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Berlin's town Christmas tree, set against the backdrop of the Atlantic Hotel on Main Street, looks like something out of a Christmas card.

Pines, Sandpiper, sign agreement

Energy company will bring natural gas to community, following two years of talks

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) Following more than a year of negotiations, the Ocean Pines Association announced last Thursday that it had reached an agreement with Sandpiper Energy to bring natural gas to the community.

The agreement includes a 10-year ground lease, five-year service agreement and "perpetual" nonexclusive deed of easement with a total value estimated at \$394,750 for Ocean Pines. Payments begin in 30 days and work by Sandpiper to convert existing lines will begin in 90 days.

According to a press release issued on Dec. 17, General Manager Bob Thompson led discussion on behalf of the association, with Steve Thompson (no relation) representing Sandpiper.

Those talks started in June and

followed an extended period of inactivity after discussions, led by several Ocean Pines directors, broke off last December.

The board of directors approved the contract in a 5-2 vote during a closed meeting on Thursday, just moments before a public session, when Thompson went into further detail on the matter.

He said the ground lease would provide space for Sandpiper to inject compressed natural gas - or propane and that the agreement included storage of temporary propane tanks and emergency repair equipment. The lease includes a \$1,350 monthly fee, totaling \$162,000 over the 10vear term.

The service agreement would provide access to the Ocean Pines website, newsletter and marketing staff in order to give Sandpiper easier access to residents, and includes a monthly fee of \$500, or \$30,000 over the entire term.

Sandpiper also agreed to pay a one-time fee of \$41,000 for the easement on the roads, based on an outside appraisal, as well as an additional \$93,000 for the common-area easement. Both would be paid upfront in a lump sum.

Thompson said the area of the easement was essentially along the existing pipelines, and that the perpetual terms would allow the company to continue its operations "as long as they're in business.'

The contract is effective immediately. Sandpiper also agreed to cover any legal fees associated with the ne-

"The benefit to the community is we're finally bringing the alternative fuel source for our residents," Thompson said. "We've effectively established a relationship with [Sandpiper] and covered our cost to

Board President Pat Renaud praised Thompson for his work during the negotiations.

'Bob has done an excellent job," he said, adding that director Cheryl See SANDPIPER Page 2

Berlin New Year's celebration brings back 'Dick Clark'

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) Berlin will ring in the new year on Main Street with a celebration including music, food trucks, trivia contests and giveaways on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells said the town would "crank it up a notch this year" during the event. Local businesses will donate items for prizes, and Wells promised an improved lights show.

Dave Miller, who will host the event with DJ Big Al Reno, said he hopes to bring a "Dick Clark" atmosphere to the sixth annual bash.

"Dick Clark was kind of an icon on New Year's Eve," he said. "Now all the kids know Ryan Seacrest, so maybe we'll be sort of a Dick Clark meets Ryan Seacrest – the future meets the present."

A veteran host of several events in Berlin, this is Miller's first year as New Year's Eve emcee.

"We're going to have two mics – one on the stage and one working the crowd remotely to talk about some resolutions and some of the great things people have experienced in 2015," Miller said. "We want to get a little back and forth with the audience to keep it fun and keep the crowd engaged."

The celebration starts at 9 p.m. and runs until 1 a.m.

Food options abound, as Main Street Deli will stay open late, Rosenfeld's Jewish Delicatessen and Crush 'n Crab will operate food trucks, and Eastern Shore Kettle Corn will sell snacks.

Additionally, the Atlantic Hotel will provide an outdoor bar.

Portions of downtown Berlin will be closed, from Main and West streets to Main and Jefferson streets, starting at 5 p.m.

Parking is available at town hall, St. Paul's Church, the post office and the Main Street parking lots near Leaky Pete's and Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services. Residents are encouraged to walk.

Wells said she expected between 3,000-5,000 people, "depending on the weather," to ring in the new year in Berlin.

"We'll have fun with it," Miller said. "Obviously there will be some comedic banter, but ultimately I think the event should be something that conveys the gratitude that we all have for our beautiful town, and for our families and friends."



Sandpiper agreement could lower energy bills, eventually

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Jacobs provided additional legal advice during the talks. "He's really worked hard with the Sandpiper people to have a one-on-one negotiation, which is the way it should be — not board to board."

During a phone interview on Monday, Darrell Wilson, the director of Marking and Communications for Chesapeake Utilities, the parent company of Sandpiper, said more than 2,300 homes in Worcester County have been converted to natural gas.

Wilson said the switch should help lower consumer energy bills – over time

"As more customers are converted to natural gas, the lower the customer costs will be versus propane," he said, adding that natural gas also helps lower the overall carbon footprint.

He said the conversion would likely take several years.

"We're certainly delighted that [the contract] is completed, and we're looking forward to the next steps going forward," Wilson said.



OPA Board President Pat Renaud, left, General Manager Bob Thompson and Sandpiper Energy President Steve Thompson sign a new agreement, on Dec. 18 in the administration building, allowing the company to bring natural gas to the community. SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GA7FTTF



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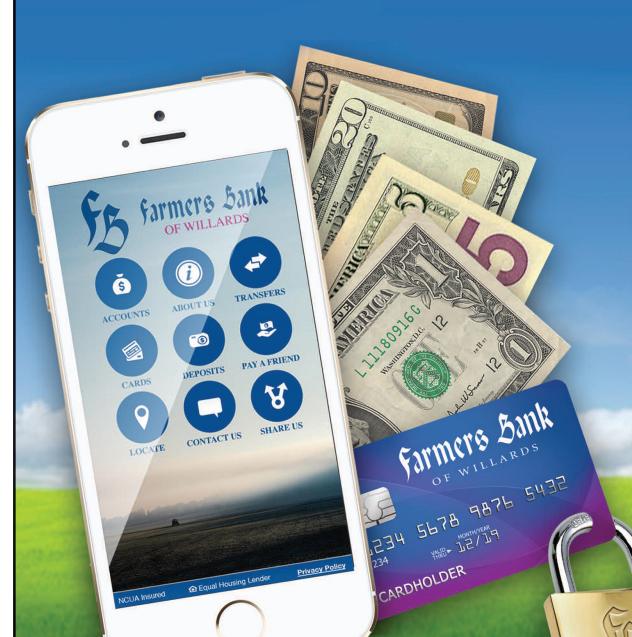




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Terry, Stevens, optimistic on Sandpiper Energy agreement

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) Several directors on Ocean Pines' board expressed optimism after the association inked a new deal with Sandpiper Energy last week, effectively bringing natural gas to the community and receiving cash considerations in return.

The company will pay for a land lease and transitional and overhead fees totaling nearly \$400,000. Additionally, Sandpiper will reimburse Ocean Pines for more than \$60,000 in legal fees incurred during the negotiations, which lasted more than a two years.

"That was a big issue, and I thought it was a great move on their part to do that," Tom Terry said, adding that Sandpiper would "absorb" fees rather than pass costs onto consumers in Ocean Pines.

Overall, Terry described the agreement as "mutually beneficial."

"I think it allows Ocean Pines to help them help our members and get their transition done," he said. "Not all of our members live here, so there's a lot of things that Ocean Pines now can do to help with the transition for anyone who wants to move to natural

Terry also stressed the importance of having Sandpiper conduct informational meetings in the community. He said the meetings would include an overall game plan, as well as a timeline as to when the upgrade would start and how long they will take.

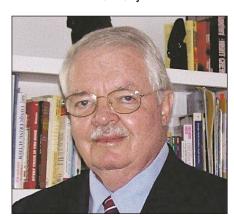
Negotiations did not always run smoothly and talks broke off last year before the board asked General Manager Bob Thompson to try to restart negotiations roughly six months ago.

"I give Bob Thompson and [Sandpiper President] Steve Thompson all the credit in the world for working back and forth and working through all the issues," Terry said. "They stayed focused on doing the right thing for our members and our citizens in Ocean Pines, and at the same time doing the right thing for [Sandpiper].

"To me, that's the big issue here," Terry continued. "We had almost an



Tom Terry



Dave Stevens

entire year where there was nothing going on, and Bob and Steve, once they were given the authority to make it happen, they did it. I give them all the credit in the world for making that happen."

Dave Stevens, who previously led talks during his tenure as board president, was also upbeat.

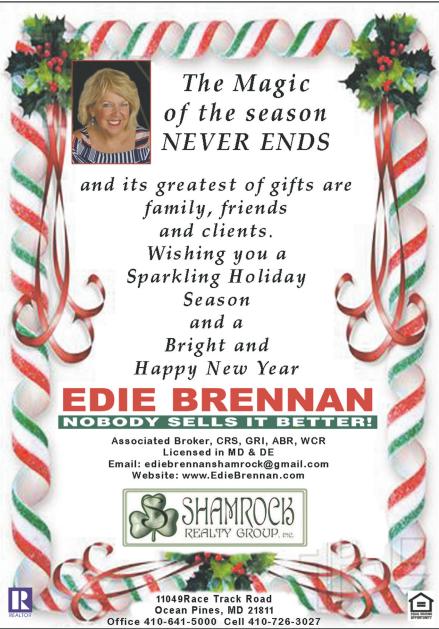
"Speaking as an individual director, I believe the executed agreement is to the benefit of the OPA." he said a statement emailed last Friday.

