made in his name and memory this year.”

In fact, it has been a rough year and a half with Charles losing his father in 2013, but his success has only just begun to take off.

On Sept. 1, the video for his song “Superman” debuted on CMT and gave him national recognition as an artist. It was written to encourage men to get their prostates checked.

“The song has opened doors to spread the message and help save lives,” Charles said. “No one speaks on behalf of these men, they suffer alone and if I save one life it is worth it.”

Prostate cancer has no symptoms, it is hereditary and early detection is key to treatment.

“I have been performing “Superman” all across the country and singing to survivors,” Charles said. “It’s their story and about the importance of getting checked.”

Charles is happy to provide hope and has been swarmed with emails and Facebook messages of gratitude from prostate cancer survivors.

Recently, Charles was at the Baltimore airport when a man approached him to say his father died of prostate cancer and after seeing Charles on the news decided to get checked in the near future.

“If one life is saved, it’s worth it,” Charles said. “I think it will do more than that and it’s cool to use my talent and music to do great things and save lives.”

The success of “Superman” took him to 16 cities in the past three months.

“I am embracing being an artist with everything coming from my soul,” Charles said.

His work as spokesperson for the prostate cancer nonprofit Zero-Cancer.org led to his “Superman” single after the organization asked Charles to write a song encouraging men to get checked.

“There are so many people back home who are following and cheering for me,” Charles said. “I cannot wait to be back and performing for everyone. It is going to be a blast.”

Charles, who lives in Nashville, is working on a new album with a scheduled spring 2016 release date and he is excited to be returning to his hometown. Also, he plans on performing at Springfest and Sunfest next year.

“I am so excited to come back home,” Charles said. “I need to come back more often and I appreciate the people who continue to follow me. This is my way of saying thank you. I had an awesome year and 2016 will be better.”

To reserve tickets to his free country concert to benefit Coastal Hospice, call the Ocean Pines Yacht Club at 410-641-7501. For more information on Charles, visit his website at www.jimmycharlesmusic.com.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. The organization serves Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester and Somerset counties. For more information, visit CoastalHospice.org.



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LANDMARK BIRTHDAY

Longtime Berlin resident Rachel Briddell celebrated her 91st birthday with nearly 100 relatives and guests on Nov. 29. Pictured with Briddell, from left, are her three youngest daughters Sharon, Carolyn and Sandra. In total, she has eight children – all daughters – along with 26 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.



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DONUTS WITH DAD

Second grader Priya Haldar and her dad, Dr. Joydeep Haldar, are all smiles during Worcester Prep's annual "Donuts with Dad" on Nov. 4.



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PUMPKIN CONUNDRUM

Berlin Intermediate School fourth grade students had a chance to guess the weight of the pumpkin in physical education class. Physical education teacher Damian Sanzotti congratulates Aysheh Abuarqub who guessed 2.5 pounds.



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RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is a national observation that has been celebrated over the last 30 years. It is a time to emphasize to youth to say "no" to drugs and alcohol and "yes" to healthy lifestyles. During Red Ribbon Week at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, students signed a class pledge to show their dedication to living a healthy lifestyle, drug free. In addition, students brought in canned goods to kick off the season of giving. MBS will be holding a service project in November for the Seton Center, in Princess Anne, where the cans will be delivered. Students, from left, are Piper Bandorick, Athena Quillen, Ava Ball, Gavin McVicker, Michael DePalma, Paul Vitaliti, Kaylie Gott, Julia Carlson and Katrina Vallorosi.



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CELEBRATING VETERANS

Fifty-five people gathered on Nov. 17 at the Ocean Pines platform tennis courts to celebrate Veterans Day. Originally, the plans included three hours of tennis followed by a complimentary barbecue. The soaking rain managed to halt court play but did not stop the players from honoring veterans. Participants donated items which will be shipped to men and women serving the country.

SNAPSHOTS



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FOOD DRIVE

The Kiwanis student club at Stephen Decatur Middle School planned a "Kids Helping Kids" food drive on Oct. 24 at the West Ocean City SuperFresh for the Maryland Food Bank. In one day, more than 600 cans were collected. Pictured, from left, are Samantha Boger, Hanna Beck, Veronika McCoy, Julissa Asustudillo, Hanna Burke and Sydney Boger. They also went door-to-door collecting donations, bringing the total to 1,490 cans. Teacher Mindy Bankert Ouellet is the club adviser and Jackie Todd, of the parent Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, is the liaison.



