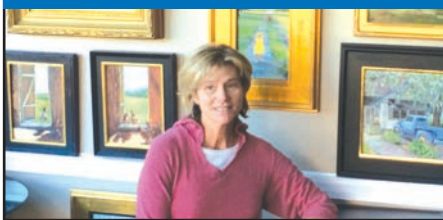


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## Property tax drop causes slight fall in town revenue

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Auditors from the Salisbury firm PKS & Company P.A. reported an “unmodified” audit opinion of the financial statements prepared by town officials during the Dec. 9 meeting of the mayor and town council.

PKS representatives Leslie Michalik, a PKS manager, and Mike Kleger, a partner with the firm, noted the term “unmodified opinion” had replaced the previous term for a “clean opinion” in accordance with a change in the terminology used in the Government Auditing Standards.

The town closed its 2013 fiscal year on June 30 with a 5 percent decrease (\$350,718) in its general fund balance, which included a \$300,000 transfer the town made from the general fund into the new Stormwater Utility Fund, Michalik reported.

The town ended the year with a final general fund balance of \$7,088,135, she said. In that year-end total, according to Michalik, was more than \$6.5 million in unassigned general fund revenue that could be carried forward into the 2014 fiscal year. The unassigned balance has hovered near \$7 million for the past five years, she said, noting that in 2012 the unassigned revenue total was \$6,693,257.

The remaining \$570,662 in the general fund was either restricted or designated for specific purposes, according to Michalik. The balance represented \$363,217 in an assigned fund that the mayor and council had designed for the payment of employee insurance premiums, \$793 in a casino slots revenue account that was restricted for specific purposes by the state of Maryland, and \$206,652 in an impact fees fund that was

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### A MERRY BREAKFAST

Willa Novelli, left, and her twin sister, Carolina, are all smiles at Buckingham Presbyterian Church's “Breakfast With Santa” event on Dec. 7.

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## Pedestrian safety committee collects more sigs

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—More than 1,032 signatures have so far been collected from people who support an initiative to improve the safety conditions at intersections of U.S. Route 113 within town limits, Pat Dufendach, member of Berlin Pedestrian Safety Committee, told the mayor and town council during a Dec. 9 meeting.

Dufendach said committee members met with Donnie Drewer, District 1 engineer, and Dallas Baker, transportation engineer, of the State Highway

Administration, on Dec. 4. The committee members were very pleased with the responses they have received from both the SHA officials during the meeting and from local elected officials since the start of the initiative. “They were overwhelmingly attentive to our issues,” she said of the SHA officials.

The committee includes Town Administrator Laura Allen, Sue Beaman, Councilmember Dean Burrell, Roxie Dennis, Dufendach, Councilmember Lisa Hall, and Gabriel Purnell.

Dufendach outlined a listing of issues,

proposals and actions that were underway that were discussed during the meeting. They included:

Traffic moves too fast through the municipality of Berlin, with a proposal to lower the speed limit within Berlin to 35 miles per hour. A study was underway, she said.

The need for pedestrian initiated crossing at lighted intersections, with a proposal to install countdown crosswalks at Bay Street and Old Ocean City Boulevard. Improvements to the Bay Street intersection.

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# More than 1,000 sigs collected

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tersection are scheduled to begin by late January 2014.

Berlin Intermediate School is in close proximity to Route 113, with the proposal for signage notifying drivers they are entering a school zone. The issue is scheduled for a study at some future time.

Worcester Preparatory School and Buckingham Elementary School's use of South Main at Route 113, with the proposal for the installation of a traffic light at the intersection. A study on the intersection has been proposed for June 2014.

There is a lack of adequate lighting to ensure visibility for pedestrians along the highway, with the proposal to improve the lighting along the corridor. The issue is scheduled for a study at some future time.

There is a lack of compliance to rules of the road by both drivers and pedestrians, with the proposal to create a pedestrian safety campaign similar to Ocean City's "Walk Smart" initiative. The committee handed out prototypes of buttons with the Town of Berlin seal and the slogan "Slow Down in Our Town."

Dufendach said additional education and outreach measures the committee is considering were a partnership with Ocean City's and other pedestrian safety programs, including working with Worcester Community College for their commercial driver and motorcycle students, handing out pedestrian safety awareness materials at town festivals and arts nights,

and a word of mouth campaign.

In a letter to State Highway Administrator, Melinda Peters, the Worcester County Board of Education joined the Town of Berlin's request for a safety study of Route 113 at the Bay Street intersection and other areas in Berlin where children attempt to cross the highway.

Superintendent of Schools President Jerry Wilson, said in the letter that during its Nov. 15 meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to concur with the town's formal request that the State Highway Administration study the intersection "to improve safety features that could include increased lighting, pedestrian crossing, and other markings warnings or speed reductions as warranted."

The board also said, "Worcester County Public Schools operates twenty-five busses on a daily basis at the Route 113/Bay Street intersection," which it added traverse the intersection approximately one hundred times every school day. "The safety of our students is always our main priority during the school day, but especially so when we are charged with safely transporting students to and from school," he said.

Mayor Gee Williams commended the committee for accomplishing "a whirlwind" of things in a short span of time, which he described as "effective advocacy," and the way the citizens and government officials approached finding

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## Safety initiatives backed in Berlin

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solutions to the problem. He offered the town's support to the committee. "Whatever you need, you have it," he said.

With acknowledgement of what some have described as a divisive historical intent for the highway separating the town in the manner that it does, Williams said the highway goes by many informal names, the most polite of which was "The Berlin Wall." He suggested that with the community uniting as it has to get safety improvements at the town intersections along the highway, it could one day be referred to as "Berlin's Backbone."

## Unchanged audit awarded to Berlin

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set aside for future capital projects, according to the report.

The audit reported a 4 percent (\$224,000) drop in general fund revenue collections, to nearly \$5.2 million in 2013, from roughly \$5.4 million in 2012. Much of the decrease was attributed to revenues from property taxes, licenses and permits, and impact fees, which were decreased.

In 2013, according to the report, the total from property tax revenue dropped to slightly more than \$3 million, roughly 59 percent of general fund revenues. In 2012, the more than \$3.4 million in property tax revenues collected constituted slightly more than 63 percent of general fund revenue.

The second largest revenue source for the town, intergovernmental revenue, grew to \$863,490 in 2013 from \$840,247 in 2012.

The town's general fund expenses grew from nearly \$4.85 million in 2012, to nearly \$5.25 in 2013, according the report.

No material weaknesses were reported and the auditors found no instances of noncompliance in the town's financial statements, but they did note one significant deficiency during the audit.

"Management relies on the auditor to prepare the financial statements in accordance with general accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The financial statements are reviewed and approved by management prior to their issuance," according to the auditors' report. It added, "[M]anagement relies on the auditor to perform certain tasks such as the calculation of accrued liabilities, update of depreciation schedules, and the posting of approved adjusting entries to the trial balance."

Kleger noted the situation was not uncommon in small towns with limited staffing resources. But in the report the auditors warned that the deficiency in the town's internal controls posed a risk that intentional fraud or unintentional errors could be made and not detected. They recommended that the town establish controls to detect, prevent, or correct misstatements in the town's drafted financial statements.



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## Commercial use sought for former Berlin Tyson's plant

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Every town has that one “white elephant” commercial building that proves to be tough to turn into an on-going enterprise, but Economic and Development Director Michael Day is not giving up on the site of Berlin's former Tyson's Food chicken processing plant.

The building is located on a 60-acre lot at 10009 Old Ocean City Blvd. (Map 0025, parcel 0057).

Local developer Troy Purnell bought the property in 2003 to develop into housing and retail just as the real estate bubble burst, and said he is open to Day's ideas for using the site.

“Everything he has in mind are great ideas,” Purnell said, adding that the property was a perfect spot for an amphitheater or a group event that could hold about 1,500 people. It's in the right part of town for that sort of thing,” he said.