Stevens previously said he wanted a franchise fee from Sandpiper, but said that issue was "resolved in direct negotiations between Sandpiper and our GM, and their willingness to offer, and our willingness to accept, a reasonable financial alternative."

He also said it was a "positive factor" that Sandpiper agreed to cover legal fees.

"Any negotiations which reach a satisfactory conclusion makes me happy," Stevens said.







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Renaud reads riot act, 'Rules' during OPA board meeting

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) Spurred by a particularly caustic board of directors meeting in November, Board President Pat Renaud sought to change the tone during a meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center last Thursday.

Renaud said he received several complaints from citizens citing a lack of decorum during the previous meeting, held Nov. 19.

"When I became the president, it was with the goal that we directors would be more civil to one another, listen peacefully to each other's concerns and finally vote upon which course of action we wish to take. This has not occurred, as both the rhetoric and rancor has increased at each meeting. If we truly wish to serve our constituents these practices will have to stop," Renaud said, reading from a letter during the meeting.

In the future, Renaud said he intended to have shorter meeting agendas and shorter meetings – lasting no more than two hours.

"To accomplish that, we will have to stick to the topic and rid ourselves of uncomplimentary remarks about fellow members on the board," he said. "Everyone can certainly have a



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OPA Board President Pat Renaud, right, reads from Robert's Rules of Order during a meeting at the community center on Dec. 18. Renaud said he received several complains from citizens following a previous meeting, and sought to restore order. Also pictured, from left are directors Tom Terry and Cheryl Jacobs.

say about any issue, but interrupting a fellow director and/or raising your voice is not acceptable behavior.

"I promise to do my best to better control our meetings in the future, but to do this I need your full cooperation," Renaud added.

Renaud then read the "Decorum in Debate" section of Robert's Rules of Order, which requires speakers to address each other using formal titles and speak only after being recognized.

The article also states. "It is not the man, but the measure, that is the subject of debate," and includes a provision for members to "suitably apologize" for "disorderly words."

"We'll try to have better meetings

and hopefully everyone here will be a little bit happier with the results," Renaud said.

Following the meeting, Director Tom Terry said Renaud "did the right thing" in trying to "reset the environment."

"As far as I'm concerned, what Pat Renaud did today was try to set the stage for the board of directors to get back on track and be working with each other as we have done in the past," Terry said. "His comments that things have gotten even more rancorous over the last year and a half I think are dead right, and I think that he, simply, was trying to establish a means of setting an environment that we all can live up to.

"You're still going to have disagreement, but you can disagree agreeably," Terry continued. "I think Pat was simply trying to reestablishment the environment to where the board can find its way to work together. How people react to it – we'll see how it goes. In my mind, Pat was doing his presidential job."

Worcester Arts Council raffle to fund scholarship program

(Dec. 24, 2015) In an effort to raise additional funds in support of the annual art scholarship program for local students, the Worcester County Arts Council is raffling off a basket filled with original artwork donated by local artists.

The "Basket of Art" is on display at the Art Council Gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in Berlin. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at \$5 each or get five for \$20.

The winner will be drawn on June 12, during the annual membership meeting of the Arts Council. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

To see the detailed list of artwork and artists who donated pieces, visit www.worcestercountyartscouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council's scholarship program is designed to identify, recognize and encourage talented local students who demonstrate excellence in dance, music, theater, visual arts and creative writing.

This year, seven talented local students have been each awarded \$1,000 art scholarships from the Worcester County Arts Council in support of their artistic goals.

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Town, chamber announce 2016 **Berlin events list**

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) The Town of Berlin and Berlin Chamber of Commerce are looking ahead to 2016 and last week released a detailed events calendar with more than two-dozen entries.

Chamber events start in April, with the Spring Celebration set for Saturday, April 9.

Spring Cruisers will return on Saturday, May 21, followed by the Jazz & Blues Bash on Saturday, June 4.

The Berlin Chamber will host the Bathtub Races on Friday, July 15. The Fiddler's Convention will return Sept. 23-25, and Fall Cruisers will close out the year on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Chamber Administrator Morgan Coulson said the organization achieved a "new level of stability" in

"As we look towards upcoming events in the New Year, we are excited to use what we've learned in 2015 to make them more exciting, bigger and more well-attended than ever," she said. "We've already begun brainstorming ideas that we think will bring more hype to the already 'coolest' small town.

"These events have been longstanding, and it's our endeavor to make them the best they can be,' Coulson continued. "It benefits all of us - the visitors and most importantly the businesses in our area.'

Coulson added that an increased presence on social media has helped event growth and that the chamber hopes to add a bigger variety of vendors during events in 2016.

Town events start with the Little League Parade on Saturday, April 9, and Take Pride in Berlin Week, April 16-23.

MayDay PlayDay will return on Friday, May 13, and the annual Memorial Day Parade will march down Flower Street on Monday, May 30.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams will look to keep his crown during the 2016 High Heel Race, Friday, June 3, and a Concert on the Lawn series will start at the Taylor House Museum on Sunday, June 12, with additional dates planned for Sunday, July 10, Sunday, Aug. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 11.

The town will host an Independence Day fireworks celebration on Sunday, July 3, at Berlin Falls, and the Peach Festival and Heritage Fair, along with the Little Miss and Little Mister Peach Pageant, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Also in Berlin, the Jeep Jam runs Aug. 18-20, Brown Box Theatre hosts Shakespeare on Main Street Sunday, Sept. 4, and the Worcester County Arts Council sponsors Paint Berlin, Sept. 22-24.

This year's Octoberfest is set for Saturday, Oct. 15, and will include "more varieties of craft beer," accord-See BERLIN Page 8



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Staff, friends and family from the Bayside Gazette line up to march in the parade just prior to the Berlin Bathtub Races, held in July. This year's lineup of events in the town includes the 2016 Bathtub Races, High Heel Races, Jazz and Blues Bash and more.



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No quorum causes second Berlin town council cancelation

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) A Berlin Mayor and Council meeting originally scheduled for Monday, Dec. 14 – then rescheduled for Monday, Dec. 21 – has been canceled

Town Administrator Laura Allen confirmed in a phone interview last Friday that the council was unable to establish a quorum in both cases.

On the agenda was approval for the town's sixth annual New Year's Eve celebration, Thursday, Dec. 31, in the downtown area on Main Street. Allen said the council was able to approve that item via email, as allowed under Maryland law.

"It works well for things that I consider to be straightforward, noncontroversial topics, so we went ahead and did that." Allen said.

Other items on the agenda included a resolution for a general bond obligation to acquire the former Tyson's Chicken plant, a Maryland Smart Energy Community Energy Efficiency and Renewal Energy Plan, a motion to approve an engineering proposal for a tennis court replacement presented by consulting firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel Inc., and an audit presentation by PKS & Company and a related motion to approve the fiscal year audit.



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Berlin canceled its final town council meeting of the year due to a lack of quorum. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, Jan. 11, at town hall.

Allen confirmed the town would not attempt to reschedule the meeting again. The majority – it not all – of the agenda items will likely be on the docket during the next regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, Jan. 11 at town hall, starting at 7 p.m.

Berlin town events hope to add more live music, artists

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ing to Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells.

Holiday events include Holiday Arts Night and Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 25, the Christmas parade on Wednesday, Dec. 1, and a New Year's Eve celebration on Saturday, Dec. 31.

While Wells said she did not necessarily want to make town events "bigger and better" in 2016, she said the town was definitely looking to add more live music.

"Our events are pretty large, and if they get any bigger they won't be as fun. You get to a point where an event could be too large," she said. "Hopefully we can get some of the shops to stay open later during some of the evening events, and we'd like to see more artists involved."

For more information on town events visit www.berlinmainstreet.com. For chamber events, visit www.berlinchamber.org.

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Maryland Coastal Bays starts search for program 'spokescat'

(Dec. 24, 2015) Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is launching a Spokescat campaign this month to raise awareness on the importance of keeping feline companions in-

The organization is looking for a charismatic and photogenic cat to be its spokescat to use in promotional literature. The winning cat will have a photo session with photographer Tina Walas. Artist Ralph Hastings will take one photo and stretch it on canvas for the owner to display. The winning cat's owner must give MCBP the rights to use the photos from the photography session.

To register a cat for the campaign, visit www.mdcoastalbays.org, and then have friends and family vote for their favorite cat.

Outdoor and feral cats worldwide are credited with killing more than a billion birds each year and are partially responsible for the extinction of at least 33 avian species.

In the U.S. and U.K., studies have shown that feral and outdoor cats can make upward of 10 kills a month of local birds and small mammals. And according to researchers, that number is probably on the low side.

