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"Cascading Carlos" Mir holds a copy of his Guinness World Record certificate for highest diabolo throw, achieved in 2015 over the highest floor of the Holiday Inn on 66th Street in Ocean City. After a lengthy process, he received official word the record was confirmed earlier this month.

Guinness confirms record for juggler Cascading Carlos

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) "Cascading Carlos" Mir recently added another hyphenate to his long list as a performer and entertainer – Guinness World Record holder.

On Nov. 7, Mir received an email confirming that his diabolo throw of 78 feet 5 inches at the Holiday Inn on 66th Street in Ocean City more than two years ago is a world record.

The previous record for the diabolo, a Chinese yoyo, was 65 feet.

Mir, who turns 53 in December, learned to juggle at age 10 and has been a popular performer in the area for two decades. His act combines comedy, illusions and motivational speech as he juggles rhythm sticks, diabolo, fire diabolo and fire torches.

He said fans encouraged him to pursue the world record after seeing his act at the Holiday Inn, where he performs on the tennis courts just outside of the eight-story building.

"I kept throwing [the diabolo] up and they kept saying, what's the world record?" Mir said. "For the last seven years during the summer, I've been there, twice every Thursday and Sunday at 10 in the morning."

He looked up the record in 2015 and realized he was breaking the world

record by about 10 feet every week.

Mir began what turned out to be a two-and-a-half-year-long process of documenting his throw and submitting his evidence to Guinness.

"I had to have video of the attempt and I had to have eyewitnesses write a letter saying they saw the throw," he said. "I got two people to be the witnesses and I had a camera operator on the sixth floor and my wife was on the ground floor."

He initially submitted a video that was edited to show a smooth throw, but then discovered that Guinness requires raw footage to confirm a new standard.

The initial application also included original architectural drawings to show the height of the building as a reference point, but Mir learned that was not certifiable and had to get a videographer to record a survey of the building.

"I had to have two eyewitnesses to make sure that he did it, and I had to have the surveyor give a certified witness letter and all his credentials to make sure he was certified," Mir said. "In the process, there were mistakes that I made, many times."

Finally, he received an email saying the new record was approved. About a week later, the official certificate came in the mail.

It reads, "The highest diabolo throw is 23.92 m (78 ft., 5 in.), and was achieved by Carlos Mir aka Cascading Carlos (USA) in Ocean City, Maryland, USA, on 9 July 2015."

"My feeling was of joy and of excitement," he said. "For two and a half years

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Four first readings in final OPA meeting of '17

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) Four first readings of proposed amendments to the Ocean Pines Association resolutions will be on the agenda during a rare board of directors meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Assateague Room of the community center on 235 Ocean Parkway.

Board President Doug Parks said



Doug Parks

meetings, and B-01 governing how res-

Monday the directors would consider changes to M-06 related to the elections committee, C-07 defining the function of the comprehensive planning committee, B-04 related to agenda development for board

solutions are amended, adopted and stored.

Parks said the change to B-04 is a housekeeping item that will change the wording on agendas from "old business" to "unfinished business" in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Likely the most controversial of the four proposed amendments is M-06, which would require the announcement of vote totals immediately after they are

counted, instead of during the annual meeting on the following day. An effort to do that was defeated during a session of the previous board in April.

"I see everybody's different perspective," Parks said. "From a practicality perspective, if you announce the results right after the election, then it allows for the recount process if a recount is requested. Right now, I know of no written

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Lawsuit against BFC will continue

Motion to dismiss denied
by U.S. District Court judge;
plaintiff alleges harassment

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) U.S. District Court Judge Ellen Lipton Hollander last week denied a motion to dismiss the federal lawsuit that accuses the Berlin Fire Company of engaging in discrimination and intentionally inflicting emotional distress on one of its members.

The suit by Jeffrey James Dean, a paramedic who no longer works with the company, said he “witnessed innumerable racial, sexual and other insults made by senior fire company officials.” These include then chief, Byron Trimble and Assistant Chief Derrick Simpson, President David Fitzgerald and EMS Supervisor, Norris Phillip Donohue Sr.

The complaint said Dean witnessed the harassment of Zackery Tyndall, who settled his own lawsuit against the Berlin Fire Company in 2015. Tyndall, who since then has become a member of the Town Council had requested \$2 million in compensatory damages and \$6 million in punitive damages. Details of the settlement were kept private.

Dean was notified of his right to sue by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Feb. 23, but did not file until Sept. 12, in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, more than 200 days later. The window for initiating litigation was within 90 days of notification, according to court filings.

Jo Anna Schmidt of Baltimore law firm Schmidt, Dailey & O'Neill filed the motion on Oct. 19 to dismiss on grounds that Dean submitted his Title VII civil rights suit too late.

However, Hollander, in a letter dated Nov. 20, wrote that Dean “acknowledges that the ‘initial Complaint in this matter was filed more than 90 days after the receipt by Plaintiff of his right to sue letter’” but that Dean “argues that his belated response was ‘due to reliance upon the representations and conduct of Defendant through its counsel.’”

Dean filed an amended complaint against the fire company on Nov. 17, which Hollander wrote was permissible under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, “once as a matter of course.”

Hollander cited an earlier court decision stating, “As a general rule, an amended pleading ordinarily supersedes the original and renders it of no legal effect.”

“Because the Motion is directed to a complaint that has been superseded, I shall deny the Motion ... as moot,” Holland wrote.

The amended complaint included a letter sent Aug. 2, 2016 from Dean’s attorney, James L. Otway, to Schmidt and attorney Danielle Marone. The letter discussed the similarities between the latest suit and one filed by Tyndall.

In the letter, Otway wrote, “In my brief discussion with Danielle, she indicated that you view this case in a different light than that of Mr. Tyndall and I believe that factually you are correct in doing so, at least as to the acts of the Department which were directed solely towards Mr. Tyndall. However,

the claims of both are inextricably intertwined from start to finish.”

According to Otway, Dean accompanied Tyndall to Berlin Town Hall to attest to Tyndall’s complaints of harassment, and Dean and Tyndall “received the same disciplinary write-ups from the Department.”

Tyndall was later directed to report to the fire department for a meeting and was terminated, and Dean was told to report to Talbot County EMS for “remedial training” which was merely a precursor to his termination,” Otway wrote.

“In the end, each was fired; each lost not only their wages but also their bonuses, cola [cost of living adjustment], merit and longevity raises, retirement contributions and associated principal growth ... each had substantial physical and psychological injury.

“As you know, it is our contention that these actions were taken in retaliation for Mr. Dean’s support of Mr. Tyndall and the acts against Mr. Dean were done intentionally and with the specific intent to cause harm to him,” Otway wrote.

The letter concluded that a settlement of \$875,000 would be accepted. The amended complaint, filed nearly a year later, asks for “all wages, benefits, and compensation lost due to the illegal conduct, including back pay, front pay, damages for emotional distress, and punitive damages, all in an amount to be determined by the jury by believed to exceed \$500,000.”

The amended complaint included additional letters between the attorneys dated Nov. 28, 2016, and March 7, July 20 and Sept. 13 of this year.



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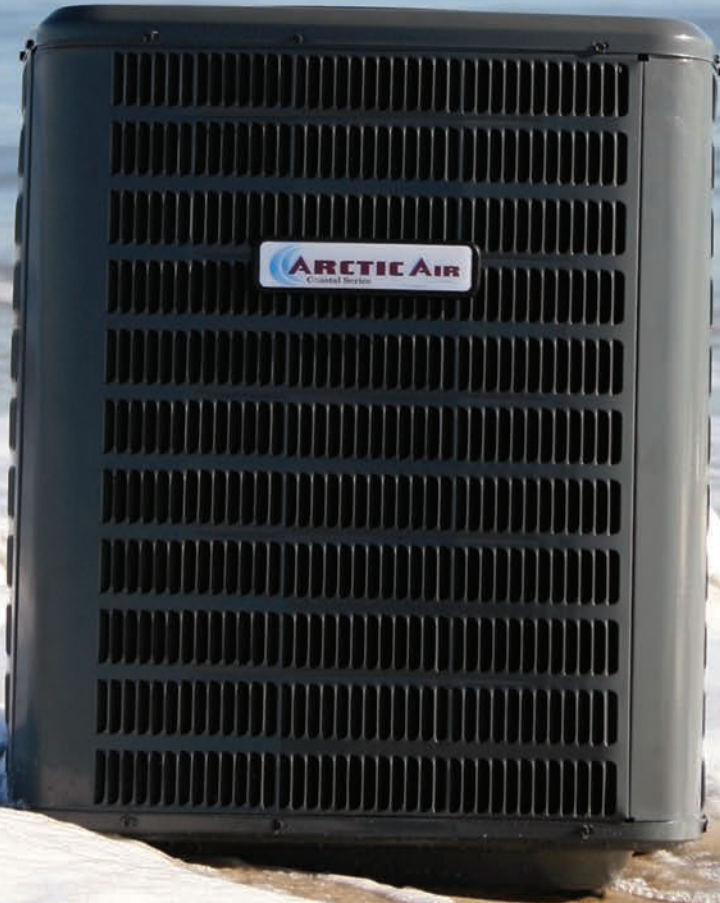
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Snow Hill parts ways with author Dr. Clara Small

Former professor was to pen local history volume

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 30, 2017) Snow Hill has terminated a two-year-old contract with retired Salisbury University professor Dr. Clara Small to author a volume on the history of cultural dynamics in the region.

Mayor Charlie Dorman said after extensive discussions with the town council the decision was made to end



Dr. Clara Small

the arrangement because of a perceived lack of progress.

“We have spoken with Dr. Small and are no longer collaborating with her,” he said.

Prior to retiring in 2013, Small spent four decades teaching African-American History at Salisbury University, as well as authoring several books delving into the history of ethnic groups on the Eastern Shore.

Dorman said the town requested a partial refund of the money it paid Small when the project was initially launched.

“We’ve asked her to give us what she’s got done and estimate the cost for what she’s worked on,” he said.

Since the project was proposed several years ago, Dorman said residents have regularly inquired about the status of Small’s work.

“We’re disappointed with the progress over the last two years and we’re looking at other options,” he said.

Dorman said despite ending the deal with Small, the town intends to continue pursuing the literary endeavor.

“We will keep the community updated,” he said. “The project is not dead, that’s for sure.”

Small did not return calls for comment as of press time.



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CHRISTMAS MARCH

The Salisbury Middle School band performs during Monday night’s Christmas parade in Pocomoke City. The band won first place for middle schools for the performance and was awarded \$100 and a trophy.

Mallards to fly into Pocomoke City

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 30, 2017) Dining options in Pocomoke expand on Tuesday when Mallards on the River begins serving lunch and dinner in the recently shuttered Riverside Grill location at 2 River Street.