Day said the massive size of the property makes it difficult to sell, so he focuses on selling the great small town community of Berlin, rather than the building and its lot. But he said that property has its advantages, such as its own water treatment plant and at least 35 EDU's (equivalent development units). The property's frontage is annexed into the town, he added.

According to Purnell, the size of the building totals 52,000 square feet, including 32,000 square feet of warehouse space, 10,000 square feet of office space, and 10,000 square feet of restaurant space.

Day said he could envision the site being used as an event center, outside concert venue, or sports center for skateboarding or tennis courts. He said the town has used the property to host a Dew Tour after party, two Jeep Jamborees, and several birding weekend events.

“I would like to see us either having events there or attracting a business that could bring a lot of jobs to the area,” he said. The property has drawn inquiries from a brewery and a solar energy company, Day said.

In the interim, Purnell said the organizers for the Dew Tour are planning to set up their skateboarding ramp for maintenance and repairs in February and March and have offered to use it as a public skate park until the event in Ocean City later next summer.

The total asking price for the sale of the entire property is \$2.9 million, according to Purnell. By parcel, the back piece where the lagoons are would sell for \$2 million, while the building up-front that includes office, cafeteria and warehouse is \$1 million, he said.

“We can mix and match these parcels however it works with the buyer and town” Day said.

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# Possibility of code of conduct proposal raises debate on board

## Director Terri Mohr's measure to be discussed during Dec. 18 meeting

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—A discussion on a possible proposal to reinstitute a code of conduct for the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors set off a firestorm of debate during the Dec. 4 work session.

Director Terri Mohr distributed background material for a motion governing board members' conduct that she planned to reintroduce during the Dec. 18 board meeting.

Her action led Director Jack Collins to ask what problem precipitated her proposal and said that such a code

could place the board in a "straight jacket."

When Mohr explained that the board used to have a code, Collins acknowledged that fact, but said the board at that time voted to remove it because it was divisive and created conflict among the members.

Director Marty Clarke pointed out that the association's bylaws already governs the resignation and removal of directors and that the same document "was used against me a year ago."

But he later added that if a code of conduct were to be adopted by the board it should include additional guidance such as requiring directors to exercise their due diligence responsibilities, such as reading contracts before voting to approve them.

Mohr contended that a reinstituted code would address specific areas such

as confidentiality, conflicts of interest, courtesy, employment, gratuities, fair dealing and the board's fiduciary and management responsibilities.

She said her proposal is "pretty generally accepted principles and guidelines of conduct." She added that some residents had suggested that there should be a conduct code for committees as well.

Pete Gomsak said it was not unusual for corporate and organizational boards to adopt their own codes of conduct to provide guidance for individual members.

However, resident Joe Reynolds said in the OPA board in November 2005 had proposed a code of conduct as an attempt to control the actions of one former director. Reynolds added that in 2007 former Director Ray Unger proposed eliminating the code because critics said it was being enforced selectively,

and the rest of the board agreed.

Reynolds called the proposal "A trip down the worse part of memory lane" and urged the board not to consider it.

He said it was intended to go after "that man right there," referring to Clarke, who has been an outspoken critic of several board and administration actions.

Mohr acknowledged Reynolds' concerns, but said many residents continually refer to the history of the board's actions as a good thing. "While history is a great teacher for us," she said, "It is not the present."

OPA President Tom Terry said the intent for the proposal would not be to eliminate someone on the board, which he said would be the last reason to have it.

Whether the board will pursue the matter will depend on what happens on Dec. 18.

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On Dec. 9, a Berlin police officer stopped a vehicle for speeding on US 113 and Burley Street. The officer saw in plain view four cases of cigarettes on the rear seat. The investigation revealed that Othman was transporting 502 cases or 5,020 packs of various brand cigarettes.

## Police find 502 cigarette cases in car

BERLIN—On Dec. 9 at 2126 hours, a Berlin police officer stopped a vehicle for speeding on US 113 and Burley Street.

The driver, Nasser Othman, 30, of Clifton, N.J., was driving a rental vehicle without authorization. Othman gave conflicting stories of his departure and destination.

The officer saw in plain view four cases of cigarettes on the rear seat.

The investigation revealed that Othman was transporting 502 cases or 5,020 packs of various brand cigarettes.

The Comptroller of Maryland was advised and responded and seized the cigarettes and the vehicle. The retail value of the cigarettes is estimated at \$32,279 and a Maryland tax loss of \$1,040.

Othman was arrested and released on his own recognizance.



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# Deadline to enter 'Light Up the Pines' decorating contest Dec. 13

## Participating Ocean Pines homeowners to be judged in four categories

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—It's not too late for homeowners to combine their landscaping decorating talent with their holiday spirit for the annual "Light Up the Pines" outdoor holiday display contest, but the deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.

Sixteen homeowners participated in the event last year. The homeowners who register for the competition will be judged in four categories: "Top-Notch All-Around," "Most Creative," "Most Lights" and "People's Choice," which will be awarded to the home receiving the most votes from residents.

Teresa Travatello, director of Marketing & Public Relations, said ballots for the People's Choice Award would be sent out to subscribers by e-blast and posted to a link on the Ocean Pines Association's new Web site on Friday at 5 p.m., just after deadline for signing up.

"That will give the judges a week to get out and vote and it will give the voters for people's choice a chance to vote," she said. They can also vote by text message to 443-397-0585, by e-



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ornaments such as this one adorn trees in White Horse Park.

mail to info@oceanpines.org, or on the OPA's Facebook page.

According to the Ocean Pines Association, entering the contest is as easy as submitting a name, address and phone number by e-mail to info@oceanpines.org, by fax to 410-641-5581, by phone to 410-641-7717, or to the Ocean Pines Association in person or mail at 239 Ocean Pkwy., Ocean Pines, MD, 21811.

A basket full of goodies, along with a \$50 gift card that can be used at any Ocean Pines amenities or gift shop, await the winner of each category, ac-

cording to contest organizers. They said the winners will be contacted and announced after the judges have reviewed the houses during the week of Dec. 16.

The 2012 contest winners were Top Notch: Bert Witt at 181 Sandyhook Rd.; Most Lights: Lee and Barb Phillips at 76 Ocean Parkway; Most Creative: Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Long at 3 Watertown; and People's Choice: John and Nancy Grunewald at 741 Ocean Parkway. 2012 was the first year the People's Choice category was offered.

Lee Phillips said he and his wife usually win either the second or third prize, and credits their good fortune to the illuminated 25 foot candy cane that takes three people to set up and wrap around a tree in the yard, the light display of Santa and his reindeer displayed on the roof, and a home-made manger scene in the yard.

"We've been doing this for a long time," he said. "It is just a tradition," he said. The couple has been participating since the contest began in 2000. They usually donate their win-

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## Judges sought for 'Light Up the Pines' decorating contest

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nings to a local Easter Egg Hunt for children, he said.

"We just enjoy it," Phillips said, noting that the interior of the home gets decorated as ornately as the outside, before the pair move on to help decorate the nearby St. John Neumann Church, on Beauchamp Road, as well.

The yard displays attract sightseers every year and Phillips recalled one year when a little girl stopped by with a "two big chocolate chip cookies" as a gesture of thanks for the pretty holiday decorations.

The Phillips' were merely continuing a tradition they practiced when they previously lived in Baltimore where there was no contest. They just

liked decorating. Phillips said they had a three story house and the eaves were always lit up for the holidays.

The search is apparently still on for judges. So, if you have discerning artistic tastes and a festive spirit, call 410-641-7717 ext. 3014 to volunteer.

"This is my third year organizing the contest and it seems to grow in interest each year," Travatello said. "I think people still enjoy driving around looking at Christmas lights a fun and traditional way to celebrate the holidays," she added. "The contestants really take pride in what they do to help us light up the pines."