The Maryland coastal bays hosts 360 types of birds. The watershed provides a significant passageway for winter migratory birds. Those with the good intention of feeding winter visitors with bird feeders provide outdoor cats easy access to an unsuspecting guests.

Allowing cats to roam outdoors is not only harmful to birds; it can significantly shorten the pet's life. Potentially deadly dangers-parasites, catching diseases from other cats, being hit by cars, stolen by strangers, attacked by predators, or just plain getting lost—are constant threats to an outdoor cat.

Obviously, due to large feral colonies, keeping domestic cats indoors doesn't solve the problem, but it's a start.

The MCBP is a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the five coastal bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island through restoration, preservation and education. Visit www.mdcoastalbays.org for more information on how to help protect our bays.

For more information on the contest or other MCBP programs, contact Sandi Smith at sandis@mdcoastalbays.org or 410-213-2297 ext



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OPA BRIEFS

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) The Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors discussed the following items during a public meeting at the community center on Dec. 17.

Golf meeting

A special meeting with representatives from golf management company Landscapes Unlimited will be held "sometime around the budget meeting" in January, according to Director Dave Stevens.

The board approved the meeting in a 5-2 vote during a BOD meeting in November.

Moment of silence

Board President Pat Renaud asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Marie Oostveen, wife of Roelof "Dutch" Oostveen, a frequent attendee of OPA Board meetings.

Renaud said she passed away after a longtime struggle with Alzheimer's disease. A service for Oostveen was held in Ocean Pines last Thursday.

Budget update

Public budget sessions will begin in Ocean Pines next month, starting with an introduction by Thompson on



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General Manager Bob Thompson addresses the Ocean Pines Board of Directors during a meeting at the community center on Dec. 18. Also pictured, from left, are directors Pat Renaud, Tom Herrick and Bill Cordwell.

Jan. 4 in the administration building, when the directors will each be provided with review materials.

The Budget and Finance Committee will meet at the country club Jan. 11-14 for public review sessions, and recommendations are due from the committee by Jan. 15. The board will then meet to review the budget, Jan. 19-20, with a public presentation set for Jan. 23.

A formal vote on the fiscal year 2017 budget was set for Feb. 25.

Assault

Thompson provided an update on a previously discussed violation on 42 Ocean Parkway. He and Public Works Director Eddie Wells recently "walked the property" in order to validate conditions, including several trash violations.

According to Thompson, OPA workers were ordered to remove several items, including trash stored inside of a hot tub, when the property owner assaulted a public works employee. Thompson said the association was pursuing criminal action.

Appointments

The board unanimously approved an appointment to the aquatics committee. Annemarie Wolfsheimer, a property owner in the community for 19 years and former lifeguard and swim instructor, will serve her first term on the committee.

Drainage

During General Manager Bob Thompson's monthly report, Thompson said Ocean Pines was working with the county to combat an ongoing drainage issue near St. Martin's Road.

Thompson said the project was put out to bid and would require action from the board during a future meeting.

Financial report

Thompson said the bottom line financials in the association were preforming ahead of budget for the fiscal year, with the only negative variances occurring in "bad debt" and golf.

Golf did, however, finish the month of November ahead of last year, during the same period. The yacht club posted profits of \$165,873 for the year, more than \$150,000 better than the previous year during the same span, and aquatics finished \$136,926 ahead of last year's numbers.





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'We feel that we have a safety

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Chris Wanzer

OP, Parke create 'Pines-ception'

By Josh Davis

Staff Writer

Dec. 24, 2015) It was a case of Pines-ception last Thursday, when an HOA within an HOA addressed the board of directors during a public meeting inside the community center within the community.

During public comments Chris Wanzer, vice president of The Parke homeowner's association, asked to speak about his yearlong struggle to correct a perceived safety issue in his community, located near the intersection of Racetrack and Manklin Creek

Speaking on behalf of the 503 resident homes in the association, Wanzer said his HOA had asked Ocean Pines to address hard-to-see road markings, but struggled to get a definitive an-

"It's not a big deal, but it's still a necessary deal because we feel that we have a safety issue with our more mature residents that we have over in the Parke," he said.

According to Wanzer, the Parke's general manager and chief of operations first met with Ocean Pines General Manager Bob Thompson and Public Works Director Eddie Wells in September 2014 to discuss the issue.

It was a very good meeting. We cleared several topics of discussion ... and we also asked them about the line

painting," Wanzer said. "We said we would really like to have, if at all possible, yellow lines."

Wanzer said the current lines were "almost invisible" to many in the com-

"With us mature folks having a hard time seeing ... we really would

like it painted," he said. "We were told that the OPA does line painting every three years and that no one knows why the Parke was The Parke HOA Vice President omitted."

Last spring, when work had vet

to be done, representatives from the Parke again contacted Ocean Pines officials, when Wanzer said they received mixed messages.

First, he was told it was a "viable project." Then, in November, Wanzer said he was told there was no money remaining in the budget for the improvements, despite an online overview of the budget showing avail-

Finally, Donna McCracken, president of the Parke's board, hand-delivered a letter to Thompson and each of the seven board members in Ocean Pines "expressing concern."

Wanzer said the Parke's general manager received a text message from Thompson last Wednesday "stating that the OPA would paint the lines' after the community apparently found additional money in the budget.

"Granted, we are very excited and very pleased that this project will come to fruition, but why do we have to wait until spring?" Wanzer said.

"This has been now about a year and three months.

"In addition, we feel that the manner in which we were given the information is not appropriate, Wanzer continued,

adding that he felt a return letter would have been a "common cour-

"We would like a commitment out of you ... if it's not in writing, it doesn't happen," Wanzer said. "Nothing's guaranteed but death and taxes."

Thompson said he felt appropriate action was taken, adding that the improvements would be started in the spring. OPA Board President Pat Renaud promised to send a letter confirming the timeline.

"You'll get a letter from me, and in that letter we'll commit ourselves to painting those lines," Renaud said. For the moment, Wanzer seemed

satisfied with the resolution.

Coastal Association of Realtors names four GRI designees

(Dec. 24, 2015) Four members of the Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) recently earned their Graduate, Realtor Institute (GRI) designation from the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Recipients are Ann Englehart, Coldwell Banker Residential, 104th Street, Ocean City;

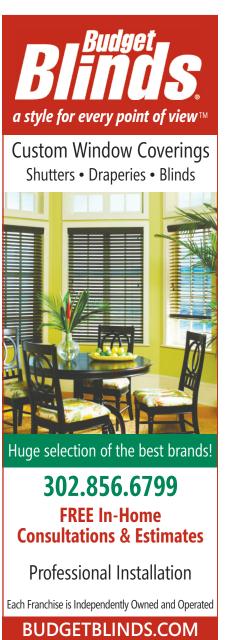
Heidi Hunt, Re/Max Crossroads, Ocean City; Matthew Shawn, Holiday Real Estate, Ocean City and Frances Sterling, ERA Martin & Associates, Salisbury.

The GRI is the nation's numberone designation within the real estate industry.

Designees complete 90 hours of specific education outlined by NAR, with curriculum topics including valuation, law, finance, real estate investment, taxation, ethics, construction and land use.

"On behalf of the Coastal Association of Realtors, I'd like to congratulate Ann, Heidi, Matthew and Frances on this accomplishment," said CAR President Linda Moran. "All of our Realtors are top notch professionals, but the GRI designation really enhances that knowledge and truly sets Realtors up for success.

The designation makes these members stand out; and rightfully so, as it's hard work to earn the GRI."







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American Legion Post #166 Commander Sarge Garlitz, back row, right, and other American Legion members join Stephen Decatur High School club representatives during the third annual presentation of Packages for Our Troops. SDHS students and faculty members collected various toiletries and other amenities for military and presented them on Veterans Day.

Berlin HOCC temporarily closes

Yard waste will not be accepted at town transfer station beginning Jan. 1

(Dec. 24, 2015) Yard waste will not be accepted at the Berlin Homeowner Convenience Center (HOCC) beginning Jan. 1, through completion of a project to cap and close the rubblefill located at the site.

Dec. 31 will be the last day homeowners are permitted to drop off yard waste at the Berlin HOCC. Starting Jan. 1, homeowners should take yard waste to the Central Landfill in Newark for disposal.

"We hope to be able to build up the area and resume accepting yard waste at the Berlin HOCC at some point in

the future," Worcester County Public Works Director John Tustin said. "However, we won't know for sure whether this will be a possibility until the project is complete."

Cleanup of the Berlin rubblefill is anticipated to last three months, with the cap and closure project to begin in spring 2016. The project, funded through general obligation bonds totaling \$3.4 million, is expected to take approximately nine months to complete, once the project is approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

The Public Works Solid Waste Division operates three HOCCs, which are located in Berlin, Pocomoke and Snow Hill. Homeowners who purchase annual permits may dispose of household trash and recyclable goods at the HOCCs.

Yard waste from homeowners will continue to be accepted at the Pocomoke HOCC. Yard waste from commercial entities is not accepted at the HOCCs and should be taken to the Central Landfill.