In October the Mayor and Council selected John “Johnny Mo” Morrison, who operates Mallards at the Wharf in Onancock, Virginia, to revive operations at the 3,000 square-foot restaurant.

In September, Riverside Grill owner Mark Reeves announced his intention to close after five years.

City Manager Bobby Cowger said Morrison took barely one month to put a new imprint on the food establishment.

“They were trying for Dec. 1, but a few things slowed him up just a little bit,” he said.

Following the Pocomoke Christmas Parade on Monday, Cowger said town officials were among a few dozen people invited for a cocktail party to sample fare and preview the new dining concept.

“The Mayor and Council were excited with what they saw last night,” he said.

In addition to new signage and fresh paint, Cowger said Morrison installed original artwork to revitalize the décor.

“He’s got it really nice inside,” Cowger said.

Morrison said Mallards on the River would open for lunch at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. The restaurant will be open six days a week, from Tuesday until Sunday, with operations expanding to include Monday in the spring.

“We’re taking private parties now and will have catering available in the near future,” he said.

Although Mallards will open next week, Morrison said because of the minimal changeover time the new location would continue to improve operations. An official grand opening celebration has yet to be scheduled.

For more information, visit www.mallardsllc.com

Mayor Morrison hospitalized

(Nov. 30, 2017) Pocomoke Mayor Bruce Morrison underwent emergency surgery for a brain aneurysm on Wednesday after reportedly losing consciousness earlier that day.

Town officials said Morrison was rushed from his home by ambulance to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury at about 2:30 a.m.

Doctors at the hospital diagnosed Morrison with a brain aneurysm and attempted to have him helicoptered over to Baltimore for treatment, but



Bruce Morrison

heavy fog stymied the effort, town officials said.

At about 6:30 a.m., town officials said the decision was made to move the mayor by ambulance to Christiana Hospital in Newark, Delaware.

No further updates on the mayor’s condition were available Wednesday morning.

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Oasis pool not on agenda, but Parks praises committee

■ FOUR continued method [for a recount].

"If the chance is greater than zero, then we have to account for it," he added. "I would want to make sure that when the governing documents allow for a recount process that we have it documented, and that it's understood [and] it can be referenced. That way there's no questionable behavior."

On the other hand, Parks said he understood concerns that announcing the results early would stifle turnout during the annual meeting.

"If you think that's the most important point, then so be it," he said. "Technically, in order for the annual meeting to be a recognized meeting, you have to have 100 people there – that's considered a quorum. If not, that doesn't validate the results of the election."

"The conventional thinking was [last April] let's just avoid that by all means and not announce the results until the annual meeting so we're sure that we get the 100 people that we need and it makes process clean," Parks continued. "I can see both arguments and I don't have a strong feeling one way or the other."

No amendments can be accepted during first readings, but can be considered during any subsequent open meeting.

Also on Thursday, Parks said General Manager John Bailey is expected to announce emergency bulkhead repairs had begun on 24 Mallard Drive, West.

Additional agenda topics include the annual report by the clubs committee, to be presented by Vice President Cheryl Jacobs, and a motion by Director Slobodan Trendic to address association deficits.

"I will say that you don't need a motion to provide guidance," Parks said of the latter motion.

Additionally, Avery Hall Insurance Vice President Kathy Bennett will give a presentation about association insurance, Parks said.

He did not expect discussion about the Oasis pool, but Parks said he appreciated the efforts of the Oasis Pool Working Group. The ad hoc committee submitted a letter of recommendations to the board last week.

"I applaud them for taking the initiative and vetting the process a little bit more," he said. "One, it validates the fact that the legal opinion was correct and there was no other recourse. It also showed there was a whole lot of passion there ... they took it upon themselves to get a number of different perspectives to see if there was anything else, rather than just throwing their arms up, and I applaud them. I think they did a service to the association by doing that."

"I think we should really move forward with the behavior aspects [of the pool]," he continued. "I think they're easy to identify and they're easy to manage when there's a set of rules of there."

Parks said the board meeting, the final one scheduled in 2017, was set on a Thursday evening in order to attract "some of the clientele that are permanent residents in Ocean Pines, but have full-time jobs and tend to be available later in the evening."

Traditionally, regular board meetings are scheduled for Friday and Saturday mornings.

No board meetings were scheduled during December. The board will meet next to discuss the 2018/2019 fiscal-year budget during a series of meetings set for Jan. 8-11.

An executive council meeting of advisory committee chairs was set for Monday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Tern Grille.

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Ocean Pines, county and state officials, and members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association cut the ribbon on two new platform tennis courts at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Center on Tuesday.

New platform tennis courts unveiled at Pines complex

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) Dozens of platform tennis players, Ocean Pines residents and well-wishers attended Tuesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new \$93,800 courts at the Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex.

The Ocean Pines Board of Directors approved the project at a July 28 meeting and awarded a construction contract to Ohio-based Total Platform Tennis.

Speakers on the unseasonably warm and sunny day included General Manager John Bailey, Aquatics and Recreation Director Colby Phillips, Marketing and Public Relations Director Denise Sawyer, former Director Dave Stevens and members of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association.

An advance press release touted the compound as the largest for racquet sports in Worcester County.

During his remarks, Bailey said the addition of two new platform tennis courts brought the total number at Manklin to four. The complex also includes eight pickleball courts and 10 tennis courts, he said.

"This addition ... enhances the claim that Ocean Pines is leading the way in community-based racquet sports on the Eastern Shore, and everywhere," he said.

Bailey said he played tennis in junior high and won a youth tournament as a 16-year-old.

"I remember summer nights playing under the lights, singles and doubles, sweating and having a great time. And I also remember the feeling of

being in the zone when I could've beaten anybody — McEnroe, Connors," he said with a laugh. "However, the knees are not what they used to be and neither is my weight. I'm a good southern guy that likes his biscuits and bread."

Platform tennis courts are about a third the size of normal tennis courts, making them more accessible.

"It's good to know that I and others have some options, platform tennis being one of them," Bailey said. "With the advent and growth of platform tennis, those of us who love racquet sports have another way to enjoy the game for a lifetime."

Jim Freeman, president of the Ocean Pines Platform Tennis Association, said the addition was proof Ocean Pines supports interests of all types.

"Ocean Pines is a large community and it's made up of individuals that have special interests," Freeman said. "Some of them are large, like swimming and golf, and some of them like platform tennis aren't so large. The one thing that we all have in common, however, is that these special interest groups are very, very important to us. Today, our board of directors and administrators have proved that they understand how important this is and that they are willing to go the extra mile to support us."

"If they promote platform tennis, a unique and very little-known sport, they will also support your special interest groups, and that we can be very happy about," he continued.

Freeman added he was proud the 100-plus tennis association members joined with the board and Ocean Pines administration to dedicate the courts "to all American veterans whose sacrifices large or small have made this day possible."

He said instructors were available for all Ocean Pines racquet sports, including free clinics and a 30-day free trial racquet sports membership.

The Manklin Meadows Racquet Sports Complex is based on 11443 Manklin Creek Road in Ocean Pines.

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Mir grateful for recognition, those who nurtured him

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I waited and I knew I did it, but hadn't gotten that certifiable acknowledgement. "Also, it kind of gives me that inspiration that, no matter how old you, you can still get goals for yourself to achieve," Mir continued. "I was basically 50 years old when I attempted that, and what was really neat was the date of the attempt was my mom's birthday. I was able to give that little accolade to my mom for all she did for me as a child. She read to me so much and she was always there, picking me up when I fell."
"I also want to say thanks to my wife Heather for all the support in the last 20 years in standing behind my passion and encouraging me to the best I can be," he added.

Mir said it was also a career highlight, sharing the spotlight with the 2006 Jefferson Award he received for volunteer contributions in the Delmarva region. "It's the same level of feeling – honor, excitement, credibility, validation," he said. "I don't consider myself the best juggler – there's thousands better than me. But maybe my passion is stronger and that can override my skill level."
Since last December, Mir has made a living off of his act, performing regularly at local libraries, during events in downtown Berlin and throughout Worcester County, and during the summer at weekly hotel residencies including the Holiday Inn and the Commander in Ocean City, the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Chincoteague Island, Virginia, and Bethany Beach Suites and Dewey Beach Marriott in Delaware.
"One thing I really love about juggling is it takes you out of the grind of the world of the day and it brings you into the moment," he said. "When you juggle you release all the stress, you release all the anxiety that you might have, and you give your brain a break."

"Anyone can juggle – it doesn't matter how old or how young, how heavy or how light," he continued. "I've worked with autistic kids and they're very successful at juggling. It doesn't matter where you are, it's just being shown how to do it, and once you learn how it's easier to practice and you don't get as frustrated."



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**Snow Hill's First Friday art
stroll to get yuletide charge**

By Greg Ellison
 Staff Writer

(Nov. 30, 2017) With Yuletide shopping in full swing, this month's Snow Hill Arts on the River First Friday provides an ideal opportunity to discover distinctive gift items from local merchants, all while soaking up holiday cheer, tomorrow from 5-8 p.m.

Snow Hill's annual Christmas Market, which returns to the old firehouse on 210 West Green Street, kicks off the gift-purchasing bonanza at noon. The market, a joint venture between the town and the Snow Hill Rotary Club, will be open until 8 p.m.

Sue Vincent, Rotary event chairperson, said an array of vendors would attend with diverse offerings, including jewelry, baked goods, antique toys, locally crafted artisan items, coins and candy.

"It's a good place to find unique gifts and start your Christmas shopping early," she said.

Because of a scheduling conflict last year the market was temporarily relocated, but is now returning to its traditional locale in the firehouse. Vincent said customers would support small business as well as fund the Rotary outreach, including local scholarships.

Vincent also said shoppers would find tempting holiday foods, including Amish friendship bread.

"The event will feature an array of fresh baked-goods to enliven your holiday palate," she said.

The Lower Shore Land Trust, 100 River Street, will hold a greens sale and feature author Joan Maloof, signing copies of her recently published volume "The Living Forest."

Kate Patton, Lower Shore executive director, said the organization would expand its presence beyond the River Street office during First Friday.

"We're going to be doing double duty," she said. "We're going to have a little table at the fire station to highlight our activities."

Patton described "The Living Forest" as a gorgeous, hardbound coffee-table book with photographs by Robert Llewellyn and lyrical essays by Maloof. To pre-order copies contact the Lower Shore at 443-234-5587.

Patton said patrons, last year, clamored for grab-and-go bundles of fresh greens.

"We'll have large bunches of fresh greens for decorating," she said. "Get them while supplies last."

In addition to Maloof's book, Patton said enthusiasts of environmentally focused literature would have numerous selections to peruse.

