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## Police say be alert to crime over holidays

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) A suspected criminal hoax turned out to be a simple misunderstanding, but area police warned citizens to remain vigilant during the holiday shopping season.

During a Mayor and council meeting on Monday, Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing warned that two people posing as employees from the gas department were approaching area houses.

The following morning, police confirmed the suspects' legitimate affiliation with the utility.

"We found out that the gas company did have subcontractors out," Downing said. "I just got off the phone with the young lady whose house it was ... and we verified everything was OK in that circumstance. False alarm for sure on that."

Although the police were able to put reports of one crime to bed, Downing said the holiday season is notorious for sparking increases in crime and confirmed that several vehicles in Berlin have been broken into.

"We're reminding all the citizens to go ahead and lock their doors and windows," Downing said. "Right now in Berlin or if you're going to Salisbury or different places, you just have to be aware of your surroundings. Take your time."

Downing said 95 percent of cases involving theft from vehicles were due to unlocked doors and items left in plain sight.

"Put your packages in the trunk," he said. "Do not leave anything in the compartment portion of the vehicle, and make sure you go ahead and lock the vehicle."

Downing also advised residents to park in well-lit areas when shopping, to use caution when having packages delivered, and to watch out for neighbors who are on vacation.

"Do not leave anything outside," he said. "This time of year you go ahead and tell the UPS man and the FedEx man that you want to sign for every one of your packages."

"If you don't sign for it, have them leave it at the pickup station. It's not smart to go ahead and leave it on the front step right now," he continued.

## 'LOSERS' TOP TEAM

Fifty-six "Losers" represent WOC Fitness during the seventh annual Reindeer Run in Berlin, Dec. 6. The group won the team challenge for the second consecutive year. This group calls themselves the "Losers" because in their world losing weight is a good thing.

## Weather permitting, power to be cut

### Service upgrade will require temporary loss of electricity in Berlin

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) More than 4,500 homes in Berlin will likely be without power at midnight Friday.

The town and Delmarva Power scheduled a temporary service interruption, lasting until 4 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13, as the utility company continues to upgrade transmission lines in Worcester County.

"Our rebuild of a more than 50-year-old transmission line between Berlin and Ocean City is designed to improve electric service reliability in Worcester County," Delmarva Power region vice president John Allen said. "We will make every effort to keep the outage as brief as possible.

We also apologize for any inconvenience while this work takes place and thank the public for their patience and understanding."

The infrastructure improvements include replacing the wooden poles holding transmission lines with 90-foot steel counterparts.

"They're built to withstand hurricane winds up to 120 miles per hour," Berlin Electric Utilities Director Tim Lawrence said. "They're basically upgrading the transmission lines from [Berlin] all the way to Ocean City."

Delmarva Power provided similar upgrades along Coastal Highway in Ocean City last year.

Berlin will use the outage as an opportunity to try out CodeRED, their new mass notification system, nearly a month before the first scheduled test in January.

"The reason we're running a notification before a test is simply a matter of timing," Deputy Town

Administrator Mary Bohlen said. "We thought that the scheduled power outage was important enough that we needed to get that word out whether we've run that sort of test of the system or not."

Bohlen said utility bills would contain information on the notification system, which citizens can sign up for online.

"As long as they pull everything out of their envelope they'll be aware that the system is out there and that they can sign up," she said.

The outage depends on the weather. Maryland disconnect policies mandate that gas and electric companies check the 72-hour weather forecast before disconnecting power. If expected temperatures are 32 degrees or lower, the utility cannot turn off the power.

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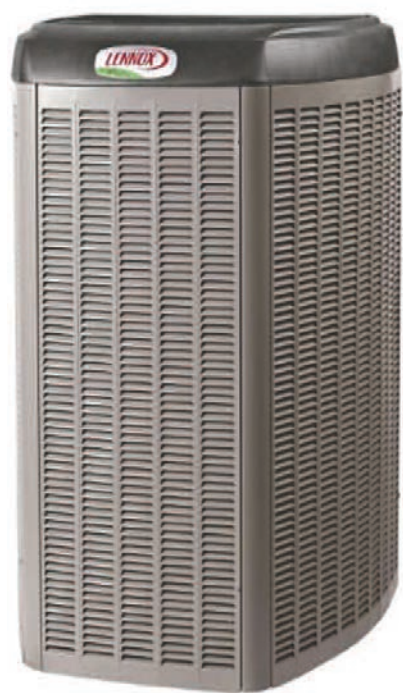
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# Strategic planning prep taking shape

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) Hoping to build on the "Coolest Small Town" momentum, the Berlin Mayor and Council approved a contract to allow Washington, D.C. based firm Christine Becker Associates to facilitate a series of strategic planning sessions, beginning next month.

The council voted unanimously in favor of the motion, granting Becker a maximum contract of \$14,500 plus expenses, during a meeting on Monday, Dec. 8.

The town had earmarked \$8,000 for the project in the fiscal year 2015 budget. Additional money will come from the contingency fund.

Mayor Gee Williams said the community-based meetings would run from mid-January through February 2015.

"In addition to the public meetings she will be meeting with the mayor and council initially to let us know how she is going about this, and then at the end she will present her findings to the mayor and council," he said. "In a very organized way [she] will help us understand the priorities and the various options and considerations as we try and move forward with providing the citizens with the kind of community work over the next, particularly, three-to-five years."

Town Administrator Laura Allen

said the town sent requests for qualifications to between 15 and 20 different vendors. Berlin received three proposals and Allen, with Human Resources Director Jeffrey Fleetwood and Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen, vetted each bid before selecting Becker.

"Chris has the right combination of experience and enthusiasm to help facilitate our first strategic planning process," Allen said.

"Now that we're cool, it's time to talk about what's next. I'm looking forward to hearing from the community and setting our priorities."

Williams said he felt "very comfortable" with Becker.

"She seemed to have done her homework in terms of knowing Berlin," he said. "I think we have a winner here."

Becker, who spent most of her career in local government, recently facilitated strategic planning sessions for Greenbelt, Md., as well as the Maryland Municipal Association and the Maryland Local Government Insurance Trust.

"I'm familiar with local government and have had some experience working with municipalities in Maryland," she said. "What we want to do [in Berlin] is focus on what's important to the residents of Berlin as they

think about the future of the town. It's a very exciting small town and I think it's a great time to be doing this kind of forward thinking."

Becker said many small towns are looking to increase citizen involvement in government projects.

"I think in a smaller town you have a greater opportunity to connect directly with the people," she said. "It

engages people who live in the community in planning for its future, and I think it also creates an even stronger connection between the citizens and their government, which is al-

ways good for the future and the health of the community. The more connected government is with its citizens, the more transparent the process is [and] the more engaged people are in thinking about their future and feeling good about what's happening in their community."

The town has not announced a formal start date, although Becker said she is "working on the details" with Allen.

"Those [meetings] will be held in late January and February, and then we'll wrap up with another strategic planning session with the council that looks at the information we've collected," Becker said. "That will wrap up in March."

**'Now that we're cool, it's time to talk about what's next'**

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# OP gets better deal from new refuse collection co.

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) Republic Services will take over trash pickup in Ocean Pines starting on Jan. 2.

The Phoenix, Az. based company, serving more than 3,000 municipalities in the U.S. and boasting more than \$8 billion in annual revenues, beat out three other companies for the bid, including current provider Waste Management.

Under the new plan, the community will keep the same schedule for trash pickup, twice a week, on the same days. Recycling pickup, previously offered every other week, will now be collected weekly on Thursdays and Fridays.

Republic provided the lowest cost-per-customer bid, \$12.07 a month, as well as the lowest bid for weekly recycling, \$3.50 per month, and the lowest annual association refuse cost, at \$14,244. Their total association cost bid was \$20,100. To contrast, Waste Management projected a total association cost of \$27,116.

Two other companies, Chesapeake Waste and Bennett Waste, submitted bids. A team of evaluators rated Republic, Chesapeake Waste and Waste Management's service plans at a 95 out of a possible 100 points. Bennett Waste received a score of 22.

General Manager Bob Thompson said the selection was something of a no-brainer.

"Republic was cheaper, and they're going to have recycling every week," he said. "They're more cost-effective and they're doubling the recycling pickup, so that's advantageous. They're also going to keep the trash service the same days, so if you were Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday you'll keep those days."

Republic will provide a 95-gallon trash container for \$1.20 per month. Residents may also provide their own container.

Because of community demand and the increased recycling pickup, Thompson said 65-gallon containers will replace the old 96-gallon recycling bins.

"It fits better in your garage and it's easier to tote," Thompson said. "That was a complaint we had, that they were too big, so this makes it a little more reasonable in size. Between the smaller bins and the every week pickup, it should actually be an advantage. I'm hoping to see more recycling occur [in the community]."

Thompson praised Waste Management during its departure.

"I'm pleased with their willingness to work with us with the exit strategy," he said. "They've been very professional, which is what you would hope. Waste Management will wind down at the end of the month and they'll start collecting their trash and recycle bins after the first. It might be bumpy for the first 30 days, but hopefully it settles out."

## 'Festival of Lessons and Carols' at St. John Neumann, Sunday

(Dec. 11, 2014) St. John Neumann Catholic Parish will present "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday Dec. 14, at 3 p.m.

The program will consist of Scriptural readings, hymns and carols – along with time for meditative silence – and is being offered as "a respite during these very busy days that lead up to Christmas," according to the Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, pastor of St. John Neumann Parish. "With the culture bombarding us from every di-

rection, focusing not on the Laws and the Prophets but rather on the loss and the profits, it's important for Christians of every tradition to take time and remember exactly what it is for which we're preparing during these Advent days."

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Recreation staff at the Ocean Pines Community Center is inviting area children to drop their Christmas lists inside Santa's mailbox, located in the lobby.

## Letters to Santa to be forwarded by Pines Rec.

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) For the second year, Ocean Pines is collaborating with the North Pole on the "Letters to Santa" program.

Recreation staff at the Ocean Pines Community Center on 235 Ocean Parkway is inviting area children to drop their Christmas lists inside Santa's mailbox in the lobby.

"The elves, with public works, helped make the box, and we have letters to go with it," recreation staff Vicki Magin said. "We encourage parents to help children write letters to Santa, because otherwise Santa won't know how to find them. We have been working in conjunction with the elves to make sure every child gets a return letter."

Santa himself writes personalized return letters to each child, mailed to their homes.

Magin said last year's inaugural Letters to Santa was a hit.

"I was surprised how well it went over because it was something new," she said. "It wasn't really advertised that much, so we're trying to get the advertisement out a little more. Last Saturday we had Breakfast with Santa and Reindeer Lane, so the kids were all right by here."

Magin praised the North Pole leadership during the two-year partnership with the community.

"Elves are very magical," she said. "They twinkle - the boys and the girls. They are always singing and playing, and they like to dance when no one is watching. And they like for us to wear our elfin hats to get into



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ocean Pines Recreation staff, in collaboration with North Pole leadership, allowed the Bayside Gazette to photograph one child's Christmas wishes through the "Letters to Santa" program.

the spirit of things."

Santa, on the other hand, likes to keep it mysterious.

"Santa has been very busy," Magin said. "Most of the time we know when he's been here because there is a bite out of the cookies, and the reindeer do like the reindeer mix that's left in the lawn. They like that it has sparkles in it."

The sparkles, of course, are what make the reindeer fly.

"That's what I understand," Magin said.

Asked to provide advice for prospective letter-writing children Magin offered, "They should always keep Christmas in their hearts every day of the year, and they should always be genuine. Santa likes genuine."