HOCCs are closed on Wednesdays and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

In addition to the HOCCs, the county operates the Worcester County Central Landfill and Recycling Center in Newark, as well as recycling drop off centers.

Visit www.co.worcester.md.us and click on "Public Works Recycling" for a complete list of recycling drop off centers in the county.

Co. Commission for Women launch new scholarship

(Dec. 24, 2015) The Worcester County Commission for Women has kicked off a new initiative called "Empowering Women Scholarship."

This scholarship will be awarded in May 2016 to two Worcester County women to further their education.

In an effort to raise funds to support this scholarship program, the Friends of the Women's Commission are selling 100 raffle tickets at \$25 for a chance to win cash and gas cards.

Every month between January and June 2016, two tickets will be drawn. The first-prize winner will receive \$50 in cash and the second prize will be a \$25 gas card.

Both winning tickets will be placed back in the hat for another chance to win. Participants can win as many times as their ticket is drawn.

On June 21, 2016 during the Worcester County Commission for Women meeting, the final two tickets will be drawn. The first prize will be \$300 in cash and second prize a \$50 gas card.

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Nancy Fortney at 410-726-0169 or Michelle Bankert 410-213-1162.







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Gulyas served OC at local, regional and federal levels

By Brian Gilliland

Staff Writer

(Dec. 24, 2015) Louise L. Gulyas, who represented Ocean City on the board of the Worcester County Commissioner from 1998 to 2014, passed away on the morning of Dec. 17.

She was the second woman ever elected as a Worcester County Commissioner and served as president and vice president of the board. Earlier this year, she was nominated by the commissioners for and was named to the Maryland Senior Citizens hall of fame.

At the local level, Commissioner Gulyas represented the county commissioners on the Worcester County Commission on Aging Board of Directors and the Wor-Wic Community College Board of Trustees.

Regionally, she served as a member of the Gray Shore Committee Task Force and former chair of the Tri-County Council Health Care Committee and MAC, Inc. (Maintaining Active Citizens). Gulyas also chaired the State Commission on Aging where she received the Governor's Leadership in Aging Award for her advocacy efforts and support of senior citizens. At the federal level, she was appointed as a delegate to



Louise L. Gulyas

the White House Conference on Aging.

In her final address to the commissioners in December 2014, she said, "Having a job you like will add five days to your week, except for my family this is my most rewarding experience. Please don't ever think you're not part of this team. What an awesome ride."

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Joseph L. Bowling, Jr., World War II veteran, passes away

Joseph L. Bowling, Jr., 92, born in Washington, D.C., formerly of Rockville, Md., died peacefully on

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at Coastal Hospice on the Lake in Salisbury.

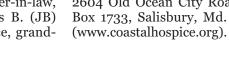
Joe was married to Margaret R. Bowling (deceased) for over 50 years, and was the father of Bradford C. Bowling (deceased).

He is survived by his step-son, James W. White, daughter-in-law, Leslie, grandson, James B. (JB) White and wife, Candace, granddaughter, Amanda L. White-Iseli and husband, Curt, and three great-grandsons, Cameron and Brendan White and Evan Iseli.

Joe was a proud veteran of World War II and had a successful career selling furniture for the Hecht Company in Washington and Bethesda.

He was dearly loved by his many friends and family and will always be remembered for his kind, gentle spirit and gentlemanly ways. He left the world a better place.

In honor of his life, donations can be made to Coastal Hospice, 2604 Old Ocean City Road, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802. (www.coastalhospice.org).



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Worcester County Tourism earns fives statewide awards

(Dec. 24, 2015) Worcester County Tourism (WCT), along with area partners working together to promote Maryland's Eastern Shore as a tourism destination, took home five awards during the 35th annual Maryland Tourism & Travel Summit in late October.

The Best Media & Public Relations Campaign Award went to Tourism, Art and Downtown Development (TADD) for Eat, Drink, Buy Art on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

An alliance of Eastern Shore businesses, Main Street groups, arts organizations, tourism and economic development offices formed TADD to create an "art drive" campaign that promotes the ease and accessibility of visiting eateries, artists and galleries in the historic towns of Berlin, Cambridge, Chestertown, Easton, Elkton, Denton, Ocean City, Princess Anne, Salisbury and Snow Hill.

Learn more about the campaign at www.eatdrinkbuyart.com.

The Best Destination Guide Award went to WCT for producing the Beach & Beyond Visitor's Guide. This highquality guide includes sections about eateries, lodging and activities that set each town apart, arts and entertainment, museums, destination weddings, parks and camping, golf, miles of white sand beaches in Ocean City, the ponies of Assateague Island, area breweries and touts national awards bestowed on the towns and beaches.

"The most innovative feature is that we don't call it a Worcester County Visitor's Guide," Tourism Director Lisa Challenger said. "Since most people don't travel knowing what county they are traveling to, we branded it as Maryland's Beach and Beyond." The guide is available in print and is downloadable at www.visitworcester.org.

The Cooperative Partnership Award was presented to Eastern Shore Destination Marketing Organizations (DMO) that created the Eastern Shore Visitor's Guide and website www.visitmarylandseasternshore.co m. The guide promotes Maryland's Eastern Shore as a travel destination. DMO partners include Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties, and Ocean City.

The Visionary Impact Award went Ann Hillyer, OceanCity.com, Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, and WCT www.Shore-CraftBeer.com. This collaborative effort promotes the shore's expanding craft beer industry. The effort



Frederick County Tourism Director John Feisler and Prince George's County Tourism Executive Director Matt Neitzy present Worcester County Tourism Director Lisa Challenger with the Best Destination Guide Award for the Beach and Beyond Visitor's Guide during the 2015 Maryland Travel and Tourism Summit in October

launched successful marketing, overnight hotel packages and events that promote the county and the surrounding region as a craft beer destination and serve to enhance tourism, particularly in the shoulder and offseasons.

The Maryland Office of Tourism Partnership Award went to the Town of Ocean City and Wicomico and Worcester counties for their sports marketing partnership, the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Sports Alliance (MAASA).

are exciting times," Worcester County Recreation and Parks Director Paige Hurley said. "This sports alliance partnership will allow us to bring in larger events to this area. We are looking forward to

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offering these 'Play-cations,' where teams and families can come and play here, and then extend their time into a vacation."

"MAASA delivers world-class sporting events designed to spur Maryland's economy," said Kristen Goller, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Wicomico County Recreation, Parks and Tourism. "The formal sports-marketing partnership is the first of its kind in the nation. Since its inception, the region has successfully hosted two national girls' softball tournaments and the ISSA Eastern Shore senior softball championship. These three MAASA events combined for a total of more than 25,000 hotel room nights booked and \$40 million in estimated economic impact."

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During its 2015 holiday party at Seacrets on 49th Street in Ocean City, the Coastal Association of Realtors (CAR) collected more than 100 toys for the Toys For Tots Foundation and raised \$1,000 for Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Pictured, from left, are members of the Coastal Realtors events committee, Rosie Beauclair of Shamrock Realty Group, Pam Rocco of PNC Mortgage, Chris Short of Universal Mortgage & Finance, Nancy Britt of Coldwell Banker Residential, Sgt. Joshua Carson of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mary Burgess of Shamrock Realty Group, Pam Wadler of Shamrock Realty Group, and kneeling, Mike Ciorrocco of Universal Mortgage & Finance.

Toys for 'Tots,' \$1K cash for troops

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This is the second year that CAR has collected donations for both organizations during its holiday party.

The more than 150 CAR members

attending the Dec. 9 party were asked to bring a new toy, which will be given to a local child via Toys For Tots. Sgt. Joshua Carson of the U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Salisbury helped collect the toys.

Also during the holiday party, members raised \$900 for Wounded Warrior Project. CAR contributed an additional \$100 for a total donation of \$1,000. Retired Army Cpl. John Rego

attended the party on behalf of WWP.

Rego was a Special Operations Army Ranger in the 75th Ranger Regiment. He was seriously injured in Iraq in April 2003. With the help of WWP, Rego has fully recovered and now works for CAR affiliate member T&G Builders in Berlin and competes in triathlons.

For more information about CAR, visit www.coastalrealtors.org.

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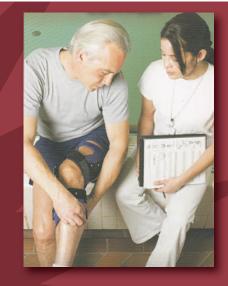
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'Light up Pines' contest to close Thursday, Dec. 31

(Dec. 24, 2015) Ocean Pines residents have the chance to vote for their favorite of 22 Ocean Pines homes that have been decked out, lit up and covered in holiday cheer for the community's annual "Light up the Pines" outdoor display contest.

Participants in the contest, sponsored by Choptank Electric Cooperative and the Ocean Pines Association, are competing for prizes in four categories including "Top-Notch All-Around," "Most Creative," "Most Lights" and "People's Choice." The winner in each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate to The Cove at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club and a \$25 Choptank electric bill credit.