For more information, contact Travatello, director of Marketing & Public Relations, at (410) 641-7717 ext. 3006.

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# Painter Laura Jenkins among Berlin Art Stroll participants

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Baked Dessert Cafe & Gallery is hosting local painter Laura Jenkins as the December artist of the month, including during the Dec. 13 Second Friday Art Stroll. Jenkins is donating 100 percent of the month's proceeds from sales of her featured oil paintings to the West Ocean City nonprofit organization Diakonia.

Jenkins participated in the "Paint Berlin" plein air event, held earlier this year, for the first time. She describes her style as "contemporary realism" and credited Lisa Tomaselli with recommending her to Baked Dessert owner Robin Tomaselli. Jensen's bold brushstrokes and use of palette knives gives her work an effect reminiscent of 19th century impressionist Claude Monet. She paints local events and venues like this year's Peach Festival and local nature scenes.

The philanthropic exhibit is an effort to encourage patrons to buy local art while donating to a local charity, which serves as the only comprehensive provider of emergency and transitional housing for men, women and families on the Lower Shore, according to Robin Tomaselli. Jenkins said she wanted to do something for Diakonia, which she said "Is such an incredible organization. They do so much for people in this area."

During Art Stroll, starting at 4 p.m. Santa Claus will be in the house, along with singer Sophia Tomaselli and holiday floral arranger and event designer Angie

Gillis of Encore Events.

Also during Berlin's December Art Stroll, the Church Mouse Thrift Store will donate its proceeds towards sponsoring local families and senior citizens for Christmas. The store will host Sophia Kokkinos, who will be offering duct tape accessories for sale as stocking stuffer gifts. Additional donations from the store have also been forwarded to the Shepard's Crook at St. Paul's by the Sea.

Bungalow Love will exhibit hand stamped jewelry, vintage flatware and key chains designed by Heather Layton, of A Mermaids Purse. Butterfly taxidermist Kaitlin Sowa will be the featured artist.

Bruder Hill will exhibit the water color paintings of Suzanne Difranks.

The Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center will host graphic artist Kelly Brown.

The work of artist Sharon O'Brien Huey will be featured at The Globe. Her work can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/EverydayMagicArtworks](http://www.facebook.com/EverydayMagicArtworks). Harmony Wellness will host Georgene Pollicino and her grandson Jake. They use a variety of media and photography to create paintings under the company name Ocean-Dog.

J.J. Fish will showcase fine jewelry artist Cindy Calahan of Silver Spring, who specializes in large stone settings. Jeffrey Auxer will open his working studio to demonstrate his glass blowing techniques and showcase his creations. Berlin Coffee House will continue to host landscape oil artist Geo McElroy. Sisters will host a meet and greet event with local master painter Jim Adcock.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Local painter Laura Jenkins, December artist of the month at Baked Dessert Cafe & Gallery, is donating 100 percent of the proceeds from sales of her oil paintings at the location to the West Ocean City nonprofit organization Diakonia. Baked Dessert owner Robin Tomaselli said the exhibit is an effort to encourage patrons to buy local art while donating to a local charity, which serves as the only comprehensive provider of emergency and transitional housing for men, women and families on the Lower Shore.

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The 2014 annual passes may be pur-

chased at the Park Entrance and Ranger Station in the Maryland District and the Toms Cove Visitor Center in the Virginia District.

"Come on out to Assateague, and let the island cast its net of wonder over you," said Rachelle Daigneault, chief of Interpretation & Education.

For those who frequent other Federal fee areas, the 2014 America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass is available online at the USGS store.

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Chip Gordy,  
MBA, CRPC

However, to get the tax advantages related with planned giving, your gift must be made to an eligible organization. To meet the criterion, a charitable organization must have been created in the United States, strictly be a non-profit business, and not be involved in politics.

You can contribute almost anything to a qualified organization. The deduction limits are more limited for gifts other than cash, but you are free to give almost any property that has worth.

In addition to making an out-and-out donation, there are a number of other gifting methods you can use. You can give life insurance which may allow you to bestow a sizeable future gift at a comparatively reasonable cost. Of course this type of gifting can be complex, but it's a viable option.

Another choice you have would be creating a charitable remainder trust. This type of trust may allow you, or your beneficiaries, to receive payment of a specific amount annually, and at the end of the trust, the designated charity the gets the remaining assets.

When using a charitable remainder trust, the trustee can sell the gifted investments and reinvest the proceeds to generate income, possibly without incurring a capital gains tax liability. This means that a well planned gift could permit you to realign your investment portfolio, create more diversification, and even possibly increase your cash flow. You may also get a current income tax deduction on the value of the remainder interest that will go to charity in the future.

An additional trust option would be a charitable lead trust. This strategy allows you to give the income generated to a charitable organization. At the end of the trust period, the remaining assets are paid to you or your beneficiaries. If planned properly, a charitable lead trust can let you can pass an appreciated asset to your beneficiaries with little or no estate taxes.

So, a charitable contribution set up in a trust may permit you to receive a current income tax deduction. But once you've given the gift, you can't try to get it back, or start selling assets and then keep

the proceeds. On the other hand, you can change the charity that will in time receive your gift.

Whichever gifting strategy you choose, planned giving can be very worthwhile. Not only do you get to help a worthy cause, but you can potentially get some favorable tax benefits too.

Just remember that you should speak with your tax and/or legal advisors about your particular situation before using a gifting strategy.

Happy Holidays!

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# Winners of Berlin's 43rd annual Christmas parade announced

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

Berlin Christmas Parade 2013 winners:

## Marching Bands

First place: Snow Hill High School  
Second place: Pocomoke High School  
Third place: Stephen Decatur High School

## Youth Sponsored Floats

First place: Buckingham Elementary  
Second place: Berlin Intermediate  
Third place: Stevenson United Methodist Church

## School Sponsored Floats

First place: Ocean City Elementary School

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## Youth Marching Units

First place: Girl Scout Troop #835  
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Third place: Worcester Technical H.S. Future Farmers

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First place: Prince Hall Shriners  
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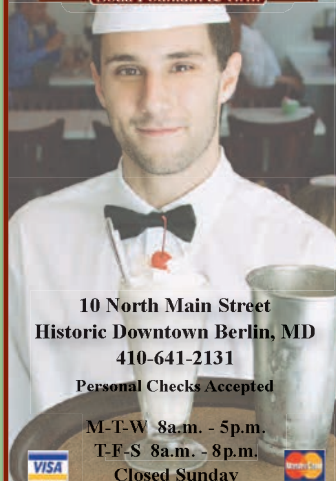
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The Pine Tones Chorus includes about 60 singers from Ocean Pines, Ocean City and nearby areas. June Todd is the chorus director and Sandra Coston-Barkley is the accompanist. Peter Stang will be playing flute as an added attraction. Special pieces will have double accompaniment with both the piano and organ.

The concert is titled, "Traditions of Christmas" and offers a festive musical tour of church bells, sleigh bells, carol-

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The Pine Tones Chorus has been entertaining local audiences in the Ocean Pines and Ocean City areas since 1984. For additional information, call events coordinator, Dorothy Shelton at 410-208-3884, or June Todd at 410-289-7373.

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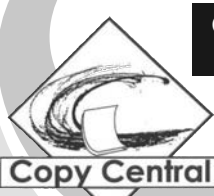
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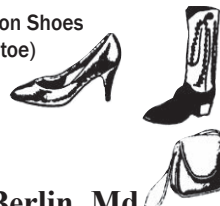
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Photography exhibit on display at Pines library

The December art exhibit at the Ocean Pines library will feature Kim Bemis' photography. This exhibit is in the main common areas of the library. Bemis is a self taught photographer. Wherever he travels he has his camera ready. Bemis is especially influenced by the wildlife and beauty of the Eastern Shore. The towns, marshes, beaches and flowers are his favorite subjects. Bemis has exhibited at the Rehoboth Art League, Ocean City Art League, and his work is on permanent display in local restaurants and coffee houses. This exhibit runs through January. For library hours, call 410-208-4014.