"We'll have copies of her book and some other great nature books," she said. "Plus, holiday cheer and tasty snacks."

The Snow Hill Elementary School PTA invites children to get a picture with Santa at the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, 2 River Street, from 5-8 p.m.

PTA members receive one free 4x6 photo, with extras costing \$5. Nonmembers can purchase shots for \$10 each or parents of Snow Hill Elementary students can join the PTA for \$7 and get one photo at no additional cost.

Drinks and desserts will be available for purchase with proceeds benefitting the PTA.

The Corrdry Company Crossing Model Railroad Club, which has built model train gardens since 1992, will transform the second floor of the Pocomoke River Canoe Company into a paradise for O-Gauge lovers.

For train enthusiasts not able to attend First Friday, the model railroad club will operate the train garden each Saturday and Sunday throughout December from 1-4 p.m. at the Pocomoke River Company.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine, on 202 West Green Street, will welcome its featured artist for December, Stan Sperlak, host a book signing by C.L. Marshall, hold a Studio Sweep Sale and provides tastings of wine from Italy.

Stan Sperlak, whose recent works concentrates on regional landscapes, began displaying professionally in 1998 and since 2005 has served on the Mid Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association board of directors.

C.L. Marshall will be signing copies of the just-published volume "Hunting & Fishing the Chesapeake: Unforgettable tales of Wing and Water."

The Daily Brew Coffeehouse, 213 Snow Hill Road, will have freshly made sugar cookies available for purchase, with sprinkles and icing provided so patrons can decorate their holiday treat.

If you need a haircut, Mirror Salon on 216 North Washington Street will offer half-off pricing for walk-in clients, as well as half-off gift certificates of \$50 or more.

Sassy Girl Boutique, on 114 West Green Street, will offer 25 percent off all remaining holiday décor, excluding candles and potpourri.

The Flower Shop, 218 North Washington Street, will knock 15 percent off prices on all holiday décor.

Stop by Jerry's Wood Craft, 112 West Green Street, for hot drinks, sweets and eye-popping treats. In addition to hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes, there will be a model train operating in the shop's front window.

Art and music blend at the Jim Adcock Studio in the John Blair House, 106 East Green Street, where patrons will find reduced prices on original works by Jim and his son John Adcock, all while being serenaded by Snow Hill's rock and roll ambassador Nick Haglich. In addition to contemporary and classic rock tunes, Haglich will also feature select cartoon themes and holiday gems.

The Harvest Moon Tavern, 208 West Green Street, will feature the acoustic rhythms and vocal harmonies of Opposite Directions from 7-10 p.m. As usual, reservations are strongly suggested.

The Blue Dog Café, on 300 North Washington Street, will have a patriotic celebration with a performance by WWI-Iunes and Todd Crosby, along with co-owner Gary Weber, performing from 7-10 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested.

First Friday sponsors include Arts on the River, Snow Hill's Arts & Entertainment District, the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the Town of Snow Hill.

Public comment on electric rate hike, Dec. 7

Delmarva Power seeking \$27 million increase to cover distribution costs

By Brian Gilliland
Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) To recover costs associated with providing electric-utility service to residents of Maryland, and to earn a fair return on investor-supplied capital, Delmarva Power petitioned the Public Service Commission in July to raise its rates in Worcester and other counties.

Part of that process is soliciting public comments on the proposed changes, with the closest venue being Salisbury University's Teacher Educa-

tion and Technology Center's Conway Hall room 153 on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

"In order to continue to meet its obligation to provide safe and adequate service, Delmarva Power must continuously replace and enhance the distribution system infrastructure. The costs in this case cover investments since the last base rate case, and planned spending on reliability in 2017," the company wrote in its 726-page application.

In 2016, the company reports it spent \$68.1 million on reliability upgrades to its distribution network, and planned to spend \$73.2 million this year.

Under the public utility article in Maryland code, Delmarva Power is entitled to a reasonable return on the fair value of the company's property devoted to electric delivery. Based on a test year ending in September 2017, the company is seeking a little more than \$27 million and a rate of return on equity of 10.1 percent. According to its application, the company is currently earning 6.18 percent through the current rate structure.

"The impact of the requested rate increase on the typical Standard Offer Service customer using 980 kilowatt-hours per month is \$2.78 per month. This equates to a 1.9 percent increase in total electric rates," the company's application reads.

Annually, this cost works out to about \$34 per year for residents of

Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent, Harford, Dorchester, Cecil and Caroline county Delmarva Power customers. The utility notes it serves 204,000 customers in the area.

Written comments may also be filed by Jan. 3, 2018. Comments should be addressed to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and reference case number 9455.

The utility was also directed by the public service commission to include notice of the meeting with its customers' most recent bill, and on social media platforms.



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Snow Hill holds Sturgis Park revamp meeting

DHCD grant would fund creation of master plan and improvement project

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 30, 2017) Snow Hill is looking to redevelop Sturgis Park and will hold a public meeting to solicit feedback on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Train Station on Belt Street.

Snow Hill Grant Administrator Ann Gibb said the town received an operating assistance grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to create a master plan and begin a multi-

year improvement project.

"The park belongs to the people of Snow Hill," she said. "We want to hear what they have to say and how they want to use it."

Snow Hill has contracted with Annapolis-based landscape architects Campion Hruby, which will unveil several development proposals during the meeting, next Tuesday.

"There will be a presentation, power point slideshow and a question-and-answer session," she said. "People will be able to make comments."

While ideas are still being bandied about, Gibb said adding an information center, as well as upgrading and relocating bathrooms, are of primary importance.

"We want to make it an attractive destination, so people will want to come there," she said.

The development proposals look to balance ecological attributes with community needs, with a new bus stop/train station and restaurant proposed for the park's eastern edge, while the west side would provide a passive setting with native plantings.

"We want to strengthen the connection between the park and the town," she said.

Gibb said another primary goal is incorporating nature play-areas for youth to highlight the scenery of the

Pocomoke River.

As envisioned in the proposals, Sturgis Park would provide open space to the river in perpetuity, while simultaneously protecting the watershed.

Following the public meeting, Gibb said town officials would continue to work with Campion Hruby to develop a project timeline, which should be completed by March 2018. After redevelopment proposals are finalized, Gibb said the town would seek additional funding to begin construction.

Although various concepts are already on the table, Gibb said the town still desires community input for ways to increase use of park facilities.

"If people have other ideas on what they'd like to see they should express them," she said.

For more information, call 410-632-2080. Because of the Sturgis Park meeting, the regularly scheduled Mayor and Council work session on Dec. 5 will not be held.



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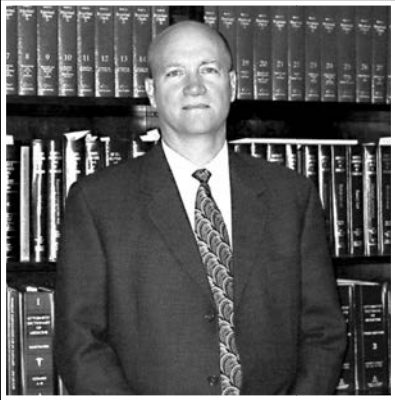


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STATE OF MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY FOR
ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RETAIL RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY
CASE NO. 9455
NOTICE OF EVENING HEARINGS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

On August 21, 2017, the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued Order No. 88348 in the above-captioned proceeding in which, among other things, it directed Delmarva Power and Light Company (“Delmarva”) to contact the Executive Secretary to establish the dates and locations for the evening public hearings to be conducted in this matter. Evening hearings for the purpose of receiving public comment in connection with Delmarva Power & Light Company’s application for adjustments to its Maryland retail rates for the distribution of electric energy are hereby scheduled as follows:

Monday, December 4, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
Chesapeake College
Wye Mills Campus, Economic Development Center, Room 27
1000 College Circle (Near Routes 50 and 213)
Wye Mills, Maryland 21679¹

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
The Kent County Public Library
408 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Thursday, December 7, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.
Being held at Salisbury University²
Teacher Education Technology Center/Conway Hall – Room 153
1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland 21801³

Written comments may also be filed by Wednesday, January 3, 2018. The comments shall be addressed to David J. Collins, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and should reference “Case No. 9455.” Delmarva is hereby directed to publish, once in each of the two (2) successive weeks prior to each hearing date, notice of each public hearing and the opportunity for public comment by a display advertisement in newspapers of general circulation in each county within the Delmarva service territory. In the display advertisement, Delmarva is directed to publish the case caption and case number in addition to the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing.

Proof of publication shall be filed with the Commission before the start of the evidentiary hearings. Additionally, Delmarva shall place on its home page a notice of the hearings, including the purpose of the hearings, in a manner that a customer need not click on a link to determine the date, time, location and purpose of the hearings.


Furthermore, Delmarva is directed to issue either a bill message or bill insert to its Maryland customers in their respective billing cycle that runs closest and prior to the hearing dates, announcing the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing. Finally, the Company is encouraged to utilize social media or other means of communication at its disposal to further notify its customers of the public evening hearings, as appropriate.

By Direction of the Commission,
David J. Collins Executive Secretary

¹For map of location, see the college’s website: <http://www.chesapeake.edu/about/campus-map>
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Tree lighting signals start of
Berlin’s 150th anniversary

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor
(Nov. 30, 2017) Mayor Gee Williams
threw the switch Saturday night on what
he called a “very special” town Christmas
tree, unofficially kicking off a yearlong
celebration.



Mayor Williams

“It’s going to be a very special year, here in America’s coolest small town,” Williams said during the tree lighting. “With deep appreciation for our past ... [and] with great hope and optimism for the future, let us together begin the celebration of the Town of Berlin’s 150th anniversary next year.”

Berlin incorporated as a town in 1868 and now is one of 157 municipalities in the state.

Williams said Monday that planning for the anniversary is still “at the beginning of the beginning.” Rather than have one specific event to highlight the sesqui-centennial, the anniversary would be commemorated during town-sponsored events throughout 2018, he said.

“I just find, that way, everybody gets to share in it and we don’t have to create another event just for this purpose,” he said. “We can do a variety of things for all the different residents and guests, and over the course of the year, hopefully

everyone has a chance to in some way enjoyably commemorate or experience our 150th anniversary.”

A lifelong Berliner, Williams said he is thrilled to be able to preside over the occasion as mayor.

“I hope that it helps everyone who lives here or enjoys visiting to appreciate and respect the past this town has had, and the fact this town has overcome many

‘The more people that get
involved in community
building, the better things get.’
Mayor Gee Williams

hurdles to get where it is today,” Williams said. “We also need to recognize there are more opportunities than there have ever been, and it’s up to what people want and are willing to do. It’s not all about town government – it takes everybody.