Guest judges from Choptank will be selecting the winners in the "Top-Notch All-Around," "Most Creative" and "Most Lights" categories. Ocean Pines residents will select the "People's Choice" winner by emailing their choice to info@oceanpines.org or by posting it to the Ocean Pines Association Facebook page.

This year's contestants, who will each receive two LED lightbulbs courtesy of Choptank, include 122 Camelot Circle, 11 Mayflower Court, 24 Offshore Lane, 17 Boatswain Drive, 259 Ocean Parkway, 5 Oxford Court, 28 Moonshell Drive, 76 Ocean Parkway, 13 Sloop Lane, 4 Martinique Circle, 63 Boston Drive, 29 Liberty Street, 2 Wareham Court, 110 Windjammer Road, 6 Brookton Lane, 71 Seafarer Lane, 5 High Sheriff Trail, 23 Harlan Trace, 11 Stonemeadow Court, 10 Leigh Drive, 38 Boatswain Drive and 33 Whaler Lane.

The deadline for voting is Thursday, Dec. 31. A map marked with the contest entries may be found at www.OceanPines.org.





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WPS BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Worcester Prep Lower School (Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade) celebrated "Book Character Day" on Nov. 13. To encourage a love of reading, teachers and students dressed as their favorite book characters for the day. In addition to elaborate costumes, each homeroom participated in a "Decorate Your Door Contest" following the theme, "Carnival of Books." WPS first graders Jackson Curry-Crayton, left, dresses up as Jack from the "Magic Tree House" book series and Alyson Ray as Rainbow Swirl from the "Candy Fairies" book series.

Wor-Wic announces county grads

(Dec. 24, 2015) The following students from Worcester County completed their program requirements to graduate with a certificate of proficiency (CT), associate of applied science (AAS), associate of arts in teaching (AAT), associate of science (AS) or associate of arts (AA) degree from Wor-Wic Community College this past summer.

•Berlin: Allison Anders, AA, Business; Manami Brophy, CT, Nursing; Kevin Michael Carroll, CT, Criminal Justice; Melissa I. Dove, AS, Nursing; Kover M. Ellingsworth, AAS, Emergency Medical Services; Kirsten Arlene Hawkins, AS, Nursing; Nicholas Kinhart, AAS, Emergency Medical Services; Dylan R. Miller, CT, Criminal Justice; Alexandra N. Morning, AA, General Studies; Tonya Renee Morris, AAS, Education; Kirsten Pokrywka, CT, Nursing; Erin R.

Risser, AS, Nursing; Bryant L. Sterling, AA, General Studies; Angela Stouffer, CT, Nursing; Brittany Elizabeth Trader, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Ashley M. Vlachos, AA, General Studies; and Claire N. Wheaton, AS, Nursing.

•Bishopville: Jenna Marie Mc-Connell, CT, Nursing.

•Girdletree: Edwin Halter, AA, General Studies.

•Newark: Jacqueline Saldana Herrera, AAS, Criminal Justice.

•Ocean City: Taylor Chester, AAS, Chemical Dependency Counseling; Brandy J. Coleman, CT, Nursing; Mary Natasha Davis-Lockart, CT, Nursing; Lindsay Patrice Farrell, CT, Nursing; Christopher Galloway, AA, General Studies; Jaden Grimes, AA, General Studies; Austin Yates John Harrill, CT, Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Management; Jasmine Sade Johnson, AAS, Office Technology; Liudmila Khokha, AS, Nursing; Jakob Knopp, AAS, Emergency Medical Services; and Sean Price, AA, Business.

•Pocomoke City: Lewis McCall Alexander, III, AAS, Computer Studies; Victoria L. Greenley, CT, Nursing; Danielle Kay Mills, CT, Nursing; Patty Virginia Richardson, AA, General Studies; Ashley Marie Tawes, AA, General Studies; Jaclyn Twigg, CT, Nursing; Aleksandra Ward, AS, Nursing; and Brittany E. White, CT, Nursing.

•Snow Hill: William Edward Bowen, AAS, Emergency Medical Services; Lauren Nicole Shockley, CT, Nursing; and Amanda L. Stevens, CT, Nursing.

•Whaleyville: Ciara Merritt, CT, Nursing; and Gregory M. Wetzel, CT, Criminal Justice.

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'Be An Angel' for Coastal Hospice holiday campaign

(Dec. 24, 2015) Coastal Hospice is urging its Lower Shore neighbors to be "angels" this year and include Coastal Hospice in their holiday giving. "Be An Angel" is the theme of this year's campaign.

The annual drive provides the money hospice needs to offer care to patients who have no ability to pay. Last year, Coastal Hospice cared for nearly 1,100 patients and families on the Lower Eastern Shore and provided more than \$650,000 in charity care.

Donations may be made in tribute to a loved one, whose named is printed on an angel ornament and hung on one of the Coastal Hospice angel trees displayed throughout the Lower Shore. The angel trees are located in the Somerset County Libraries in Crisfield and Princess Anne, the Wicomico County Library in Salisbury, the Hurlock Train Station, the Worcester County Libraries in Ocean Pines, Snow Hill and Pocomoke City, the Dorchester County Library in Cambridge and at WMDT News.

Gifts to the "Angel" campaign have immediate effect. For example, a \$40 donation pays for one day of medication for an inpatient at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. A \$100 donation provides one month of oxygen for a patient at home. A donation of \$1,000 pays for an entire week of hospice care at a patient's home.

Donations can be made online at CoastalHospice.org, or for more information, call 410-742-8732.

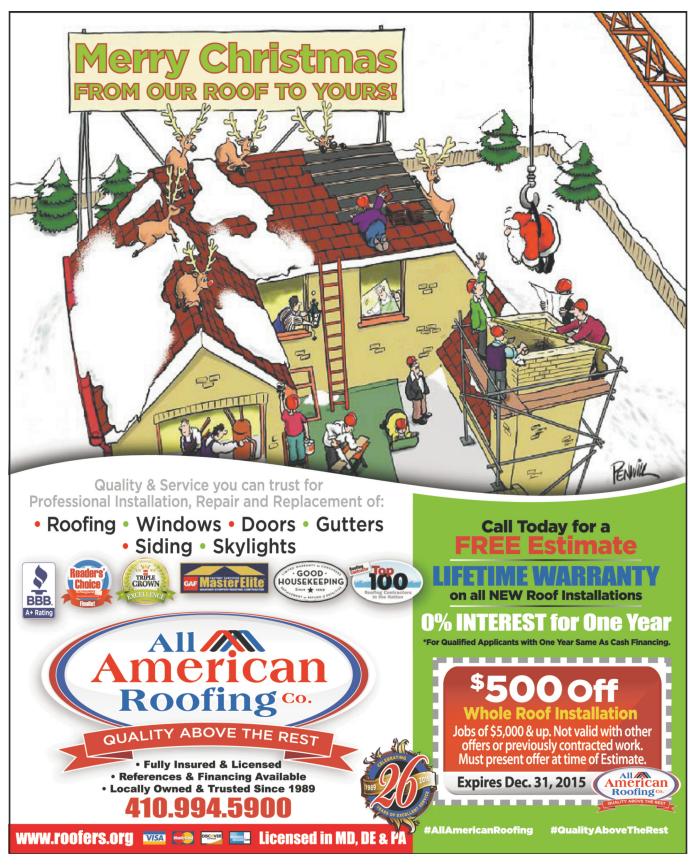
Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted living facility or at Coastal Hospice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





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Staff of the Worcester County Library in Ocean Pines place angel ornaments, each personalized with the name of a loved one, on the Coastal Hospice Angel Tree at the library. Pictured, from left, are Shirley Martelo, Kathleen Kelly and Joyce MacDougall. Coastal Hospice is urging its Lower Shore neighbors to be "angels" this year and include Coastal Hospice in their holiday giving. "Be An Angel" is the theme of this year's campaign.



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from us to you

Thank you all for a great year.
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LETTERS

Legislation will help land trusts

Editor,

In a strong bipartisan action, the Senate voted 65-33 today to pass the bill that will make the tax incentive for conservation easement donations permanent. This follows yesterday's 318-109 vote in the House.

This legislation has been a priority for the Land Trust Alliance for a decade, and it represents a huge win for conservation, for landowners and for the land trust community. Once signed into law, the incentive will be applied retroactively to start Jan. 1, 2015.

Today's vote also reauthorized the Land and Water

Conservation Fund for three years and increased its funding from \$306 million last year to \$450 million this year.

Thank you to all who reached out to legislators to educate them about both the importance of this incentive and the critical role that land trusts play in communities across the country. And thank you to all those on Capitol Hill who are champions of conservation and this legislation.

Note: The bill also makes permanent the fix that allows "S" corporations to deduct the full fair market value of charitable contributions, and renews the IRA rollover (so your donors over 70.5 can contribute from their IRA's. The Department of Interior

got a 6 percent hike in overall funding, and they are ecstatic about it.