McGrath Spotlight exhibitor at library

Myrna McGrath is the Artist Spotlight exhibitor at the Ocean Pines library in December. The Eastern Shore of Maryland has been home and a constant inspiration to McGrath. For many years she has devoted herself to painting and learning to create the simple quite beauty in nature. She has

displayed at juried and invitational art shows and has won many awards and ribbons. Her work has been selected to be in a collection at the Seidel School in Salisbury University. She teaches at the Art Institute & Gallery in Salisbury. This exhibit runs through January. For library hours, call 410-208-4014.

Donations sought for Christmas gifts

The Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department is accepting donations of Christmas gifts for critically ill children and their families. They will donate these toys and gifts to the Believe in Tomorrow House By The Sea, located on 66th Street in Ocean City. The Believe in Tomorrow House By The Sea is one of five beach and mountain retreats operated by Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation. Critically ill children and their families can vacation at these facilities, helping to renew their spirits, mentally and physically, during the child's treatments. Take donations to the Ocean Pines Community Center, located at 235 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines. Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, Dec. 17. For more information about the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation, visit [www.believeintomorrow.org](http://www.believeintomorrow.org).

Baby Bazaar and Kids' Flea Market

A Baby Bazaar and Kids' Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Ocean Pines Community Center from 8 a.m. to noon. All parents and parents to be, this is an opportunity to turn pre-loved maternity, baby, and kid's (toddler to preteen) items into cash while providing a hand-me-down heaven for new mamas. Vendors may sell clothes, hand-made items, children's furniture, toys, video games, equipment such as strollers and swings, among other items. Vendor space is \$15 for Ocean Pines residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Spaces include an 8-foot table and a chair. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.



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## EDITORIAL

### Ocean Pines Association should OK conduct codes

Sometimes a proposal, a statement or even the wording of a code can hit a raw nerve.

That's what seemingly occurred at the Dec. 4 Ocean Pines Association work session when Director Terri Mohr gave colleagues background material for a motion to reinstitute an OPA code of conduct at the upcoming Dec. 18 meeting.

Director Jack Collins repeatedly requested an explanation what problem could have possibly led Mohr to introduce to reinstate a code of conduct.

Our question is why not have a code of conduct? Doesn't it seem possible that many successful businesses, bureaucracies, governments and other organizations have codes of conduct and rules of ethics that act as an organization's conscience or backbone?

Also, codes of conduct should not be about going after any one official. Indeed, these codes are important for the working culture of any successful organization. We are surprised, quite frankly, that the Ocean Pines Association operates without these codes. It's to us like an anchorless boat not to have codes of conduct.

As one resident said during the recent work session, codes "can be a good thing, unless they are abused, then they are 'wretchedly awful things.'"

That's why we have these codes, so that abuse doesn't happen, and if it unfortunately does occur, a consequence is in place. It doesn't make OPA any less of a trusted organization at all. It's the complete opposite, demonstrating that OPA's elected officials are transparent and are held to a higher bar of accountability.

OPA should have nothing to hide. If anything, we applaud the idea and hope that other jurisdictions see OPA as a model of open, trustworthy government.

Perhaps with a code of conduct in place, the raw nerve will heal that much faster.

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### Assateague Coastal Trust files petition

#### Concerns raised that monitoring ability limited

WEST OCEAN CITY— Assateague Coastal Trust has filed a Petition For Judicial Review in the Worcester County Circuit Court to appeal the Oct. 10 Worcester County Board of Zoning Appeals Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area variance granted for the construction of a 190-foot elevated walkway across private and state owned wetlands adjacent to Old Bridge Road in West Ocean City.

"The BZA in its written opinion has failed to meet the criteria mandated by law in the granting of a Critical Area variance," said Kathy Phillips, Executive Director of Assateague Coastal Trust and Assateague COASTKEEPER. "This variance sets a dangerous precedent not only for further impacts to this... vi-

brant marsh... but the language in the BZA Findings of Fact on this particular case could threaten the remaining wetlands and marshes within the Critical Area throughout Worcester County with greater development," she said.

"This case just doesn't meet the standards for a variance," said Robin R. Cockey, of Cockey, Brennan and Maloney of Salisbury, the firm retained by ACT to represent them in this appeal.

"If the rationale in this case were applied generally, everybody'd get a variance, everybody'd build a long pier, and the law would become meaningless."

Assateague Coastal Trust does not argue against a property owner's riparian rights, however, all agencies involved have stretched the limits in order to grant approval of permits that should not be granted under the law. Further, it requires Maryland

Department of Environment (MDE) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) to conduct periodic inspections for three years to assure the conditions of the permit are followed, adding to the burden on MDE and local authorities.

Concerns raised at the hearing that MDE and ACE lack the resources to monitor this project were deflected by the Commission, which commented that Coastkeepers could monitor the site.

"The commission has a mandate to protect the environmental and navigational interests of our local waterways. While Assateague Coastal Trust works hard to supplement those efforts, citizen groups like ours are not intended to bear that whole burden," Phillips said. "This is reflective of why we have these legal standards, how this variance violates Worcester County zoning law, and why BZA or the courts need to step in to make this right."



# OBITUARIES

## Angela Raso Bollas

OCEAN CITY—Angela Raso Bollas, age 92, of Ocean City, died on Wed. Dec. 3, 2013 at Brandywine Assisted Living in Selbyville, Del. Born in Calabria, Italy, she was the daughter of the late Anthony Raso and Maria Zangary Raso.



Angela Bollas

She was preceded in death by her husband Gus Bollas. She is survived by her son Robert Noll of Ocean, City. Also surviving are two sisters, Laura Dove of Frederick, and Carmello Gallo of Clyde, N.Y.; five nieces, Laura YLi-Piipari of Ocean City, Marie Konietzko of Frederick, Linda Gallo of Rochester, N.Y., Melina Bates of Ocean City and Nina YLi-Piipari, and four nephews, Carl Dove of Frederick, Joe Gallo of Rochester, N.Y., Nick YLi-Piipari and Josh Bates both of Ocean City.

Angela had been a co-owner, with her late husband Gus Bollas, of Generals Kitchen at 7302 Coastal Highway in Ocean City as well as High Boy Restaurant at 20th Street, Washington D.C. N.W.

She has been a member of Sons of Italy and the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce.

A Mass of Christian will be announced and held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to St. George Creek Orthodox Church, 8805 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Md., 21842. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com). Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

## Kasey Ann Crandall

OCEAN PINES—Kasey Ann Crandall, 54, passed away suddenly in her home on Dec. 6, 2013. Kasey was born in California and came to the East Coast with her family. She attended Southern High School in Anne Arundel County and Towson University.



Kasey Crandall

As part of the restaurant and hospitality industries, she worked on both the East and West coasts. She spent a decade in San Diego, Ca. and another decade in the Ocean Pines area making people smile and laugh. Most recently

she was the beloved bartender at Denovo's Trattoria.

Kasey's spirit and laughter was contagious to all she met. She loved the outdoors, boating, fishing, and to be surrounded by lots of people and, of course, loud rock and roll.

Kasey is survived by her mother, Mary Jean Crandall, of Ocean Pines. She was preceded in death by her father, Ray Erwin Crandall, of San Diego. She is also survived by two sisters, Kim Callison of Severna Park and Kelly C. Malone of Ocean Pines, and one brother, Scott Crandall of Edgewater, Md. She was also loved by two brother-in-laws, Ron Callison of Severna Park and Richard A. Malone of Ocean Pines.