“The more people that get involved in community building, the better things get,” he continued. “From working with kids to recreation to entertainment to supporting arts and culture, it all depends on the participation and support of our town citizens, which right now I think is at a higher rate than it’s ever been.”

For a full list of town events, visit www.berlinmainstreet.com/events.

Community Briefs

Conference

Dec. 31, the price to attend the conference for non-members is \$120. Members pay \$95. The cost for students (must have valid ID) is \$55.

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The event, slated for Saturday, March 10, is for all who have been inspired to write a blog or poetry, research non-fiction, get cracking at that next novel or increase income with other forms of writing.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the requirement of COMAR 20.07.04.02B, Delmarva Power & Light Company (the “Company”) has, on November 16, 2017 made application to the Public Service Commission of the State of Maryland for authority to issue \$350 million of long-term secured and unsecured debt securities (“the Debt Securities”). Proceeds from the issuance of the Debt Securities will be used for the reimbursement of monies expended by the Company within five years before the filing of this application for (i) the acquisition of property; (ii) the construction, completion, extension and improvements of its facilities; and (iii) the discharge or lawful refunding of its obligations.

DELMARVA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

By: Donna J. Kinzel

Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Date: November 16, 2017

Pocomoke plans Christmas events throughout December

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 30, 2017) Christmas cheer will abound in Pocomoke throughout December, starting with the 7th annual Mayor’s Old Fashioned Christmas Evening on Friday from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Mayor Bruce Morrison, who started the tradition during his first year in office, described the event as a fun-filled night intended to draw people out of their houses.

“This is one time a year I’m able to give back to the citizens of Pocomoke,” he said.

Traditional holiday activities, such as horse-drawn carriage rides, are provided at no cost in the mini park and municipal parking lot on Clarke Avenue across from City Hall.

The night will become fully illuminated at 6 p.m. when Morrison lights the town’s Christmas tree while Frank Henry serenades the crowd with “The Spirit of Christmas.”

Live entertainment is scheduled throughout the evening, starting with the Salem United Methodist Church’s Salem Brass group. Also slated are performances by the All About Dance Academy, plus the Pocomoke Middle and High School choirs will fill the air with angelic sounds.

The Mar-Va Theater will stage a sneak preview of “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” which begins a weekend run at the theater on Dec. 8.

Children can delight in decorating tree ornaments and cookies. Santa’s House will open its doors for pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The pair will reopen their residence on Saturday Dec. 9 and 16 from 12-2 p.m. Parents can bring their own cameras to take pictures at no cost.

Family members can cozy up and warm their bones by a bonfire while roasting s’mores.

Sip and snack on free hot chocolate, hot cider, hot dogs, sweet treats and other items from community vendors.

Adults of legal drinking age can indulge in wine tastings from Layton’s Chance Winery and sample choice suds from Evolution Craft Brewing Co.

The evening also provides an opportunity to support area churches and nonprofits. While admission is free, vendors often request minimal donations to support their organizations.

The Samaritan Shelter will hold a food drive and attendees are encouraged to donate canned goods, nonperishable food items or paper products.

There will be a holiday wreath contest and silent auction to benefit the Mar-Va Theater. Place your bid on numerous wreaths decorated by Pocomoke residents and businesses.

The homemade chili cook-off starts at 6:30 p.m., with proceeds from cash donations supporting the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary. The public has until 7:30 p.m. to vote on samples from area residents and businesses.

Prizes for the holiday wreath contest and chili cook-off will be awarded onstage at 8 p.m. to the top three individuals and businesses in each competition.

Information and registration forms for both contests can be found online at www.downtownpocomoke.com.

The rest of December provides a wealth of holiday activities in Pocomoke including:

Dec. 2 - Santa Breakfast at Lynnhaven Baptist Church, 1200 Lynn Haven Drive, 8-11 a.m.

Dec. 2 - Polar Express PJ Party at Mar-Va Theater, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.


Dec. 8 - Walk Through Bethlehem at Lynnhaven Baptist Church, 1200 Lynn Haven Drive, 6-9 p.m. Event also held Dec. 9, 10, 15, 16.

Dec. 8 - A Charlie Brown Christmas at Mar-Va Theater at 7 p.m. Live shows also Dec. 9-10.

Dec. 10 - Santa’s Christmas Wonderland at the Firehouse at the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company from 4-6 p.m. Santa arrives by helicopter at 4 p.m.

Dec. 11-13 Christmas Train Extravaganza at the Pocomoke Volunteer Fire Company, 6-8 p.m.

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‘Colby Claus’ will lend hand to Santa

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) It’s a poorly kept secret that Santa and Ocean Pines Aquatics Director Colby Phillips are close friends.

Because of that close relationship, Phillips, for the fifth year, is helping St. Nicholas send letters to children throughout the community.

Anyone who sends an email with his or her mailing address to santaphillips@oceanpines.org will receive a personalized letter from Santa.

Phillip said last week about 220 letters had already been prepared and would be mailed on Dec. 4. A second set will be sent on Dec. 15.

Her house is covered in glitter, she said,

“Six years ago, I was looking online to send [her daughter] Sadie a letter from Santa and it was \$10! I thought, I will just do it myself,” she said.

During the first year, Phillips played Christmas elf for family and close friends.

“The second year I put it on Facebook and offered it to anyone. It kind of took off from there,” she said. “I average about 300 letters sent a year and most have more than one child on them, so I actually end up with over 500 names.”

Along with direct submissions, she also responds to letters received at

the Ocean Pines Post Office.

“I pick up those as well, plus our Ocean Pines Recreation Department will reply to children leaving their letters to Santa at the community center,” she said. “They actually refer to me as Santa in the post office.”

This year, community members donated more than 300 stamps for the effort, as well as Christmas paper, envelopes and stickers, she said.

“So many people in the community have thanked me for doing this, but the impact it has on my heart and soul is hard to describe,” Phillips said. “If for one moment a child somewhere can be lost in the magic and feel that joy when they open the letter, that’s why I do it. I just love their innocence. Children can really teach us about faith and believing in what we can’t see.”



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For the fifth year, Ocean Pines Aquatics Director Colby Phillips is teaming up with Saint Nicholas himself to host a letters to Santa program. As of this week, Phillips estimated she has already prepared several hundred letters.

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Snow Hill tree lighting starts season of holiday happenings

By Greg Ellison
Staff Writer

(Nov. 30, 2017) With the calendar turning to December and young imaginations conjuring visions of elves and reindeer, Snow Hill will provide an array of family friendly holiday activities throughout the month, beginning with the 8th annual Christmas Tree Lighting today, Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. in Byrd Park.

Trish Goodsell, assistant town manager, said Snow Hill would unveil a recently purchased 22-foot tree that Mayor Charlie Dor-

man and Santa Claus will officially christen.

“The mayor does his welcome and Santa Claus gives out candy canes,” she said.

Just prior to the tree lighting, Nick Haglich will warm up the crowd with a 15-minute set of acoustic gems, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Following the mayor’s remarks, Goodsell said public works would flip the switch to illuminate the tree.

“Then, all the lights around the circle will come on,” she said.

The Snow Hill Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be on hand vending hot chocolate to support its mission. Children are served for free.

Other highlights include a dramatic reading of the “Night Before Christmas” by Connie West.

The Snow Hill Middle School Glee Club will close the show by leading the crowd on a sing-along of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

To maintain a reverent holiday spirit, Spence Baptist Church Pastor Ken Elligson will lead the crowd in prayer.

“Weather permitting, it’s usually a good crowd of sometimes over 100 people,” Goodsell said. “It’s a nice night for

families to get together and start the holiday season.”

Other Yuletide celebrations in Snow Hill during December include:

Dec. 2 – 19th Century Christmas Celebration at Furnace Town Heritage Village from 1-4 p.m.

In addition to its usual array of artisans demonstrating weaving, broom making, spinning and printing, vendors will be offering distinctive merchandise, such as handmade soaps, jams and jewelry. Children can visit the craft table to make Christmas ornaments and the

Furnace Town Gift Shop will be open with a varied selection of artisan-produced items.

The Delmarva Ramblers will take the stage to deliver musical selections in-

cluding bluegrass, gospel, traditional holiday songs and hymns.

Furnace Town will hold a 19th Century Christmas Service at 3 p.m. in the Old Nazareth Church. Rev. David Herr, from the Snow Hill Ministerial Association, will conduct the ceremony.

Admission is free, but Furnace Town does welcome donations. For more information call 410-632-2032 or visit www.furnacetown.org.

Dec. 3 – Victorian Christmas Celebration at the Julia A. Purnell Museum from 1-4 p.m.

The museum will transform into a holiday-themed vision of yesteryear. Attendees can sample mulled cider and old-fashioned treats.

Special exhibits containing Victorian-style Christmas decorations will be displayed.

General museum admission is \$2 for adults, which includes the holiday party. Children are admitted for free because of the generosity of the Berlin-Ocean City Optimist Club. For more information, call 410-632-0515 or visit www.purnellmuseum.org.

Dec. 4 – Christmas Parade in Downtown Snow Hill at 7 p.m.

The Snow Hill Lions Club sponsors the parade, which launches from Snow Hill High School and proceeds to the Courthouse on Market Street. In the event of inclement weather the parade will be rescheduled for Dec. 6. For more information, call 410-430-2297.

Dec. 17 – Community Christmas Music Program at Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m.

After the musical presentation refreshments will be provided in Makemie’s Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 18 – Holiday Lighting Contest presented by the Snow Hill Area Chamber of Commerce.

Judging takes place from 6-8:30 p.m.

First-through-third-place ribbons will be awarded for residential and business categories.

For a full list of holiday activities in Snow Hill, visit www.snowhillmd.com and select the event calendar.

‘It’s a nice night for families to get together and start the holiday season.’
Trish Goodsell, assistant town manager

New-look parade coming to Berlin downtown, Dec. 7

By Josh Davis
Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) Eighty-five entries, from school bands to local businesses, nonprofits and political leaders, will make their way down Berlin Main Street during the 47th annual Christmas Parade next Thursday starting at 7 p.m.

Ivy Wells, Berlin Economic and Community Development director, said the parade route has been reversed this year for several reasons. For one, she said the previous parade path, which started at the firehouse and went south towards the judging station in front of the Atlantic Hotel, was a long way to walk on what historically has been one of the coldest days of the year.

"It used to be that way about 20 years ago and I decided that I wanted to change it, based on some of things that have happened over the last three years that I've been here," she said. "Kids ... and there's a lot of elderly in the parade ... have to walk all that way in the cold and then be ready to perform close to the end of the parade route."

"I thought it would be better for their performances to be at the beginning and then they can relax and have fun during the rest of the parade."

The staging ground is largely set at Stephen Decatur Park. Wells said emails were sent to participants and letters were distributed in schools, detailing specific drop-off locations and times. A map also was circulated.