The center is open seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Magin said her staff has instructions from Santa to keep the box open until Dec. 23.

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# Casper Golf hopes to continue managing course

**Pines residents repeatedly praise condition of course during public meetings**

**By Josh Davis**

Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) Two months after the Ocean Pines Association sent requests for proposals to manage or lease the community golf course, current management company Billy Casper Golf is speaking out in defense of its four-year tenure.

Casper is one of four companies that submitted formal bids to manage the course. A fifth company submitted a proposal to lease the course, according to several members of the OPA board.

Joel Gohlmann, who oversees Mid-Atlantic and Northeast operations for Casper, said he visits Ocean Pines at least once a month and has regular discussions with community leadership.

"We have a very close partnership and relationship with the OPA there and [general manager] Bob Thompson," he said.

Gohlmann said he is happy with the progress Casper has made this year.

"Overall, even in the golf industry and the golf market this year with the weather and the way the spring started, our revenues are significantly up over the prior year, most of that being driven by round increase," he said. "Right now our rounds are up [more than] 4,000 over the prior year."

Residents of Ocean Pines repeatedly praised the condition of the golf course during public meetings this year, including during Thompson's town hall last month.

"I think from a product point standpoint it's mostly been about consistencies, from an agronomic standpoint, that we approach things," Gohlmann said. "We've been involved with the property for four seasons now, leading into five hopefully."

"We've had construction going on. We've had a number of capital projects going on. This is probably the first full growing season that we've been allowed to have all of our processes in place consistently, and we've just been able to manage the golf course versus managing everything else that comes with capital projects and things like that."

That situation has led to higher ratings on websites including Golf Advisor and TripAdvisor, according to Gohlmann.

"Our star ratings have been well up over prior years," he said. "It's not just the local people, but the people that travel in couldn't be happier with the way Ocean Pines is back on the map."

Regular construction on and around the course has been a consistent thorn in Casper's side and Gohlmann speculated that any company coming in should expect a few

growing pains.

"With our partnership with Ocean Pines, we've kind of knocked off different projects each year," he said. "When we got there in year one, we saw a quick increase in revenues and rounds, and then, with the weather kind of forcing our hand and some of the projects that went on, whether it was fairway renovations or green renovations on the back nine, it's just always disruptive to the perception in the public."

"This is the first year that we could honestly say all those projects are tied up, everything's ready to go and we did our best to invite everybody back that's been there over the last few years when sometimes we only had nine holes open and sometimes we only had 13 holes open," Gohlmann continued. "That consistency for one full season has really started to show in the turnaround for

the market in Ocean Pines."

Despite Casper having to sing for its supper, so to speak, Gohlmann said competing with other companies for the course management job has not damaged Casper's working relationship with Ocean Pines.

"We couldn't be happier with the relationship we have with Ocean Pines, with the OPA and working with them over the last few years," he said.

Casper submitted a renewal proposal last year to continue management. Gohlmann said the company's latest proposal is virtually unchanged.

"We're in the middle of delivering the financial results that were expected and I think we're right on track to be able to do that as long as the winter and the spring materialize as normal," he said. "We're putting

our best foot forward to continue with the project.

"I think we've developed the right process," Gohlmann continued. "I think we're on the right track. Our goal would be, probably for the first time in a long, long time, in fiscal year 2016 to maybe have the facility back to overall breaking even. It's been a very, very long time since we've seen that. We like the trend it's on [and] we wouldn't want to put too many bumps in the road to break up that consistency and the working relationship that we've come to over the last few years."

The OPA Board of Directors does not have a meeting scheduled in December. Talks on the golf course should resume next month, and board members hinted that meetings with prospective management and leasing companies are in the works.

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## Stormwater management gets proactive treatment

Community spent \$68K on machine that pressurizes pipes to remove refuse

By Josh Davis  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) Flooding in Berlin caused the community to develop a dedicated stormwater utility and seek more than \$1 million in state and federal grants in order to protect public and private property.

In Ocean Pines, the community is taking a preemptive approach to drainage issues.

In 2013, then candidates Bill Cordwell and Jack Collins made stormwater improvements a focus of their campaigns for the Ocean Pines Board of Directors. After winning their respective seats, the pair went on to co-chair a community task force on the issue, enlisting the help of local engineers and drainage experts.

"I think we're operating from a preventative point of view rather than reacting to a tragedy," Collins said. "We want to avoid ignoring the problem until it raises its ugly head and gets us. This is proactive – this is not reactive."

Roadside drainage ditches, designed to absorb stormwater and keep yards and streets clear, are the community's primary tool in addressing drainage. Pipes underneath driveways in the community feed to the ditches.

"We have budgeted for a stormwater drainage team, which is basically tasked with maintaining and improving the ditches throughout the community," Cordwell said. "The ditches silt in after a while, so some of them have to be dug out."

The community recently spent \$68,000 on a machine that pressurizes the pipes in order to remove refuse.

"At one time we were dependent on the county to provide that machine to us, so we went ahead in last year's budget and bought that equipment and we will use that in the future to keep those pipes running clean," Collins said. "It can be used to clean out driveway pipes, it can be used to clean main thoroughfares, main piping and all that jazz."

Ocean Pines also approved \$550,000 in spending last year to improve drainage on the 11th and 12th holes on the golf course, a move designed to benefit more than 1,400 homes in the surrounding area. It was the latest in an ongoing series of similar improvements on the course.

"The golf drainage project has relieved some of the pressures on the homesteads and lots around the golf course itself, allowing for better drainage runoff and flow," Collins said.

The community did not make any improvements on the course this year, although Cordwell expects construc-

tion to resume in 2015.

"There are still more to be done," he said. "We didn't do it last year because we wanted the course to have one year without construction on it. We've had construction on it for so long and we've had to inconvenience people by having them go over to a different hole. I believe we're going to get back to that next year."

Cordwell said there are still plenty of problem areas in Ocean Pines, including several homes near Beauchamp Road and St. Martin's Lane.

"The big problem that we have is just getting water out of the community," he said. "That's really what we're focused on. Once we have the heavy rain, there's really nowhere for it to go. We have the pipes going under Beauchamp Road over the River Run, but that only has so much capacity."

"We're limited because we have natural resources that we have to worry about," Cordwell continued. "The county has gotten a little stricter about stormwater management and we have other agencies that we have to satisfy, so it's not as simple as just running a pipe down to the river anymore. We're around the water – regulations are pretty stiff."

Collins said some of the drainage pipes might need replacing, and called for a new meeting of the task force.

"We have some pretty heady experience on that committee, including people with various backgrounds in engineering and infrastructure," he said. The list includes new Worcester County Commissioners President Jim Bunting, as well as a former senior supervisor with Prince George's County stormwater management.

"The committee meetings are held when [General Manager] Bob Thompson decides to call a committee meeting," Collins said. "I think we're probably due – it's been several months since we had our last meeting. We could really use a basic update as to what we've done in the last several months. There are individuals that have been hired specifically for our drainage systems. What have they addressed, what have they completed?"

"It's strictly maintenance prevention and making sure that proper elevations are maintained to generate water flow in the right direction," Collins continued. "Water does flow downhill, right? Those kinds of things are the things that you have to stay on top of on an ongoing basis, and that's what this committee is all about."

Cordwell expects the group to reconvene during the next few months.

"Now that all the county elections are over, because some of the people on the task force were involved in the county elections, we'll be able to get back at it," he said. "I think we have some talent on the task force, but it all comes down to dollars and cents."



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# Barter Fair at Zenna Wellness Studio

By Taylor Sloan  
Intern

(Dec. 11, 2014) Grateful Living Homestead and Zenna Wellness Studio will present Berlin's first Barter Fair on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

"We are helping other people get away from commercialism," said Monika Lilley, of Grateful Living Homestead, located on Logtown Road in Berlin.

"The fair will be a great asset for all of us, and great for the public to buy locally homemade gifts," said Chrissy Ehrhart, owner of Zenna Wellness Studio in Berlin, where the fair will take place. "It's going to boost festive cheer that's already in Berlin."

The fair allows for local artisans, retailers, bakers and crafters to showcase their wares. Those in the service industries can bring gift certificates to barter and trade with others in the community.

Those who do crafts as a hobby are encouraged to display their creations, Lilley said.

Grateful Living Homestead will present handmade items including soaps, salves (ointment used to promote healing of the skin) yarn and buttons. The Good Farm will offer special varieties of organic potatoes, garlic and seeds. Grateful Shreads, Garments and Threads will be trading 100 percent, recycled, wearable art clothing and Mon Reve Farm will



Monika Lilley of Grateful Living Homestead makes soap. Grateful Living Homestead will present a variety of handmade items including soaps, salves (ointment used to promote healing of the skin), yarn and buttons during Berlin's first Barter Fair on Friday, Dec. 12.

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bring hand-painted gifts and herb blends.

Debbie Dean Colley, owner of Mixed Greens, will feature her "spirit animal" paintings, upcycled scarves, "Dream-Keepers" and hand-painted holiday ornaments. Skate, Break, Create will display handmade jewelry made from broken skate decks and Mr. Bone Jangles will offer one-of-a-kind deer antler buttons and jewelry.

Lilley asks vendors with large items to call and reserve a space. Vendors must bring their own tables.

The event is free to attend and to participate, but donations for Zenna Wellness Studio are encouraged.

Participants may also use cash as a form of bartering.

For vendor and fair information, contact Lilley at 443-373-3115 or email [gratefullivinghomestead@gmail.com](mailto:gratefullivinghomestead@gmail.com).

## Pines Aquatics offers activities for holidays

(Dec. 11, 2014) Ocean Pines Aquatics will be offering a way to escape cold winter weather and enjoy the summer-like temperatures of the indoor Sports Core Pool during special activities planned.

On Saturday, Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Santa Claus will return to the Sports Core Pool for the seventh annual Swim with Santa. Guests are invited to splash in the pool with Santa, who will be decked out in swim trunks and flip flops. Donations of toys, books and puzzles will also be accepted on behalf of Believe in Tomorrow Children's House by the Sea and Home of the Brave. The cost of the event is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers.

Ocean Pines Aquatics hosts a variety of fitness classes, swim lessons and special events year-round, as well.

Upcoming events include a one-day Winter Junior Lifeguard Program on Dec. 30, Friday Family Fun Night on Jan. 2 and an adults-only Dive-In Movie Night showing of "The Big Chill" on Jan. 10.

For more information about these events, contact the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255.

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# Shops list participants for final '14 Berlin Art Stroll

## Second Friday gives shoppers one more chance before holiday

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) Berlin's final 2nd Friday of 2014 will offer a variety of holiday gift ideas, as area shops will have sales with local artists and artisans.

Running on Dec. 12 from 5-8 p.m. in downtown Berlin, 2nd Friday also will feature live entertainment, wine tastings and extended shopping hours.

Victorian Charm, on 100 North Main Street, will present author Bunk Mann's new book "Vanishing Ocean City." Copies of the 220-page coffee table book will be for sale for \$49.95. Call 410-641-2998 or visit [www.victoriancharm.biz](http://www.victoriancharm.biz).

Guitarist Mike Megary will perform at Berlin Coffee House on 17 Jefferson Street. Call 410-629-1073.

The Church Mouse on 101 North Main Street will donate its proceeds to two Berlin families and three seniors. Call 410-641-4385 or visit [www.stpaulsberlin.org](http://www.stpaulsberlin.org).

UpTown Antiques, on 13 South Main Street, will feature artist Sara Grangier. Call 410-973-2054.