She greatly impacted the lives of her one nephew, Drew Callison of Denver and three nieces Emily Callison of San Francisco, Katy Malone of New York City and Mary Malone of Ocean Pines.

Private services will be held by the family with a public Celebration of Her Life on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013 from 1-4 p.m. at Denovo's in Ocean Pines.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Kasey's memory to provide a local family with a joyous Christmas under the direction of Worcester County G.O.L.D's Helping Hands for the Holidays program. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.gofundme.com/504aok](http://www.gofundme.com/504aok).

## Gerald Allen Elkins

OCEAN PINES—Gerald Allen Elkins, 65, died on Nov. 28, 2013 after a short illness. Born in Richlands, Va., he was the son of the late Hazel Owens Elkins and Winfred Elkins. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Amy Susan Hasson; three sons, Anthony John Elkins and his wife, Kristy, Daniel Carl Elkins and his wife, Brooke, and Mitchell Shanahan Elkins; and one daughter, Megan Elizabeth Elkins.



Gerald Elkins

He was beloved "Grandpa Beach" to three grandchildren: Dillon Connor Elkins, Adam Daniel Elkins and Adriana Jane Elkins, and is survived by two siblings, Wayne Mitchell Elkins, and his wife, Gale, and Patricia Gail Elmos and her husband, Peter, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

A visitation was held on Dec. 5 at Holoway Funeral Home in Salisbury. On Dec.

6 a memorial happy hour was held at Ryan's Daughter Restaurant in Baltimore. A memorial mass was celebrated Dec. 7 in the Marikle Chapel of the Annunciation at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gerald A. Elkins Memorial Scholarship for Urban and Environmental Planning at the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2655, Salisbury, Md. 21802-2655, 410-543-6175.

## Robert L. "Bob" Chapman

OCEAN PINES—Robert L. "Bob" Chapman, age 89, of Ocean Pines died Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013 at Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He was born in New York, N.Y. and was the son of the late Edward and Joyce (Parmelle) Chapman.

He had been a sales executive for International Paper. He was a member of Community Church at Ocean Pines, a former member of the Ocean Pines Kiwanis and the Ocean Pines Power Squadron. He had been an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannine S. Chapman of Ocean Pines; two sons, Robert Lee Chapman Jr. and his wife Barbara of Bloomington, Ind., and John J. Chapman of Alamosa, Col.; a daughter, Linda Chapman of Spencer, Ind.; a sister, Chloe Wentz and her husband Peter of Oaktown, Va.; three step-sons, John, Jeff and James Read and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Robert Lee Chapman III. He will be buried with his grandson "Rob" in Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rob Chapman Scholarship Fund, Ivy Community College, 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington, Ind. 47403.

Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.hastingsfuneralhome.net](http://www.hastingsfuneralhome.net)

## Bernell H. Fullerton

BERLIN—Bernell Houston Fullerton, age 90, passed away on Dec. 2, 2013 at his home. Born in Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Kenneth L. and Eva Walters Fullerton.

He is survived by his wife, Jean L. Fullerton and children; Kenneth L. Fullerton, Brian H. Fullerton and his wife Alisha, and Madeline E. McMahon and her husband Paschall.

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nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Mr. Fullerton had served in the United States Air Force, and later worked for an aviation company as an illustrator.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## John Joseph Coleman, Jr.

OCEAN PINES—John Joseph Coleman, Jr., passed away peacefully at home in Ocean Pines on Dec. 3, 2013. Born Feb. 20, 1940 in Pittston, Pa., he leaves behind his beloved wife of 51 years, Dolores (Dee, nee Dausen). He is survived by five children: John J. Coleman III, and his wife, Sherrie, of Rochester, N.Y.; Kathleen Dangle and her husband, Mark, of University Park; Michael Coleman and his wife, Susan Wolf, of Columbia; Michelle Traxel and her husband, James, of Annapolis; and Andrew Coleman of Lockport, N.Y.

John was the proud grandfather of John J. Coleman IV; Matthew, Nathan, and Hayden Dangle; McKenna and Conor Traxel; and Joshua and Trevor Coleman. He is survived by his brother Patrick F. Coleman, and his wife, Rhoda, his sister Ann Marie McDonnell and her husband, Carbra J. III, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents John J. Coleman, Sr. and Regina (nee Donnelly), and his godson Carbra J. McDonnell IV.

Raised in Baltimore, John graduated from Loyola High School and Loyola University Maryland and served as an officer in the US Army. He and his family moved to Western, N.Y. where he spent more than 25 years in Lockport, N.Y.

He retired from Harrison Radiator in January of 1999 to Ocean Pines where he was an active member of; Ancient Order of the Hibernians, Elks Club, American Legion, and Delmarva American Irish Club. He was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather who shared his life experiences, interest in politics, and love of sports.

A memorial service will be held on Dec. 14, at 9 a.m. at St Mary's Catholic Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St. in Annapolis. A donation in his memory may be made to Johns Hopkins University, Dept. of Medicine, 5200 Eastern Ave. MFL Center Tower, Suite 356, Baltimore, Md. 21224.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Letters of condolence may be sent via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Charles Luther Woodland

OCEAN PINES—Charles Luther Woodland, age 83, died Monday Dec. 9, 2013 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Levin A. Woodland and Bertha Steward Woodland.

He is survived by his wife Margaret A. Woodland, two daughters, Theresa A. Boerst and her husband Randy, Cathy M. O'Neill and her husband Tom, a brother Frank Woodland and his wife Carol, a sister Marie Woodland and two grandchildren, Jessica and Colin O'Neill.

He was preceded in death by a son, C. Michael Woodland, and a sister, Thelma Woodland.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday Dec. 11, 2013 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin. Father Michael Moyer officiated. Interment followed in St. Paul's Cemetery in Berlin.

Arrangements are in the care of the

Burbage Funeral Home. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family at [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com)

## Justin P. White

BERLIN/BALTIMORE—Justin Parker White, age 26, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013 in Baltimore. Born in Berlin, he was the son of Jeffery William White and Susan Tracey White.



Justin White

He is survived by his brother Jeffrey Peter White of Baltimore. Also surviving, is his maternal grandmother, Patricia Tracey of Towson. He leaves his aunts, Dianne Blessing, Judy Young, and Rondi Peter, and uncles, Joseph Tracey, III, and Patrick Tracey, Kenneth Peter, Preston Poole and special cousin and friend, Amanda Blessing, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Gilbert Tracey, Jr. and paternal grandparents John and Lillian White, and John Peter.

Justin was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, Class of 2005, and Salisbury University, Class of 2009. He was employed as a project manager with East Coast Poured Floors in Baltimore. He was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed lacrosse, golf and body building.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11211 Beauchamp Rd. in Berlin. Friends may call on Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Interment will follow the service in Garden of the Pines Cemetery.

A donation in his memory may be made to: Justin Parker White Memorial Fund to

benefit Stephen Decatur High School or Salisbury University, c/o Taylor Bank, 24 N. Main St. Berlin, Md. 21811. Letters of condolence may be sent via: [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Clarence E. Hall

BISHOPVILLE—Mr. Clarence E. Hall, Sr. of Bishopville passed away on Monday, Dec. 2, 2013. Surrounded by his loving family and friends, he was 88 years old.

Mr. Hall aka "Pudd/Cool-Pop" was born on March 25, 1925 in Showell, Md. to the late Edward and Edith Hall Whaley. In addition to his parents, he is preceded by his wife of 64 years, Annabelle Hall in November 2007.

Clarence worked as a truck driver for Bert Cropper Concrete Company before retiring in 2007. He was associated with and generous supporter of the Calvary Pentecostal Church and a US Army WWII Veteran. He was a family man and liked sightseeing. Trucking and spending time with his family were his enjoyment in life.