The new route will see entries traveling north, from the Berlin Welcome Center on 14 South Main Street to the Berlin Fire Company on 214 North Main Street. Children can be picked up afterward at Berlin Intermediate School on 309 Franklin Avenue.

Judging categories include best adult and youth marching groups and marching bands, as well as youth-sponsored, school-sponsored, adult-sponsored, fire company, commercial and vehicle-club floats.

"There's a lot of them," Wells said. "Elaine Brady [from the Bayside Gazette] and School Superintendent Lou Taylor are judges."

Thousands are expected to attend the celebration. For the first time, vendors will be set up outside. These include Eastern Shore Kettle Korn and Sessa's Vending and Catering.

Following the annual Berlin Holiday Art Stroll and Tree Lighting by a week, the parade continues the effort by town officials to spread holiday cheer.

"This year's theme is 'Peace on Earth' and I'm hoping that people really take that to heart and remember what that means in the spirit of the Town of Berlin," Wells said.

The Town of Berlin is also sponsoring a free letters to Santa program. To receive a letter, drop a wish list with a return address at the Berlin Welcome Center, before Dec. 20. The drop-off box is inside the foyer, which is open 24 hours a day.

Return letters include a note from Santa and a coupon for a free treat.

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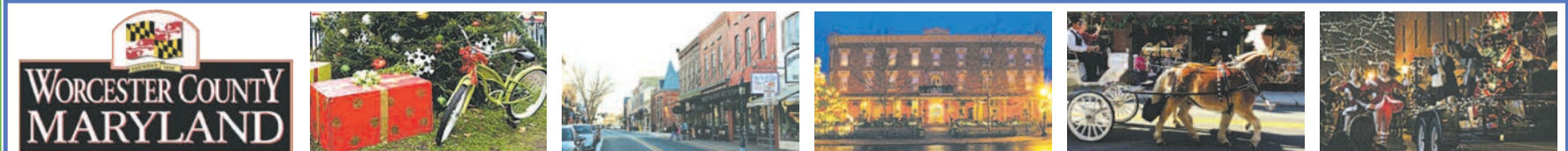
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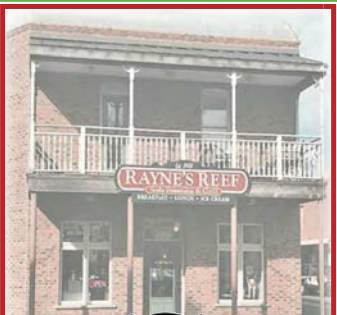


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When ignorance was bliss

The shame is that the Oasis pool in Ocean Pines might have gone on operating as an adults-only facility for another 30 years if the board of directors hadn't been made aware that the exclusion of children violated the Fair Housing Act.

Even then, if the Ocean Pines Association were to be cited at some point, no great legal difficulty would have ensued. The real danger in such cases is not the federal government, but the legal expense of fighting an unwinnable case.

The better option in that instance would be to agree immediately that the rules were wrong, to correct them accordingly and then pay the first-time offense fine of \$16,000, per the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which administers the act.

But that approach won't work now, as the consequences of knowingly discriminating against "familial status" (households with children) might be different than pleading ignorance.

That's why Board of Directors President Doug Parks did the smart thing Monday, when he said little about the Oasis Pool Working Group's recommendations, other than to suggest that the proposed "behavior aspects" of the rules be pursued.

The act requires that pool rules apply equally to everyone, and that's what the group, as advised by attorney Jim Almand, appears to have done with its recommendations.

Yet, the board and its other advisors should vet these suggestions carefully before committing to anything. Now that the directors know the law, pleading ignorance or even good intentions won't provide any legal cover if a complaint is made.



"Apparently, the new slogan "Snow Hill, Worcester County's Most Sensual Party Town" has been put on hold, for now."

Plenty of holiday fun for all in Pines

(Nov. 30, 2017) Santa's House will be open for visits on Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 23 from 4-7 p.m. Children are encouraged to write a letter to Santa with their holiday wishes in Ocean Pines.

Those letters can be delivered to Santa's special mailbox located inside the Ocean Pines Community Center, at 235 Ocean Parkway. There is no charge for this Santa experience.

Before visiting Santa, stop by the Ocean Pines Community Center to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa Claus & Friends" on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8-11 a.m. The cost is free for children ages 3 and under, \$5 for children ages 4-10 and \$7 for ages 11 and up.

Attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped, new gift or nonperishable food items for local families in need. Families can also bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to The Children's House by The Sea.

The Reindeer Lane Gift Shop, also held on Dec. 2 from 8-11 a.m. at the community center, is a holiday "store" where children will be able to purchase gifts for family and friends. Items for children and adults, all \$5 or less, will be available. Gift donations for the shop are now being accepted.

Kris Kringle is ditching the holiday-famed Santa suit for a pair of swim trunks and flip-flops at the annual "Swim with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool, located at 11143 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines.

The fee is \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers. Donations of food and unwrapped toys will also be accepted on behalf of the Worcester County Sheriff Department's "Christmas for the Needy" program.

Santa will wrap up his stay in Ocean Pines by running in the first SantaCon 5K Fun Run on Saturday, Dec. 16 at noon. The family-friendly race benefits Achilles International Maryland Chapter, an organization that works to enable people with all types of disabilities to participate in running events.

The pre-registration fee for the fun run is \$25. Register online by visiting raceentry.com/races/ocean-pines-santa-con-5k-fun-run/2017/register or at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway. In-person registration on the day of the event is \$35. The first 100 registered runners are guaranteed an event T-shirt.

All of these events are

open to the public. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

Kiwanis Club collects toys

(Nov. 30, 2017) Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City is presenting its annual Christmas Toy Drive, collecting new unwrapped toys until Dec. 6 to be delivered to Worcester GOLD (Giving Other Lives Dignity) Inc. for distribution.

Kiwanis is purchasing some toys and its members are donating others. If anyone from the community wants to contribute to the drive, toys can be delivered to the Ocean Pines Community Center during Wednesday morning weekly meetings from 7-9 a.m. or call Chair Dave Landis at 410-641-7330 to arrange pickup.

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Berlin artists open studios for tours, Saturday

By Josh Davis

Associate Editor

(Nov. 30, 2017) Sixteen local painters, sculptors, printmakers, authors and metal workers will open their doors during the second annual Artist's Holiday Studio Tours this Saturday from 1-6 p.m. in Berlin.

"The studio tour is something that I personally have wanted to put together for several years now," said Heather Layton, who chairs the Berlin Arts and Entertainment Committee, the event's sponsor.

"We are such an artistic community and many of our artists work from their homes, so this is a great opportunity for the public to meet the artist, get a glimpse into how and where they work and just have nice, personal experience with them."

For the second year, the Holiday Studio Tour will be held on the first Saturday in December, a schedule that Layton wants to continue.

"I think the studio tour is a great follow-up to the Holiday Art Stroll and tree lighting, which is always so well attended and really gets everyone in the holiday spirit," she said. "We already have three new artists committed to next year's tour, in addition to this year's artists."

The husband-and-wife team of Lynne Lockhart and Kirk McBride will show oil paintings at their studios at on 18 Burley Street. Their works

capture scenes of Assateague National Seashore, as well as the sand, waves, clouds and wildlife they witness during daily morning walks with their dogs.

Author Barbara Lockhart, Lynne's mother, will also participate. She is the author of two novels set on the Eastern Shore, "Requiem for a Summer Cottage" and "Elizabeth's Field," as well as the short story collection, "The Night is Young." She also published the children's books "Rambling Raft," "Once a Pony Time," "Mosey's Field" and "Will's Tractor."

The studio will close at 5 p.m. Park on Burley Street and enter through the front. For more information, visit www.kirkmcbride.com or www.lockhartpainter.com.

Welder Jordan James Pippin of Steel N Glory on 305 Washington Street mixes different elements to create art, furniture, signs and manufacturing items.

Steel N Glory is based in the back lot behind the Berlin Ice Plant. For more information, visit www.steelnglory.com.

Deb Rolig will display playful and colorful abstract paintings and goldsmith Tim Thompson will display mixed media pieces on 200 Washington Street, at the corner of Jefferson Street. Parking available on both streets and the entrance is the front door of the home.

Jeffrey Auxer Designs is a glassblowing studio and gallery on 19 Jefferson Street. Based behind the Atlantic Hotel, Auxer makes everything from holiday ornaments to custom commercial chandeliers.

Auxer will offer make-your-own ornament classes on Dec. 2 for ages 4 and up. The cost is \$25 and reservations are required. For more information, call 443-513-4210 or visit www.jeffreyauxer.com. The studio will close at 5 p.m.

Wooden Octopus on 8 Jefferson Street is home to four artists who share the gallery space.

Margaret Tossey uses reclaimed wood and tooled copper to create representations of marine life. Karen Ardis uses natural fibers, wood, moss and seashells to make pieces for the home. Matthew Amey combines digital and analog processes to make jewelry pieces, and Lisa Tossey is a photographer and digital media specialist.

For more information, visit www.woodenoctopus.com.

Caroline Forrester and Brian Robertson share a space on 16 North Main Street, unit 3, home to both CFD Fine Jewelry and the Berlin Printery. The door is on Main Street between Rayne's Reef and Bruder Home. Follow the stairs to the second floor and the studio is on the right.

Forrester makes fine jewelry that is drawn, sawed, hammered and sol-

dered by hand, including sterling silver and 14-karat yellow gold. For more information, visit cfdfinejewelry.com

or www.facebook.com/cfdfinejewelry.

Robertson, a graphic artist and printmaker, operates the boutique letterpress and printmaking studio that is home to limited edition prints, cards and posters. For more information, visit www.berlinprintery.com

Patti Backer, on 314 North Main Street, mixes folk and lowbrow styles to paint anthropomorphic creatures that often have big eyes and sharp teeth. She paints on canvas, wood and furniture.

Park in the driveway and use the front door. For more information, visit www.PatriciaMonkey.com

Kate Cashman runs Random Juxtaposition on 9928 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Unit 9, in the Union Station center. Cashman is an art instructor as well as an oil painter who enjoys experimenting with color and texture.

For more information, visit www.livethecolorwheel.com.

Also in Union station is painter Patrick Henry, proprietor of Henry Fine Arts Gallery on 9928 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Suite 4. Henry creates intimate and nostalgic oil paintings of the lower Eastern Shore.

For more information, visit www.henryfinearts.org.