Salt Water Media, on 29 Broad

Street, will present Tony Russo, who will discuss the legal and cultural connections and innovations documented in his book, "Eastern Shore Beer: The Heady History of Chesapeake Brewing." Call 443-513-4422 or visit [www.saltwatermediallc.com](http://www.saltwatermediallc.com).

Baked Desserts Cafe on 4 C Bay Street will welcome Salisbury painter Rachel Alvarez. The artist will display her "Nap Time Series" inspired by her 2-year-old son Christian. Sustainable wines and selections from the cafe's holiday menu will be available for sampling. Call 410-641-1800 or visit [www.bakeddessertcafe.com](http://www.bakeddessertcafe.com).

Oil painter Susan Russell will be at Nest on 11 South Main Street, Suite B. Call 410-629-1030 or visit [www.nest-berlin.com](http://www.nest-berlin.com).

Bungalow Love on 12 Williams Street will have local artisan holiday goods, including letter-pressed Christmas cards by Brian Robertson, hand-painted driftwood Santas by Dawn Tarr and hand-painted mermaid ornaments by Kathy Denk. Call 410-641-2781 or visit [www.bungalowlove.net](http://www.bungalowlove.net).

Photographer Nick Tribuno will be at Burley Oak Brewing Company on 10016 Old Ocean City Boulevard. Call 443-513-4647 or visit [www.burleyoak.com](http://www.burleyoak.com).

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Salisbury painter Rachel Alvarez will display her "Nap Time Series," including the 11x14 "Winter in Assateague," at Baked Dessert Café in Berlin during 2nd Friday on Dec. 12.

Main Street, features live music by Ed Sparks from 8-10 p.m. as well as a wine tasting by Bordeleau Vineyards & Wine at 4 p.m. Call 410-629-1022 or visit [www.themdwinebar.com](http://www.themdwinebar.com).

The Globe on 12 Broad Street will display the collection "Hue's Land of Make Believe" by artist Sharon O'Brien. Mike and Lauren will perform on the downstairs stage. Call 410-641-0784 or visit [www.globetheater.com](http://www.globetheater.com).

Downtown Video on 114 North Main Street will have hand-painted gourds. Call 410-641-1074.

Princess Ann jeweler Laura Ellison will display work at j.j. Fish Studio and Fine Craft Gallery on 14 North Main Street. Call 410-641-4805 or visit [www.jjfishstudio.com](http://www.jjfishstudio.com).

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# Berlin parade produces long list of winners

(Dec. 11, 2014) A crowd of several thousand people gathered along Main Street at Berlin's 44th annual Christmas parade last Thursday, with total of 85 groups participating in the parade itself.

Sponsored by the Berlin Main Street program, in cooperation with the merchants of Berlin, the event is funded through the donations of Berlin area businesses.

Judging the units were local dignitaries, Louis Taylor, Steve Hales, Dale Smack, Charlotte Cathell and Bill Shockley.

The following is a list of the trophy winners in the 2014 Berlin Christmas Parade.

**Marching Bands:** first place, Snow Hill High School Marching Band; second place, Pocomoke High School Marching Band; and third place, Stephen Decatur High School Marching Band

**School Sponsored Floats:** first place, Ocean City Elementary; second place, Showell Elementary; and third place, Buckingham Elementary

**Fire Companies:** first place, Berlin Fire Company; and second place (tie), Ocean City Fire Company, Ocean Pines Fire Company and Showell Fire Company

**Youth Marching Units:** first place, Worcester Technical Future Farmers; second place, Worcester Technical Skills USA; and third place, Chesapeake Martial Arts

**Vehicles or Vehicle Clubs:** first place, 3 Guys Fire Apparatus; and second place, Melvin Thomas CF Mack

**Antique Cars or Clubs:** first place, Scott Wainwright's Military Vehicles; and second place, Bad Monkey Sub Shop

**Youth Sponsored Floats:** first place, Berlin Little League; second place, Girl Scout Troop #835; and third place (tie), Twisters and Stevenson United Methodist Church

**Adult Sponsored Floats:** first place, Atlantic General Hospital; second place, WOC Fitness Zumba Dancers; and third place, Pet Threadz

**Commercial Units:** first place, Trimper's Rides of Ocean City; second place, Frontier Town; and third place, Komen MD

**Adult Marching Units:** first place, Boggs Disharoon AL Post 123; second place, Prince Hall Shriners; and third place, Duncan Showell AL Post 231

**Motorcycle Clubs:** first place, Black Knights Motorcycle Club; and second place, Eastern Shore Ruff Ryders

**ROTC Marching Units:** first place, Snow Hill High School Marine JROTC; second place, Pocomoke High School Marine JROTC; and third place, Stephen Decatur NJROTC

**Youth Performing:** first place, Seaside Dance Academy; second place, OC Stars; and third place, Stephen Decatur High School Choir

**Crowned Youth:** first place, Worcester County Farm Bureau; and second place, Jr. Women's Club of Pocomoke City



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## CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Ocean Pines Fire Company finished in a three-way tie for second place in the Fire Company category during the Berlin Christmas Parade on Thursday, Dec. 4.

# Second Friday last art stroll for this year

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gallery, located on 6 Jefferson Street, will host a reception with refreshments from 5-8 p.m. Call 410-641-0809 or visit [www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org).

Si'culi Rustic Italian Kitchen on 104 North Main Street hosts an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest with prizes for first, second and third place. Call 410-629-0550 or visit [www.siculiberlin.com](http://www.siculiberlin.com).

Jeffrey Auxer Designs on 19 Jefferson Street will host an open house from 6-8 p.m. Call 443-513-4210 or visit [www.jeffreyauxer.com](http://www.jeffreyauxer.com).

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# For trash, residents can now ‘pay as you throw’

County officials say option less expensive way to use landfill

(Dec. 11, 2014) Beginning in January, Worcester County will offer residents a “Pay as You Throw (PAYT)” option to dispose of household trash. County officials are billing the option as economically and environmentally friendly.

“The new PAYT treats trash disposal just like electricity, gas, water and other utilities,” Public Works Director John Tustin said. “Households pay a variable rate depending on the amount of solid waste disposed of. This creates a direct economic incentive to recycle more and dispose less waste because the less individuals throw away the less they pay.”

With the pay as you go program, homeowners can purchase tags, at a cost of \$1 per tag, with tags to be sold in sheets of five. One tag is to be attached to each 33-gallon bag to be disposed of at the central landfill in Newark or the “Homeowner Convenience Centers” located in Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke.

Bags larger than 33 gallons will be permitted under the new program provided two tags are affixed to each oversized bag. The tags do not expire and can be used at any time regardless of the purchase date. Yard waste is not included in the program, and a standard homeowners permit will be required for disposal.

Residents who do not wish to participate in the program can still buy up to two homeowner permits annually for use at the central landfill and homeowner centers at a cost of \$100, with the option to purchase additional permits at a cost of \$100 each.

Tags and homeowner permits can be purchased at any of the three following locations: Worcester County Treasurer’s Office in the Worcester County Government Center in Snow Hill and the Isle of Wight Office in Bishopville, and the Worcester County Landfill in Newark. Under both programs, homeowners must provide their own trash bags.

For more information about the program, call 410-632-0686 (select option 4) or 410-632-3177 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# Berlin barrack expands its ‘shop with a cop’ program

(Dec. 11, 2014) The Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack in partnership with the Worcester County Cricket Center will be conducting its second annual “Shop with a Cop” on Saturday.

Last year, the barrack took 11 Worcester County students shopping.

This year, the barrack has increased the number of shoppers because of the support of the Berlin WalMart, The National WalMart Foundation, Harbor Marine of West Ocean City, Denovo’s Trattoria Restaurant of Ocean Pines, The Worcester County CRICKET Center, The Worcester County Board of Education and the sworn and civilian members of the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack, who hope to make the

holidays a little brighter for 24 Worcester County students.

Each of the 24 Worcester County students, ranging in age from 5 to 13, will be paired with a trooper who will be giving them tours of the barrack, show and tells with patrol vehicles and meet and greets with state police K-9 units.

The Troopers and their shoppers will then take the state police bus to the Berlin WalMart, where each of the shoppers will be given \$100 to spend as they wish as they “Shop with a Cop.”

At the conclusion of shopping, everyone will return to the Berlin Barrack where volunteers will wrap the shoppers new presents and have lunch together.

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The Pine Tones Chorus will present its Christmas concert at Atlantic United Methodist Church on Fourth Street in Ocean City, Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

## Pine Tones set their annual holiday concert

(Dec. 11, 2014) The Pine Tones Chorus will present its Christmas concert at Atlantic United Methodist Church on Fourth Street in Ocean City, Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert theme is "The Colors of Christmas" and features a song with that same title by John Rutter, a famous composer of choral music.

The popular songs "Blue Christmas" by Elvis, "Silver Bells" and "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin are well known holiday choices. The seasonal message of peace and good will is also represented by several selections.

"Our audience may be surprised to hear one song from Dr. Seuss," Chorus Director June Todd said. "This could bring some laughter."

The Pine Tones Chorus includes about 60 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas. Todd is the chorus director and Sandra Coston-Barkley is the group's accompanist. A guest musician, Tom Baione, will be playing string bass.

Admission is free and an offering will be received. After the concert, guests may enjoy refreshments in the church social hall.

The Pine Tones Chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas since 1984.

For additional information, call Chorus President, Pat Beisler at 410-208-2682, or Todd at 410-289-7373.

Funding for Pine Tones Chorus activities comes from individual donations and sponsors as well as the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. These organizations are dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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# Capital Ringers to jingle their bells

Ensemble to perform at Community Church at Ocean Pines, Saturday

(Dec. 11, 2014) Capital Ringers, the community hand bell ensemble that rings six octaves (73 bells) of Schulmerich hand bells and five and a half octaves (67 chimes) of Malmark hand chimes, will perform Saturday at the Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road starting at 7 p.m.

Employing the largest set of hand bells on the Delmarva Peninsula, The Capital Ringer's will present its "Traditions" concert.

Artistic Director Linda Simms established Capital Ringers in 2004 to provide a ringing experience to advanced ringers and to demonstrate to audiences the versatility of hand bells.

The ensemble has performed across the peninsula in churches, theaters and schools, and has collaborated with the Delaware Chorale Society, the Queen Anne's Chorale, Wilmington Hand Bell Ensemble and the First State Dance Academy.

It also has performed at the City of Dover Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, the Delaware Governor's Prayer Breakfast, Olde Dover Days, and the In Harmony

Concert Series at the Schwartz Center in Dover.

The 2014 Christmas Tour, "Traditions" features Christmas favorites, including "Wizards in Winter," "Let it Go" (from the movie "Frozen"), "O Holy Night" and a special guest character will join the ringing ensemble to inspire audiences with a celebration of Christmas traditions.

Information about the Capital Ringers concert performance schedule and locations is available on the Capital Ringer's website [www.capitalringers.org](http://www.capitalringers.org) or by contacting the artistic director at 302-632-3106.

# Charles will stage hospice benefit concert

(Dec. 11, 2014) Country artist Jimmy Charles will perform a benefit concert for Coastal Hospice on Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 6-10 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

The event will include a silent auction and an opportunity for attendees to donate to Coastal Hospice.

Last year, Coastal Hospice provided more than \$515,000 in charity care to patients who had no ability to pay. Donations made at the Ocean Pines event will help fund the hospice's charity care and also honor the donor's loved one, whose named will be printed on a red angel ornament and hung on the Coastal Hospice angel tree.

Charles chose Coastal Hospice for the benefit, because it was the local non-profit that cared for his grandmother. The musician grew up in Ocean City and graduated from Towson University.