He is survived by two children, Clarence Hall, Jr. of Berlin and Mary Webber, and her husband, George, of Fruitland; three sisters, Betty Johnson of Dover, Del., Bessie Manuel of Bishopville; brothers, James Dennis of Greenwood, Del. and his wife, Janice; Thomas Hall, Sr. of Bishopville, William Whaley, and his wife, Catherine, of Berlin; adopted daughter Joyce Tingle and her husband, Leon, of Bishopville and four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A funeral service and celebration of his life was held Dec. 7, 2013 at the Calvary Pentecostal Church in Bishopville. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Pastor Rosie Hall officiated. Letters of condolence may be e-mailed to [www.watsonfh.com](mailto:www.watsonfh.com).

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# SNAPSHOTS



## REINDEER RUN

PHOTO COURTESY RUBY DILLON

A local Weight Watchers Group, “The Losers,” was the Team Challenge Winner during the 6th annual Reindeer Run in Berlin last Saturday. Approximately 375 people competed in the Reindeer Run. The Weight Watchers Group included 92 participants (about 70 members as well as friends and family).



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

PHOTO COURTESY D.J. LANDIS, SR.

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived at the Ocean Pines Community Center last Saturday to enjoy breakfast with children and their parents. The Kiwanis Kitchen Krew posed with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Pictured, from left, are Ed Aurand, Ralph Chinn, Lee Brooke and Dave Landis.



## GO WEST

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Showell Elementary School third graders, Dalton Phebus, Jenna Olafsson, Aiina Bernal-Clark and Trey Winklbauer, “Go West” after learning about the history of railroads.



## RWWC NEW OFFICERS

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its annual dinner meeting on Nov. 21 at the Lighthouse Sound restaurant. Newly elected 2014 officers, from left, are, Janice Slaysman, second vice president; Beverly Bigler, president; Charlotte Cathell, first vice president; Marjorie Hagood, corresponding secretary; Gail Schuler, treasurer and Patricia Campbell, recording secretary.



## STEM PROJECT

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Buckingham Elementary third grade students, Ziquase Duffy, Jamira Johnson and Emily Bowden are explaining their STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) project to Principal, Dee Shorts. After reading about pilgrim houses, students recreated them within a team.



# CALENDAR

## BAYSIDE GAZETTE

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.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 12

**JOURNAL MAKING** — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 1-4 p.m. Create your own “image journal” based on the law of attraction from the best selling book “The Secret.” Learn the art of collaging, adding paint and other objects to make a personal creative journal that expresses your individual wishes and life expectations. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, per class. One time materials fee of \$10 includes blank journal and basic collage materials. Take any personal photos, texts, or other objects. Register: 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

**OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING** — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke’s Church) in Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Holiday festivities, music and food are planned. Numerous travel opportunities for 2014 presented. All persons age 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 Di- anne, 302-541-4642.

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### FRIDAY, DEC. 13

**LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN** — Sunset Park, south end of Philadelphia Avenue, on the bay next to the Coast Guard Station, Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Holiday lights, holiday music and dance performances, horse and carriage rides, Santa and more. Free admission. Horse and carriage rides cost \$5 for adults and free to children 3 and younger. Info: 410-289-1413 or [www.downtownassociation.net](http://www.downtownassociation.net).

**HOLIDAY HORSE AND CARRIAGE RIDES** — Sunset Park, south end of Philadelphia Av- enue, on the bay next to the Coast Guard Sta- tion, Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and free to children 3 and younger. Info: 410-289-1413 or [www.downtownassoci- ation.net](http://www.downtownassoci- ation.net).

**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.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 14

**LIGHT UP DOWNTOWN** — Sunset Park, south end of Philadelphia Avenue, on the bay next to the Coast Guard Station, Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Holiday lights, holiday music and dance performances, horse and carriage rides, Santa and more. Free admission. Horse and carriage rides cost \$5 for adults and free to children 3 and younger. Info: 410-289-1413 or [www.downtownassociation.net](http://www.downtownassociation.net).

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**GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP** — Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson Street, Berlin, 10-11:30 a.m. Children, ages 7- 14, will create a whimsical gingerbread house using graham crackers, icing and assorted candies. Fee is \$20 and includes all supplies. Members receive a 10 percent discount. Ad- vanced registration required: 410-641-0809 or [www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org](http://www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org).

**COOKIE WALK** — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A variety of home baked holi- day cookies for \$7 per pound. All proceeds benefit Diakonia Homeless Shelter and Food Bank.

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

**FARMERS MARKET** — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods, honey and more items.

**POCOMOKE AREA CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE OPEN HOUSE AND PAINTING GIVE- AWAY** — Pocomoke Area Chamber of Commerce, 6 Market St., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delmarva artists Jan Coulbourne and Leslie Brett will be present to demonstrate. They will also be giving away original watercolors at noon and 1 p.m. Refreshments. Info: Jennifer Rafter, 410-957-1919.

**ANNUAL WINTER WATERMAN’S FESTIVAL** — Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring a variety of different vendors and demonstra-



**WELL CRAFTED** SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE  
Members of the Pine’eer Craft Club, from left, Mary Bohley, Diane St.Clair, Cathy Kirk, Margaret Lamphier, Janet Rosensteel, Luz Castello, Nancy Welsh and Carol Mills decorate a tree with crab shells, pinecones and red bows for the Nov. 30 Ocean Pines Old Fashioned Christmas/Tree Lighting Ceremony.

tions including Dusty Attic Quilt Shop, Eddie Heath Crab pots, Saxis Island Museum and more. Teena Gorrow and Craig Koppie will be on hand to sign their new book, “Inside an Eagle’s Nest.” Free food samples including clam chowder, cheese platter, smith island cakes and seafood samplers. Info: [www.face- book.com/delmarvadiscoverycenter](http://www.face- book.com/delmarvadiscoverycenter); [www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org](http://www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org); or Sarah Rubin, 410-957-9933, Ext. 104.

**OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Professional Bass Angler Jim Short will share some tips on how to catch fish. Everyone is welcome and canned goods or donations will be welcomed to support Diako- nia homeless shelter. Info: Jack Barnes, 410- 641-7662.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 15

**18TH CENTURY CELEBRATION** — Historic St. Martin’s Church Museum, 11413 Old Worces- ter Highway, Showell, 5 p.m. A Christmas Can- dlelight Service, music, readings, hot cider and beautiful decorations. Info: [www.historicst- martinschurch.org](http://www.historicst- martinschurch.org).

**YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS SERVICE** — Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 5 p.m. Fellowship and worship with food, music and a great speaker. Ages 18 and older welcome. Info: 410-641-1137.

### MONDAY, DEC. 16

**DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY** — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline’s, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239

Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women in- terested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

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

### TUESDAY, DEC. 17

**POP ART PORTRAITS** — Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson Street, Berlin, Dec. 17 and 18, 4:15-5:15 p.m. Using craypas (oil pastels) students, ages 5-10, will create a self portrait inspired by pop art artists. Cost is \$22.50 for WCAC members and \$25 for non- members. Includes all supplies. Advanced reg- istration required by calling 410-641-0809.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

**SUICIDE GRIEVERS’ SUPPORT GROUP** — Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 6 p.m. Open to any- one who has lost a friend or loved one to sui- cide. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or [www.choosetolivemaryland.org](http://www.choosetolivemaryland.org).

**DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB** — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky’s Rooftop Restau- rant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and in- termediate 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 Car- olina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302- 337-3638.



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**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING —** Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT —** Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. The Pine Tones Chorus will perform "Traditions of Christmas." The concert will offer classical Christmas selections as well as show tunes, boogie-woogie and an Elvis style solo. Admission is free and an offering will be received. Refreshments served after the concert. Info: Dorothy Shelton, 410-208-3884 or June Todd, 410-289-7373.