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PREMIER PLAYERS

Stephen Decatur High School and Premier Driving School have announced Jillian Mitrecic (girls' soccer) and Matt Kristick (golf) as the October Premier Players of the Month. Mitrecic, a junior, scored three goals and had two assists during the fall season. Kristick, also a junior, shot a 76 in the state finals, earning him 18th place out of more than a 100 players. Pictured, from left, are SDHS Assistant Principal Ryan Cowder, Mitrecic, Kristick and Premier Driving School representative Geri Riden.



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GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker during the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City on Oct. 14 in the Ocean Pines Community Center was Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson. He talked about what is happening in the community and then fielded questions from the membership. Thompson, left, is pictured with President Mark Joseph.



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STORYBOOK PUMPKINS

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School held its first Storybook Pumpkin Contest as part of its arts integration program within the library sciences curriculum. Children were asked to create storybook characters out of pumpkins and the winners were chosen by the faculty and staff of MBS. More than 100 pumpkins were entered from grades PreK3 through seventh grade. Pictured are the winners, in front, from left, are Niland Gallo (honorable mention), Tyler MacPherson (cutest), Blake Danley (honorable mention) and Ava Snelsire (second place); middle, Ryan Lenox (funniest), MaryAnn Rutzler (honorable mention), Issy Mitchell (silliest), Mya Whittington (most unusual) and Owen West (third place) and in back, Devan Ulrich (first place), Mia Diehl (honorable mention), Jesica Delisi (honorable mention) and Brooke Delahanty (most artistic).



WPS ALTERS

Worcester Preparatory School (WPS) Honors Spanish IV students created an *ofrenda* (altar) as a tribute to beloved WPS teachers and mentors, Frank Love and Dan Freed, who sadly died in the past year. People in Mexico and Central America set up Day of the Dead altars to honor their loved ones who have died for their traditional *Día de los Muertos* celebration, Nov. 1-2. These tributes include flowers, candles, photos, food, water, salt, bread of the dead, sugar skulls and things that the person enjoyed in life. This project was a way for students to learn about other cultural traditions while honoring and sharing memories of two very influential people in their lives. Pictured, in front, from left, are Nate Abercrombie, Devin Hammond, Ryan Murphy, Victoria Middleton and Jordan Osias, and in back, Spanish teacher Kira Eade, Grace Tunis, Isabel Carulli, Hannah Arrington, Reece Brown, Wyatt Richins and Alex Choy.



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COWABUNGA

The Greater Ocean City-Berlin Opti-Ms Club hosted a fundraiser at Chick-fil-A in West Ocean City on Nov. 9. Anita Welsch, chair of the fundraiser, poses with the company's mascot.

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WCHS presents adoption campaign

Cats highlighted during '12 Strays of Christmas'; fee \$25 to take home felines

(Dec. 10, 2015) The Worcester County Humane Society will be holding a holiday adoption initiative, "12 Strays of Christmas" designed to highlight some of the shelter's many adoptable cats.

The 12 cats that have been chosen for this campaign will have a reduced adoption fee of \$25. All the cats are spayed/neutered and up to date on

vaccinations.

The "12 Strays of Christmas" campaign will run from Dec. 13 to Jan. 5. Starting on Dec. 13, and every day leading up to Christmas Day, the shelter will highlight one of the "12 Strays" on Facebook and Instagram.

"We have so many wonderful cats who continually get overlooked at the shelter," said Sandy Summers, WCHS board member and volunteer. "We are trying to get a little more creative with getting more cats adopted and giving them the exposure they deserve."

The Worcester County Humane Society is a private, nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter located on Eagle's Nest Road just off Route 611. The shelter is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Mondays.

For more information on available pets or questions about adoption, visit the shelter website at www.worcestercountyhumanesociety.org or call 410-213-0146.

Follow the shelter on Facebook and Instagram for event updates and available pets.

Police, CRICKET Center parter for 'Shop with a Cop'

(Dec. 10, 2015) The Maryland State Police, Berlin Barrack, in partnership with the Worcester County CRICKET Center, will be conducting their third annual "Shop With a Cop" on Saturday, Dec. 12.