"I wanted to target an organization that was local to my home on the Eastern Shore," Charles said. "Coastal Hospice did so much work to help my grandmother as she stayed with us in our home during her final years. I learned that it takes some really special people to do what they do. They were a blessing to us, doing so much for nothing, and now it is time that I give back to them. This is my way of saying Thank You! When I read they were in need of funds, it was an easy decision for me."

Charles had an impressive beginning to his professional music career as a Season 9 contestant on the TV show "American Idol" where he earned a golden ticket to Hollywood.

Currently a resident and working musician in Nashville, Charles has played many venues in the music town. He was named Top 50 on the show "Nashville Star" and sat as a guest judge on "CMT's Next Big Star."

Charles has worked with some of the biggest names in country music, including Lady Antebellum, Montgomery Gentry, Kip Moore, and Kacey Musgraves.

For two years, Charles was the featured artist for the Mrs. North Carolina United States pageant, and judge and performer for the Miss University City, Miss Appalachia and Miss Southern Delaware pageants.

More information about Charles and his music is available at [www.jimmycharlesmusic.com](http://www.jimmycharlesmusic.com).

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# AGH honors Jack Burbage for his service

(Dec. 11, 2014) Atlantic General Hospital celebrated the commitment and service of Board of Trustees Chairman, John "Jack" H. Burbage, Jr. at its recent corporation meeting.

Burbage has served as an AGH Board of Trustees member since 2007, and while he has officially stepped down from his role as chairman, will remain an integral part of the board. He was voted in as chairman in November 2011.

In addition to his involvement with the Board of Trustees, Burbage has been a driving force in philanthropic efforts for the AGH Foundation and has helped them surpass their goals for the past several years.

Burbage was presented with a gift recognizing his service as chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has been incredibly generous sharing his time and expertise with AGH and its efforts to be the leader in caring for people and advancing the health for the residents and visitors to our community.

"Jack is a great leader in our community, and he has helped guide AGH through a tremendous period of change," said Michael Franklin, president and CEO of AGH.



J. Burbage, Jr.

# OP rec. dept. has holiday kids' activities

(Dec. 11, 2014) Area children are invited to join the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department this holiday season for special activities designed just for them.

On Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, children ages 4-8 can create Christmas ornaments. All materials and instruction will be provided. The cost is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents.

The workshop will be held at the community center and pre-registration is required.

At the Glamour Girl Holiday Spa Day, girls ages 4-10 will receive spa-like pampering, including manicures, pedicures, hair styling and makeup application. The event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 1-4 p.m. at the community center.

The cost is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for non-residents. Glamour photos will be available for an additional charge. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register for an event, call the Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Information regarding additional recreational programs, including an on-line version of the Ocean Pines Winter 2015 Activity Guide, is available at [www.OceanPines.org](http://www.OceanPines.org).

# Pines Players offer 'Carol' variation

## Musical version has more contemporary approach to story

(Dec. 11, 2014) Experience "Another Night Before Christmas," a musical Bistro Theater production by the Ocean Pines Players, Dec. 12-14, at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church Life Center, on 104th Street in Ocean City.

Follow the adventures of Karol, a cynical and embittered social worker, when she is accidentally locked in her apartment with a homeless burglar who claims to be Santa Claus. Written by nationally acclaimed play-

wright, Sean Grennan, with music by Leah Okimodo, "Another Night Before Christmas" has played to sold out houses across the country since its debut in 2007, but this is its Eastern Shore premier.

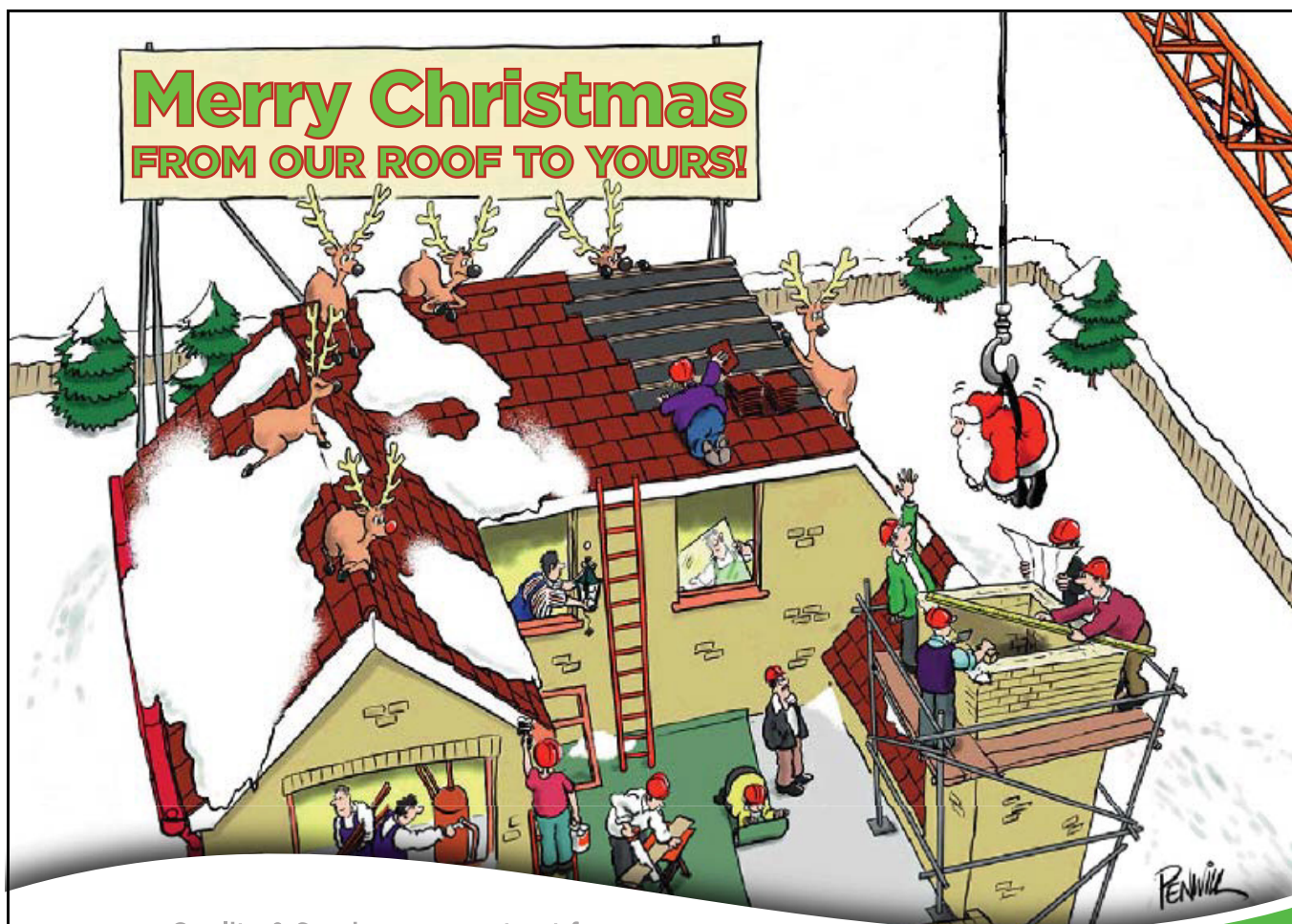
In addition to a full-length musical play, guests will be treated to live pre-show entertainment and a full dinner, including appetizers, wine, punch, green salad, spaghetti and bread, plus cake, brownies, coffee, and tea during intermission, all for \$25.

"I don't know where you can find a better bargain," said Players President, Karen McClure. "Dinner, wine

and live theater all for 25 bucks – and, consistent with our community service mission, all of our profits go back to the community in the form of performing arts scholarships for local students. We are even offering a silent auction so guests can score some great gifts."

"Another Night Before Christmas" will run for three days, Dec. 12-14. On Friday and Saturday doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, with a 7 p.m. curtain time. There is also a Sunday matinee, with doors opening at 2:30 p.m. and curtain time at 4 p.m.

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Dazzle owner Joyce Landsman holds up her cookbook, "An Afare to Remember."

# Landsman's new shop made into a dazzler

After lodging, catering businesses, Dazzle has perfect pace for her

**By Josh Davis**  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) For Joyce Landsman, the fourth time might actually be the charm.

The eclectic new shop in Manklin Station near the South Gate in Ocean Pines is her fourth business in the area, following Inn on the Ocean, An Afare to Remember and Mainstreet Gift Gallery.

"My husband and I moved here from Montgomery County, Md. for him to practice dentistry," Landsman said. "We were in the D.C. area where he practiced, and we decided to get out of Dodge and come here."

Inn on the Ocean, a bed and breakfast, opened on the Boardwalk in Ocean City in 1996 and included a catering service. When Landsman sold the property, she opened An

Afare to Remember, a gourmet food store, in 1999.

"We outgrew that pretty quickly," Landsman said. "We started out with five tables where people could sit down and have a cappuccino and get some sandwiches and takeout, then the rest of the store was antiques and gifts. Within a month I had to throw the dealers out and rent another store on Main Street [in Berlin] and we had outdoor dining and what have you."

The new store became Main Street Gift Gallery, which lasted from 1999-2005.

"I sold that to come in and manage my husband's dental practice," Landsman said. "When I sold the dental practice recently, I decided to come back and do this again."

Catering, Landsman said, was a burden she is not seeking to repeat at Dazzle.

"That's what did me in several  
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Dazzle opened in late November in Ocean Pines and looks like a love letter to the North Pole complete with Christmas trees, life-size singing Santas, brightly colored ornaments and lights, shimmering reindeer and dozens of customizable items for its signature build-your-own gift baskets.



# OBITUARIES

## Anne J. Rogers

Ocean City—Anne J. Rogers, age 85, of Ocean City, formerly of Rehoboth Beach, Del., passed away on Dec. 3, 2014.

Mrs. Rogers was a long-time member of the American Legion Auxiliary. For more than 20 years she was the resident manager of the Calypso Condominium in Ocean City.

Mrs. Rogers is survived by her three children, Linda Hutchinson and her husband, Woody of Ocean City, Barbara Rogers of Rehoboth Beach and David Rogers and his wife, Beth of Frankford, Del. and four grandchildren, Amy Hutchinson, Randy Bryan, Joshua Maisel and Olivia Rogers. She is also survived by her brother, Robert Jones and his wife, Carlene, of Frankford and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be private.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.melsonfuneralservices.com](http://www.melsonfuneralservices.com).

## Wilma N. Laderer

Berlin—Mrs. Wilma N. Laderer passed away on Dec. 3, 2014. She is survived by her husband, Harold, three children, four grandchildren

and one great-grandchild. A private celebration will be held at a later date in Baltimore.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Gerald F. Monahan

Ocean Pines—Gerald F. Monahan passed away Dec. 3, 2014.

A native of the Bronx, N.Y., he was born Sept. 20, 1929. He has lived in Ocean Pines for the past 23 years.

He is a graduate of Fordham Prep and University. He also attended Fordham Law School. While attending Fordham, he volunteered and served in the Korean War with the First Marine Division as a forward observer from 1950-1952.

He held executive and advisory positions in the financial services industry for many years, and retired from AG Edwards in Salisbury. He was a member of the VFW, the Marine Corps League in Ocean City, and a former lector of St. John Neumann's R.C. in Berlin.

Jerry is proudly survived by his



Gerald Monahan

wife of 53 years, Barbara, and their five children Michael, Daniel, Gerald, James and Kathleen, along with his 11 grandchildren. His family was most important to him.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Dec. 9, 2014, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Berlin. Burial was private in the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Helene Monder Cohen

Ocean Pines —Helene Monder Cohen, age 82, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury, on Dec. 4, 2014.