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Russ Shay, Director of Public Policy, Land Trust AllianceEditor,

Heartfelt thank you to community

I would like to thank our friends, the Ocean Pines Bicycle Group, along with the Ocean Pines Board of Directors. Your kindness and support after the recent passing of my wife has been greatly appreciated.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone. May you have a joyous Christmas.

Roloof "Dutch" Oovesteen, Ocean Pines

Have an opinion?

We invite you to share it, but all letters are subject to verification, so please include your name and phone number. All letters are subject to editing for space and to protect the author and this newspaper from legal action. Email letters to editor@baysidegazette.com. For questions, call 410-723-6397.



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DAR FLAG PRESENTATION

In observance of Veterans Day, the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented a United States flag to the Northern Worcester County Senior Center. Flag committee chairman Carol Morrison acknowledged the veterans in attendance and United States Coast Guard veteran Edgar C. Calloway, Sr. accepted the flag on behalf of the center. The presentation also included words from Regent Barbara May about the chapter's namesake, reading of a flag poem, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and singing God Bless America. Pictured, from left, are Pat Arata, Vera Gerovac, Darlene Stevens, Gail Weldin, Liz Sharpless, Jane Bunting, Morrison, Ann Fowler, Calloway and May.

County announces holiday hours

(Dec. 24, 2015) Worcester County Government (WCG) offices will close at noon Thursday, Dec.

24, in observance of the Christmas holiday and reopen Monday, Dec. 28. WCG offices will also be closed Friday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day.

The Solid Waste Division of Public Works, both the Central Landfill in Newark and Homeowner

Convenience Centers (HCCs), holiday hours of operation are as follows. HCCs and the Central Landfill will close at noon Dec. 24 and reopen Dec. 26. HCCs, and the Central Landfill will be closed Jan. 1 and reopen Jan. 2. HCCs are also closed Wednesdays.

All five branches of the Worcester County Library will be closed Dec. 24 - Dec. 27 and will reopen Dec. 28. The branch libraries will also be closed Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, and reopen Jan. 2.

The Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) in Snow Hill is closed on Sundays and will observe the holiday hours throughout the season. WCRC closes at noon Dec. 24 and reopens Dec. 28 at 8 a.m. WCRC will be closed on the following Saturdays: Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 WCRC closes at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 31 and reopens Jan. 4.

WCRC is currently closed on weekends, but will resume Saturday hours beginning Jan. 9.

WCG staff wishes one and all safe and happy holidays. For more information on WCG hours of operation, contact Kim Moses, public information officer, at 410-632-1194.





NOW PLAYING

BJ'S ON THE WATER

75th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-7575 www.bjsonthewater.com

Dec. 30: It's About Time, 5 p.m. Dec. 31: DJ Fast Eddy, 9 p.m.

BOURBON STREET ON THE BEACH

116th Street, behind Fountain Head **Towers Condominium** Ocean City

443-664-2896

www.bourbonstreetonthebeach.com Dec. 26: Randy Lee Ashcraft, 7-11

Dec. 31: O.H.O., 3-7 p.m.; Ricky & Lennon LaRicci, 8 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S TABLE

15th St. & Baltimore Ave. Ocean City 410-289-7192

www.captainstableoc.com Every Friday & Saturday: Phil Perdue

CASINO AT OCEAN DOWNS

10218 Racetrack Road Berlin 410-641-0600

www.oceandowns.com

Dec. 26: Aaron Howell, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Monkee Paw, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 31: Monkee Paw, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; DJ Bixler, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.;

1:30 a.m.

COINS

28th Street and Coastal Highway Ocean City 410-289-3100 www.coinspub.com

Dec. 31: Full Circle, 9:30 p.m. to 1

a.m.

THE COVE AT OCEAN PINES YACHT **CLUB**

1 Mumford's Landing Road Ocean Pines 410-641-7501 www.oceanpines.org Dec. 26: Kevin Poole, 6-10 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay Ocean City 410-524-5500 www.fagers.com Dec. 25: DJ Hook, 9 p.m.

Dec. 26: DJ RobCee, 9:30 p.m. Dec. 27: Everett Spells, brunch

Dec. 28: Bryan Clark

Dec. 31: Everett Spells, 6 p.m.; DJ Groove, 9 p.m.; The Loop, 10 p.m.

HARBORSIDE BAR & GRILL

12841 S. Harbor Road West Ocean City 410-213-1846 www.ocharborside.com Dec. 26: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.

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Dec. 27: Opposite Directions, 2-6

p.m.; DJ Billy T, 7 p.m.

Dec. 31: Opposite Directions, 6 p.m.; NYE Party w/DJ Billy T, 9 p.m.

HARPOON HANNA'S

Route 54 and the bay Fenwick Island, Del. 800-227-0525 302-539-3095

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Rt. 50 & Keyser Point Road West Ocean City 410-213-1841 www.hootersofoc.com Dec. 26: DJ BK, 8 p.m.

JOHNNY'S PIZZA & PUB

56th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-524-7499 www.johnnyspizzapub.com Dec. 31: Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboys

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In the Horizons Restaurant In the Clarion Fontainebleau Hotel 101st Street and the ocean Ocean City 410-524-3535

www.clarionoc.com Dec. 26: First Class, 9:30 p.m. to 2

Dec. 31: Power Play and First Class

SEACRETS

Ocean City 410-524-4900 www.seacrets.com Dec. 26: Power Play, 5-9 p.m.; Big Bang Baby, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

49th Street and the bay

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Bash w/ Jon Maurer Band, 9 Mile Roots, Garden State Radio, The JJ Rupp and Full Circle, 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

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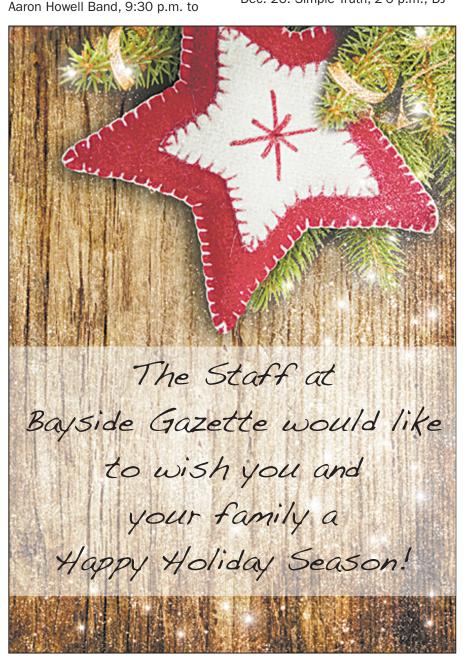
66th Street, bayside Ocean City 410-723-6762 www.skyebaroc.com Dec. 31: High Five Swan Drive

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410-641-7667 A special thank you to Marlene Ott. Associate Shamrock Realty Group for donating the tickets and program. We thank you from our hearts.

11070 Cathell Road, Suite 17 Pines Plaza, Ocean Pines 443-365-2576

Dec. 27: TBA, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.





State releases Nov. casino revenue

Maryland Lottery and Gaming totals reach \$89 million for month

(Dec. 24, 2015) Maryland Lottery and Gaming recently announced November 2015 revenue numbers for the state's five casinos – Casino at Ocean Downs in Worcester County, Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore in Baltimore City, Maryland Live Casino in Anne Arundel County, and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County.

November's combined statewide revenue totaled \$89,745,460.

Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$3,856,256 from slot machines in November, and its gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$160.47. Casino at Ocean Downs' November 2015 revenue increased by \$519,933, or 15.6 percent, from November 2014.

The Casino at Ocean Downs operates 800 slot machines, and does not have table games.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$6,062,414 from both slot machines and table games in November. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$196.43 for slot machines, \$2,668.47 for banking table games and \$304.79 for nonbanking table games.

Hollywood Casino's November 2015 revenue decreased by \$100,511, or 1.6 percent, from November 2014. Hollywood Casino Perryville operates 850 slot machines and 22 (12 banking and 10 nonbanking) table games.

Horseshoe Casino Baltimore generated \$24,585,579 from both slot machines and table games in November. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$200.17 for slot machines, \$2,317.96 for banking table games and \$867.64 for nonbanking table games.

Horseshoe Casino's November 2015 revenue increased by \$1,214,528, or 5.2 percent, from November 2014. Horseshoe Casino Baltimore operates 2,200 slot machines and 179 (154 banking and 25 nonbanking) table games.

Maryland Live Casino generated \$51,655,253 from both slot machines and table games in No-

vember. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$285.09 for slot machines, \$3,340.97 for banking table games and \$1,294.83 for nonbanking table games.

Maryland Live's November 2015 revenue decreased by \$2,124,102, or 4 percent, from November 2014. Maryland Live Casino operates 3,994 slot machines and 206 (154 banking and 52 nonbanking) table games.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort generated \$3,585,959 from both slot machines and table games in November. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$160.68 for slot machines, \$1,099.18 for banking table games, and \$193.32 for nonbanking table games.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort's November 2015 revenue increased by \$64,748, or 1.8 percent, from November 2014. Rocky Gap Casino Resort operates 631 slot machines and 18 table games (16 banking and 2 nonbanking).