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(5) WOODEN OCTOPUS
8 Jefferson Street
www.woodenoctopus.com
Wooden Octopus is home to four artists with shared studio and gallery space: Margaret Tossey, Karen Ardis, Matthew Amey, and Lisa Tossey. Each specializes in their own medium such as tooled copper, natural elements, photography, and oils.
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(7) BRIAN ROBERTSON
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CFD Jewelry and the Berlin Printery is a shared studio. The entrance is located on Main Street between Rayne's Reef and Bruder Home. Follow the stairs up and their studio is on the right.

(8) PATTI BACKER
314 N. Main Street
www.patriciamonkey.com
This Berlin native's art is a mixture of folk and low brow. Patti's paintings on canvas, wood, and furniture include anthropomorphic creatures that often have big eyes and sharp teeth.
Please pull in the driveway and use the front door.

(9) KATE CASHMAN
Random Juxtaposition Fine Art Academy, Gallery
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Inspired by light, shadows, and seasonal changes, paintings are done in oils, experimenting in color, layering, mixing, and texture.
Parking is available in Union Station common lot.

(10) PATRICK HENRY
Henry Fine Arts Gallery
9928 Old Ocean City Blvd, Unit 4
www.henryfinearts.org
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Please visit:
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for photos & more information on individual artists!



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SCHOLARSHIPS

The board of trustees at Wor-Wic Community College recently awarded scholarships to 10 high school graduates from Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties. The scholarship recipients, seated, from left, are Jessica Collins of Mardela Middle and High School, Kaitlyn Custer of Stephen Decatur High School, Dana Heath of Delmar Middle and Senior High School, Brooke Knight of Snow Hill High School, Mitchell Krystofiak of Pocomoke High School, Noah Lawson of Wicomico High School, Bethany Peterson of Parkside High School, Nicholas Price of Washington High School, and Kayla Shiderly of Salisbury Christian School; and in back, Dr. Ray Hoy, president of Wor-Wic, Martin T. Neat, chairperson of Wor-Wic's board of trustees, Russell W. Blake, vice chairperson of Wor-Wic's board of trustees, and Andrew W. Booth, Kimberly C. Gillis, William H. Kerbin and Lorraine Purnell-Ayers, members of the board of trustees, Chip Bertino, Worcester County Commissioner, and Bob Culver, Wicomico County executive. Maria Vieyra-Becerril, board scholarship recipient from Crisfield High School and Academy, is not pictured.



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NEW SEAGULL

Stephen Decatur High School recently held its second annual Seahawk Application Week, which included college visits, career and military counseling, financial advice, writing center tutorials and on-site acceptances. Over 200 seniors participated in the various services and 20 students received on-site college acceptances. Decatur senior Michael Scott receives his on-site Salisbury University acceptance from Sammy the Seagull.



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GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Worcester Prep Lower School students hosted Grandparents' Day on Oct. 27, showering their loved ones with activities, handmade gifts and heritage presentations. Second graders bond with their grandmothers, Ruhi Chapla with Manjula Chapla, Elena Gjoni with Krisanthi Gjoni, and Tenley Abernathy with Nina Abernathy.



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DRESS-UP DOMINOES

Fourth grade teachers at Berlin Intermediate School, from left, Darlene Charvat, Tracey Potetz, Tom Harris, Kristin Parker, Sarah Lovell, Jenna Paul and Kelly Powell dress up as dominoes to take part in some Halloween fun.



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TROOP DONATIONS

American Legion Post #166 Commander Sarge Garlitz, back row, far right, and other American Legion members joined Stephen Decatur High School Connections and Leo Club representatives during the fifth annual presentation of "Packages for our Troops." During the month of October, SDHS students and faculty members collected various toiletries and other amenities for U.S. military and presented them on Oct. 27. The school filled an entire truck-load with items.

Ocean Pines Aquatics to sponsor Angel Tree program

(Nov. 30, 2017) Ocean Pines Aquatics is once again working to spread holiday cheer to area families in need with its annual "Angel Tree" program.

Housed at the indoor Sports Core Pool, located at 11144 Cathell Road in Ocean Pines, the tree is decorated with angel tags containing the holiday wishes of six children from two local families.

Ocean Pines Aquatics has participated in Worcester County GOLD's (Giving Other Lives Dignity) "Helping Hands for the Holidays" program for the past four years to obtain the names of the families.

The nonprofit organization works to improve the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available. It promotes dignity by providing financial aid for families in crisis, vulnerable adults and children in foster care.

"We have such a giving community and I have seen it at work time and time again when there are others in need," said Ocean Pines Aquatics Director Colby Phillips.

Area residents are encouraged to remove an angel ornament from the tree at the Sports Core Pool and purchase the appropriate gift for the child or children described on the tag. Wrapped gifts should be returned to

the Sports Core Pool by Friday, Dec. 15.

"The community has really come together each year to help us spread joy and love to some local families in need," Phillips said. "As someone who gets to go when the items are dropped off, I can say that the feeling is very emotional, one of pure joy at seeing the impact and difference that is made by the generosity of others."

Phillips is also helping Santa respond to his mail this year. Parents may email her at santaphillips@yahoo.com with their children's names and addresses to receive a personalized letter, written by Phillips, from "Santa." Local children are also welcome to drop off written letters to Santa in the red North Pole mailbox located at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 235 Ocean Parkway.

Ocean Pines Aquatics hosts a variety of aquatic fitness classes, swim lessons and special events year-round, including the 10th annual "Swim with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sports Core Pool. The event, which is open to the public, costs \$6 for swimmers and \$3 for non-swimmers.

For more information about Ocean Pines aquatic events, call 410-641-5255 or visit www.OceanPines.org.

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"Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and Then Some!)" received its world premiere at Cape May Stage, Michael Carleton, Artistic Director." Funding for this event is in part provided by Worcester County Art Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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SERVICE LEARNING

The Service Learning Project at Berlin Intermediate School teaches children compassion, respect and the importance of helping others in the community. The Hammerhead Team will be supporting the Worcester County Humane Society by donating food, old towels and cleaning supplies. Pictured are Emily Backof, Sauna Vick and Hailey Smith with one of the humane society residents. The humane society is a nonprofit, no-kill shelter located on Eagles Nest Road in Berlin. For information, call 410-213-0146 or visit worcestercountyhumanesociety.org.



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KIWANIS DAWG TEAM

A familiar sight at Ocean Pines events is the Kiwanis “Dawg Team” selling refreshments, featuring hot dogs, and sometimes burgers, as they did during the Ocean Pines Halloween Celebration on Oct. 28. “Top Dawg” Joe Beall is joined by “Burger Man” Ted Vanvick.



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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Charles R. Jenkins Chapter of the National Honor Society at Worcester Preparatory School inducted 42 new members on Nov. 1. Pictured, in front, from left, are Julia Godwin, Hailey Merritt, Hannah Merritt, Kaitlyn Hamer, Ankita Mohan, Virginia Bateman, Maya Natesan, Hailee Arrington, Molly McCormick, Ally Elerding and Remy Trader; in second row, Henry Taboh, Dakin Moore, Gracie Gardner, Chloe Ruddo, Delaney Abercrombie, Kendall Whaley, Maria Deckmann, Alex Canakis, Cameron Hill, Matt Durkin, Jared Gabriel and Parker Brandt; third row, Owen Tunis, Cooper Richins, Cole Berry, Ethan Gaskill, Jack Walinskas, Grace Schwartz, Jacob Meakin and Aiden Mullins; and in back, Ethan Scheiber, Matt Wilson, Sam Cantor, Basil Christian, Will Todd, Dominic Anthony, Jay Gosnear, Thomas Fager, Andrew Stickler, Liam Hammond and Colin Miller.



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GUEST SPEAKER

The Republican Women of Worcester County held its monthly luncheon meeting on Oct. 26 at the Captain's Table Restaurant in Ocean City. States Attorney from Wicomico County, Andrew Iuminati, was the guest speaker.



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Worcester Preparatory School will kick off the holiday season with the 46th annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the event, held in the WPS Field House, is open to the public. Funds raised will go directly toward school and program upgrades and improvements. WPS Christmas Bazaar Volunteer Chairpersons, in front, from left, are Dima Yakhour, Jen Davis, Jennifer Humes and Krystal Campbell, and in back, Elise Mumford, WPS Development Coordinator Amy Tingle, Amy Burbage, Ann Bateman and WPS Director of Development Betsy Hornung. Alena Nistazos is not pictured.

Annual Ocean City Christmas parade, Saturday

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Nov. 30, 2017) More than 60 units will march down Coastal Highway on Saturday, Dec. 2, during the 35th annual Ocean City Christmas parade, beginning at 11 a.m.

The popular holiday parade will start on Old Landing Road near 100th Street and continue north in the southbound lanes to 120th Street where high school bands, horses, antique cars, local businesses and holiday floats, car clubs and service vehicles including police, fire and the Coast Guard will be greeted by the judges.

"For 35 years, this parade has been an iconic event for Ocean City and we are happy to continue a custom that is loved by so many," Frank Miller, special events director for the Town of Ocean City stated in a release.

The Town of Ocean City has been coordinating the annual Christmas parade for the last three years.

Three professional judges from the National Judges Association will be reviewing the units in the following categories: school bands, marching units, parade floats and motorized vehicles or groups.

Trophies will be awarded at the Carousel Hotel on 118th Street following the parade for first, second and third place in each category.

In addition, two special trophies will be awarded. The Coca-Cola Award will go to the parade entry who displays the most energy and fun. The Carousel Group will award the best Ocean City va-

cation-themed unit.

WBOC television anchors Nicole Edenedo and Timothy Parker will be the masters of ceremony and provide a play-by-play of the parade in the parking lot on 120th Street.

The event will last approximately two hours and seating will be located in the Food Lion parking lot for spectators along with the judges' stand.

Hundreds of people participate in the parade annually and thousands of spectators are expected to be at the event this year, lining Coastal Highway to watch the spectacle.

Santa, one of his elves and Mrs. Claus will conclude the parade in a horse drawn carriage and are also included in Winterfest of Lights activities at Northside Park on 125th Street, until Christmas Eve.

After the parade, festivities will continue at the Carousel Hotel on 118th Street with half-price ice skating, complementary winter refreshments including coffee and hot chocolate, a deejay playing holiday music, discounted food items and free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"It's a fun, post-parade celebration for the whole family and the 35th anniversary of a community holiday celebration," said Brenda Moore, special events coordinator for the Town of Ocean City.

The parade will feature three local high school bands—Snow Hill, Pocomoke and Stephen Decatur. In addition, the Stephen Decatur Middle School Marching Band will also participate.



Thousands of people lined Coastal Highway from 100th to about 120th streets for Ocean City's 34th annual Christmas parade last year. Nearly 50 entries including high school bands, holiday floats and antique cars were paraded along the route, and of course, Santa.