Born in Newark, N.J., Helene was

the daughter of the late Benjamin and Bessie Monder.

Helene graduated from Barringer High School, married and moved to Clifton where she raised her three children and remained most of her life before moving to the Ocean Pines. Before retiring to care for her parents, Mrs. Cohen worked as an administrative assistant with Kearfott Corporation in Little Falls, N.J.

Helene's greatest pleasure was spending time with her children and her grandson. She was an avid reader and enjoyed the sunshine.

Helene was preceded in death by her brothers, Gilbert and Alvin Monder and her sister, Janet Robins. Helene is survived by her daughters, Jill Cohen of Ramsey, N.J. and Jackie Flora and her husband, Arthur, and their son, Daniel, of Ocean Pines, and her son, Dean Cohen and his wife,

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# Dazzle has more relaxed pace

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times," she said. "We worked from seven in the morning until midnight at the café and the bed and breakfast. It was too much."

When Dazzle opened its doors in late November, the shop looked like a love letter to the North Pole complete with Christmas trees, life-size singing Santas, brightly colored ornaments and lights, shimmering reindeer, and dozens of customizable items for the store's signature build-your-own gift baskets.

"We thought this would be the perfect thing because there is nothing really like it in this area," Landsman said, adding that the shop is not merely a one-off Christmas store.

In the New Year, Landsman plans to add gift items for newborns, as

well as more handmade merchandise, including original work by Snow Hill artist Jim Adcock, and other goods that relate to cancer awareness.

"My goal is to have a variety of things in the store," she said. "We have something for everybody here, the gourmet foods, we do beautiful gift baskets, and you only pay for the items you buy — we don't charge to put them together, and we don't charge for local delivery."

Dazzle will also ship items outside of the immediate area.

"What I'm doing is trying to find out what people want," Landsman said. "The more people tell me, the more items we'll get in."

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Shareena, of Ft. Myers, Fla. Helene is also had several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank a few people for their care and compassion toward the end of their mother's life: Shonda G., the staff at Catered Living in Ocean Pines, the nurses and doctors at Atlantic General Hospital and the nurses at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

Donations may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733 Salisbury, Md. 21804 or Assateague Island National Park Service, Attn: Education Dept. 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, Md. 21811. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via email at [Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com](mailto:Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com).

## Huberta "Cookie" Taylor

Willards—Huberta "Cookie" Taylor, age 73, died Dec. 4, 2014.

Born in Washington D.C., she was the daughter of the late Hubert H. and Ella Noe Hopkins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chris Christianson.

Surviving are her children, Raymond Paul Taylor of Baltimore and Lea Ann Doughty and her husband, David of Willards. Also surviving is

her brother, Hubert "Bucky" Hopkins of Simpsonville, S.C.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker. She was an animal lover and an avid gardener with a special place in her heart for roses.

No formal services are planned at this time. A donation in her memory may be made to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Letters of condolence may be sent via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Gary P. Parsons

Berlin—Gary P. Parsons, age 72, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Dec. 6, 2014.



Gary Parsons

Gary was the son of the late Preston W. and Irma B. Parsons.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sharon and his sons Brian and Todd; Brian's wife, Summer and grandchildren, Kristyn and Evan. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gary was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Wimbrow and his brother, Wayne Parsons.

Gary was born and raised in the Berlin area, graduated from Stephen Decatur High School and worked locally at Symington Wayne Corp in

Salisbury. He also served in the Delaware National Guard.

Gary loved people, which served him well in the field of customer service. He moved to Washington, D.C. where he worked for 30 years at PEPCo (Potomac Electric Power Company). Upon his retirement he and Sharon moved back to the Eastern Shore where he could pursue his passion for golf on an almost daily basis.

He was an avid golfer and worked at several local golf courses, most recently in the Pro Shop of the Glen-Riddle Golf Course.

A Memorial Service was held at the Berlin First Baptist Church in Berlin on Dec. 11, 2014. Pastor Brad Diehl officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Neuroscience Acute Care/Brain Rescue. Checks should be made payable to: The Fund for John Hopkins Medicine, Departments of Neurology, 550 North Broadway, Seventh Floor Suite 731 Baltimore, Md. 21205.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home.

Letters of condolence may be shared at [Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com](mailto:Burbage@BurbageFuneralHome.com).

## Charles V. Wicklein, Sr.

Ocean City—Charles V. Wicklein, Sr., 92, of Ocean City, passed away on Dec. 2, 2014.

Charles was born on April 26, 1922 in Baltimore. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII in the South Pacific.

Charles was preceded in death by his former wife, Mildred "Sue" Wicklein, and his siblings, George Wicklein and Catherine Davis.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, J. Eileen Wicklein; his son, Charles V. Wicklein, Jr. and his wife, Cathy; his grandchildren, Michelle, Kristen and Chad; his step-daugh-

ters, Charlene O'Kane and her husband, Joe, Karen Fenner and Barbara Harle; his step-grandchildren, Chad and Travis and his sisters, Doris Blottemberger, Hazel Schnieder and Bertha Kirby. Charles is also survived by 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at Singleton Funeral & Cremation Services, P.A. in Glen Burnie on Dec. 8, 2014. Interment was at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

For further information, visit [www.singletonfuneralhome.com](http://www.singletonfuneralhome.com).

## Barbara Ann Charmak

Barbara Ann Charmak (nee de Luise) died peacefully in Maryland on Dec. 5, 2014 at the age of 75.

Mrs. Charmak is survived by her children; son, Dr. William Charmak of Maryland, daughter and son-in-law Karen and Lawrence Zaslow, and grandson Noah of Chappaqua, N.Y., and companion Joel Graber of Chicago, Ill.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William Charmak of New York, Maryland and Florida. She was a devoted spouse, mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Charmak was born in 1939 in New York City and held residences in New York, Maryland and Florida. She held many successful positions as a executive assistant, and was a talented artist and gardener.

Family and friends will be notified of a celebration of Mrs. Charmak's life to follow at a later date.

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

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# OPINION

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## Exercise caution over the holiday season

It's a sad thing that the holiday season is not only about glad tidings and spreading goodwill but also is a time of being wary of people whose intent is not so merry.

That, more or less, was the message this week from Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing, who, just like most other law enforcement officials across the country are doing right about now, advised the public to be on the alert for holiday scams and thieves.

It's a fact of life anymore that Christmas seems to see more of this sort of thing, whether it's because piles of gifts in plain sight increase the temptation or because people's holiday-minded charitable attitude makes them more susceptible to bogus appeals to their generosity.

Whatever the reason, there is always someone willing to take advantage of the situation, which is why Downing's advice, however often we've heard it before, is worth following.

Don't leave your car with gifts lying out where everyone can see them. Your best bet, as Downing says, is to lock them in the trunk. Also don't be afraid to call the police if you see what you believe is suspicious activity. The police won't think you're foolish and neither will your neighbors, especially if it turns out that you were right.

We are predisposed to think a little more kindly of others this time of year and no one wants to take that away. But at the same time, there's nothing wrong with exercising some extra caution when out shopping and at home.

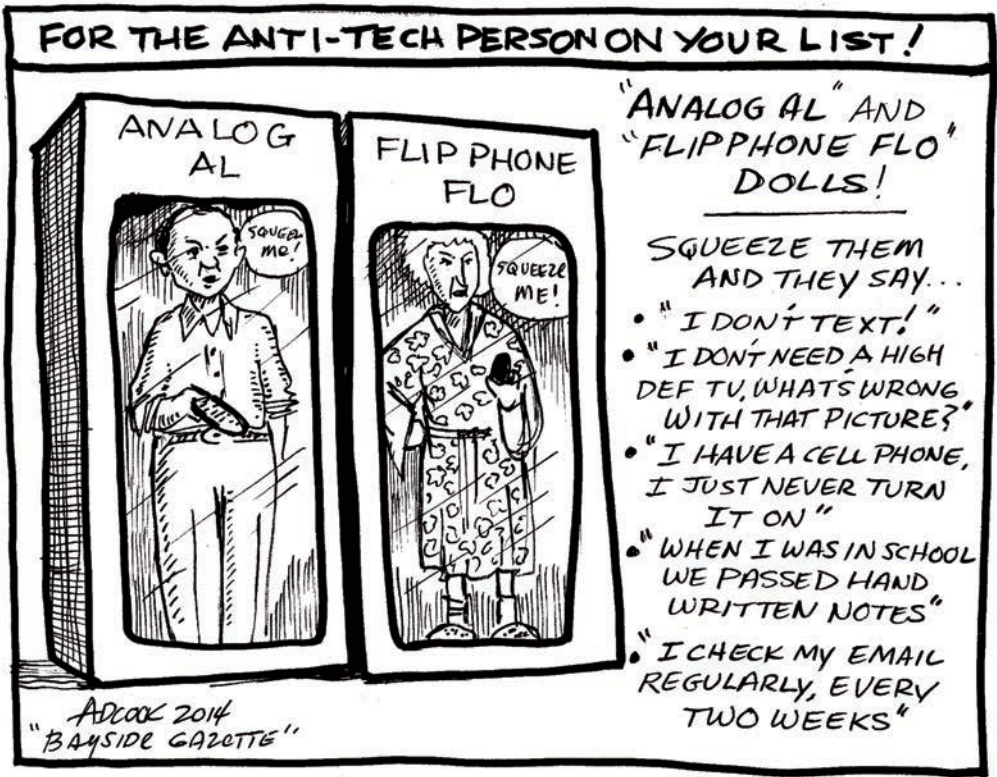
It's somewhat disconcerting to say it, but that little bit of extra awareness could keep your Christmas merry and bright.

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## Ehrlich: I'm just looking, thanks

**By C. Fraser Smith**  
The Daily Record Newswire  
(Dec. 11, 2014) He won't do it. You read it here first.

Former Gov. Bob Ehrlich is having fun — with us and with himself, right? He's made a couple of trips to New Hampshire. People are polite to him. The group he meets with likes his message: loves the Constitution, hates Obamacare, hails the tea party.

Gee, wonder what side of the political spectrum he'd be on?

Don't get excited. He's not running for president.

He's too into his kids. Their sports, their lives, their need for a father. Running is too hard. It takes time. You have to be on the road a lot.

So what's he doing?

A few thoughts from a relatively small spectrum of well-informed sources.

A Republican:

- Watching Larry Hogan win was probably a bittersweet pill to swallow. He'd been telling people that he, Ehrlich, was the last GOP governor Maryland would ever have.
- He wasn't ready for his career to end when it did and is now looking for different paths for it to resume.
- It gives him "ink," which boosts his speaking fees.

A Democrat, in a similar vein:

- It's ludicrous, of course. But his problem is, with

Hogan's election, he's now "officially irrelevant" in Maryland. He's no longer the titular head of the party, nor does he have a major voice in anything.

- Not to mention that he told anyone who would listen that if he couldn't get elected governor of Maryland, no Republican could.

Another Republican:

- It's fun to be in the discussion about who's in the discussion. But he can't be serious.
- This is a guy who's been in the game (sports or politics) all his life. He's been on the sidelines for the last seven years. He doesn't like being on the sidelines.
- It's fun. People invite you to New Hampshire, pay for your hotel room. Welcome you the way you remember fans welcoming you. What's not to like?
- Easy to do, particularly if you know you're not serious.