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**WORCESTER COUNTY TEA PARTY CHRISTMAS PARTY —** Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Christmas with carols and hot chocolate. Share in the accomplishments of the past year and look ahead to 2014. Take an appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages will be supplied. Admission is free. Info: 443-614-7214 or [WCTTPATRIOTS@gmail.com](mailto:WCTTPATRIOTS@gmail.com).

## ONGOING EVENTS

**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS —** Historic Berlin, through Dec. 31. Visit Santa at the Visitors

Center weekends through Dec. 22, from noon to 2 p.m. Carriage rides every weekend from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. New Year's Eve Ball Drop, Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Info: [berlinchamber.org](http://berlinchamber.org).

**PINE'EER CRAFT AND GIFT SHOP OPEN —** Pine'eer Craft and Gift Shop, White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines. Shop will be open Dec. 14, 15, 21, 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop features handcrafted home décor, jewelry and fashion accessories created by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club. Dec. 22 is closing day for the year. The shop will reopen in the spring of 2014.

**HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES ON THE BOARDWALK —** Weather and ridership permitting, horse and carriage rides will board passengers near Thrasher's at the Inlet lot and travel around the pier and down the Boardwalk to Fourth Street and back on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through April 30. Cost is \$10 per person, kids 3 and younger ride free. Info: Randy Davis, 443-783-1409.

**WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS —** Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, through Jan. 1. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Heated Winterfest Village pavilion will offer hot chocolate, Yukon Cornelius' gift shop and photos with Santa. Tour hundreds of themed, animated, lighted displays on the Winterfest Express. Cost \$5 for adults, children 11 and younger ride free. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN or 410-250-0125.

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OP-OC —** Meets every Wednesday at 8 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m. October through April. Info: 410-641-7330.

**GRIEF SHARE —** Grief recovery support group. Fall cycle begins Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sign up: Carole, 301-509-2002 or [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Sponsored by SonRise Church, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin.

**AUMC THRIFT SHOP —** Atlantic United Methodist Church, 105 Fourth St., in Ocean City. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 410-289-4458.

**FREE DIABETES SUPPORT GROUPS —** Takes place the third Wednesday of each month at Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., 1-2 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month at Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1-2 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about diabetes and its treatment is invited to attend. Info: Worcester County Health Department, Prevention Services, 410-632-0056.



### BIG GIFT

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore recently presented a \$91,350 check to the Salvation Army in support of its outreach programs in the local community. Pictured are Major Victor Tidman of The Salvation Army and Kathleen Mommé of United Way.

**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN CITY LIBRARY —** Group meets the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room. Discussions on library and volunteer needs and often include interesting speakers. Followed by refreshments. New Friends always welcome.

**DIAKONIA THRIFT SHOP —** Used to be Mine, Route 611 and Sunset Avenue, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Newly expanded and redecorated. Furniture, clothing, toys and linens. Info: 410-213-0243.

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

**FIRST STATE DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETINGS —** Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City, 7 p.m. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Info: Rick Holmes, 302-988-1056.

**HELP FOR VETERANS —** Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, third Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Michelle Licata, a representative from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, is on hand to help veterans (of any conflict) with whatever help they need in navigating available VA programs, need special assistance, etc. Info: Licata, 410-713-3482.

**COMPUTER AND E-READER INSTRUCTION —** Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Staff offers individual computer or E-Reader instruction by appointment: 410-524-1818.

**HELP FOR PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG ABUSE —** Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free assessments and referrals: 877-413-3073 or [www.narcononworks.com](http://www.narcononworks.com).

**AARP —** Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Knights of Columbus Hall,

9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church). Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: [aarp1917.org](http://aarp1917.org).

**SINGING MESSAGES —** Members of the Delmarva Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, is available for singing songs locally for birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day or any special occasion. Your special someone will be serenaded with two songs at the locations of your choice. Cost is \$25. Available 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 410-641-5091.

**WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN FUNDRAISER —** Recycle old cell phones to benefit Women Supporting Women. Old phones will be dismantled and the parts recycled for 911 calls. Drop off at the Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road or at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway or contact Sheila Hodges, 301-775-1968.

**HELP WITH HOME HEATING BILLS —** SHORE UP! Inc. is accepting applications from persons who need help paying their home heating and electric bills. Residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties who meet state income guidelines may qualify for assistance. To receive help, an individual must complete an Energy Assistance application and provide supporting documentation. Info: 410-341-9634 or 410-749-1142.

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING —** Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 9715 Healthway Drive, 7:30 p.m.

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

**POSITIVE OUTLOOK THRIFT SHOP —** Positive Outlook Thrift Shop, 12637 Ocean Gateway, Trlr 2, West Ocean City, Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Located next to Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall. Info: 410-251-6971. Sponsored by OC Baptist Church.



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SATURDAY – DJ Groove /  
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66th St. Bayside, Ocean City  
FRIDAY – Philly George



Simple Truth @ Harborside

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THURSDAY – Opposite Directions

FRIDAY – Ladies Night w/DJ Billy T

SATURDAY – Simple Truth, DJ Jeremy

SUNDAY – DJ Billy T / DJ Bigler

**■ Harpoon Hannas**  
142nd St. Bayside, Fenwick Island

WEDNESDAY – Aaron Howell

FRIDAY – Dave Hawkins

SATURDAY – Dave Sherman

WEDNESDAY – Aaron Howell

**■ MD Wine Bar**  
103 N. Main St., Historic Berlin  
FRIDAY – Paul Lajewski Blues

**■ Schooners/Princess Royale**  
91st St., Ocean City

FRIDAY – Harry O

SATURDAY – Harry O

**■ Sunset Grille**  
12933 Sunset Ave., West OC

THURSDAY – Doug Segree

FRIDAY – Opposite Directions

SUNDAY – Community Groove



Community Groove @ Sunset Grille

**■ Seacrets**  
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FRIDAY – Melodime

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78 "This isn't making sense"

80 Whom John Bull symbolizes

82 Have an objection

83 Minor-league championship flag?

86 Alienate a New Jersey city?

88 Biblical priest of Shiloh

89 Blue expanse

90 "Man of Steel" actress Adams

92 Sully

93 Go on strike

95 Film crowd

97 CBS spinoff that ran for 10 seasons

102 How sports cars are contoured

105 "Cover Face" (P.D. James's first novel)

106 Distress

107 Actor Jack of oaters

108 Cousin of a crumble

109 Begat a soft place to sleep?

112 Burlesque garment

113 "Charge!," to Duracells?

117 Satisfying finale coming to pass?

119 Labeled idiotic?

120 First name in photography

121 Nickname for Palmer

122 "Don't be a spoilsport!"

123 Savory condiment

124 Variety-show fodder

125 Trader \_\_\_\_\_

DOWN

1 Most qualified

2 Relative of S.O.S

3 Galoot

4 One-hit wonder?

5 Friend of d'Artagnan

6 Thick bunch?

7 Venture a thought

8 Unfeigned

9 Miranda of the Miranda warning

10 Avoid

11 Course listing

12 Percussion instrument in "Maxwell's Silver Hammer"

13 Sophisticated

14 Automaker that started as a bicycle company

15 Bent pipe

16 "She's a good old worker and a good old pal," in song

18 Med. workplaces

20 Tea go-with

21 "Days of Heaven" co-star

23 Would-be singers' liabilities

27 Little town

30 Site of a 1963 J.F.K. speech

33 Chargers and coursers

34 Forest game

35 "By that logic ..."