With the support of the Berlin Walmart, The National Walmart Foundation, Harbor Marine, Denovo's Trattoria Restaurant, The Worcester County CRICKET Center, The Worcester County Board of Education and the sworn and civilian members of the Maryland State Police, Berlin Barrack, troopers are hoping to make the holidays a little brighter.

This year, they will be taking 25 Worcester County students ranging in age from 5 to 13 years old, shopping at the Berlin Walmart. Each of the students will be paired with a trooper, who will be giving them a tour of the Barrack; show and tell with a patrol vehicle; and meet and greet with the MSP canines.

The troopers and their "shoppers" will then board the MSP bus to the Walmart where each of them will be given \$100 to spend as they wish as they "Shop with a Cop."

After shopping, everyone will return to the Barrack where volunteers will assist in the wrapping of their presents and to have lunch.

Decatur students earn AP honors

(Dec. 10, 2015) Forty Stephen Decatur High School current students and recent graduates have received Advanced Placement Honors from the College Board.

The College Board AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.

The three distinctions include: AP Scholar (granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams); AP Scholar with Honor (granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25

on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams); and AP Scholar with Distinction (granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams).

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Mitchell, Barrett Moncure, Steven Newton, Caitlyn Nilo, Georgia Parolski, Barbara Reyes, Joseph Rodriguez, Craig Snyder, Peyton Townsend, Brandon Wooten and Blair Yesko.

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ACROSS

1 Butter?

4 Out patient’s state

8 Three of a kind, to a poker player

13 Earth, e.g.

19 Marriage agreement?

20 Take a turn

21 American hub

22 Stacked messily

23 Half a sawbuck

24 How you might classify a blade, a gas-tank cap or a starter handle?

27 Reason to stay only at Hiltons or Marriotts?

29 “Frozen” reindeer’s name

30 Giving evasive answers

31 Roll served at a bar

32 Little one

33 Timeworn words

35 Kind of strength

39 “___ the Husetop” (Christmas song)

42 Extremely, in dated slang

45 Mob that disturbs the peace in new and interesting ways?

49 John of England

50 2013 Spike Jonze dramedy

51 ___ mater (spinal membrane)

52 Affect in a personal way

54 Small, secluded, wooded valley

55 Maker of indoor cars

57 Druggists’ implements

59 Hospital worker

61 Attractive blacksmith at a stable?

63 Like Paganini, by birth

65 Food-service giant based in Houston

66 CPR expert

67 Corruption

68 Candy brand since 1901

72 Rough

75 Municipal leaders who work the late shift?

78 Director of “Carlito’s Way,” 1993

81 Panasonic rival

82 Outback runners

83 Songwriter Novello

84 Beseech on bended knee

87 Gaggle : goose :: clowder : ___

88 Trident-shaped letter

89 Bass organs

91 Troy, in the “Iliad”?

95 Cold shower?

96 Word in a New Year’s Eve song

97 Never closed, as a resort

98 “We won” gesture

100 Nonprofit network

102 One who gets no credit?

105 Historical chapter

107 “Preparation meeting opportunity,” it’s said

109 Smallest possible aspirin dose?

113 Normandy’s coat of arms, basically?

116 Punk subgenre

117 D-Day invaders

118 Green stuff

119 Wildly enthusiastic

120 Jimmy Fallon’s employer

121 Moves quickly, informally

122 Big Easy lunch

123 Hang around

124 “I Ching” concept

12 Wraps (up)

13 Least bit

14 Honey or pumpkin

15 “Serves you right!”

16 Seismological focus

17 City near Lake Tahoe

18 Pushing the envelope

25 Many a 1950s B-movie

26 Chicago suburb

28 Mother of Zeus

34 First Pierce Brosnan 007 film

36 ___ cup (spillproof container)

37 Northeast octet

38 Dogfight preventers

39 College team named for a tribe

40 Blowtube projectile

41 TV alien’s home

43 Occupant of a small house

44 No more than

45 Musician’s virtuosity

46 Have another go at

47 Castaway’s site

48 Phone-button abbr.

53 Treasure from una mina

56 Missouri’s original capital

58 Large volume

60 Mike’s “Wayne’s World” co-star

62 Easily manipulated sort

63 Van ___, “Lane in Autumn” painter

64 Principled

67 Stair’s face

69 Bedroom on a train, e.g.

70 Piece of pizza?

71 Actor/activist Davis

73 “___ right?”