What he also knows is that the fun doesn't last. The rest of the field will be all over you with opposition research: What did you really accomplish as governor? Why couldn't you get re-elected? Was that flush tax you favored really a fee, as you insisted? Came out of someone's pocket, so it probably was a tax.

The press would want to know if you are the sort of driven, obsessed — and serious — candidate that running for president demands. Marylanders would tell them that Ehrlich didn't have the work ethic. They would say, as the New Hampshire folks said: "Nice guy, good talker ..." But no visionary, no idea guy, a bit too ideological to make a good general election candidate.

But maybe the naysayers are all wrong. Maybe Ehrlich thinks Hogan's win will make the kingmakers take a look at him.

He could try that if he were serious, but he's not.

If he were to run, he and Gov. Martin O'Malley would give us a bipartisan team in the two primaries. If. One or both could easily be out by then.

Pity, in a way. Maryland hasn't had a lot of contenders on the national stage — and even when we have, as in Vice President Spiro Agnew's case, it wasn't a good thing. He resigned in a cloud of corruption.

There was Albert C. Ritchie, the four-term, 1920s and 1930s conservative Democratic governor who could have gotten on FDR's ticket but chose not to. They were poles apart in government philosophy.

So is Ehrlich back in the game? His picture was in The Wall Street Journal this week. Maybe he's back in the rain-maker game — the game that brings clients who like to do business with ex-senators and ex-governors.

He's probably serious about that.



# Businesses, organizations aid holiday charities

## Santa gets help for needy through efforts by plethora of groups

**By Kara Hallissey**  
Staff Writer

(Dec. 11, 2014) The Ocean City Police Department, Santa House, Worcester G.O.L.D. and Toys for Tots will be assisting local families in need this holiday season by collecting toys, food, clothing and monetary donations throughout the area.

### Ocean City Police Department/ Santa House

The Ocean City Police Department will be working with Santa House for the second year to provide food and toys to local families. These donations will help struggling families across Worcester County have a jolly holiday season.

"We were already working very closely with them [Santa House.] We figured it would be more efficient, spread the love and help even more families in the county," said OCPD Public Affairs Specialist Lindsay Richard. "The relationship has been

working out great."

The Santa House is collecting new, unwrapped toys until the deadline on Monday, Dec. 15.

The toys can be dropped off at the Public Safety Building, located on 65th Street or at any Calvin B. Taylor Bank location throughout Worcester County.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Santa House, Inc. at P.O. Box 14, Snow Hill, Md. 21863 and there is no deadline because Santa House helps needy families all year around.

The Parrothead Club had its annual 'Hots for Tots' Chili Cook-off last weekend at the Greene Turtle in West Ocean City where they collected toys for Santa House and the Ocean City Police Department.

In addition, the organization 'Toys for Tommy' will host a couple different events at local bars. They collected dozens of toys and more than \$600 in donations at Burley Oak in Berlin on Dec. 1.

Yesterday, Fager's Island held a holiday party where they collected toys and donations for the organizations.

In 2013, the Santa House provided food, toys and clothes for more than 500 families, including 50 from Ocean City.

Ocean City families who have signed up can pick up their items on Friday, Dec. 19 at the Public Safety Building from 9 a.m. to noon.

Unfortunately, because of the long process of setting up items for needy families, the deadline for accepting new families is over.

"We have a number of families signed up this year. There won't be a shortage of families being helped even though the deadline has passed," Richard said.

Contact the Santa House at 443-944-2011 with donation questions.

### Worcester G.O.L.D.

The Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) "Helping Hands for the Holidays" program is in its 18th year and they are seeking sponsors.

The program served 940 needy people in Worcester County last holiday season. This year there are an abundance of children and elderly who need food, clothing, household

items and gifts or toys.

"We see a lot of need especially in Snow Hill and Pocomoke. There are parents working multiple minimum wage jobs and a nice Christmas is beyond their budget," said Worcester G.O.L.D. Executive Director Claire Otterbein. "The community is so generous with donations coming from organizations, youth groups, and churches. It is great to see the generosity."

Community sponsors are matched up with families or individuals in need. Worcester G.O.L.D. wants to match up as many people and families as soon as possible.

The needy families fill out a form, which will provide gift ideas and clothing sizes for their sponsor to buy.

Since the organization has a small staff, they set Friday, Dec. 19 as the last day for accepting names.

Helping Hands for the Holidays is a great way for service clubs and youth groups to give back to their neighbors living in poverty.

Monetary or gift card donations  
See HOLIDAY Page 22

## LETTERS

### Stevenson offers thanks for support

Editor,

This letter is being written to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Berlin, Selbyville and Ocean City community and businesses that supported Stevenson United Methodist Church Christmas bazaar and silent auction that was held on Dec. 6 in Berlin.

We are so blessed to live in an area that is so willing to support our churches and others, in our community.

The businesses, patrons, and Stevenson congregation that assisted, donated and/or attended this

event have accomplished a great thing.

With the support Stevenson received from everyone that helped with this event in any way has enabled our church to help local families in this area in their time of need through out the year. That is what the Christmas season is all about.

For this Christmas season, please support our local businesses in the Berlin/Ocean City/Selbyville area. The local businesses that helped make this event a success are as follows:

Doyle's restaurant, Martha Johnson/Tupperware rep., Hairworms Inc., Vicky Nock, Scents local rep., Victorian Charm, Treasure Chest,

Crab Bag, Old Pro Golf, Chipotle, Sharon Chandler and Donoway Furniture Business Office, West OC Fitness, Smith's Market In Showell, Bleached Butterfly, Chauncey's Of Ocean City, Inca Ruins, Siculi/Tex Mex Restaurant.

Linda's Native American Crafts, Pat Oltman - Premier Jewelry rep., John Chandler - Pampered Chef/Celebrating Home Local Rep., Marie Villa, Cheryl Bosley - local Mary Kay rep., Susan Arnold - local Thirty One rep., Rebecca Carbaugh - Surf Girl Creations, Dean Poag - local Origami Owl rep., Cheryl Sandt, Vicky Hotz, Pam Kryger - local Arbonne rep., Doug Auer Photography, Andréa Hoops - Perfectly

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Denise's Handmade Items, Chick-Fil-A, Denovo's Restaurant, Eagle's Landing Golf, Starbucks, Bruder Hill, The Taylor Family Business - Ocean Breeze alpacos.

Merry Christmas to all and again many thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to the Berlin community.

Blessings from Stevenson United Methodist church, Christmas bazaar committee.

Kathy Davis  
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# Holiday donations grow with plenty of local help

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are needed to provide for people not matched directly with a supporter. Donations can be made through PayPal at worcestergold.org or sent directly to Worcester County G.O.L.D., P.O. Box 39, Snow Hill, Md. 21863. Anyone interested in sponsoring a child or senior can call G.O.L.D. at 410-677-6830.

Worcester G.O.L.D. is a nonprofit who provides financial aid to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and children in foster care.

"There are many ways for people to help those in need. We are working all year around and I understand the busy holiday season is hard," Otterbein said. "Just remember us and other charitable organizations when the holidays are over."

### Toys for Tots

Last year, Toys for Tots distributed 16.8 million toys to seven million less fortunate children. Locally, 7,619 toys were delivered to 344 children.

All toys are distributed locally to children in areas including Ocean City, Berlin, Frankford and Selbyville.

"The general community and outpouring of toys is very beneficial for the program. People really get behind it," said Toys for Tots Coordinator

Jack Carey.

They will have a fundraiser and buffet on Sun. Dec 14. at the Princess Royale Hotel on 91st Street from 1-4 p.m. There will be a \$10 donation to attend and no toys will be accepted. Entertainment will be provided by the Imagine's.

"We accepted toys at this event years ago, but we weren't getting the toys we needed," Carey said. "We can do more with cash donations."

Ocean City and Berlin's Optimist Club and the Irish American Society have been big contributors to Toys for Tots this season.

The first Toys for Tots campaign was conducted in Los Angeles in 1947 and this year they have over 760 campaigns throughout the United States.

The Ocean City Council proclaimed December, Toys for Tots month.

"I've been involved for the last 12 years and a coordinator for seven. It is a great thing we do," Carey said. "It is a large undertaking, but a lot of fun. These are children that need to get a toy."

There is a Friday, Dec. 19 deadline to donate toys. For a list of drop off locations visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) or call Carey at 302-537-7272.



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### BLOOD DRIVE

Stephen Decatur High School senior Austin Dundore gives a thumbs up as he donates blood through the Alyx Component Collection System, which collects double the amount of red cells, during the Key Club sponsored Blood Drive on Dec. 2. Decatur was the top school on the Lower Eastern Shore last year for donations, with more than 120 volunteers ready to donate blood to Delmarva Blood Bank.



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## Are you a Berlin business owner who would like to participate in Art Stroll?

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Include business name, artist name, artist medium and short artist bio. Any promotional photos and artist websites would also be helpful. Please submit all information by the first Friday of every month.

## Are you an artist who would like to participate in Art Stroll?

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## Humane soc. aims to grow membership

(Dec. 11, 2014) As a nonprofit, the Worcester County Humane Society relies on the generosity of individuals and businesses in the community. Once a year in December the shelter launches its membership drive and the funds raised enable the shelter to continue serving the people and animals in the community.

Membership donations directly benefit all of the animals that come into the no-kill shelter. Members make it possible for the facility to take in cats and dogs in need of shelter and sanctuary, provide vaccinations for every animal and loving care in a clean, warm and comfortable environment.

The dedicated staff not only care for all of the animals, but they also promote the adoption of animals into loving homes and reunite lost pets with their owners.

Caring for the ever increasing numbers of animals puts a tremendous burden on the staff, facility and limited resources. Every donation is critical to carry out the shelter's mission to advocate for animal welfare and to provide compassionate care and protection for all cats and dogs that find their way to the shelter.

Membership for individuals is \$25 for 2015. Members will get updates on upcoming events and earn a say in how the shelter is run. Membership forms are available at [www.worcester-countyhumanesociety.org](http://www.worcester-countyhumanesociety.org) or visit the shelter at 12330 Eagles Nest Road in Berlin.

For businesses interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, the shelter has six different levels of sponsorship ranging from \$250 to \$10,000. Call 410-213-0146 for more information on becoming a corporate sponsor and the benefits for each level of sponsorship. Sponsorship forms are available at the shelter and on the website.

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# State reports increase in casino revenue

## But for year to date, gambling take down slightly from 2013

(Dec. 11, 2014) The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency announced November revenue numbers for the state's five casinos — Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore City, Casino at Ocean Downs in Worcester County, Live Casino in Anne Arundel County and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County.

November's combined statewide revenue totaled \$90.1 million.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$6.1 million from both slot machines and table games in November. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$149.93 for slot machines, \$2,352.56 for banking table games and \$358.53 for non-banking table games.

Hollywood Casino's November 2014 revenue decreased by \$457,581, or 6.9 percent, from November 2013. Hollywood Casino Perryville operates 1,158 slot machines and 22 (12 banking and 10 non-banking) table games.

Horseshoe Casino Baltimore generated \$23.3 million from both slot machines and table games in November. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$171.99 for slot machines, \$2,694.74 for banking table games and \$1,027.22 for non-banking table games.

Horseshoe Casino Baltimore operates 2,500 slot machines and 145 (120 banking and 25 non-banking) table games. The casino opened to the public in August.

Maryland Live Casino generated \$53.7 million from both slot machines and table games in November. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$258.52 for slot machines, \$4,672.79 for banking table games and \$1,357.23 for non-banking table games.

Maryland Live's November 2014 revenue increased by \$356,514, or .7 percent, from November 2013. Maryland Live Casino operates 4,185 slot machines and 189 (137 banking and 52 non-banking) table games.

Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$3.3 million in November and its gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$139.01. Casino at Ocean Downs' November 2014 revenue decreased by \$132,052, or 3.8 percent, from November 2013. The Casino at Ocean Downs operates 800 slot machines.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort generated \$3.5 million from both slot machines and table games in November. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$167.55 for slot machines, \$1,332.08 for banking table games and \$357.07 for non-banking table games.

Rocky Gap's November 2014 revenue increased by \$192,553, or 5.8 percent, from November 2013. Rocky Gap Casino Resort operates 577 slot machines and 17 table games (15 banking and 2 non-banking).

In a year-to-year comparison, November 2014 casino revenue increased from November 2013 by \$23.3 million, or 34.9 percent.

In a comparison excluding Horseshoe Casino Baltimore, which opened in August, year-to-year revenue decreased from November 2013 by \$40,567, or .06 percent.

## Penguin Swim reminder: get ready for plunge

(Dec. 11, 2014) It's time to sign up for the Atlantic General Hospital Penguin Swim. This New Year's Day marks the 21st anniversary for the event, which has become a local tradition on the shore.

Penguins are encouraged to come wearing costumes and awards will be presented to the best dressed. Special recognition awards will be given to oldest and youngest penguins, as well.

First-, second- and third-place trophies will be awarded to those who raise the most money in divisions for individuals and adults, penguins 18 and under, and teams — businesses and community groups/organizations.

All penguins will receive incentive prizes based on individual fundraising efforts.

Individual and team participants can register now to start collecting donations. For more information or to register, visit [aghpenguinswim.org](http://aghpenguinswim.org). Find the event on Facebook at [facebook.com/penguinswim](https://www.facebook.com/penguinswim) or call the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation office at 410-641-9671 for paper forms.

On Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 2-4 p.m. will be pre-registration and advance check-in as well as prize pick-up in the Princess Royale Hotel Atrium on 91st Street. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. the day of the swim. The 21st annual Penguin Swim will start promptly at 1 p.m., New Year's Day.

Proceeds from the event, gathered through corporate sponsorships and participant fundraising, support the strategic plans undertaken by Atlantic General Hospital to uphold its mission to improve individual and community health. Atlantic General Hospital is a 501(c) 3 organization.

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# SNAPSHOTS



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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School students in grades PreK-8 participated in “Operation Christmas Child” through [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org). MBS first grade class is pictured with the special Christmas boxes. The MBS library has donated money to buy supplies to pack 10 boxes to send to needy children across the world. Each grade will be donating a box, and will contribute special letters and cards to send to the child receiving the gift. Each box will contain a variety of items such as toiletries, school supplies, clothing, small accessories and toys.



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## MATH MODEL

Showell Elementary School third grade students, Abbigale Weeks and Addison McDaniel, create a model of the Associative property during Rebecca Johnson’s math class.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Students in Amanda Lynch’s fourth grade reading class at Worcester Preparatory School dress as their favorite book characters.



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## BOOK WEEK

Worcester Preparatory School Headmaster Barry Tull enjoys working with Kindergarten students Reed Corron and Anna Mumford. Many members of Worcester Prep’s faculty and staff joined in reading books to Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade students during Worcester’s celebration of Book Week. Dr. Tull read his favorite book, “Oh the Places You’ll Go!” by Dr. Seuss, to Cathy Auxer’s and Tracey Berry’s Kindergarten classes.



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## PET ASSISTANCE

Members of Cub Scout Pack 480 from Berlin collect pet care items and food for their November community service project and presented the donations to Kenille’s Kupboard on Nov. 22. Pictured, from left, are Rodney Conway, Alex Navarro, Konnor Stever, Kenille’s Kupboard Director Kenille Davies, Ted Donahue, Carolyn Heit-Miller, Steven Navarro and Ray Stever.



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## BIS BOOK FAIR

Tim Stedding and Evan McDermott stand on the drawbridge at the castle entrance during Berlin Intermediate School’s book fair, “Sir Readalot’s Castle: A Kingdom of Books,” Nov. 13-21.



# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Enhance flavor of food with truffle salt

Today's light reading may annoy some people in that I will be discussing some things not available to the general public ... yet. We will take a fascinating journey into sous vide cooking, liquid nitrogen and truffle salt.



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

Since the truffle salt is the most recognizable and available, I'll start with that. To begin with, there is nothing – and I mean

nothing – better than fresh French fries fried in duck fat, sprinkled with truffle salt. Adding some freshly minced herbes de provence will certainly help, but it is not necessary. This is hands-down one of the best late-night snacks ever. Of course, poutine is a very close second, so maybe I'll write about that next week.

Truffle salt is one of the most uniquely addicting seasoning devices that I've ever run across. It is simply good sea salt that has been infused with summer truffles. The best brand that I have found is Sabatino Tartufi and you can buy a 3-ounce jar online for about \$12. Considering how long this will last, it's not that hard of a sell.

The beautiful thing about truffle salt is what you can use it on: Everything! Well, maybe not on a bowl of Captain Crunch, but anything that you would salt could be greatly enhanced with the truffle salt, but proceed with great caution.

Many people don't understand the fragrance and potent flavors of truffle salt, as it can be a little overwhelming on the senses at first. But, once you get a liking for it, it suddenly becomes irreplaceable in the kitchen. That is, until you tire of its amazing taste. Too much of a good thing ...



Now on to the sous vide cooking technique. There are volumes written about sous vide out there, and a smattering of information in a small article can hardly do it justice, but basically sous vide (French for "Under Vacuum") is cooking things in vacuum packaging in a meticulously controlled water bath until it is done.

In this case, I vacuum packed some beef tenderloin with herbs and butter and cooked it in a 140F water bath for about two hours. What happens is that the steak is an absolutely perfect medium from top to bottom.

Sous Vide Supreme is a company that makes sous vide cookers for the home cook. I'm not sure how much they run but I know multiple people who own them and adore them.

You can have Michel Richard's world-famous short ribs and grits with one of these countertop tools, but I'm fortunate enough to use the commercial one that we have at school. You should also use a vacuum packer, FoodSaver being the closest one for disco in the home. Some people use Ziploc bags, but just make

sure to get out as much air as possible. I can't recommend this method, but it is an option.

Then, and here is where I will probably lose many of you, I dunked it in liquid nitrogen for 35 seconds to freeze the outside. Next, I drop it in 360F fat (duck or beef work the best) for about 45 seconds, remove and pat off the fryer oil. The 688-degree difference lends an amazing crust. Then I season again with truffle salt, drizzle with brown butter and serve. This is incredibly easy but you have to have the right equipment.

And now we get to the one thing that practically no one has at their home: liquid nitrogen. This is a new addition to our school kitchen this semester and we have made some simply amazing dishes with it.

Something that we learned a month ago is in using LN to make sorbets. I've made ice creams with liquid nitrogen in the past but not sorbet. When you do so, the sorbet is creamier than I've ever had. The liquid nitrogen causes practically no crystallization so the concoction retains its smooth and creamy consistency, as

the crazy chemists intended.

Coming back to the task at hand, LN is at -328 degrees Fahrenheit, so it is darn chilly. You have to be very careful with it. Once you get the hang of it, it's just another kitchen tool, and one that is becoming more common as days go by.

By the end of the day, we have an amazing steak, simply cooked albeit very meticulously, and the perfect texture and flavor. It's all in a day's work, and hopefully you will get to play with some of these things soon. They're that good.

### Flash-Fried Truffle Steak

Serves 4

24 ounces beef tenderloin, cleaned  
1 tsp. Truffle salt  
1 stick butter  
3 sprigs thyme  
Liquid nitrogen, to cover beef  
Beef or Duck fat for frying

Vacuum pack the steaks in a single layer after seasoning with the truffle salt and adding the butter and thyme

Heat the water bath to 140F and add the bag

Cook for at least two hours and up to four hours to ensure that the internal temperature reaches 140 degrees

Remove from the bag and pat dry. Discard bag and juices

Carefully put the steaks in liquid nitrogen for 35 seconds or until the outside is frozen solid

Remove and drop in the 360F fryer for 45 seconds

Remove, pat dry, adjust seasoning and drizzle with brown butter

Allow to rest for a few minutes and serve

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# CALENDAR

Please send calendar items to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto: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.

## BAYSIDE GAZETTE

### THURS. Dec. 11

**CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP** — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

**OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING** — MAC Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Holiday festivities, music and food are planned. Numerous travel opportunities for 2015 presented. All persons 50 and older are welcome. Info: [aarp1917.org](http://aarp1917.org) or 410-352-5748.

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

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

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

**WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Open to the public. Take a Holiday appetizer, snack or dessert to share. Beverages and supplies provided. Take canned or boxed food items for the Sharing the Harvest Ministry. Info: [WCTPatriots@gmail.com](mailto:WCTPatriots@gmail.com), [www.worcestercountyteaparty.com](http://www.worcestercountyteaparty.com), [www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyTeaParty](http://www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyTeaParty) or 443-614-7214.

### FRI. Dec. 12

**OCEAN CITY MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** — Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 7-9:15 a.m. Tickets sold in advance only for \$16. Ticket purchase locations: Long and Foster Realty, 118th Street and Coastal Highway, Ocean City; City Hall, Third Street and Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City; Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Route 50, West Ocean City; Cropper Oil Company, Route 50, Berlin; or by mail, 204 Graham Avenue, Berlin, MD 21811.

**'ANOTHER NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS'** — St. Peter's Lutheran Church Life Center, 103rd Street, Ocean City. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, curtain at 7 p.m. Presented by the Ocean Pines Players. Admission cost is \$25 and full dinner, wine, live pre-show entertainment, silent



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### GRAND OPENING

The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce recently helped Fun Fit Vibe owner Greg Mervine and trainer Chris Brown open their new exercise facility at 11022 Nicholas Lane Unit #2 Suite K in the South Gate of Ocean Pines. The facility offers a one-on-one trainer to work out a variety of muscles using a high tech exercise machine that features a multi-speed vibrating base to help strengthen muscles; the Power Plate. Pictured, from left, are Mike Bradley of WGMD 92.7 news radio; Laurie Issacs of Shore Bank; WGMD 92.7, General Manager, Michael Cobo; Greg Mervine; Marge Strootman; Chris Brown; Ocean Pines Chamber Membership Coordinator, Amber Fraser; Chamber Executive Director, Liz Kain-Bolen; and Steve Cohen of Hileman Real Estate.

auction and full-length play. Reservations: 410-600-0462. All profits go to performing arts scholarships for local students.

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

**HOLIDAY ROASTED PORK DINNER** — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 North Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Dinner includes roasted pork, green beans, roasted potatoes, cornbread and a drink. Cost is \$10. Also bake sale table and car-ryouts available. Info: 410-641-1137.

**HOLIDAY 'MAKE AND TAKE' CRAFT NIGHT** — Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, 124 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. An evening of crafting and activities. Some projects will be donated to local organizations, and others will be ready to take home that night. For ages 3-11 years. Info: 410-641-4598.

### SAT. Dec. 13

**THE TEXAS TENORS - DEEP IN THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS** — Ocean City Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention

center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 8 p.m. Special guests The Reminders. For tickets, call or visit the Ocean City Box Office, 410-723-8601 or Ticketmaster, 800-551-SEAT.