In a year-to-year comparison, November 2015 casino revenue decreased from November 2014 by \$425,404, or .47 percent.

Raffle tickets to support WCCW scholarship prgm

(Dec. 24, 2015) The Worcester County Commission for Women has kicked off a new initiative called "Empowering Women Scholarship."

This scholarship will be awarded in May 2016 to two Worcester County women to further their education.

In an effort to raise funds to support this scholarship program, the Friends of the Women's Commission are selling 100 raffle tickets at \$25 for a chance to win cash and gas cards.

Every month between January and June 2016, two tickets will be drawn. The first-prize winner will receive \$50 in cash and the second prize will be a \$25 gas card.

Both winning tickets will be placed back in the hat for another chance to win. Participants can win as many times as their ticket is drawn.

On June 21, 2016 during the Worcester County Commission for Women meeting, the final two tickets will be drawn. The first prize will be \$300 in cash and second prize a \$50 gas card.

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Nancy Fortney at 410-726-0169 or Michelle Bankert 410-213-1162.





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DAR NEW MEMBERS

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently welcomed three of its four newest members during a luncheon meeting at the Atlantic Hotel. Regent Barbara May and Chaplain Ann Fowler administered the oath of membership to Janet Simpson, Carole Kreuger and Gail Weldin. Amy Oneal-Self was unable to attend and will take her oath of membership at a future meeting. Pictured, from left, are May, Fowler, Simpson, Kreuger and Weldin. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. For more information, visit www.dar.org.



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MOBILE SCIENCE LAB

Rebecca Johnson's third graders, Koen Watts and Charlie Pearce, investigate glue in the Food, Fiber, and You mobile science lab at Showell Elementary. The mobile science lab, purchased by the PTA, visits Showell annually.



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RETIREMENT

Mail carrier Don Chelton, pictured with Postmaster Terri McWilliams, recently retired from the Ocean Pines post office. During his 26-year career as a mail carrier he has served Berlin, Whaleyville and Crisfield. Every year on Mother's Day he would bring in a vase of flowers for all the moms. He was often quoted saying, "Everyday should be Mother's Day and Veteran's Day." His new quote as of now is "Life is good but retirement is better."



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STUDENTS ATTEND COLUMBIA

Stephen Decatur High School newspaper students attended the 76th annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association fall conference held at Columbia University in New York City in early November. The conference participants learned techniques and strategies in news reporting, broadcast journalism and publishing. Pictured, in back, are Tifanee Mask, teacher Ellen Masters, newspaper adviser Brittany Tracy, Rebecca Evans, Tyler VanSice and Emily Cook, and in front, Allie Hastings, Elizabeth Masters, Caroline Hammond and Serena Wisner.



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TOURNAMENT WINNERS

First-place winner of the Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club 2015 miniature golf tournament was Team "RTO" sponsored by Taylor Bank. Pictured, from left, are Stacy Schaffer, Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club Treasurer Margaret Mudron, Atif Gaddis and Corey Walsh. Proceeds of this fundraising event provide scholarships to local students. The Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 15th Street and the Boardwalk.



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WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Mike Johnson's third grade writers are focused on great narratives. Showell Elementary's Jayda Taylor and Claire Cutlip examine their efforts during a Writer's Workshop Celebration.

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FOOTWORKS ASSEMBLY

As part of Maryland's Young Audiences Arts for Learning Program, Worcester Prep's Lower School was treated to an interactive assembly by the Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble on Nov. 19. Footworks is a professional touring company that has entertained audiences throughout the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Japan, since 1979. Its repertoire is an array of dances including step, African Boot dancing, Irish Step, hamboning and hoofing, which are all performed to live acoustic music. Pictured are Worcester Prep's Lower School students, Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, interacting with entertainers from the group.



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DAR HONORS VETERAN

The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored Vietnam War veteran Sgt. Frank Bolen, USMC, during a recent luncheon meeting at the Atlantic Hotel. Several chapter members had volunteered with Sgt. Bolen last spring at the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial and invited him to be the chapter's National Defense program speaker in November. Regent Barbara Greene May presented him with a DAR certificate recognizing his service during the Vietnam War, a Vietnam veteran lapel pin and copy of the presidential proclamation for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Pictured, from left, are May, Liz Bolen and Sgt. Bolen. The General Levin Winder Chapter is a Commemorative Partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration authorized by the U.S. Congress to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. More information on this program can be found at www.vietnamwar50th.com.



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GUEST SPEAKER

The Democratic Women's Club meeting on Oct. 19 featured Worcester County Commissioner Diane Purnell speaking about the importance of education, women's issues and involvement in family life and politics along with personal anecdotes about her own life. Pictured, from left, are Doris Fields, Joan Roche, Purnell, Democratic Women's Club President Judy Butler and Wicomico Democratic Club member Sarah Meyers. The next Democratic Women's Club (DWC) general meeting is Monday, Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center. For information, contact Butler at judybutler12@mediacombb.net.



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HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

Stephen Decatur High School held its ninth annual National English Honor Society Induction ceremony on Sept. 22 where 13 new members were inducted. Recently inducted, from left in back, are Frannie Wheeler, Katie Withers, Will Rothermel, Scott Devenny, Amber Lee Oertel and Kaitlyn Custer, and in front, Alex Buchheim, Elizabeth Masters, Emma Hancock, Paige McWilliam, Yi-Na Dong and Rebecca Evans. Not pictured is Rachel Thomas.



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KIWANIS DONATION

Annually, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City donates \$500 to five local schools to supplement the school's budget. Check presentations were made recently by Immediate Past-President Carolyn Dryzga as part of her presidential year 2014-2015. Dryzga, left, presents a check to Ocean City Elementary Principal Dawn Rogers.

PUZZLES

REBRANDING

BY PETER WENTZ / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS

- 1 Chipped beef go-with
- 6 Plugged in
- 11 Subjects of frequent updates
- 15 Tennis's Wawrinka, winner of the 2015 French Open
- 19 Wet spot
- 20 Sophomore's choice
- 21 "Language of the unheard," per Martin Luther King Jr.
- 22 "Duh, I get it"
- 23 "Corrected" slogan for a tech company?
- 26 Matriarch of six of the 12 Tribes of
- 27 Bounce
- 28 Regarding
- 29 Keeper of the flame?
- 30 Majority of Saudi Arabians
- 31 Kind of tone
- 33 "Corrected" slogan for an officesupply chain?
- 37 Anna Karenina's lover
- 39 Deer hunter's prize
- 40 Skaters' leaps
- 41 Who might say, "I'm I.M.
- 42 Rating for many HBO shows
- 44 Early co-host of "The View'

Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 4,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year).

- 49 "Corrected" slogan for a fast-food franchise?
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- 87 Shows promise
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- 91 "When in tell the truth": Mark Twain
- 93 Second
- 95 Took, as a test
- 97 "Corrected" slogan for a frozen breakfast food?
- 102 Aunt in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
- 103 Reflective writing

- 104 Certification for eco-friendly buildings, for short
- 105 "Funny bumping into you here'
- 107 "Unfortunately ...
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- 111 "Corrected" slogan for a dairy product?
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- 118 "Duck Dynasty"
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- 3 "From my perspective
- 4 Possible black market cause
- 5 "Naughty!"
- 6 Buggy people?
- 7 Drift
- 8 Driver who won the Indy 500, Daytona 500 and Le Mans
- 9 European deer
- 10 Get things wrong
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- 12 Bit of marketing 13 Oktoberfest dance
- 14 It's a mess
- 15 Signs of respect
- 16 Hurricanes' grp. 17 Yoga poses

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 - 32 "Acoustic guitar" or "terrestrial radio"
 - 34 "Hey, relax!"
 - 35 ____ Pepper
 - 36 Hudgens of "High School Musical'
 - 37 Big lug
 - 38 Shepherd's workplace
 - 39 Pioneering stand-up comedian
 - 43 El Paso setting: Abbr.
 - 45 Admission of 1959
 - 46 Josh
 - 47 Gibes
 - 48 Figures in bedtime stories
 - 50 Nordic wonders
 - 51 Charge
 - 53 "Romeo Must Die" star, 2000
 - 54 Approach evening
 - 55 Missouri River natives
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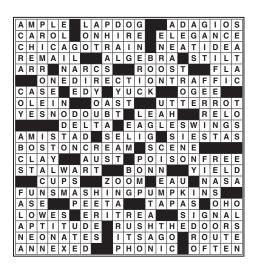
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Answers to last week's puzzles



CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Pork: your New Year's Day picker-upper

Reprinted from Dec. 26, 2013

Time marches on and the present is no different from any other in terms of paltry



By Paul Suplee. CEC PCIII

temporal matters. We are once

again fortunate enough to be ringing in a new year and in a couple days someone out there will have a monstrous hangover as a result of their

personal neglect.

No amount of Alka Seltzer or hair of the dog will quell the headaches, the shaky legs and grumbling stomach; it is up to the cook - the culinary alchemist - to settle the illness on day one of the year to come.