74 Unchecked growth

75 Expected amount

76 Kids’ outdoor game

77 Chum at sea

78 Does an investigation

79 Maleficent

80 Attempt to pass the bar?

81 Mr. ___ of “The Wind in the Willows”

85 Boston skyscraper, with “the”

86 “___ Darlin’” (Count Basie number)

90 Ben of “Zoolander”

92 Place for visual aids

93 Talking toy since 1965

94 City dweller’s yell

99 Suppose

100 Renaissance painter Uccello

101 Road less traveled

103 Dance from Cuba

104 Bygone gas-station name

105 Dutch export

106 Nestlé candy brand

108 Dole’s 1996 running mate

109 Lava-lamp lump

110 Oil field sights

111 Defensive ring

112 Personal assistant in “Young Frankenstein”

114 Book-jacket info

115 John of England

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4 6 8 5 9 2 7 1 3

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Answers to last week’s puzzles

OVER COCAS SHOES HEAD

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Nothing horrific about smoked bluefish

There's nothing quite like watching the babysitter getting killed by a dead 4-year old while you're trying to write a scintillating article about smoked seafood. Yes, that is exactly what is happening at midnight as I try to compose a most-enticing piece of culinary literature that would encourage you to actually stop



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

what you're doing and smoke some bluefish.

I can't always help where and when I write these things, and as Mike (an employee at the old Solstice store in Berlin) wrote years ago, my tirades are the result of "giving a chef with ADD a typewriter." Guilty as charged, and I thank you for the kind words, Michael.

Amongst a twisted season of me actually enjoying Hallmark Christmas movies (more on that later), I came home last night to nothing less than "Young Frankenstein," the Mel Brooks classic that slays me every time that I see it. To top it off, our 14-year old daughter caught the first half with me and she got it. She actually understood it, with Marty Feldman's buggy eyes and all, and laughed hysterically. Yes, there is hope for our future.

But no, tonight was not to be a repeat of a Brooks' comedy, set in a marked chiaroscuro black-and-white theme reminiscent of Danny Kaye and Angela Lansbury in a terribly paradoxical remake of "Court Jester" (a reference that I fully understand only a few of you will get).

This evening, instead, was a moment in which I did not return home after hosting a Chef's Table dinner to be rewarded by a random Bronx-esque fifth-generation tailor's daughter who becomes princess of some faraway, obscure land (Hallmark). No. I came home to "The Shining" and "Amityville Horror."

There is something so magical in Jack Nicholson's character, especially when he's locked in the walk-in and speaking to the "proprietors" of the hotel that is exceptionally and intentionally haunting. It's hard to look away. But look away I did.

And literally one channel away was the modern rendition of the classic thriller of the Long Island realtor who was the most evil in all real estate history; the lady who sold that poor cou-



ple that miserable house in Amityville. I mean, money is money, lady, but where do you draw the line? You knew that the secret kill room was still intact. You are simply a bad person.

But this has gotten away from me. I have to backtrack a little bit to talk about the Hallmark Channel and my recent love of its many offerings. For all of you gentlemen out there, and I know that you're there, just remember this one simple trick: You don't have to like Hallmark movies. You just need to "appreciate" them. And, by appreciate, I mean survive. I've mastered a formidable trick that might just help you.

Every time that you are stuck watching a movie on the Hallmark Channel, simply add the phrase (in your head) "and then he/she was hit by a bus" every time that the hero/heroine walks away from the camera. It's a simple trick, but believe me it works.

Ah, the Christmas season. The sights. The smells. The Shining. But while you're at it, you really do need to try this smoked bluefish; and don't wrinkle your nose at it. Bluefish is oily, which makes it perfect for smoking. I believe that I have a 100 percent satisfaction rate with this one.

Besides, it's much better than the alternative – that nasty, soothsayer 4-year old bent on your babysitter's destruction.

Smoked Bluefish

Serves 4

1/2 # Bluefish, fresh filets
Brine (recipe follows), as needed
Chips for smoking
Capers, as needed
Hard boiled eggs, as needed
Dijon Horseradish cream (recipe follows)

1/2 red onion, finely minced
Crackers, as needed

1. Clean the bluefish and remove scales, but leave the skin on the fish
2. Brine in the salt solution for at least four hours and up to overnight
3. Drain thoroughly and allow to dry in a refrigerator, uncovered for at least one day. This is a critical step in the most killer smoked bluefish you've ever made. Trust me. I'm a doctor. Not really ... just trust me.