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

**BREAKFAST BUFFET WITH SANTA** — The Restaurant at Lighthouse Sound, 12723 St. Martins Neck Road, Bishopville, 8-11 a.m. Live holiday music and Santa and his elves (bring cameras). Menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage biscuits and gravy, donuts, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years and free to those 5 and younger. Purchase tickets at the door or in advance at Lighthouse Sound Restaurant or at Calvin B. Taylor Bank branches. Proceeds benefit Diakonia. Info: Debbie Anderson, 202-309-2798 or [DLAnderson@aol.com](mailto:DLAnderson@aol.com).

**COOKIE WALK** — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A variety of home-baked holiday cookies sold for \$7 per

pound. Meet Santa Clause and his elf. Proceeds benefit Diakonia Homeless Shelter and Food Bank.

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**COOKIE WALK** — Sound United Methodist Church, 37733 Lighthouse Road (Route 54), Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon. Info: Cliff Toomey, pastor, 302-542-5242.

**DELMARVA CHORUS' CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. An evening of holiday music and song. Free admission. Cookies and beverages.

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



# CALENDAR

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

**LUNCH WITH SANTA** — 28th Street Pit & Pub, 2706 N. Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, noon to 3 p.m. Arts & crafts, goodie bags, cupcakes to decorate, bake sale and Santa. Cost is \$5 for children 12 and younger. Sponsored by Ravens Roost #58.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** — Seacrets, 117 49th St., Ocean City, 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 per person and includes breakfast buffet and a 4x6 photo with Santa. Bake sale. Proceeds benefit Believe in Tomorrow Childrens House by the Sea.

**OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. John McFalls will address “What’s Your Place in the Ocean?” Building one regional ocean action plan for the states of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and New York. Buddy Seigal will speak on the Marine Recreational Information Program regarding summer flounder and other issues. All are welcome. Members are reminded to take canned goods or money to be donated to Diakonia. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

**SUN. Dec. 14**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET** — Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., 7:30-11:30 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, cereals, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for carry-outs, \$5 for children ages 5-12 and free for children 4 and younger.

**‘WINDOWS AT THE FIRE HOUSE’** — Pocomoke City Volunteer Fire Department Community Center, 1410 Market St. Santa arrive at 4 p.m. by helicopter. Decorated windows and train display. Picture with Santa. Drop off Christmas lists in Santa’s mailbox. Cookies and hot chocolate served by Mrs. Claus and the elves. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Info: 410-957-1919.

**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.

**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.

**‘ANOTHER NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS’** — St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Life Center, 103rd Street, Ocean City. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. for dinner, curtain at 4 p.m.



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**TREE DECORATING**  
Members of the Pine’eer Craft Club, from left, Jackie Kollar, Janet Rosensteel, Carol Mills, Luz Castello and Nancy Welsh, decorate a tree in White Horse Park in Ocean Pines. The tree is decorated with “Santa Spoons,” pine cones and bright red bows and is located near the Craft Shop in the park. The shop, which is open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., features handcrafted items created by members of the Pine’eer Craft Club.

Presented by the Ocean Pines Players. Admission cost is \$25 and full dinner, wine, live pre-show entertainment, silent auction and full-length play. Reservations: 410-600-0462. All profits go to performing arts scholarships for local students.

**OCEAN CITY SURF CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING** — Northside Park, Community Room, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 6 p.m. Open to members only. Membership is open to those interested fostering respect for others, the ocean and our eco-system. Info: smith\_sandi@hotmail.com, www.oceancitysurfclub.org or on Facebook.

**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.

**‘A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS’** — St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11211 Beauchamp Road, Berlin, 3 p.m. Scriptural readings, hymns, carols and time for meditative silence. All are welcome. Admission is free; free-will donations accepted. Info: 410-208-2956.

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** — Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 12242 Race-track Road, Berlin, 1-3 p.m. Tour facilities, meet the teachers and speak to administrators regarding enrollment possibilities. Info: Lisa Edmunds, 410-208-1600.

**MON. Dec. 15**

**HYPERTENSION CLINICS** — Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Coastal Drugs, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 103, James G. Barrett Medical Building, Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

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

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

**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.

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN’S CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** — Lighthouse Sound Restaurant, 12723 St. Martin’s Neck Road, Bishopville, 11 a.m. Cost is \$24. Info: Sandy, 814-322-2119.

**TUES. Dec. 16**

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

**WED. Dec. 17**

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

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** — Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org.

**PLAY TIME** — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30-11:30 a.m. For infants to 5 year old children. Info: 410-524-1818.

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

**DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB** — Meets every Wednesday at 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.

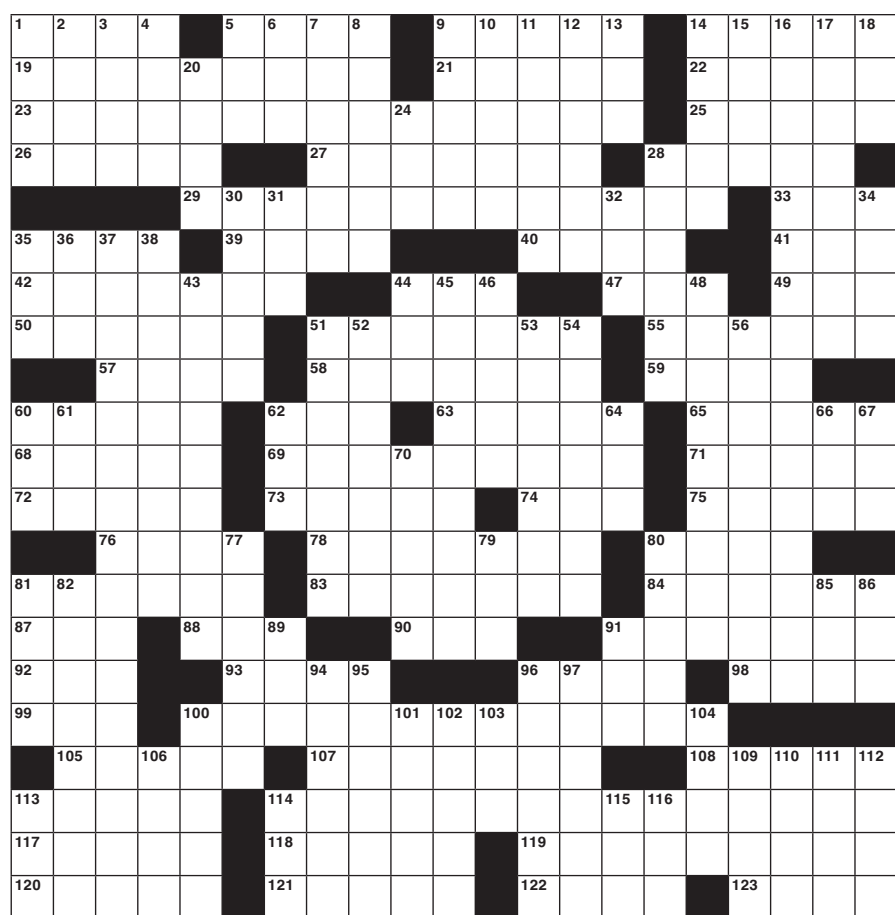
**BAYSIDE BEGINNINGS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

**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.

**SUICIDE GRIEVERS’ SUPPORT GROUP** — Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide. Info: www.choosetolivemaryland.org or 410-629-0164.



HOLDUP MAN			
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ACROSS	60 Part of OTOH	105 Ones with muses	16 *Comfort provider during difficult times
1 Mariner's array	62 Java holder	107 Breather?	17 Concert souvenir
5 Bubs	63 Two will get you turned around	108 Big Three conference site	18 Has way too much, briefly
9 "Take _____" (exec's request)	65 Cereal box abbr.	113 Create, as a canyon	20 Flame out
14 Get cracking on	68 Paws	114 *Not shirk a difficult task	24 Jocund
19 "Superfood" used in smoothies	69 *Very durable	117 Warren who wrote "The War of the Roses"	28 Christmas gift holder
21 Devilfish	71 Bartiromo of Fox Business	118 One with dreads	31 Is for two?
22 Like some college halls	72 Charmin competitor	119 Engineers' competition set in a ring	32 Armageddon
23 *One who's not leading	73 City in which "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is set	120 Director Almodóvar	34 Day to beware
25 Broad valleys	74 Bald-spot coverer	121 Arches in Gothic architecture	35 Juilliard deg.
26 Group of jerks	75 Have a loan from	122 Be a busy beaver?	36 MGM motto opener
27 Excoriates	76 Charges	123 Written paeans	37 *Crushing burden
28 Goes like hotcakes	78 Content that's hard for a search engine to access		38 Having special significance
29 *"I have some bad news ..."	80 All-_____	DOWN	43 Something handled in a bar
33 Fish on many a sashimi platter	81 Standard of measurement	1 Force ÷ acceleration	44 Dollop
35 Bryn _____	83 F.D.R. purchased the first one of these bonds	2 Small bra specification	45 *Arnold Schwarzenegger, once
39 Yankees teammate of Captain Clutch	84 Sci-fi shooter	3 Smurf in red	46 Perturbed
40 Compos mentis	87 Result of a firing	4 Nurses	48 She played Joanie on "Joanie Loves Chachi"
41 Relieved (of)	88 Not pay attention at all	5 French sea	51 Goes viral, say
42 Bread at a restaurant, typically	90 Was idle	6 It's often left hanging	52 Puff the Magic Dragon's land
44 ID provider	91 Paid at the end, say	7 It's been shortening since 1911	53 Imbues, as with flavor
47 Conk out	92 Big pitcher	8 Matched up	54 Option in "Hamlet"
49 Unrefined material	93 U.S. city that becomes another U.S. city if you move the last letter to the front	9 Operatic baritone Pasquale	56 Corroded
50 Muttered commentary	96 An eternity	10 _____ Picchu (Peruvian high spot)	60 Mantra sounds
51 Get a cut of	98 Mother of Eos and Helios	11 Crosses a threshold	61 Idiosyncrasy
55 Transplants	99 Animal's mouth	12 Greek high spot	62 Sounds edited out of some audio
57 Jubilance	100 *What a massage may relieve	13 Sculling implement	64 Barrett of Pink Floyd
58 Middle line of many an address: Abbr.		14 Like some TVs, informally	66 Native _____
59 Google statistic		15 Track, often	67 Chinese "way"
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<b>77</b> April foolers, e.g.	<b>89</b> Vim	<b>101</b> Nasty sort	<b>109</b> “Not to mention ...”
<b>79</b> Like some bars and blankets	<b>91</b> It contains uracil	<b>102</b> Mythological figure hinted at by the answers to the eight starred clues as well as this puzzle’s design	<b>110</b> Forte
<b>80</b> “The Godfather” enforcer who “sleeps with the fishes”	<b>94</b> “The Little Mermaid” villainess, for one		<b>111</b> Break
	<b>95</b> Melodious		<b>112</b> Kerfuffles
<b>81</b> The “m” of “yes’m”	<b>96</b> “La Dolce Vita” actress	<b>103</b> Something to chew on	<b>113</b> Ceiling
<b>82</b> Deed of derring-do	<b>97</b> Coordinated gene cluster	<b>104</b> Da’s opposite	<b>114</b> Sign of success?
<b>85</b> Mideast inits.		<b>106</b> Eternally	<b>115</b> Scheduling placeholder
<b>86</b> Org. with the Larry O’Brien Trophy	<b>100</b> Gestating, after “in”		<b>116</b> “And _____!”





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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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## Answers to last week's puzzles

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Dec. 14: Opposite  
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Dec. 18: Opposite  
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Dec. 13: Dave Sherman,  
6-10 p.m.  
Dec. 17: Bobby Burns,  
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Dec. 18: Aaron Howell,  
6-10 p.m.

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