Of course, the easiest way to avoid a hangover is to not drink at all, but I quit the Temperance Union decades ago, hence I don't even own my soapbox anymore. They recalled it.

Suffice it to say that today's dish will make do for anyone who likes pork, but as luck would have it, this traditional Pennsylvania Dutch New Year's supper also happens to be a great picker-upper for the partygoer, and it works great if you decide to have an early dinner. After all, wouldn't it make more sense to beat this thing while you can and enjoy the rest of your day?

A simple pork roast with a twist rotkraut ("red kraut") - will do things nicely, and with a few vegetables thrown in for good measure, your body will thank you as you take a more holistic approach to fixing yourself.

Of course some of you will still have the energy drinks, Mimosas and Bloody Mary's but that is to be expected. 'By any means necessary' I believe the saying goes.

In making this dish, I like to add bacon or salt pork to improve the flavor and increase the salt levels. Choose whichever one works for you and play around. After all, this is your year to grow in all areas, including cooking and feeding your

The basis of rotkraut is stewed red cabbage, apples, caraway seed, vinegar, and salt.

The sweet and sour play with the richness of the roasted pork and your beautiful pan sauce or gravy. Simply adding some mashed potato, cauliflower puree or garlic greens elevates this dinner to mere perfection.



I am a sucker for comfort food, especially on a day when people need comforting.

And given the timing of this recipe, I hope that you will run to the store and get what you need to make a full and robust meal to cheer in a new twelve months of discovery, play, work and relaxation.

Well, I guess half of them isn't bad. But we should all take time to play and relax a bit; spend time with our children, our friends and family. Help out our neighbors and work our way through this little thing we call life. Time flies, doesn't it?

The next time that I write an article it will be to kick off my 10th season of sarcasm, sushi, food science and tales of food and kitchen woes. Has it really been that long? Has this journey come full circle, or am I just getting started?

Have a very happy New Year and many wishes and successes to every-

Roasted Pork

2 pounds pork loin, trussed salt & pepper, as needed 1/4 cup clarified butter 4 pieces of bacon, cut into small strips 6 cloves garlic, mashed 1/2 white onion, julienne 2 shallots, minced 1 carrot, minced

1 tsp. tomato paste

1 stick celery, minced

1 bay leaf

1 cup white wine 1 cups chicken stock

Heat an ovenproof pan large enough to roast the pork and add the clarified butter

Season the trussed loin with salt and pepper, liberally, and then sear on high heat on all sides until the roast is browned

Remove the roast and add the bacon, cooking until crispy and fat has rendered out

Add garlic, onion, celery, bay leaf, tomato paste and shallot Cook for 3 minutes and then add

the pork loin on top Add wine and stock and place in

oven uncovered

Cook at 350 until the internal temperature reaches 145F

Remove and cover with foil for at least fifteen minutes to rest

Strain the sauce and make a pan sauce or gravy

Serve with pickled vegetables, cauliflower puree, garlic greens and mashed potatoes. Hangover is as good as gone!

Rotkraut and Vegetables

Makes 2 pounds, for 6 people 1 head red cabbage 3 cups Snow peas

bell peppers, optional, large chunks clarified butter garlic, to taste 2 shallots 3 cups chicken stock caraway seed, to taste 3 strips bacon, minced 1 Granny Smith apple, diced 1 1-inch slice ginger, minced pinch nutmeg Red wine vinegar, to taste

sugar, to taste

Cut the cabbage into large chunks Bring a pot of salted water to a boil Blanch the cabbage and the snow peas for 3 minutes (this part is very important if you are using red cabbage as it will keep your kraut from

turning pink Drain and heat a pan large enough for all ingredients

Heat the clarified butter and add the vegetables, garlic, shallot, apple and ginger

Cook for 4 minutes and add remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer

Cook until vegetables are tender and the acidity has nicely saturated

Adjust seasoning and serve.

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

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CALENDAR

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

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP — St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Carols, candle-lighting and Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome. Info: www.stpetersoc.com.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERV-

ICE - First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., 7 p.m. Info: Pastor Jeffrey Howard, 410-289-9340.

SAT. Dec. 26

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES WITH SANTA —

On the Ocean City Boardwalk, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 5-27. Take a ride with Santa in his big, red sleigh. Cost is \$10 for adults and free to kids 3 and younger. Reservations: Randy Davis, 443-783-1409.

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

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

FARMERS MARKET — White Horse Park,

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

SUN. Dec. 27

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a com-

pulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

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

MON. Dec. 28

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING -

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

WINTER SOCCER CAMP — Northside Park Recreation Complex, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, Dec. 28-30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 6-16 years. All campers receive a soccer ball, T-shirt and plenty of giveaways. They will also receive a 4x6 photo with their coaches, a certificate of completion and a pizza party. Cost is \$70 for Ocean City residents and \$81 for non-residents. Register: www.oceancitymd.gov or stop by Northside Park. Info: Lynda Brittingham, 410-250-0125.

SOCIAL 1 1/2 – Bethany United Methodist Church, 8648 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. Christian social club for those 50 and older are welcome to enjoy games, activities, bike rides, prayer and friendship. Info: 410-641-2136 or Bethany21811@gmail.com.

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

TUES. Dec. 29

STORY TIME — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: 410-641-0650.

EARLY STEM STORIES & ACTIVITIES —

Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, activities and crafts that introduce children, 3 and older, to science, technology, engineering and math. Info: 410-957-0878.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING -

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

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

WED. Dec. 30

STORY TIME — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. Info: www.worcesterlibrary.org.

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

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



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MBS FOOD DRIVE

In lieu of a Thanksgiving feast, the kindergarten and first and second grade students at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School held a food drive to benefit a local food pantry sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization providing help to people in need. Pictured, standing, from left, are Victoria Campos, Laila Pascucci, Max Carpenter, Alexis Rupple, Christian Hill and Grace Deale, and seated, Carly Culver, Nathaniel Hallman, William Hand and Kate Wanner.

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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 or www.kiwanisofopoc.org.

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

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

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

THURS. Dec. 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS — Northside Park, 200 125th St. in Ocean City, midnight. Fireworks accompanied by live entertainment, hot chocolate and an opportunity to ride through the Winterfest of Lights. The Winterfest Express hours will be extended to midnight. Info: 410-250-0125.

ONGOING EVENTS

WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS — More than one million holiday lights throughout Ocean City, Nov. 19 through Jan 3, 2016. The heated Winterfest Village Pavilion at Northside Park, 200 125th St., features hot chocolate, the Yukon Cornelius gift shop, photos with Santa and the Winterfest Express. Tour the hundreds of animated, lighted displays. Cost is \$5 for adults, children 12 and younger ride free. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Info: 800-626-2326, 410-250-0125 or www.ococean.com.

ONE-ON-ONE E-READER INSPIRATION — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., during

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., during December. Schedule an individual tutorial: 410-641-0650.

WSW SUPPORT GROUP — OC Office, 12216 Ocean Gateway, Unit 1500, West Ocean City, 1 p.m., third Wednesday of each month. Info: Mary Henderson, 410-213-1177.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES — Temple Bat Yam, 11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. A reform Jewish Synagogue. Info: 410-641-4311.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT & ADVOCACY GROUP — St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, noon to 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. Info: 410-524-7474.

WORCESTER COUNTY PARKINSON'S SUP-

PORT GROUP — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, second Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m. Speakers, exercise, discussions and more. Info: 410-208-3132.

STAR CHARITIES MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m., on the first Friday of each month. Meeting of volunteers. Info: Anna Foultz, 410-641-7667.

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 every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring the latest creations by members of the Pine'eer Craft Club.

AARP – Ocean City AARP 1917 meets the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ocean City Senior Center, 104 41st St., Ocean City. Social begins at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Info: aarp1917.org.

NAACP MEETINGS — NAACP meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome. Info: 443-944-6701.

SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP -

Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Also held at the Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-726-3090 or www.choosetolivemaryland.org.

COMPUTER AND E-READER INSTRUCTION

- Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway. Staff offers individual computer or E-Reader instruction by appointment: 410-524-1818.

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.

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.

THE SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP -

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

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OCVFC LADIES AUXILIARY — The group

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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.

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SOCIAL CLUB – Luncheon meeting, third Tuesday, 1

Luncheon meeting, third Tuesday, 1 p.m., Ocean Pines. Info: 410-208-1398.

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.





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WPS BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Worcester Prep Lower School (Pre-kindergarten through fifth grade) celebrated "Book Character Day" on Nov. 13. To encourage a love of reading, teachers and students dressed as their favorite book characters for the day. In addition to elaborate costumes, each homeroom participated in a "Decorate Your Door Contest" following the theme, "Carnival of Books." WPS fourth grader Vanesska Hall, left, dresses up as the white rabbit from her favorite book, "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll, and pre-kindergartener Caroline Burbage goes as Camilla Cream from her favorite book, "A Bad Case of Stripes" by David Shannon.

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