4. When you are sure that you have waited patiently for the fish to get that dry, tacky pellicle, then you may proceed to the next step

5. Smoke the bluefish until it reaches an internal temperature of at least 155F

6. Here comes the tricky part; waiting

7. Allow the fish to dry out overnight, uncovered, to allow what I call the 'cigarette' effect to wear off. You have put a lot of work into this, so you don't want to ruin it now. Let the acrid, bitter flavors to

dissipate so that you are left with a mellow, perfectly smoked fish

8. Serve with your accouterments; crackers, crostini, capers, hardboiled eggs, horsey sauce. Basically, whatever your heart tells you will go with smoked fish. What a glorious thing!

Brine

For 1/2 gallon

1/2 gallon water
1/2 cup Kosher salt
1/2 cup Granulated sugar
Herbs or your choice
Whole lemon, halved

1. Combine all ingredients and stir until sugar and salt are dissolved

2. Reserve until ready to brine

Dijon Horseradish Cream

Makes approximately 2 cups

3/4 cups Mayonnaise
1 cup Crème fraiche or sour cream
Tbsp. Dijon Mustard
1 Tbsp. Horseradish, spicy
Salt and Pepper to taste

1. Combine all ingredients and adjust seasoning to taste

— Paul G. Suplee is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts at Wor-Wic Community College. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. Dec. 10

YOUNG & RESTLESS ‘REINDEER GAMES’ — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Science, art, music and games for 3 to 7 year old children. Dress to get messy. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

STORY TIME ‘WINTER STORIES’ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

WRITING WITH RUTH — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 1-3 p.m. Monthly gathering of local writers who share their independent works. Info: 410-524-1818.

WILLIAMSBURG RALEIGH TAVERN GINGERBREAD COOKIES — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1 p.m. Learn the art of making these cookies with a live demonstration using spelt and sprouted spelt. Info: 410-957-0878.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, second Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by celiac disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

ART SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION — The Globe, 12 Broad St., Berlin, 6-9 p.m. Saddle Up! Bicycle Seat Art Show and Silent Auction will feature more than 40 custom decorated bicycle seats from regional artists. The evening will include the silent auction; music by Full Circle and a student band called Concussion; and voting for Local’s Choice favorite. Proceeds benefit the Eastern Shore IMBA. Info: info@esimba.org or www.esimba.org.

FARMERS’ MARKET — 10019 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 3-6 p.m. Featuring local in season produce, gluten free and gluten full baked products, eggs, honey, kettle korn, natural pet treats, soaps and more. Info: 410-713-8803.

BEACH SINGLES — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Dianne, 302-541-4642.

BINGO — American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

CHAIR AEROBICS — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Senior Adult Min-

istry. Info: 410-524-7474.

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. Info: 410-251-8163.

WORCESTER COUNTY 4-H BERLIN HOOT OWLS CLUB MEETING — First Baptist Church, 613 Williams St., Berlin, 6:30-8 p.m. Open to ages 5-18 years. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month. Info: 410-632-1972 or extension.umd.edu/worcester-county.

FRI. Dec. 11

STORY TIME ‘BEDTIME STORIES’ — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m.. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

A NIGHT AT THE NORTH POLE — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 7 p.m. Come dressed in your jammies. Cookies and milk, crafts, scavenger hunt and a visit from Santa. Info: 410-957-0878.

OCEAN PINES BOOK OF THE MONTH — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. “All The Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr. Monthly book club. Info: 410-208-4014.

BELIEVE IN TOMORROW DINNER FUNDRAISER — The Greene Turtle, 11601 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5-8 p.m. Receive a free Winterfest of Lights ticket per entree purchased. Twenty percent of sales go directly to Believe In Tomorrow. Support Mike Ciorrocco for Prom King.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY — Hooters, 12513 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 7 p.m. Contests for the ugliest sweater, plus 50/50 and other raffles and prizes. Benefits Believe in Tomorrow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO — Columbus Hall, 9901 Coastal Highway (behind St. Luke’s Church), Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

SAT. Dec. 12

SANTA PHOTOS AND MRS. CLAUS STORY-TIME — Visitor’s Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin, noon to 3 p.m. Santa photos, story time with Mrs. Claus and Christmas characters walking around town. Info: www.BerlinMainStreet.com or 410-973-2051.

HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY — Georgetown Public Library, 123 West Pine St., Georgetown, Del., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring a large O gauge layout with 24 op-

erating push button displays and a Thomas the Train layout. Sponsored by Delaware Seaside Railroad Club. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

FREE HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES — In front of the Visitor’s Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin, Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. Info: www.BerlinMainStreet.com or 410-973-2051.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories and pictures with Santa, crafts and refreshments. Info: 410-524-1818.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA — Applebee’s, 12849 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 8-10 a.m. Unlimited pancakes, drinks, sausage and a photo with Santa. Every child attending will have a chance to win a bike, 50/50 Christmas raffles and children’s crafts and activities. Cost is \$8. Support Kelsey Hickey for Believe in Tomorrow’s Prom Queen. Tickets: Wayne Littleton, 410-723-2842 or Hickey, 301-761-1066.

PICTURES WITH SANTA — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be available for lap-sitting, pictures and wish lists. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-7052.

8TH ANNUAL ‘SWIM WITH SANTA’ — Sports Core Pool, 11143 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will be donning swim trunks and flip-flops. Cost is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers. Open to the public. Donations of food and unwrapped toys will be accepted. Info: 410-641-7052.

HOLIDAY CRAFT/VENDOR EVENT — Bishopville Fire Department, 10709 Bishopville Road, Bishopville, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 35 crafters, direct sales merchants, a book author, Chinese auction (drawn at 1 p.m.), breakfast served until noon and Santa for the kids (8 a.m. to noon). Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #173. Info: www.facebook.com/bstroop173/ or Wendy Stever, 443-365-1225.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT, HYMN SING AND DINNER — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin. Concert begins at 3 p.m. Featuring organists and pianists Ty N. Thompson and Jeff Thompson and the Stevenson Bell Choir. Love offering collected. Dinner

beings at approximately 5 p.m. Menu includes holiday pork, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread and beverages. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and younger. Proceeds benefit the pipe organ fund. Tickets: 443-614-2518.

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. David Blazer, who was just appointed as the new Maryland Department of Natural Resources Director of Fisheries, will address fisheries legislation, regulations and other outstanding issues of interest. All welcome. Take a food item or cash to be donated to Diakonia Shelter. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA — Powellville United Methodist Church, 35606 Mt. Hermon Road, Powellville, 8-10 a.m. Menu includes sausage, bacon, cream chipped beef, scrapple, eggs, pancakes, coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults and free to children 10 and younger. Proceeds benefit Toys for Tots. Info: 443-880-8804.

6TH ANNUAL WINTER WATERMEN’S FESTIVAL — Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family-friendly event featuring duck carving, oyster shucking and crab picking demonstrations; samples of local food; face painting, animal encounters and arts and crafts for children; and interactive exhibits to try your hand at oyster-tanging, crab measuring and more. Admission costs are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Members are free. Info: 410-957-9933 or www.DelmarvaDiscoveryCenter.org

NUTCRACKER TEA PARTY — Lighthouse Dance & Yoga, 33195 Lighthouse Road, Selbyville, Del., 10-11 a.m. Enjoy excerpts from the Nutcracker ballet performed by Sea Legs dancers followed by refreshments and dance games. Tickets required for adults and children. Dancers are encouraged to dress up in their best party outfit. Info: www.lighthousedanceandyoga.yolasite.com.

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

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

5TH ANNUAL SANTACON — The holiday bar crawl will kick off at the 28th Street Pit and Pub, 2706 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, at 3 p.m. The route and time

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spent at each bar will be posted on SantaCon’s Facebook page. Participants are required to come in costume. There will be walking between some bars as well as cab rides for longer distances. Donations for the Worcester County Humane Society will be collected and two raffles held for charity. For the route and times, list of supplies needed for the Humane Society and to RSVP, search for “SantaCon Ocean City” on Facebook.

SUN. Dec. 13

A CHRISTMAS CABARET — Performing Arts Center, Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 2-3 p.m. The Red Door Community Center presents “A Christmas Cabaret.” Tickets cost \$6. Info: 410-289-2800, 800-626-2326 or www.ocmdperformingartscenter.com.