36 Boarder's domain

38 Director Daniels of "The Butler"

39 Of the lymph glands

40 Signet-ring feature

45 Dropper?

47 Steven Bochco series

48 Youngest of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"

49 Eldest Best Actress winner

50 Acronymic aircraft name

51 Wistful remark

52 With a will

53 It's "well regulated" in the Constitution

54 Quarrel

55 "Lovergirl" singer

58 Pulsation

61 Morally degraded

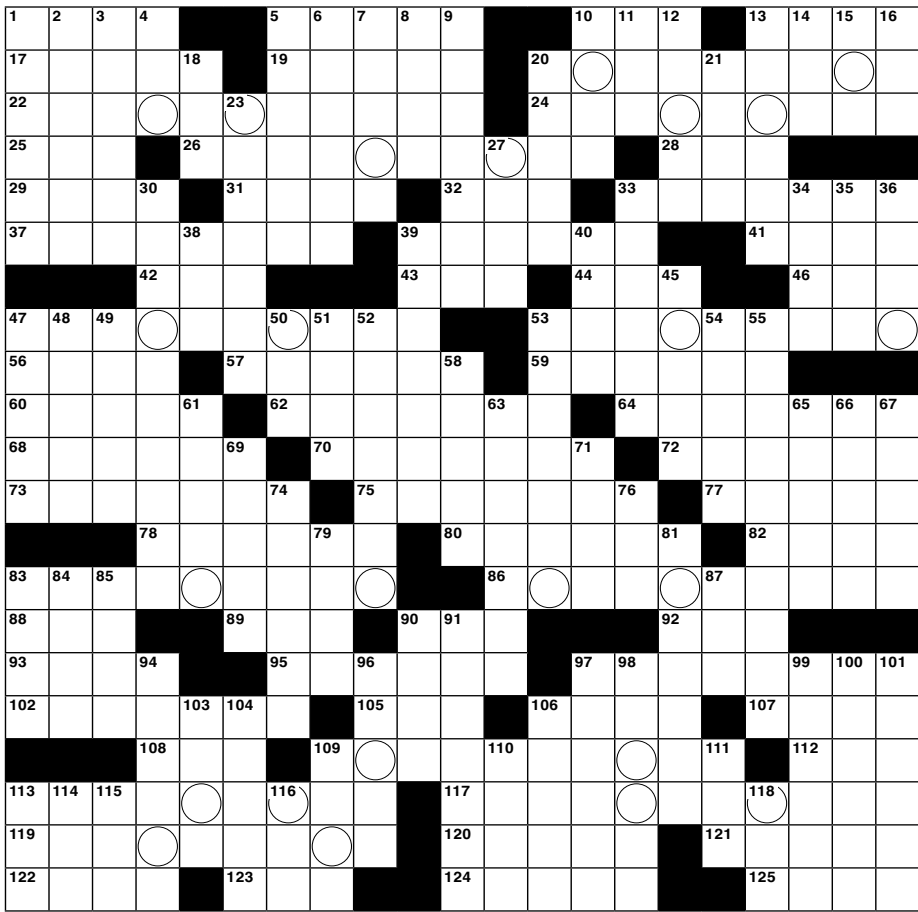
63 Fish hawks

65 Cross-promotion

66 Streetcar sound

67 Chrissie in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

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- 69 Start of a George Eliot title

71 N.B.A. team originally called the Americans

74 Elephant's opposite, symbolically

76 URL component

79 Zeus swore oaths upon it

81 Excited Oscars attendee

83 Nave furniture

84 Airline that doesn't fly on religious holidays

85 Khartoum's river

87 Run headlong into

90 Datum in a house listing

91 \_\_\_\_\_ Vineyard

94 Confined

96 "I thought \_\_\_\_\_ never leave!"

97 Pile on the floor

98 Soothsayers of old

99 Person prone to sunburn

100 Last Hitchcock film with Tippi Hedren

101 Some Google search results

103 Hot pot locale

104 English film-festival city

106 It "hits the spot," per old radio ads

109 Begin to show wear

110 Yarn quantity

111 Hair strands?

113 "EastEnders" network

114 Shot spot

115 Metaphysical concept

116 Fortune cover subj.

118 Longtime Sixers nickname

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Answers to last week's puzzles

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# CUISINE

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## Beef flautas bring back memories for chef



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

I can't help but to wax nostalgic during the holidays. Like any family, we have seen the best of times and some of the not so very best of times. I remember fondly the adventures of life in a large family and reminisce the first time I was able to win a fight with my older brother. Then there was the time that we launched bottle rockets at our neighbors' deck party. The revelers relished the uninvited missiles and cheered as they were bombarded. Luckily they were high school kids (older than we at the time) with no parents at home so I guess the activities made their rebellious event even more exciting.

As it is football season, I start thinking about the games seen and arenas visited over the years; RFK, Memorial, Jack Murphy, Astrodome, Cardinals Stadium, M&T et al. While I've never been an out-of-control football fan, I enjoy the sport and when I find tickets I take them; there is nothing like a live game.

This morning an old friend posted about tailgating at Jack Murphy Stadium (now Qualcomm) in San Diego this weekend. A First Sergeant in the Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton, he frequents the parking lot donning grill, brats and beer before the game to get things going.

And when I picture San Diego, I immediately drift down the coast to Baja Norte, Mexico; one of our favorite stomping grounds. I was lucky enough to be in San Diego from 1988-1992 and

it was somewhere toward the end of my tenure that they started to build condos on the famed K38 surf break cliff. Before then, we would just park on top of the cliff, get a few hours of shuteye and then wake up and go out in the water.

Afterwards we would head to the closest restaurant and eat a lion's share of flautas or rolled tacos. In the states we called them Taquitos but in Baja Norte they were Flautas.

Smothered in lettuce, tomato, sour cream, sharp cheddar (queso blanco in Mexico), salsa and guacamole, these little treasures always sated our starving bodies after a few hours in the chilly ocean. And they got us ready for a late night in Ensenada or Rosarito. When visiting the latter we would usually patronize Papas & Beer which back in the late 80s was a small beach joint on the ocean with a volleyball court. It reminded me of what Seacrets must have looked like in the early days.

Either way, we would have our fill of street food, flautas or fish tacos, empanadas and the warmest, scariest crema fresca (it never made us sick) that ever matched the description of artisanal and delicious.

When recreating the mighty Flauta, all you need is some shredded beef, corn tortillas and a fryer. For the shredded beef there are three methods:

Sear the beef, add ingredients as noted in recipe below and then finish in a low oven, covered until easy to shred

Cook in a slow cooker over the day until easy to shred

Cook in a pressure cooker which only takes about an hour and a half

In California, on game day, surf day or regular old Marine day we were never far away from the taquitos of Mexico. All we had to do was drive to



Roberto's, the famous Californian chain of quick service Mexican food.

And as I write this at 7:30 in the morning I realize how hungry I am for a plate of flautas or a nice carne asada burrito. I need to stop with this nostalgia bit soon, or I'll be thinking about other foods that will take me back to the days of yore. All of this memory is making my stomach grumble.

### Beef Flautas

enough for 24 flautas

\*enough for 4-8 people, depending....

1 lb. Chuck roast

oil, as needed

1 ea. Medium onion, large chunks

1 carrot, large chunks

Beef stock, as needed

1 stick celery, large chunks

2 ea. Bay leaves

Salt & Pepper to taste

Corn Tortillas

Oil for frying

Season the roast and sear in a pan on all sides until nice and brown

Add the vegetables and cook for three minutes

Deglaze the pan with the beef stock

and either place covered pan in oven at 200F or in a pressure cooker

Cook until the beef shreds easily and allow to cool until you can handle it

Shred the beef and set aside

Heat the oil to 350F, ensuring that it doesn't get out of control if you are frying on the stovetop. I highly recommend a deep fryer that you can buy at any kitchen store for not too much money. They are safer and quite efficient

Roll a small amount of shredded beef in a tortilla and secure with a toothpick or two

Drop in the fryer until crispy and ask yourself "esto es saludable?"

Make your flautas even 'healthier' by topping with crema fresca (you can make your own or buy it at Latin markets in the area), lettuce, tomato, avocado and salsa and guacamole. It doesn't get much better than that! Plus the tomato and avocado act as your Christmas colors so you can bring these to your next holiday party

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