Many local businesses and nonprofits will join Trimper's Rides and Harrison Group's commercial floats, which have participated since the parade's inception, including OC Tri-Running Sports, Atlantic General Hospital and the Bearded Men's Society.

"We are really excited to continue the holiday celebrations and long-lived tradition of the Ocean City Christmas parade," Miller said. "An extra special

thanks goes out to our parade sponsors at Carousel Oceanfront Hotel and Condominiums, Coca-Cola, Dunkin Donuts and Food Lion, for helping us to continue this family tradition in Ocean City."

Traffic pattern changes will begin around 8 a.m. on Saturday.

There is no fee to participate in the parade. To register, contact the Ocean City Special Events Department at 410-250-0125.



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Dec. 7: Opposite Directions, 5-9 p.m.

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Ocean Pines Players to perform

(Nov. 30, 2017) The Ocean Pines Players welcome all to usher in the Christmas season by watching the group spoof time-honored holiday traditions.

The play by Michael Carlton, Jim FitzGerald and John K. Alvarez, with original music by Will Knapp, will be performed as an interactive dramatic reading. The energetic cast offers alternative interpretations of some stories, questions others, regales the audience with holiday traditions (both real and imagined) from other lands, entertains with some favorite holiday songs and

leads the audience in some good old-fashioned traditional caroling, to remember the true meaning of the season.

There will be three performances: Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., and a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Dec. 3 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 103rd and Coastal Highway, in Ocean City.

Admission is \$15 and includes coffee and dessert at intermission. There is plenty of free parking at the church and all proceeds will be split between the Ocean Pines Players Youth Performing

Arts Scholarship and the essential community service programs of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, including the Cold Weather Shelter, Open Kettle lunches and clothing and food drives.

For more information, call 410-600-0462. The Ocean Pines Players is an all-volunteer local 501(c)3 nonprofit arts organization. Funding for this event is provided in part by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters to benefit from tournament

(Nov. 30, 2017) The 25th annual Santa's Open golf tournament to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Ocean Pines Golf Club.

The day will include golf as well as Mrs. Claus' Breakfast, Santa's Cheer Cart, Rudolph's Reception and contests. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the tournament will kick off at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. A reception and awards will follow at 3 p.m.

The fee per golfer is \$75 if registration is received by Nov. 27, or \$85 at the door. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, contests, golfer gift and post-tournament reception. Each golfer is also asked to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child ages 7-17.

Registration forms are available at OceanPinesGolf.org. Registration may also be completed by calling 410-543-2447.

Ocean Pines Golf Club is the only Robert Trent Jones championship course on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Nestled in the heart of the Ocean Pines community, it is open to the public year-round and offers annual memberships for individuals, families and juniors.

For more information about Ocean Pines Golf Club, contact John Malinowski, PGA director of golf at Ocean Pines Golf Club, at 410-641-6057 or jmalinowski@oceanpinesgolf.org.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

(Nov. 30, 2017) The Worcester County Public Works Recycling Division will host Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Showell Elementary School on Route 589 (Racetrack Road).

Household hazardous waste and computers/laptops may be dropped off, but no other electronics will be accepted.

Household hazardous waste includes pesticides, pool chemicals, gas and other fuels, oil-base paints, thin-

ners and everyday hazardous wastes accumulating in and around the home for safe disposal. Computers and laptops will be collected and later recycled.

Collecting household hazardous waste for safe disposal saves valuable landfill space and helps protect the environment, as many of these items do not degrade and contain poisonous materials that could seep out of the landfill and contaminate surrounding soil and groundwater.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is open at no charge to

Worcester County residents only. This event is hosted in conjunction with Maryland Environmental Services and the Maryland Department of the Environment.

A representative from Maryland Department of the Environment will be on-site checking vehicle registration. Clean Ventures of Baltimore will be responsible for the safe disposal of all hazardous waste collected. For more information, contact Worcester County Recycling Coordinator Mike McClung at 410-632-3177.

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Cuisine

Roasted veggies great addition to frittatas

Let's face it – some of you are going to be nursing a hangover or two over the next five weeks. Company parties, meet-and-greets, networking socials, family gatherings and of course New Year's Eve will all take a toll on those who imbibe. And of course, the morning after a good night of drinking finds many with a headache, a sour stomach and limited mental mobility.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

And that is precisely where coffee – copious amounts of coffee – and good fatty, high-protein foods can come in handy. Recovery food is critical in the holiday season and there are some standards. When I lived in Fells Point, a good greasy burger from Jimmy's was a go-to. In California, a carne asada burrito from Roberto's was a standard Saturday morning meal. For some, a good, eggy dish can really quell any issues that may arise from over-indulgence.

Now, I'd like to clarify that this is not the reason that I am cooking a frittata. I did not tie one on last night, and it is not my intent to imply that I did. It's just that my kids and I just love these things ... but I happen to know that they do the trick in said pinch.

My two youngest kids decided recently that they would join me in my quest to a healthier life, having watched me drudge through mornings at the gym and eating a meal protocol that is limiting to say the least. Once they tried the frittata, though, they were onboard lock, stock and barrel. It actually tastes good. Who knew that dad could make something this good?

As part of our "plan" we are roasting copious amounts of vegetables and then keeping them in the icebox to pull out as needed. They are great as a quick addition to the frittata (the point of this article, as it were) and to act as sides for dinner and lunch. It's hard to complain when I see my kids eating their breakfast and noting that they're not starving at lunch time.

It was nice for me as a father to have the kids approach me about eating differently. For years, we tried to change eating habits and it was always met with great resistance – my children donning virtual berets and acting as students in the French Revolution. We just learned to back off a little, hoping that they would take the initiative. And now they have.

The protocol that I am following is lean to say the least, and please don't tell my trainer that I used whole eggs or bacon in this. In hindsight, I guess it's a good thing that no one reads this column.

I'm not sure about all of you, but I certainly cheated last week (in fact, most of the week) for Thanksgiving. There are some things that I simply will never give up, and that is roasted turkey, fried turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, candied yams, stuffing, more gravy, rolls and butter – slathered in gravy – and pumpkin pie. It's not going to happen. Ever.

So, as I reflect on my breakfast and watch my kids devour theirs (they doused theirs with cheese while I did not partake in that joyous ingredient), I smile with glee knowing that I can cook some good food and they might actually eat it. I am



happy and, no, I am not hungover.

But, I'm telling you, some eggs, bacon, grilled chicken and roasted vegetables? They just might do the trick the next time that you are.

Roasted Vegetable-Chicken Frittata

serves 4-ish

- 2 Tbsp. Unsalted grass-fed butter
- 1 Tbsp. rendered bacon fat
- 6 ounces Grilled chicken, julienne
- Roasted veggie blend, as needed (recipe follows)
- 6 slices bacon, chopped and cooked (optional)
- 8 Egg whites
- 3 Whole eggs
- 1. Find a pan that is non-stick or seasoned well enough to do the trick
- 2. Heat it, and then add the butter and bacon fat
- 3. Add the chicken and the vegetable blend, and when heated through add the bacon chunks
- 4. When everything is good and hot, add the egg whites and top with your whole eggs
- 5. After the egg whites start to cook, stir in the whole eggs, breaking up the yolks in the process
- 6. Allow to cook for a couple minutes and then finish in an oven until cooked through. You may add cheese to this, or flip the frittata out onto a platter and top with the cheese then
- 7. Serve with berries, melon and lots and lots

of coffee

Roasted Vegetable Blend

enough for a few breakfasts

- 3 ounces Exotic mushroom blend
- 10 Brussels sprouts, sliced
- 1/2. Medium red onion, julienne
- 1/2 head bok choy, sliced
- 3 cups Kale, cleaned and chopped
- 1 pint Grap or baby heirloom tomatoes
- 1 pound Asparagus spears, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 cloves fresh garlic, smashed
- EV Olive oil, as needed
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1. Preheat an oven to Convection 400F or conventional 425F
- 2. Combine all the ingredients, coating well with the olive oil and seasoning to your taste
- 3. Roast until the vegetables have a lovely toast to them and allow to cool until you can handle them
- 4. I like to do a big batch of this every few days and keep them in a large bag, pulling them out as needed. Otherwise, you can individually bag to portion them for the week

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

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THU, NOV. 30

GOLFERS PHYSICAL THERAPY SEMINAR
Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 to 11 a.m. Seminar will explore golf swing difficulties as well as back pain or stiffness. Learn how impaired range of motion and muscle weakness can affect one’s golf game and strategies to improve them. Free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required: 410-641-7052. Denise Sawyer, dsawyer@oceanpines.org, 410-641-7717

STORY TIME ‘DOGS’
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-632-3495

STORY TIME ‘MY FAVORITE STORY IS—’
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-208-4014

COASTAL HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. The group meets every Thursday. Free and open to anyone who has lost a loved one, not just Coastal Hospice families. 410-251-8163

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP
Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 2 to 3 p.m. Providing physical and emotional support for survivors and caregivers to share personal experiences and challenges. Coping strategies also discussed. Anne Waples, awaples@atlanticgeneral.org, 443-614-5720

FIRESIDE CHAT
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 3 p.m. Explore new authors and genres. A lively chat about favorite good reads. 410-641-0650

BEACH SINGLES
Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4 to 6 p.m. Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577 or Kate, 410-524-0649. <http://www.BeachSingles.org>

FAMILY TIME ‘HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES’
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Make a centerpiece for your holiday table. Fun for the whole family. 410-641-0650

LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES WORKSHOP
Bay Terrace Apartments, 517 Bay Street, Berlin, MD, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Every Thursday for 6 weeks. Learn how to deal with the symptoms of diabetes such as fatigue, pain, high and low blood sugar, stress and emotional issues such as depression, anger, fear and frustration. Learn exercises to improve strength and endurance. Register: Jill, 410-742-0505, Ext. 159

ANIMATION AFTER HOURS
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 6:30 p.m. Animation expert Seth Nedrow hosts this educational showcase of rare, classic, groundbreaking and

bizarre animation from every era around the world. Designed for adults. 410-524-1818

FRI, DEC. 1
LETTERS TO SANTA
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, All Day Write a letter to Santa. All supplies will be made available. Leave it in the special box to be sent to Santa and he will personally answer your letter. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FIBER FRIENDS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your lap work and join these informal get-togethers. Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, etc. are welcomed. Victoria Christie-Healy, moonlightknitting@gmail.com, 703-507-0708

LAP TIME
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For infants and toddlers up to age 2 and their caregivers. 410-641-0650

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY “BOOK BINGO”
Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. Play for new fiction and nonfiction hardbacks. One bingo card per person. 410-524-1818, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION
OC Center for the Arts, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy hors d’oeuvres and see the new exhibits featuring a variety of local artists. Admission is free and open to the public. 410-524-9433, <http://artleagueofoceancity.org>

HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Browse through a variety of unique, handmade items including jewelry, glass, ceramics and more. Enjoy live music, refreshments and book signings. 410-524-9433, <http://artleagueofoceancity.org>

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS
The Shrimp Boat, 9724 Stephen Decatur Highway, West Ocean City, MD, 5 to 8 p.m. For children to decorate their own Christmas ornaments. Visit with Santa, activities and raffles. Free for children. Spiced shrimp for \$10 per pound and menu items available. Proceeds benefit The Children’s House By The Sea. <http://www.BelieveInTomorrow.org>

‘EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD (AND THEN SOME)
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring the Ocean Pines Players. A good hearted spoof of the secular holiday stories, movies, characters and traditions, along with Christmas songs and caroling. Refreshments, coffee and snacks provided at intermission. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at

the door using cash or check. 410-600-0462

SAT, DEC. 2
LETTERS TO SANTA
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, All Day Write a letter to Santa. All supplies will be made available. Leave it in the special box to be sent to Santa and he will personally answer your letter. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS & FRIENDS
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10 years and free to those 3 and younger. Attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped, new gift or nonperishable food items for local families in need. New, unwrapped toys can also be donated to The Children’s House by The Sea. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

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

REINDEER LANE GIFT SHOP
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 to 11 a.m. A holiday “store” where children will be able to purchase gifts for family and friends. Items for children and adults, all \$5 or less. Gift donations for the shop are being accepted. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052

SANTA’S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT
Ocean Pines Golf Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, Ocean Pines, MD, 9 a.m. The day will include golf as well as Mrs. Claus’ Breakfast, Santa’s Cheer Cart, Rudolph’s Reception and contests. Registration begins at 9 a.m., tournament begins with a 10 a.m. shotgun start and reception and awards at 3 p.m. Fee is \$85 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, contests, golfer gift and post-tournament reception. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Eastern Shore. Each golfer is asked to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child ages 7-17. 410-543-2447, <http://www.OceanPinesGolf.org>

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Decorate your own library bag to carry your books in, make a bookmark, play some games and activities. Fun for the whole family. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafters, vendors, silent auction, 2nd Time Around table, baked goods, homemade soups and chicken salad sandwiches. Vendors include Tastefully Simple, LuLaRoe,

Pampered Chef, Mary Kay and many more. 410-641-1137

FIRST SATURDAY WRITERS
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their works. Structure includes critiques and appreciation, market leads and writing exercises. Drop-ins welcome. 410-641-0650

OCEAN CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE
Coastal Highway and Old Landing Road, Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. Featuring more than 50 units, including high school bands, horses, antique cars, colorful holiday floats and more. The parade will travel northbound in the southbound lanes along Coastal Highway from Old Landing Road to the judges’ stand at 120th Street. Trophies awarded during the post-parade reception held inside the Carousel Hotel following the parade. The reception will feature half-priced ice skating, a DJ playing continuous holiday music and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Complementary winter refreshments available. Brenda Moore, bmoore@oceancitymd.gov, 410-250-0125

HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., Ocean City, MD, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Browse through a variety of unique, handmade items including jewelry, glass, ceramics and more. Enjoy live music, refreshments and book signings. 410-524-9433, <http://artleagueofoceancity.org>

TEEN TIME: STEM
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teens enjoy some fun STEM experiments. 410-208-4014, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

19TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Furnace Town Heritage Village, 3816 Old Furnace Rd, Snow Hill, MD, 1 to 4 p.m. Artisans will be demonstrating weaving, broom making, spinning and printing. Vendors will offer homemade soups, jams and jellies, jewelry, glass blowing demonstrations and more. There will be a craft table for children to make Christmas ornaments, wreath making, warm cider and hot cocoa. The Delmarva Ramblers will be playing bluegrass, gospel, traditional Christmas songs and hymns. At 3 p.m., the 19th Century Christmas Service will take place in the Old Nazareth Church. Admission is free, although donations to Furnace Town will be accepted. 410-632-2032, <http://www.furnacetown.org>

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS
Seacrets Bay and Grill, 117 49th St., Ocean City, MD, 2 to 5 p.m. Silent auction to benefit the 2018 Prom Court. Activities include a Ugly Sweater Contest, visit with Santa and his elves, raffles, face painting and more. Free admission. Menu items available. Proceeds benefit the Children’s House By The Sea. <http://www.BelieveInTomorrow.org>

SANTA’S HOUSE
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 4 to 7 p.m. Children are encouraged to come visit Santa and

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mail their letters in Santa’s special mailbox. Open to the public. Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, 410-641-7052.

‘EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD (AND THEN SOME)
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring the Ocean Pines Players. A good hearted spoof of the secular holiday stories, movies, characters and traditions, along with Christmas songs and caroling. Refreshments, coffee and snacks provided at intermission. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door using cash or check. 410-600-0462

THE TEN TENORS ‘HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS’
Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35, \$45 and \$50. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY
Harborside Bar and Grill, 12841 Harbor Road, Ocean City, MD, 8 p.m. Believe In Tomorrow candidates Jeremy Brink and Jessica Jersey are hosting this event. It will also be a Toys for Tots drop-off.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Applebee’s Grill + Bar, 12849 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD, 8-10 a.m. Breakfast includes unlimited pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice or fountain soda. Cost is \$7 and can be purchased from any server or bartender. Proceeds benefit Alex’s Lemonade Stand. 410-213-7395

SUN, DEC. 3

LETTERS TO SANTA
Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., Pocomoke City, MD, All Day Write a letter to Santa. All supplies will be made available. Leave it in the special box to be sent to Santa and he will personally answer your letter. 410-957-0878, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum, 813 S Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission for everyone and 10 percent off most items in the gift shop. See the newest display, “Native Americans: First Contact on Lower Delmarva.” Sandy@ocmuseum.org, 410-289-4991, <http://www.ocmuseum.org>

‘EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD (AND THEN SOME)
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 3 p.m. Featuring the Ocean Pines Players. A good hearted spoof of the secular holiday stories, movies, characters and traditions, along with Christmas songs and caroling. Refreshments, coffee and snacks provided at intermission. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door using cash or check. 410-600-0462

BRIAN’S CHRISTMAS SONGBOOK
OC Performing Arts Center in the Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 4 p.m. Featuring the Mid-Atlantic Symphony and Lauren Click. Fighting opioid addiction. This is a free event, but a ticket is needed to attend. Stop by the Convention Center Box Office for

tickets. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326

46TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Worcester Preparatory School, 508 S. Main St., Berlin, MD, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy lunch, enter to win a MacBook Air laptop, shop for gift items and enjoy treats from the bakery. Photos with Santa from noon to 2 p.m. WPS Chorus performance at 3 p.m. Free admission and open to the public. Entrance to the bazaar located in the rear parking lot. 410-641-3575, <http://www.worcesterprep.org>

MON, DEC. 4

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

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., Berlin, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

IPAD CHICKS - BEGINNERS
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Explore the world of iPads. Register: Norma Kessler, 410-641-7017. Men welcome. <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

LAP TIME
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Children, under 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games and finger plays. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

IRELAND: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Learn about the history, culture and traditions of Ireland through discussion, photographs and videos. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

THE DIGITAL LIBRARY AND YOU
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Free to download books, magazines, music, movies and TV. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION
Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group meets twice a month to discuss both classic and modern reading selections. Lisa Harrison, 410-632-3970, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG
Ocean Pines Community Center, Asateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean

Pines, MD, 7 p.m. Featuring The Delmarva Chorus. Refreshments, including home baked cookies and treats will be provided.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS
Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 7 to 9 p.m. The group meets each Monday. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. 410-641-6876

TUE, DEC. 5

JUNK JOURNAL JUNKIES
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 10:30 a.m. Swap and share supplies and ideas with a fun group of friends each month. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

STORY TIME “IT’S COLD OUTSIDE”
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 10:30 a.m. For 2 to 5 year old children. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

AN HERBAL HOLIDAYS: GIFT MAKING
Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., Berlin, MD, 2 p.m. Learn how to make unique and personalized gifts using herbs for health and healing. From lotions and sops to cordials and spiced vinegars. 410-641-0650, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

SMITH ISLAND CAKE MAKING DEMO
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 2 p.m. Lisa Evans, a Smith Island native, will demonstrate how to make a Smith Island cake from start to finish. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING
Worcester County Health Center, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, MD, 5:30 to 7 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and health lifestyle. jeanduck47@gmail.com

BINGO
Pocomoke Elks Lodge 1624, 1944 Worcester Highway, Pocomoke City, MD, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m., early bingo at 7 p.m. and regular games start at 7:30 p.m. Food and non-alcoholic drinks available. Open to the public. 410-957-3556

MBS OPEN HOUSE
Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, 11242 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD, 9-11:30 a.m. For parishioners, new families and members of the communities in Delaware and Maryland. Tour facilities, meet teachers and speak to administrators regarding enrollment. Lisa Edmunds, 410-208-1600

WED, DEC. 6

GRACE PARKER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST
First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City, 1301 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, MD, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eggs any style, pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, sausage, ham, biscuits, hash browns, grits, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 to eat in and \$6 to carryout. Milk, soda and orange juice available. 410-289-9340

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/ OCEAN CITY
Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD, 8 a.m. Meets every Wednesday. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. 410-641-7330, <http://www.kiwanisofopoc.org>

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Rite Aid, 10119 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

HYPERTENSION CLINIC
Rite Aid, 11011 Manklin Creek Road, Ocean Pines, MD, 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268

SIT-N-STITCH
Snow Hill library, 307 N. Washington St., Snow Hill, MD, 5 to 7 p.m. Drop in and join others for an evening of knitting, crocheting and other needle arts. Bring your own materials. 410-632-3495, <http://www.worcesterlibrary.org>

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB
Ocean City Elks Lodge, 13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 9 p.m. The group meets every Wednesday. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the ‘50s, ‘60s and Carolina Beach music. A \$5 donation per person to benefit Veterans and local charities in the Delmarva region. Elk members and their guests welcome. dance@delmarvahanddancing.com, 410-208-1151, <http://delmarvahanddancing.com>

PIZZA PARTY AND WINTERFEST WITH SANTA
Northside Park Recreation Complex, 200 125th St., Ocean City, MD, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Boys and girls, pre-K through 4th grade, can enjoy pizza and other light refreshments, arts and crafts, cookie decorating, a train ride through the Winterfest of Lights and a visit with. Santa. Cost is \$8 for Ocean City residents and \$10 for non-residents. Cost for parents to ride the train with their children is \$4. Pre-registration is mandatory by Dec. 4. Register online at www.oceancitymd.gov or stop by Northside Park. Denise Ortega, 410-250-0125

CHRISTMAS CABARET
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