FREE HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES — In front of the Visitor’s Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin, Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 3 p.m. Info: www.BerlinMainStreet.com or 410-973-2051.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

PICTURES WITH SANTA — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be available for lap-sitting, pictures and wish lists. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-7052.

ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET — Berlin Fire Hall, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, waffles, biscuits, cereals, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for carry outs, \$5 for children ages 5-12 years and free to children 4 and younger.

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

MON. Dec. 14

SOCIAL 1 1/2 — Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. Christian social club for those 50 and older are welcome to enjoy games, activities, bike rides, prayer and friendship. Info: 410-641-2136 or

Bethany21811@gmail.com.

STEAM PM — Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 p.m. Children, 5 and older, will build bridges for the “Three Billy Goats Gruff.” Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

WRITING FOR WELLNESS — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 1:30-3 p.m. No prior writing experience needed. Info: Don Winslow, 410-208-6613.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON — Lighthouse Sound, 12723 St. Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, 11:30 a.m. New officers will be installed. Info: Sandy, 814-322-2119.

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

TUES. Dec. 15

GENEALOGY GROUP WALK-IN DISCUSSION — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Beginning researchers to experienced genealogists welcome. Info: 410-208-4014.

PLAY TIME — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. For infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

E-READER CLASS — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Learn how to download books from the library to your E-reader. Bring e-mail and password for your device. Sign up: 410-957-0878.

HEALTHY LIVING WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP — Snow Hill Senior Center, 4767 Snow Hill Road, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Free, six-week workshop designed to help those affected by diabetes better manage their disease. Pre-registration required: Dawn, 410-641-9268.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP — Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 11 a.m. to noon. Support group for caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients. It meets the third Tuesday of each month. Open to the community. Info: Heather Cormack, 410-641-4400, Ext. 6123 or Kenneth Lewis, 410-208-1701 or 410-430-4818.

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

NAMI FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6:30-8 p.m. Offers shared wisdom and problem solving for family members of persons with mental illness. The group is free. Info: Carole Spurrier, 410-208-4003, carolespurrier@msn.com or Gail S. Mansell, 410-641-9725, gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

HOLIDAY PARTY — American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 6 p.m. Members only. Take a Secret Santa Exchange Gift (\$5-\$10) and covered dish to share. Sign up: Cathy Kline, 724-919-0012.

FOSTER PARENTING WITH ARROW — Information meeting held at 116 W. Main St., Suite 100, Salisbury, 6-7 p.m. Learn how to become a foster parent with Arrow Child & Family Ministries. Info: Mark Simulis, 410-677-0741.

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

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, 5 p.m. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

WED. Dec. 16

PLAY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30-11:30 a.m. For infant to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

MARYLAND VA REPRESENTATIVE — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs representative is available to offer assistance to veterans and their families. No appointment necessary. Info: 410-713-3482.

YOGA FOR KIDS — Lighthouse Dance & Yoga, 33195 Lighthouse Road, Selbyville, Del., 5:15-6 p.m. Free class for kids ages 3 and older. Info: 302-564-7611 or www.lighousedanceandyoga.yolasite.com.

HYPERTENSION CLINICS — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Walgreens, 32979 Coastal Highway, Bethany Beach, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens., 37088 W. Fenwick Blvd., Selbyville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free

blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS — Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Clayton Crossing, 32422 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, Del., Wednesdays, 5-8 p.m., year round. See five layouts. Info: Bill Ziegler, wjziegler1@verizon.net or 302-537-0964.

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

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky’s Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the ’50s, ’60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

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

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

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

ON YOUR OWN, BUT NOT ALONE - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, noon. Weight loss support group with discussions about nutrition, exercise, health and weight loss. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Info: dillon128@aol.com.

ONGOING EVENTS

LETTERS TO SANTA — A special “Letters For Santa” mailbox is located outside of the Visitor’s Center, 14 S. Main St., Berlin, for children to mail their letters (no postage necessary). Each child will receive a letter back containing a coupon for a free treat at Baked Dessert Café, Berlin Coffee House or Rayne’s Reef. Letters must be dropped off by Dec. 18 for a return letter. Info: www.BerlinMainStreet.com or 410-973-2051.

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